

September-December 2016

# Lorain Public Library! Dimensions

## Best Wishes, Joanne!

### Lorain Public Library System Director Retiring

Our director, Joanne Eldridge, will retire this fall after serving at the Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) for over 22 years.

Eldridge said she is so grateful to the communities for supporting their libraries over the years. She beams when she talks about the importance of libraries.

*"I believe the library is the fabric of a strong community. The library is interwoven into the community, intrinsically making it a good community. Communities thrive and excel when they have great libraries," Eldridge said.*

## Library Career

Starting as a children's librarian and working her way up to library director, Eldridge credits her career success to working diligently and being a team player. Running a library takes a team of dedicated employees and a community that supports it, she said. She's thankful for both.

Eldridge joined the LPLS family in September of 1994 as assistant director/supervisor of branches. She said she's proud of her participation in the library system's continued expansion, including the construction of the new South Lorain Branch (March 2000) and North Ridgeville Branch (May 2003), and the major renovation of Columbia Branch (November 2003). Eldridge was appointed to library system director in December 2007.

During her over-two-decades-long LPLS career, she's strived to maintain up-to-date 21st century libraries that meet the needs of the public. She's worked tirelessly to ensure adequate funding for libraries whether through leading levy campaigns with staff and volunteers, or advocating for more state funding in Columbus.

## Childhood and Adult Literacy

The library's role in helping to grow childhood and adult literacy has always been very important to Eldridge. She calls the Books for Babies literacy program one of her greatest accomplishments while at LPLS. Eldridge worked with the other public libraries serving Lorain County to secure a grant that would provide funding so parents of new babies would receive free books and other resources to encourage family literacy. Eldridge wants the library system to continue this noble work – to continue to empower children through reading.

*"I would love to see more children have library cards. I'd love to see more adults reading so that children can see how important it is," she said.*

## Congratulations, Joanne, and Thank You for All of Your Hard Work!

## Winds of Change



### What's Inside:

- Director Retirement
- Parent Resources
- Everyday Learning Experiences
- Online Music and Art Lessons

### Party with Joanne!

Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Main Library's Toni Morrison Room  
351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain

Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
North Ridgeville Branch Library  
35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

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# Library Resources for Families

We're here for you during your child's critical early development years and beyond.



Parents, you are your child's first teacher. As you educate and empower your children for the future, turn to the library for help on your journey.

**The Lorain Public Library System offers many valuable resources for parents and caregivers. Drop by with your kids to discover what's available.**

## Story Times

All six of our libraries offer story times geared for babies, toddlers or preschool children. Your children will develop important early literacy skills that will help them grow into readers – all while having fun!

## Play Areas

All of our libraries have environments specifically designed for kids that foster learning with books and toys. Come play with your kids at the library. After all, playing is how they learn.

*"Play is the way young children discover their world. Learning should be a fun experience and something they can share with their peers," said Elaine Betting, youth services and outreach librarian supervisor.*

## Computers for Kids

Our play areas also include kid-friendly touch-screen computers with games that build early math and literacy skills.

## Book Selection

From board books and picture books to early readers, chapter books, middle grade and young adult books, the Lorain Public Library System has books for everyone.

*"I encourage parents to let their children pick out their own books and not worry so much about the reading level. If the book is too easy, that's simply more practice for them. If the book is above their reading level, they may work harder at reading it because it's something they're interested in," said Donna Kelly, Avon Branch librarian supervisor.*

## Staff Book Recommendations

Our staff is happy to help you find the right book for your child – and for you! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest for additional book recommendations.

*"Not only do we know the classics and what's currently popular, but our staff also has their own unique interests, which allows us to provide you with a wide range of recommendations. Because of this, you're sure to get a personalized experience at any of our locations," said Cheryl Grizzell, South Lorain Branch librarian supervisor.*

## Digital Resources

Check out our eLibrary resources for kids. You can access many electronic materials from home. Visit [LorainPublicLibrary.org](http://LorainPublicLibrary.org) to check out children's eBooks, digital audiobooks and video storybooks.





## Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street  
Lorain, OH 44052  
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ

M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;

F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hours subject to change

## September

*Monday, September 5*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

*Tuesday, September 6; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

**Anime Club**

Join your fellow otakus and enjoy anime! View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy – There's a series for everyone! Bring a friend to share in the fun and snacks. For ages 13 to 18 years of age. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 10; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Grandparents Day Craft**

Families with children and grandparents are invited to join us for a special program featuring games, crafts and other activities that celebrate the relationship between "grands" and their favorite kids! Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 15; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Book Sale Preview For Lorain Friends Members**

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening.

*Friday, September 16; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Saturday, September 17; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Monday, September 19; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Tuesday, September 20; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Book Sale**

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

Main Library, 351 W. Sixth St., Lorain

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*Monday, September 19; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time**

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*Tuesday, September 20; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

**Mini Machines - Rubber Band Car**

Construct an actual working car (no electricity required) out of plastic bottles, rubber bands and other household items! This will be fun for all curious builders and budding engineers from ages 8 through 18. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 22; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**Family Bingo Night**

Join us for a night of fun and prizes playing good old-fashioned bingo! For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

North Ridgeville Branch,

35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

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*Wednesday, September 28; noon - 1:30 p.m.*

**Ship Captains From Charleston Village And Lorain**

Many historic houses near the Lake Erie shore in Lorain were originally the homes of area ship captains. Local historian Renee Dore will take you on a virtual tour to see some of Lorain's lake captains' homes. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 28; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**LEGO® Night**

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 29*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for staff continuing education.

## October

*Tuesday, October 4; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

**Anime Club**

Join your fellow otakus and enjoy anime! View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy - There's a series for everyone! Bring a friend to share in the fun and snacks. For ages 13 to 18 years of age. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 5; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Art To Go - Cool Knights - Armor From The European Middle Ages And Renaissance**

Touch real pieces of armor used by medieval knights and Renaissance noblemen! Instructors from The Cleveland Museum of Art's Art to Go program will teach kids about cool knights and even let you try on armor from the museum's collection. For children in grades two through 12. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Coloring For Adults**

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze at the library! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. This program is for adults age 18 and up only please. Preregistration required.

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*Wednesday, October 19; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**Princess Party**

Families with children of all ages, join us for an evening of simple crafts and activities fit for a princess. Feel free to dress up! Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Identity Theft Prevention**

Older Americans are the fastest growing segment of the population to be victimized by identity theft and scams. Every day con artists bombard the telephone, home and Internet of older Americans. The Better Business Bureau educates seniors on the most common scams. Come learn how to protect yourself.

*Saturday, October 22; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Glitter Tattoos - How-To**

Color us sparkly! Children, teens and adults are invited to use our special body glue and glitter to make temporary designs on their arms and hands.

*Saturday, October 22; noon - 1 p.m.*

**Book Folding - How-To**

Book folding is a creative and therapeutic way to make a simple handcrafted object. All you need is a pattern, book, pencil and ruler. In this class, you will begin a project of folding book pages to create a simple design of a paw print. The library will provide all of the supplies needed for the project. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; noon - 1 p.m.*

**Global Destinations - How-To**

Come learn about, taste and explore the different Latin American regional flavors and cuisines from Mexico, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean regions. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Finding Great Apps - How-To**

There are thousands of apps available at the tips of your fingers, but which ones are the best? Join us as we look at review sites for apps for kids, teens and adults. Bring your personal devices to test-drive a few freebies! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Join The Circus - How-To**

Ladies and gentlemen with children of all ages! Come walk the tightrope, perform feats of strength, clown around with makeup and learn all of the skills you need to become a big top performer! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Meet The Breeds - How-To**

Curious about a komondor? Eager to meet an Irish setter? Come meet members of the Lorain County Kennel Club and their various breeds. Join our program about how to pick the next best friend for your family! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Simple Toys You Can Make At Home - How-To**

You don't need to spend all of your money at the toy store if you have a few simple materials, a little science and a lot of imagination! Make a few toys at the library and take home instructions for making a few more! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Potty Training Boot Camp - How-To**

Parents are invited to attend a program with local Avon Lake author Teri Crane of the best-selling book *Potty Train Your Child in Just One Day: Proven Secrets of the Potty Pro*. Potty training tips and suggestions will be provided to help you beat the clock in time for preschool. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

**Look Up Deceased People On The Internet - How-To**

Search for obituary records in various online archives. A general search engine does not find all available information regarding deceased people. Learn how to use different websites, like HeritageQuest, the Ohio Obituary Index and Ancestry library edition. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 25; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

**Mini Machines - Paddle-Powered Boats**

Learn how to build your own paddle-powered boat out of simple household materials - no electricity required! Fun for all makers and builders ages 8 through 18. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 26; noon - 1:30 p.m.*

**How The Steel Mills Came To Lorain**

What connection did a devastating flood in Pennsylvania have to do with the steel mills coming to Lorain? Discover the answer to this question as local historians Matthew Weisman and Albert Doane team up to provide a fascinating review of this pivotal event in 20th century Lorain. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 26; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**LEGO® Night**

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 27; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**Monster Mash**

Have a ghoulishly good time at our monster mash for families with children of all ages. Come in a costume and enjoy music, activities, simple crafts and treats. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 29; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**What's New With Medicare For 2017?**

Receive a comprehensive overview of Medicare during open enrollment. Loretta Serrano is a certified agent for Medicare and health care products. She will discuss new plans and popular plan changes, the difference between Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplement Insurance, how to evaluate and choose a plan, prescription plans and reading your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), MyCare Ohio and its role, and how to avoid marketing scams. Preregistration required.

## November

*Tuesday, November 1 through*

*Thursday, December 1*

**Dinovember Photo Contest**

Lorain Public Library System

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

*Saturday, November 5; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.*

**Project Runway - Teen Edition**

Calling all design divas and fashionistas! Show us your skills in our first ever *Project Runway* event! You and your team will design and then model an outfit in the walk off. Open to all creative types ages 12 through 18. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 8; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

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*Thursday, November 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Verb Ballets - Wigglewords**

Led by a professional dancer from Verb Ballets, Wigglewords pairs movements with each letter of the alphabet. Students bend and stretch their bodies to form the letters of the alphabet while improving knowledge in spelling, phonics rules, identification of vowels and consonants, rhyming and storytelling. This simple method supports early readers - especially kinesthetic learners. Wigglewords keeps children moving and energized with a variety of word and movement games. This program is ideal for preschoolers through second-graders. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 12; 1 p.m.*

**Bigfoot - Close To Home?**

Marc DeWerth of Columbia Station has been a longtime Bigfoot Investigator with over 20 years of experience. He is involved with groups like the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization and the Ohio Bigfoot Organization. This talk will center on the flap of recent sighting reports that have taken place in the Black River area of the Lorain and Medina County region over the last few years. He will also show an alleged video he took in 1997 of a possible Sasquatch from Coshocton County. This is a family friendly lecture so kids are more than welcome. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 12; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.*

**Family Dance**

Sunset Terrace at Lakeview, Lakeview Park,  
1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain

Families with children of all ages, join us for a family dance at Lorain County Metro Parks' Sunset Terrace at Lakeview. This event will include music by a DJ and light refreshments. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 17; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.*

**Minecrafters**

Calling all Minecraft fans! Grab your pickaxe or sword and join us in the Nether for an evening of simple Minecraft-themed crafts. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Harry Potter Prom**

Witches, wizards and Muggles, celebrate the release of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* in the best way possible - with our very own Potter Prom! Come in character or in the costume of your house of choice, or simply come as yourself. Open to all Potter freaks ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.\



**Monday, November 21; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time**

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**Wednesday, November 23; 6 p.m.**  
**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**  
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

**Thursday, November 24**  
**Lorain Public Library System Closed**  
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

**Saturday, November 26; 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Frozen Party - Waterfront Winterfest**

Do you want to build a snowman? Join us for games, crafts and music from the movie in this after-hours program to celebrate Lorain's Waterfront Winterfest!

**Wednesday, November 30; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**  
**LEGO® Night**

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## December

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**Wednesday, December 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Teen Drama Club Presents - Annual Christmas Play**

Enjoy a theatrical presentation of our annual Christmas play by the library's very own Teen Drama Club. You are sure to be entertained by this talented group of young adult thespians.

**Saturday, September 24; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 7; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**PowerPoint For Beginners**

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

**Friday, October 14; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, November 11; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, December 9; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Introduction To Social Media**

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

**Friday, October 28; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**eMedia**

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

**Friday, November 4; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Computers For Beginners**

Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

## Story Times

**Mondays, September 26;**  
**October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14;**  
**10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**  
**Family Story Time**

Families with babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and a craft while developing important early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

**Wednesdays, September 28;**  
**October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16;**  
**10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**  
**Preschool Story Time**

Three through 5-year-olds will gather for stories, music and finger plays. Preregistration required.

## Chess Club

**Saturdays, September 17; October 1, 15, 29;**  
**November 12; December 10; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Knights Of The Square Table Chess Club**  
Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions. Preregistration required.

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**Saturday, December 24 through**  
**Monday, December 26**  
**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, Dec. 26. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## Exercise Programs

**Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;**  
**October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18, 25;**  
**December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Basic Yoga**

Join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for this hourlong program.

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26;**  
**October 3, 10, 24, 31; November 14, 21, 28;**  
**December 5, 12, 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Zumba®**

Zumba® makes working out fun and effective! Join the Zumba® workout craze and shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats. Preregistration required.

## Yarn Club

**Saturdays, September 10, 17, 24;**  
**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19;**  
**December 3, 10, 17; 10 a.m. - noon**  
**Yarn Club**

Knitting/crochet instructor Valerie Dillard will teach and review the basic stitches of knitting and crochet. The Yarn Club is open to teens and adults. Beginners as well as those who have come to her previous classes are welcome to join the club. Yarn is provided for practice. Please bring knitting needles (size 9 or 10) or a crochet hook (size G or H). Preregistration required.

## Job Help Mondays

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26;**  
**October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21, 28;**  
**December 5, 12, 19; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Job Help Mondays**

Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the library's free drop-in sessions. Learn how to:

- Compose and assemble your own resume.
- Set up your own email account.
- Attach your resume in an email.
- Save your resume online.
- Apply for a job online.
- Set up your own account with online job websites.

## Sewing Club

**Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27;**  
**October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;**  
**December 6, 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Sewing Club**

Learn hand sewing and sewing machine skills. A few sewing machines will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own portable machine. Bring your questions and sewing project ideas. Beginners and those with some background in sewing are welcome. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Noon Year's Eve Celebration**

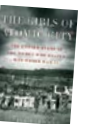
Families with children of all ages, join us as we welcome in the new year early with music, games, balloons, a countdown and ball drop at noon. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.



## Book Discussions

**Thursday, September 15; 1 p.m.**  
**Third Thursday Book Discussion -**  
**The Girls Of Atomic City By Denise Kiernan**

At the height of World War II, the small town of Oak Ridge, Tenn., consumed more electricity than New York City. The government ran around-the-clock facilities that, despite constant work, appeared to make no finished product. This is the story of the women who helped to build the atomic bomb and the secrets held in the mysterious town. Preregistration required.



**Thursday, October 20; 1 p.m.**  
**Third Thursday Book Discussion -**  
**The Haunting Of Hill House By Shirley Jackson**

"It watches. The house. It watches every move you make."

Shirley Jackson's 1959 horror classic is a dark portrait of the human psyche under stress. Something may or may not walk the crooked walls of the terrifying Hill House, but the terror in the minds of the inhabitants is all too real. Preregistration required.



**Thursday, November 17; 1 p.m.**  
**Third Thursday Book Discussion -**  
**The Indifferent Stars Above By Daniel James Brown**

Read the harrowing story of the Donner party, a group of 19th-century settlers. The pioneers reached the Sierra Nevada mountains before snow closed the path ahead of them. Starving and desperate, 15 of them set out for California on snowshoes. Preregistration required.



**Thursday, December 15; 1 p.m.**  
**Third Thursday Book Discussion -**  
**Wolf Hall By Hilary Mantel**

Enjoy the series on PBS? Join us as we discuss the book that inspired the hit show! Preregistration required.







## Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive  
Avon, OH 44011  
440-934-4743

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F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Hours subject to change

## September

*Monday, September 5*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

*Thursday, September 8; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.*

**Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting**

Come to the Friends of the Avon Library meeting and find out what we're all about. We are always on the lookout for new members to help support our mission.

*Tuesday, September 13; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Planning And Appraisal Event**

Learn how to plan for what to do with your belongings. Hear advice from a man who has helped sell everything from million-dollar paintings to Benjamin Franklin's pocket watch! Andrew Richmond is president and CEO of Wipiak Consulting & Appraisals, and has spent more than a decade in the world of antiques and fine art auctions. He is recognized as an expert in the field, serving on the boards of several museums and decorative arts organizations, appraising on *Kentucky Collectibles*, conducting appraisal events in Ohio and beyond, and speaking for Ohio Humanities. You may bring three items for Andrew to appraise. Andrew is not a gemologist and cannot give expert advice on fine jewelry. No firearms allowed. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Beginning Your Genealogical Journey**

Genealogy is a fascinating hobby and also gives you the information you need to find your ancestors. Join Margaret Cheney, currently the president of the Ohio Genealogical Society, to learn the basics of beginning your journey. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 15; 5 p.m.*

**Board Of Trustees Meeting**

Lorain Public Library System board of trustees meeting at the Avon Branch.

*Saturday, September 17; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.*  
**Musical Toolbox**

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Oberlin Conservatory - Classical Duo**

Enjoy your Saturday afternoon at the library with beautiful classical pieces performed by talented Oberlin College student musicians.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

**Main Library, 351 W. Sixth St., Lorain**

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Monday, September 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Roald Dahl Birthday Bash**

Join us to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday! We'll have games, crafts and fun based on his beloved books. Perfect for families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 21; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

**Teen Volunteer Night**

Volunteering at the library is a really fun and rewarding way to help in your community. Sixth through 12th-graders, learn about our teen volunteer program and how you can be a part of it. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 21; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Writers Group**

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Builders Club**

Use your imagination and see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO® blocks for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Musical Petting Zoo**

Families with children of all ages are invited to this musical day presented by members of the Avon High School Orchestra. The students will be on hand with their instruments to talk about them, demonstrate their beautiful and varied sounds, and in some cases provide a hands-on experience to young visitors. Inspire the musician in your child by attending this special event. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

**North Ridgeville Branch,**

**35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville**

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Tuesday, September 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Ukulele Tree**

All ages and skill levels are invited to join our ukulele group. No formal lessons or instruction here, but a chance to practice and get to know other ukulele lovers in the area. Bring your ukulele, a music stand if you have one, and any music you'd like to share. We do a few play-alongs and have some free playtime, and of course there's time for showing off your individual talent if you wish. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 29*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for staff continuing education.

## October

*Saturday, October 1; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Middle School - Rule Breaking With Rafe**

Fans of James Patterson's Middle School book series will have tons of fun with games, activities and "rule breaking" in anticipation of the upcoming release of the movie, *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Family Engineering Night - Floating Boats**

Join us for a family-friendly competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families, build a boat out of provided materials. Whichever group's ship carries the most cargo wins the grand prize! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 8; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

**Beginning Book Folding - Fall Theme**

Join Cari Hearn for this basic class on book folding with a fall theme. See examples of her work, learn the technique and where to get patterns. Get started on your own project while you are here. All supplies will be provided, including a used book to recycle for the craft. You can bring your own hardcover book to use if preferred. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 11; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Dino Dig**

Join us for a dino excavation! Receive your own dinosaur excavation kit and start digging. Then play with dinosaur-themed games, crafts and more. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Census Records And The Stories They Tell**

Census records have a wealth of information when searching for your ancestors. This session will teach you the differences between each census that was taken since 1790 and every 10 years after that. The program is presented by Margaret Cheney, currently the president of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Preregistration required.

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*Saturday, October 15; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

**Musical Toolbox**

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Family Engineering Night - Building Bridges**

Join us for a family-friendly competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families, build a bridge from everyday objects! Learn about suspension, truss and beam bridges. Whoever's bridge holds the most weight wins the grand prize! Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Writers Group**

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 20; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Builders Club**

Use your imagination and see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO® blocks for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 22; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Spook-A-Rama For Kids**

Boo! Preschoolers through fifth-graders are invited to have some not-so-scary Halloween fun with stories, music, games and treats. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 25; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Ukulele Tree**

All ages and skill levels are invited to join our ukulele group. No formal lessons or instruction here, but a chance to practice and get to know other ukulele lovers in the area. Bring your ukulele, a music stand if you have one, and any music you'd like to share. We do a few play-alongs and have some free playtime, and of course there's time for showing off your individual talent if you wish. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 29; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

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Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

## November

*Tuesday, November 1 through*

*Thursday, December 1*

**Dinovember Photo Contest**

**Lorain Public Library System**

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

*Tuesday, November 1; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Family Engineering Night - Tall Towers**

Join us for a family-friendly competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families, build a tower with a suspended bucket. See whose tower holds the most weight before toppling - that person will win the grand prize! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 5; 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.*

**Jazzy Family Story Time**

Families with children from birth to 6, join us for a special jazz-themed story time featuring storytelling, music and a jazzy craft. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**History Of Jazz Music**

Explore the history of jazz with Dr. Joel S. Keller, the "Doc of Rock and Roll." From its origins and evolution through the 20th and into the 21st century, you will learn about jazz artists and their music. But mainly we will listen to the sensational music from New Orleans and Kansas City to both coasts, whose influence has spread worldwide. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 12; noon - 2 p.m.*

**Beginning Sewing For Teens**

Did you ever wonder what fun and easy things you could make with a sewing machine? This is your chance to find out as Patricia Krivonak and Payton Hearn teach you the basics. Practice machine and hand stitching as you complete your own simple sewing project. No sewing experience needed. All supplies provided. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Picasso Faces**

Children from preschool to fifth grade, join us to learn about the artist Pablo Picasso and create your own Picasso-style mask out of cardboard, paint and recycled objects. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Harry Potter's Fantastic Beasts Party**

Step across Platform 9 3/4 and enter the wizarding world! Join us for a Harry Potter party celebrating the new movie, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. Play games, make crafts and snack on Harry Potter delicacies. Make sure to come dressed as your favorite witch or wizard ... or beast! Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 16; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Writers Group**

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*Thursday, November 17; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Playdate At The Library**

Bring your child to the library for a playdate! Meet up with other parents and their little ones for a fun time playing with toys, reading books and listening to music in our meeting room. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 17; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Friday, November 18; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Saturday, November 19; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Book Sale And Preview**

The book sale preview will run from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Admission to the preview sale is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview, and run from Friday through Saturday. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

*Saturday, November 19; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Jazz Trio**

Enjoy the sounds of jazz at this afternoon performance by the Sarata Lempner Allen Trio. They will be playing in the main area of the library for your listening pleasure while you browse for books in the library or shop at the Friends of the Avon Library book sale.

*Tuesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Ukulele Tree**

All ages and skill levels are invited to join our ukulele group. No formal lessons or instruction here, but a chance to practice and get to know other ukulele lovers in the area. Bring your ukulele, a music stand if you have one, and any music you'd like to share. We do a few play-alongs and have some free playtime, and of course there's time for showing off your individual talent if you wish. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 23; 6 p.m.*

**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

*Thursday, November 24*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.





*Wednesday, November 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Job Hunting Skills For Young Adults**

Come learn interview basics, job seeking tips, introductory resume writing skills and more. Designed for teens and young adults, this program is perfect for first-time job seekers. Preregistration required.

## December

*Saturday, December 3; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Holiday Mini Golf Open House**

Head on over to the Avon Branch Library as part of your family holiday fun in Avon. Our fifth annual holiday open house offers story times, musical entertainment and above all ... mini golf in the stacks! Light refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Avon Library and their elves.

*Tuesday, December 6; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Black Light Glow Party**

Glow the night away at the library! Join us for an electric night of glow-in-the-dark games, snacks and crafts. Bring a black or white T-shirt to decorate with neon paint. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 8; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.*

**Holiday Family Story Time**

Families with children from birth to 6, join us for a special family story time featuring holiday stories, music and a simple craft. Preregistration required.

## Computer Programs

*Monday, September 12; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**eMedia**

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

*Monday, September 26; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**PowerPoint For Beginners**

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Friday, September 30; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

**Managing Your Photos**

Save your pictures in the cloud. Learn how to take photos from your phone and save them to your computer and/or upload them to a personal cloud account. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 10; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Excel For Beginners**

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 17; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Introduction To Social Media**

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 31; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Tech Help**

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 5; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Manage Your Digital Music**

Learn how to manage your music collection. Have instant access to all of your music wherever you go by learning how to easily and conveniently transfer your music to portable devices, like your smartphone. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 10; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

**Beginning Book Folding - Holiday Theme**

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*Monday, December 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Snowflake Studio**

All ages, join us for a snowflake studio session. Learn how to make different intricate snowflake designs as well as 3-D snowflakes. Kids can make their own snowflake snowman. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 13; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Holiday Cookie Exchange**

Do you have a holiday sweet tooth? Bring four dozen of your favorite holiday cookie (or choose a recipe from one of our many cookbooks) and swap them with other event goers to create a varied cookie tray to take home for the holiday season. Then share your cookie baking tips and discover new recipes. Packaging materials will be provided, but you can bring your own containers if desired. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 15; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Basic Computers**

A hands-on introduction to computer basics, including email, word processing and the Internet. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 21; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**eMedia**

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*Monday, November 28; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Excel For Beginners**

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*Monday, December 5; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

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*Thursday, December 15; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

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*Saturday, December 17; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Family Grinch Day**

Get into the bah humbug spirit at our family grinch party! We will celebrate with some grinchy games and crafts, and then watch an animated classic. Finish off the fun with a scavenger hunt to find the candy canes the grinch hid around the library. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 24 through*

*Monday, December 26*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, Dec. 26. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## Story Times

*Saturdays, September 3; October 1;*

*November 12; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Sensory Story Time**

Join us for a program designed specifically for children with special needs and their families. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. Get ready to have fun at the library! Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, September 20, 27;*

*October 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.*

**Preschool Story Time**

Talk, sing, read, write and play with us! Preschoolers ages 3 through 5 years, with or without their caregivers, are invited to join us for fun songs, rhymes, stories and activities - including arts and crafts - designed to build early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

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*Wednesday, December 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Writers Group**

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*Saturday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Noon Year's Eve Celebration**

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2017 with music, activities and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. Preregistration required.



*Thursdays, September 22; October 6, 13, 20, 27;*

*November 3; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

**Baby Bounce And Rhyme Story Time**

Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, 6 through 23 months old. We will encourage early literacy development and parent/child interaction through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

*Thursdays, September 22; October 6, 13, 20, 27;*

*November 3; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.*

**Toddler Tales Story Time**

Join us for an interactive story time for children, ages 2 through 3 years old, that will engage your child with stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Your child will learn important early literacy skills that will help them grow into pre-readers all while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

*Thursdays, September 22; October 6, 13, 20, 27;*

*November 3; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

**Music Makers**

A musical story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing. Preregistration required.



## Book Discussions

*Tuesday, September 27;*

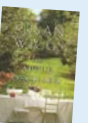
*2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

**Adult Book Discussion -**

***The Apple Orchard***

**By Susan Wiggs**

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



*Tuesday, October 25;*

*2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

**Adult Book Discussion -**

***The Guernsey Literary And Potato***

***Peel Pie Society* By Mary Ann**

**Shaffer And Annie Barrows**

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



*Tuesday, November 22;*

*2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

**Adult Book Discussion -**

***The Nightingale* By Kristin Hannah**

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.





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M,Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; W, Th Noon-8 p.m.  
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Hours subject to change

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day  
Thursday, September 29 - staff continuing education  
Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving\*  
Saturday, December 24 through  
Monday, December 26 - Christmas  
Lorain Public Library System Closed  
\*Closing early on Nov. 23 at 6 p.m.

## September

Friday, September 2; 2 p.m.  
**Popcorn And A Movie**  
Join us for popcorn and a family friendly movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 8; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Book Page Crafts**  
Adults, join us at the library for an evening of crafting fun. We'll be recycling old books and making a beautiful new creation. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 10; noon - 1 p.m.  
**Adulting 101 - Banking For Beginners With FirstMerit Bank**  
Teens, being an adult can be a daunting, scary and sometimes confusing thing. Filling out job applications, attending college, opening your first bank account, cooking and other tasks are all things that we have to deal with eventually. Once a month, we will tackle a new topic together. This month, join us as a representative from FirstMerit Bank talks about basic banking skills. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 12; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Senior Coffee Hour - Vaccines**  
We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This month, the Lorain County General Health District will be discussing vaccines. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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**Beginning Your Genealogical Journey**  
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Wednesday, September 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Board Game Test-Drive**  
Teens and adults, stop by the library and test-drive a new board game each month. The game will always be a surprise! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 15; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Shopping At Stores With Rachel**  
This follow-up class to Couponing with Rachel 101 teaches you more in-depth ways to save, including how to shop at stores like Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid and Staples. Rachel Krych, columnist with The Chronicle-Telegram, shows you money saving apps such as SavingStar, Ibotta and Checkout 51, among other topics. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 16; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**LEGO® Club**  
Bring your imagination once a month to our LEGO® Club! Build with our collection and have your creation put on display at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 17; 11 a.m. - noon  
**Little Artists - Andy Warhol**  
Our little artists will learn about the art of Andy Warhol and then create a Warhol-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**  
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You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

Monday, September 19; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**A Smorgasbord Of Columbia Township's Community Resources**  
Come and see all that the Columbia Branch Library has to offer in terms of educational and recreational materials and programming. Other community organizations will also be on hand to highlight their resources and discuss what they do. It's a great way for students and parents to find out what's available, and for all Columbia Township residents to speak with representatives from these groups that make our community an excellent place to live! Bonus for parents of preschool children - Have you always wanted to see what our story times are all about? A Family Story Time will be going on at 7:00. Come and check it out! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Tuesday, September 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Card Making For Grown-Ups**  
Nothing says you care more than a handcrafted card. Even if you've never tried it before, you'll find that it's fun and that you can do it. All skill levels are welcome. We will complete three different and unique birthday cards for you to take home mail ready. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Apples, Apples, Apples**  
We are going apple crazy with an autumn-inspired party! Children ages 3 to 6, come enjoy everything apple ... apple stories and games, apple treats and more. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 23; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**  
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 24; noon - 2 p.m.  
**Tiny House Tour With Small Spaces CLE**  
Join us for a tour of a tiny house on wheels and a Q-and-A presentation from local tiny home builders Small Spaces CLE. Have all of your questions answered about the movement from design concepts and minimalism to living off the grid and legal codes. For tiny house enthusiasts to those just curious, this is an event you won't want to miss. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**  
North Ridgeville Branch Library,  
35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville  
You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

Monday, September 26; 10:30 a.m.  
**Coffee And A Classic Film**  
Fancy a relaxing start to your week? Once a month, we'll be featuring a classic film in our meeting room. Sit back with a cup of coffee and enjoy a bit of magic from the silver screen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 27; 5:30 p.m.  
**Teen Drive-In Movie Night**  
Teens 13 and older, come and enjoy a popular PG-13 film on the big screen. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to stretch out in the meeting room. The movie selection will be available two weeks prior to the showing, so be sure to cast your vote at the information desk! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

## October

Saturday, October 1; noon - 1 p.m.  
**Adulting 101 - Job Search Skills**  
Teens, being an adult can be a daunting, scary and sometimes confusing thing. Filling out job applications, attending college, opening your first bank account, cooking and other tasks are all things that we have to deal with eventually. Once a month, we will tackle a new topic together. This month, join us as we discuss what searching for a job is like and the basic skills that you will need to do so. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 5; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Board Game Test-Drive**  
Teens and adults, stop by the library and test-drive a new board game each month. The game will always be a surprise! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 6; 6:30 p.m.  
**Bigfoot - Close To Home?**  
Marc DeWerth of Columbia Station has been a longtime Bigfoot investigator with over 20 years of experience. He is involved with groups like the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization and the Ohio Bigfoot Organization. This talk will center on the flap of recent sighting reports that have taken place in the Lorain and Medina County region over the last few years. DeWerth will also show a video he took in 1997 of a possible Sasquatch from Coshocton County. This is a family friendly event so children are more than welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 10; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. – Open to Friends  
Tuesday, October 11; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. – Open to public  
Wednesday, October 12; noon - 7 p.m. – Open to public  
Thursday, October 13; noon - 7 p.m. – Open to public  
Friday, October 14; noon - 6 p.m. – Open to public  
Saturday, October 15; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Open to public  
**Book Sale & Preview**  
Admission to Monday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual membership that evening. The book sale is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more. Friday only - \$3 a bag, \$5 a box. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Saturday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent each.

Tuesday, October 18; 6 p.m.  
**The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting**  
Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Wednesday, October 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Gross Me Out At The Library**  
Bats, spiders and worms, oh my! Learn about these creepy-crawlies through fun science experiments at the library. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 20; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Book Page Crafts**  
Adults, join us at the library for an evening of crafting fun. We'll be recycling old books and making a beautiful new creation. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 21; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**LEGO® Club**  
Bring your imagination once a month to our LEGO® Club! Build with our collection and have your creation put on display at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 22; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Teen Halloween Shindig**  
Dig out your costumes and bring your sweet tooth. We will have music, video games, board games and a costume contest. The winner will receive a makeup session with a professional haunted house makeup artist for him/herself and a friend. Plus, they'll get a behind the scenes tour and a chance to get their spook on as part of Bloodview Haunted House for one night! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 24; 10:30 a.m.  
**Coffee And A Classic Film**  
Fancy a relaxing start to your week? Once a month, we'll be featuring a classic film in our meeting room. Sit back with a cup of coffee and enjoy a bit of magic from the silver screen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 25; 5:30 p.m.  
**Teen Drive-In Movie Night**  
Teens 13 and older, come and enjoy a popular PG-13 film on the big screen. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to stretch out in the meeting room. The movie selection will be available two weeks prior to the showing, so be sure to cast your vote at the information desk! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 28; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**  
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 29; 11 a.m. - noon  
**Little Artists - Wassily Kandinsky**  
Our little artists will study the art of Wassily Kandinsky with a story, and then create their own Kandinsky-inspired piece. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

## November

Tuesday, November 1 through Thursday, December 1  
**Dinovenor Photo Contest**  
Lorain Public Library System  
The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovenor. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Wednesday, November 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Heroin - Local Expert Discusses Growing Problem**  
Detective Gregg Mehling of the Lorain County Drug Task Force will speak about the growing heroin problem in Lorain County, including Columbia Station. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has said four to five Ohioans are dying every day from heroin overdoses, and it is a growing problem throughout the entire county. Now more than ever is the time to have a dialogue. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 5; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Adulting 101 - Digital Citizenship**  
Teens, being an adult can be a daunting, scary and sometimes confusing thing. Filling out job applications, attending college, opening your first bank account, cooking and other tasks are all things that we have to deal with eventually. Once a month, we will tackle a new topic together. This month, join us as we discuss digital citizenship and ways to use the Internet in an appropriate and responsible manner. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 7; 2 p.m.  
**Popcorn And A Movie**  
Join us for popcorn and a family friendly movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 9; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Board Game Test-Drive**  
Teens and adults, stop by the library and test-drive a new board game each month. The game will always be a surprise! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 12; 11 a.m. - noon  
**Little Artists - Henri Matisse**  
Our little artists will learn about the art of Henri Matisse. They will listen to a story about the artist, and then create their own Matisse-inspired work. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 14; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Senior Coffee Hour - Preventing Falls**  
We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This month, the Lorain County General Health District will be discussing preventing falls. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Enchanted Dragons, Castles And Knights**  
Once upon a time, the Columbia Branch Library dreamed up this fantastic party featuring enchanted knights and dragons. Come and enjoy it! This program is for children ages 3 through 7 and is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.





*Tuesday, November 15; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Illuminated Fairy Jar**

Teens, have your fairies been bothering you about making them their own space? Well, worry no more! Stop by and make a beautiful illuminated fairy jar today. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 17; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Book Page Crafts**

Adults, join us at the library for an evening of crafting fun. We'll be recycling old books and making a beautiful new creation. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Friday, November 18; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**LEGO® Club**

Bring your imagination once a month to our LEGO® Club! Build with our collection and have your creation put on display at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 19; 11 a.m. - noon*

**Elephant & Piggie Cooking Class**

Children ages 3 through 7, come and learn how to make your own silly food creations while enjoying tales of two of your favorite storybook characters - Elephant and Piggie! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

*Tuesday, November 22; 10:15 a.m.*

**Thanksgiving Fun**

A Thanksgiving-themed story time for children ages 3 through 7 with stories, crafts and games. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 22; 5:30 p.m.*

**Teen Drive-In Movie Night**

Teens 13 and older, come and enjoy a popular PG-13 film on the big screen. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to stretch out in the meeting room. The movie selection will be available two weeks prior to the showing, so be sure to cast your vote at the information desk! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Friday, November 25; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

**Coloring For Grown-Ups**

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 28; 10:30 a.m.*

**Coffee And A Classic Film**

Fancy a relaxing start to your week? Once a month, we'll be featuring a classic film in our meeting room. Sit back with a cup of coffee and enjoy a bit of magic from the silver screen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 30; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Greeting Card Wreath**

Just in time for the holidays, come and make your very own monogrammed wreath. This fun and easy craft will give your home a beautiful piece of art that displays all of your greeting cards in one spot. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

## December

*Monday, December 5; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Walt Disney's Birthday Extravaganza**

Join us on Walt Disney's birthday to celebrate! Enjoy crafts, games and treats featuring your favorite Disney characters. There will be fun activities for all ages. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 6; 10:15 a.m.*

**Warm And Woolly Mittens Story Time**

A mitten-themed story time for children ages 3 through 6 with stories, crafts and games. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, December 7; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Scratch Coding For Teens And Tweens**

Teens and tweens, join us in a fun introduction to computer coding. We will have coding challenges and a chance to explore a virtual makerspace. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 8; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Book Page Crafts**

Adults, join us at the library for an evening of crafting fun. We'll be recycling old books and making a beautiful new creation. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Monday, December 12; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Senior Coffee Hour - Diabetes Prevention**

We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This month, the Lorain County General Health District will be discussing diabetes prevention. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 13; 10:15 a.m.*

**Reindeer Fun**

A reindeer-themed story time for children ages 3 through 6 with stories, crafts and games. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Holiday Cookie Swap**

Adults, come and celebrate the holidays and share some sweet treats at the Holiday Cookie Swap. Bring at least two dozen of your favorite homemade cookies to share with the recipes. Don't forget to bring a container to take your cookies home in! Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, December 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Board Game Test-Drive**

Teens and adults, stop by the library and test-drive a new board game each month. The game will always be a surprise! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Friday, December 16; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**LEGO® Club**

Bring your imagination once a month to our LEGO® Club! Build with our collection and have your creation put on display at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 17; noon - 1 p.m.*

**Adulting 101 - Much Ado About Ramen - Cooking Skills**

Teens, being an adult can be a daunting, scary and sometimes confusing thing. Filling out job applications, attending college, opening your first bank account, cooking and other tasks are all things that we have to deal with eventually. Once a month, we will tackle a new topic together. This month, join us as we discuss basic cooking skills. Preregistration required.

*Monday, December 19; 10:30 a.m.*

**Coffee And A Classic Film**

Fancy a relaxing start to your week? Once a month, we'll be featuring a classic film in our meeting room. Sit back with a cup of coffee and enjoy a bit of magic from the silver screen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Monday, December 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Holiday Family Tea Featuring Santa**

Families, enjoy a very special holiday tea at the library. There will be crafts, games, sweet treats and beverages, along with a very special visit from Santa Claus! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

*Tuesday, December 20; 10:15 a.m.*

**Hot Chocolate And A Movie**

Join us for hot chocolate and a holiday cartoon. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 20; 6 p.m.*

**The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting**

Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

*Friday, December 23; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

**Coloring For Grown-Ups**

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.



*Tuesday, December 27; 5:30 p.m.*

**Teen Drive-In Movie Night**

Teens 13 and older, come and enjoy a popular PG-13 film on the big screen. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to stretch out in the meeting room. The movie selection will be available two weeks prior to the showing, so be sure to cast your vote at the information desk! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Noon Year's Eve Celebration**

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Ring in 2017 with music, activities and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

## Computer Programs

*Saturday, September 3; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**PowerPoint For Beginners**

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 10; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, November 5; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 3; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Excel For Beginners**

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 17; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Word For Beginners**

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 1; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**eMedia**

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 24; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Introduction To Excel II**

Learn how to summarize data using the LOOKUP function in Microsoft Excel. Learn how to create charts for different categories of data, modify data in a chart, format charts and give charts a professional look. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Prerequisite for this class: Introduction to Excel or equivalent knowledge. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 29; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Introduction To Social Media**

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 19; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 10; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Internet For Beginners**

Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 26; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 17; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**Tech Help**

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

## Book Discussions

*Tuesdays; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Dinner And A Book Discussion**

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**September 6** *Big Little Lies* By Liane Moriarty

**October 4** *Everything I Never Told You* By Celeste Ng

**November 1** *Furiously Happy* By Jenny Lawson

**December 6** *Lucky Us* By Amy Bloom

*Thursdays; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Cookbook Discussion**

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

**September 22** *V Is For Vegetables* By Michael Anthony

**October 27** *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime* By Ree Drummond

**December 22** Holiday Party

*Mondays; 1 p.m.*

**Adult Book Discussion**

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

**September 26** *The Painter* By Peter Heller

**October 24** *The Martian* By Andy Weir

**November 28** *H Is For Hawk* By Helen Macdonald

**December 12** *A Christmas Memory* By Truman Capote

*Wednesdays; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Teen Book Discussion**

Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to sit in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

**September 28** *The Detour* By S.A. Bodeen

**October 26** *Anya's Ghost* By Vera Brosgol

**November 16** *The Rose And The Dagger* By Renée Ahdieh

**December 28** *Heartless* By Marissa Meyer

## Story Times

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 17, 24; 7 p.m.*

**Family Story Time**

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for families with children between the ages of 3 and 7. Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27;*

*October 4, 18, 25; November 1; 10:15 a.m.*

**Preschool Story Time**

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 18, 25;*

*November 1; 11 a.m.*

**Toddler Story Time**

A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. Preregistration required.

## Exercise Program

*Saturdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22,*

*29; November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17; 11 a.m.*

**Booking It For Fitness Walking Club**

Looking to get a little bit of exercise and make new friends? Join the library's new walking club. This group meets weekly at the library and makes use of the beautiful adjacent walking trail in the Columbia Township Park. Meet in the library's meeting room and grab a water bottle, which will be provided for your walk. Come early to check out our displays on all things health and fitness, or have a staff member help you load your device with digital audiobooks or music from the library website to make your workouts more entertaining. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



## Domonkas Branch

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M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; W Noon-8:30 p.m.;  
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Hours subject to change

## September

*Monday, September 5*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

*Thursday, September 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Teen Candy Sushi And A Film**

Hey teens, it's candy sushi time! Visit the library and make some delectable-looking sushi from various kinds of candy while watching an action-packed full-length anime feature. Preregistration required.

*Monday, September 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Quizmasters - Nerd Trivia Night**

Fandoms unite at the library! Patrons of all ages, gather a team of your most enthusiastic friends and join us as we flex our gray matter at a nerd trivia night. Test your knowledge of comics, television shows and pop culture favorites. The team who wins will receive a fantastic prize! Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, September 13; 7 p.m.*

**Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting**

General membership meeting of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale.

*Wednesday, September 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*

**Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen**

Would you like to try your hand at creative writing but need some inspiration? Come to the library for monthly meetings to sharpen your writing skills and share ideas with other novice writers. Bring drafts of your work and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 15; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

**Teen Advisory Board**

Sixth through 12th-graders, here's your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for the community. It's also a nice addition to your personal resume! Stop in and fill out an application or come to a meeting and check it out.

*Thursday, September 15; 6:30 p.m.*

**Anime Night**

Moshi moshi! Come join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime! Over the course of the series we will view a variety of shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shoyo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone!

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**A Pirate Party**

Visit the library for a swashbuckling pirate adventure! Meet and greet a very special fairy and pirate captain. Great photo opportunity! All will enjoy stories, games, a craft and yummy snacks. You may come dressed as a fairy or pirate too! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Tuesday, September 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Fun Night - Roald Dahl Day - The Big Friendly Giant**

For 34 years, children and adults alike have fallen in love with the BFG and a young orphan named Sophie. With the release of the live-action film this summer, we've decided to bust out our best snozzcumbers and frobscottle, bottle a few dreams and party like giants! School-age children and their families are invited to participate in themed activities and stories. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Teen Pokémon Night**

Think you have what it takes to be the trivia Pokémonmaster? Test your knowledge of all things legendary for a chance to be the winner of the Poké-prize. We'll have more games and snacks for a fun night. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

North Ridgeville Branch Library,

35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Tuesday, September 27; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

**Domonkas Friends Book Sale Preview**

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. The sale is sponsored by the Domonkas Friends. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more!

*Tuesday, September 27; 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Wednesday, September 28; noon - 8 p.m.*

*Friday, September 30; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, October 1; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Domonkas Friends Book Sale**

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*Thursday, September 29*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

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## October

*Monday, October 3 through*

*Saturday, October 8; regular library hours*

**Community Zentangle®-Inspired Art Project**

Stop by to create Zentangle®-inspired art. Everyone is invited to relax and focus while drawing simple designs for our community project. Try the suggested designs or create one of your own. The final project will be displayed in the library.

*Monday, October 3 through*

*Saturday, October 8; regular library hours*

**Teen Fall Scavenger Hunt**

Hey teens, visit the library and learn all about autumn through a challenging scavenger hunt. Answer enough questions correctly and you may win a special prize!

*Monday, October 10; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**Family Zombie Night**

Do you know what it takes to be a zombie? A lot of dead-ication! Families, come to the library and learn about the history of zombie movies and participate in ghoulish activities! Perfect your dead crawl, learn some makeup tips, and enjoy some "brains" and other terrific treats! Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Fun Night - Care Of Magical Creatures**

With special permission from head groundskeeper Hagrid, Domonkas Branch Library is offering a correspondence course to Hogwarts, focusing on fantastic beasts and where to find them. Will you be able to tame a hippogriff? Read the Monster Book of Monsters? Repot a Mandrake? If you're in kindergarten through fifth grade and have a love for Harry Potter's magical creatures, then hop on your broomstick and join us! Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**A Bewitching Craft**

Adults, visit the library and learn how to make a spooky door hanger from a witch's hat! Enchant your neighbors, friends and family with your wicked craftiness! All materials will be provided by the library. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 15; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**EVP Mediums Visit**

Come meet EVP Mediums, a local paranormal investigation team from Lorain, who will explain their process of ghost hunting and spirit talk. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Numerology Basics**

Adults, are you curious about the connections and impact that numbers have on your life? Visit the library and learn about the basics of numerology, the study of the occult significance of numbers. Come with an open mind and be ready to do some calculations! Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 19; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

**The Creature Next Door - Bigfoot In Ohio**

Join the library as we welcome Marc DeWerth of Columbia Station, who has been a longtime bigfoot investigator with over 20 years of experience. Involved with Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization and the Ohio Bigfoot Organization, he will discuss recent sightings of bigfoot over the Lorain and Medina County region, as well as some of his own personal experiences. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 20; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

**Teen Advisory Board**

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**Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen**

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*Thursday, October 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Fang-tastic Teen Halloween Party**

Teen ghouls, ghosts and goblins are invited to a monster bash to celebrate the scariest holiday! We'll play games, have snacks and talk about all things spooky! Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 29; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Plenty Of Room On The Broom - Halloween Fun**

Preschoolers through fourth-graders, come in your Halloween costume and join us for not-so-spooky fun. We will have stories, games, a craft and yummy snacks! Preregistration required.

## November

*Tuesday, November 1 through*

*Thursday, December 1*

**Dinovember Photo Contest**

Lorain Public Library System

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

*Wednesday, November 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**A Novel Idea - Literary Jewelry Party**

Attention all bibliophiles! Are you looking for a unique way to show off your love of literature? Visit the library to learn several techniques for making book-inspired jewelry and go home with several book-spine-tingling pieces! Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Prep Like There's No Tomorrow - Disaster Planning**

If a disaster strikes, are you prepared? Visit the library to learn how to make mini survival tool kits, as well as tips and tricks about self-sufficiency. Participate in a lively discussion about why disaster survival will not be like apocalyptic movies! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

*Wednesdays, November 9, 16;*

*6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Genealogy Series**

Are you interested in learning more about your family history? Come to the library for this two-part series! In session one, learn how social media can help you find information about your ancestors. In session two, discover how The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has digitized the records of our ancestors and learn how to navigate the indexed and unindexed records. Be sure to sign up soon, as these sessions will fill up fast! Bringing your own portable electronic device is encouraged for hands-on learning. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Teen Video Game Night**

Teens, visit the library and warm up by playing the hottest games! Compete against each other to earn bragging rights as the true gaming champion. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Miss Spider's Tea Party**

Miss Spider only wants to have friends over for tea and cakes, so why are all of the other insects fleeing from her invitation? Families and school-age children may visit the library to find out! We'll share David Kirk's classic children's story, make a spidery craft, and enjoy our very own tea party with drinks and snacks. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Past Life Regression**

Around the world, there have been many religious practices that believe in reincarnation. Come with an open mind to the library, where the ideas and origins of past life regression will be discussed. Then learn more about the techniques used in order to engage with past life memories. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Fun Night - Things That Go Bump In The Night**

We all know that birds chirp and squirrels chitter in the daytime, but what about those critters in the night? School-age children and their families are invited to explore the world of night creatures such as moths, bats, owls, rabbits and opossums through games, stories and activities. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 17; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

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*Wednesday, November 23; 6 p.m.*

**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

*Thursday, November 24*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

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*Wednesday, November 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*

**Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen**

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## December

**Monday, December 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Holly Jolly Scent-sation - Essential Oil Gifts**  
Adults, join local massage therapist Heather Crabtree who will show you how to make unique gifts for your family using essential oils. Come with holiday spirit, and leave with scent-sational homemade gifts! Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, December 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Holiday Jamboree**  
Families, come to the library and help spread holiday cheer with local band the Test Tube Twins. They'll be playing your holiday favorites and everyone is welcome to sing along! Meanwhile, enjoy sweet treats and hot chocolate confections. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, December 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Teens Celebrate National Brownie Day**  
Deck the halls with lots of brownies to celebrate the holidays and National Brownie Day! Decorate them with a holiday theme, see who can make them look the most delicious and then enjoy your yummy creation. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, December 10; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast With Santa**  
Make the holidays complete for preschoolers through fourth-graders with a visit from Santa Claus. Visit the library and enjoy a light continental breakfast, stories, games and a craft. We'll be snapping pictures for you to take home but feel free to bring your own camera for this special event. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, December 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Family Fun Night - Candy Houses**  
Join us for the annual candy house decoration celebration! Families can work together to design a candy house to take home. Children will also enjoy a themed story. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, December 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**'Tis The Season To Be Crafty - Adult Craft**  
Adults, add some holiday cheer to your decor by creating a one-of-a-kind candleholder that is sure to impress even Santa's elves! Bring your holiday spirit and your creativity, and we will provide the rest of the supplies. Preregistration required.

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**Thursday, December 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Teen Festus Games**  
Teens, compete against each other in holiday-themed minigames and enjoy some tasty snacks! Preregistration required.

**Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26**  
**Lorain Public Library System Closed**  
The Lorain Public Library System is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, Dec. 26. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

**Wednesday, December 28; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**  
**Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen**  
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**Saturday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Noon Year's Eve Celebration**  
Families with children in kindergarten through fourth grade, join us to ring in the new year a little early. Celebrate with stories, crafts and an exciting balloon drop at noon! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

## Book Discussions

**Tuesday, September 6; 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, October 4; 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, November 1; 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 6; 6:30 p.m.**  
**Cookbook Discussion**

If you like reading and learning about cooking, you'll enjoy this adult get-together to explore the world of food. Review each month's cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome. Preregistration required.

**Monday, September 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Monday, October 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Monday, December 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Holiday Potluck Adult Book Discussion**

Adults, enjoy an upbeat and thought-provoking discussion of titles suggested by the group and Domonkas Branch staff. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome! Preregistration required.



## Exercise Programs

**Wednesdays, September 7, 21;  
October 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Yoga Series**

Adults, does the back-to-school grind have you wound up? Visit the library for a relaxing yoga session and learn how to unwind. Please bring a towel or mat to class. Be sure to sign up early, as this will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

**Mondays, September 19; October 3;  
November 21; December 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Fit Kids Zumba® Dance Party**

We're taking the "work" out of workout with this fun dance-based class. Movements are based on Latin dance and performed to upbeat music. School-age children are invited to come boogie on down at the library! Please come dressed to move. Preregistration required.

## Storytelling Troupe

### Calling All Performers!

Do you love to sing and dance? Are you great at telling stories? If you're in grades five through 12 and have a knack for performing, we're looking for you! If you have experience in performance or have always dreamed of trying, join a new storytelling troupe at the library. Call if interested.

## Computer Program

### Individual Technology Help

Call to schedule an individual one hour help session. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

## Story Times

**Mondays; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Toddler Story Time**

Story time for children 18 months through 4 years old. Children will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Preregistration required.

**September 12 - Vegetables**  
**September 19 - Apples**  
**September 26 - Friendship**  
**October 10 - Trees**  
**October 17 - Spiders**  
**October 24 - Halloween**  
**November 7 - Farms**  
**November 14 - Clothes And Scarecrows**  
**November 21 - Thanksgiving**  
**December 5 - Waiting For Winter**  
**December 12 - Reindeer**





## North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039  
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M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;  
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun\* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
\* Closed Sundays from May through September

Hours subject to change



## September

*Saturday, September 3; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
**Browser's® Buddies**

Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 3; 10:30 a.m. - noon*  
**Chalk The Walk**

Families are invited to drop by anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to help us decorate the sidewalks outside the library. If it rains, we'll move the fun indoors.

*Monday, September 5*  
**Lorain Public Library System Closed**  
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

*Wednesday, September 7; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 8; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.*  
**A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups**

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 10; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*  
**Library Carnival Fun**

Come one, come all and let the good times roll. Drop by anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. and prepare to be amazed as we transform the library into a carnival! Of course no carnival is complete without some exhilarating games and prizes.

*Friday, September 16; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.*  
**Little Learners**

Three through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*  
**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**  
Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain

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*Tuesday, September 20; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
**Upcycle Book Craft For Adults**

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*Wednesday, September 21; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Tween And Teen String Art - How-To**

Sixth-graders through 12th-graders, did you know that string art is a colorful way to express your creativity! With just strings and pins you'll be able to create fun designs. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*  
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## October

*Saturday, October 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
**Browser's® Buddies**

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*Monday, October 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*  
**The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. General Membership Meeting**  
General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale and other fundraisers.

*Wednesday, October 5; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**

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*Wednesday, October 5; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.*  
**Potty Training Boot Camp - How-To**

Parents are invited to attend a program with local Avon Lake author Teri Crane of the best-selling book *Potty Train Your Child in Just One Day: Proven Secrets of the Potty Pro*. Potty training tips and suggestions will be provided to help you beat the clock in time for preschool. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 8; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*  
**Movie And Popcorn**

Families are invited to enjoy a recently released and much-anticipated PG or G-rated film. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, October 12; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Team Challengers - A Gaming Event**

Third through seventh-graders, put on your thinking caps and join us for an evening of exciting team challenges. Not only will you have a blast, but we'll put your problem solving and teamwork skills to the test. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 13; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.*  
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*Tuesday, October 18; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
**Upcycle Book Craft For Adults**

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*Tuesday, October 18; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Tween And Teen Trivia Challenge**

Fifth-graders and up, take the ultimate trivia challenge! Test your knowledge and have a blast at trivia night. We'll have fun, snacks and prizes! Come with a team of up to four players, or come on your own and we'll help match you to a team. We'll even have parents join in the fun when teens go head-to-head with their parents. Preregistration required.



*Thursday, October 20; 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

– Open to Friends

*Friday, October 21; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

– Open to public

*Saturday, October 22; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

– Open to public

*Sunday, October 23; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.*

– Open to public

**Book Sale & Preview**

Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Book sale open to the public Friday through Sunday. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Books sold by the bag on Sunday. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

*Saturday, October 29; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Monster Mash Party**

Join us for a ghoulishly good time as we listen to spooky stories, dance along to some howlin' good tunes and try our hands at some spooktacular games. Feel free to come in a costume! Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

## November

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*Thursday, December 1*

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*Wednesday, November 2; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**LEGO® Fun Night**

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
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*Wednesday, November 9; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Tween And Teen Pinecone Artwork**

Fifth-graders through 12th-graders, learn how to transform a pinecone into a forest creature. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 10; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.*  
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*Tuesday, November 15; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

**The Wonderful World Of Waivers - Support For Children With Disabilities**

Have you ever wondered what support beyond school is available for children with disabilities? What are waivers? If you don't qualify for Medicaid, could you qualify for other services? Gary Tonks, executive director of The Arc of Ohio, will provide an overview of Ohio's home and community-based service waivers with information on eligibility requirements and benefits of each waiver. He will also review the basic tenets of Ohio's Medicaid program with pointers on how to access the system. Preregistration required. Free childcare is available, but adults and children must register separately. Register at connectingforkids.org/register, by emailing info@connectingforkids.org or calling 440-250-5563.

*Saturday, November 19; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Gotta Catch 'Em All – A Pokémon Party**

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Kindergartners through fifth-graders, enjoy Pokémon-themed games and activities as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Pokémon. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 23; 6 p.m.*

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*Thursday, November 24*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

*Tuesday, November 29; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Teddy Bear Sleepover**

Did you ever wonder what your stuffed animals do at night? Bring your favorite stuffed animal to a library sleepover! Begin the night with bedtime stories and some fun sleepover games, and then kiss your animal good night so they can begin their sleepover. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Find out what they did when you pick them up the following day! PLEASE NOTE: Pickup begins Wednesday after 2 p.m. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

## December

*Wednesday, December 7; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, December 7; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Gingerbread House Workshop - How-To**

Families are welcome to come create a graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that each family bring along a bag of small candies and a box of graham crackers to share and we will supply the rest of the materials to make your gingerbread house. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 8; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.*  
**A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups**

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

*Friday, December 9; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.*  
**Little Learners**

Three through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

*Tuesday, December 13; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*  
**Tween And Teen Holiday Ornament Workshop**

'Tis the season to deck the halls and spread holiday cheer! Sixth-graders through 12th-graders, join the library in creating your very own festive ornaments. Preregistration required.





## Book Discussions

*Wednesday, September 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Frank & Ava: In Love And War By John Brady*  
*Wednesday, October 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
*Wednesday, November 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
*Wednesday, December 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

### After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the first Wednesday morning each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

*Wednesdays; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

### Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

*September 14* *The Wright Brothers* By David McCullough

*October 12* *Go Set A Watchman* By Harper Lee

*November 9* *Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil* By John Berendt

*December 14* *Holidays On Ice* By David Sedaris

*Wednesdays; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

### The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion

Copies of the mystery book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

*September 21* *The Girl On The Train* By Paula Hawkins

*October 19* *Hallowe'en Party* By Agatha Christie

*November 16* *No Mark Upon Her* By Deborah Crombie

*December 21* *Duck The Halls* By Donna Andrews

*Tuesday, September 27; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

*Tuesday, October 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

*Tuesday, November 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.*

### Adult Afternoon Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

## Story Times

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 1*

*Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 2*

*Thursdays, September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 1*

*Thursdays, November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 2*

### Sittin' And Scootin' - Story Time For Babies

Stories, music and finger plays ideally for babies from birth to 17 months old along with their caregivers. Babies between the ages of 18 months and 23 months old may also attend with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1*

*Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2*

*Thursdays, September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1*

*Thursdays, November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2*

### Tune Stompin' Twos - Story Time For 2-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; 11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 1*

*Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12; 11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 2*

### Wigglin' And Waddlin' - Story Time For Babies

A noisy, interactive story program recommended for active babies from 18 months to 23 months old together with their caregivers. Active babies between the ages of 12 months and 17 months may also attend along with their caregivers. Babies and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Preregistration required.

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Session 1*

*Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Session 2*

*Thursdays, September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20; 11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 1*

*Thursdays, November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; 11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 2*

*Thursdays, September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Session 1*

*Thursdays, November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Session 2*

### Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time

A toe-tappin' story time for families with children ages 2 to 6 years old. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories with a beat, exciting tunes and jazzy crafts. Preregistration required.

*Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Session 1*

*Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Session 2*

### Prime Time Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3 to 5-year-olds. Make us a part of your Monday night bedtime routine. Children may come dressed in their pajamas ready to enjoy a bedtime story. Children may go into the story room alone or with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 1*

*Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 2*

### Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 1*

*Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 2*

*Thursdays, September 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Session 1*

*Thursdays, November 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Session 2*

### Fabulous Fours And Fives - Story Time For 4 And 5-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 4 and 5-year-olds. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, December 14; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.*

### Gingerbread House Workshop - How-To

Families are welcome to come create a graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that each family bring along a bag of small candies and a box of graham crackers to share and we will supply the rest of the materials to make your gingerbread house. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 20; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

### Upcycle Book Craft For Adults

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft that will be made from the pages of old books. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 22; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

### LEGO® Fun Day

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 24 through*

*Monday, December 26*

### Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, Dec. 26. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

*Tuesday, December 27; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

### Movie And Popcorn

Families are invited to enjoy a recently released and much-anticipated PG or G-rated film. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

### Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2017 with music, a ball drop and countdown at noon. PLEASE NOTE: Preregistration is required for all attending - children and caregivers. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

## North Ridgeville Writers

*Saturdays, September 3, 17; October 1, 15, 29; November 12, 26; December 10; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

### North Ridgeville Writers

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

## Computer Programs

*Thursday, September 1; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

*Monday, November 28; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, December 1; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Excel 2016 For Beginners

This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

*Monday, September 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, September 15; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Computers For Beginners

Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 22; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

*Monday, September 26; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

### Internet For Beginners

Learn Internet basics, online search tools and pointers for evaluating Web content. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 28; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

*Wednesday, October 26; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

*Wednesday, November 30; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

*Wednesday, December 28; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

### Tech Tips

Bring your questions to this informal session about how to use library computer software and apps on your computers, tablets, eReaders or the Internet. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with library staff members. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 3; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, October 6; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks

Participants will learn about the library's OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download free eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.



*Monday, October 17; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, October 20; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

Learn the very basics about these popular social networking websites, including an overview of what they consist of, how to create accounts, and how to keep yourself and children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 24; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, October 27; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Word 2016 For Beginners

Learn the basics about Microsoft Word 2016, including the formatting and editing necessary for creating a basic document. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Thursday, November 17; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

### Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More

Come and learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable and/or streaming magazines, movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. Get an overview of what Hoopla, Freegal and Zinio are, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.



## South Lorain Branch

Hours subject to change

2121 Homewood Drive  
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M,Tu,Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.;  
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Sun\* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

\* Closed Sundays from May through September

## September

*Monday, September 5*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

*Monday, September 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Junior Scientists - Edible Experiments**

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of edible science experiments. Play with your food and learn about chemical reactions! Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 15; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Paint Night**

Adults, painting experience won't be necessary at this simple, stress-free session. Artist and Branch Librarian Cheryl Grizzell will guide you in replicating the featured painting. Canvas, paints and brushes, as well as light refreshments, will be provided. Artists will take home their masterpieces. Wear appropriate clothing. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain  
You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Wednesday, September 21; 6 p.m.*

**Apple Of My Eye - Orchard Class**

Get ready for that trip to the orchard with Jenny Miller of Miller Orchards, located in Amherst, Ohio. Jenny will not only teach you how to select the perfect apple, but she will talk about the distinguishing features of different apple varieties, explain the process of cider making, as well as provide information about all of the delicious fruit that is grown at the orchard. Plus, there will be different types of apples to sample, homemade cider to taste and recipes to share. Fun for the whole family. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*

**Retirement Celebration For Library Director**

North Ridgeville Branch,  
35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville  
You are cordially invited to attend a retirement celebration in honor of Joanne Eldridge, director of the Lorain Public Library System. Eldridge will be retiring in September after serving the library for over 22 years.

*Monday, September 26; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Movie Night**

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a kid-friendly movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages permitted. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, September 28; 6 p.m.*

**Children's Halloween Art Project - Frankenstein's Monster**

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This three-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache rendition of Frankenstein's monster. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, September 29*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for staff continuing education.



## October

*Tuesday, October 4; 6 p.m.*

**Children's Halloween Art Project - Frankenstein's Monster**

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This three-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache rendition of Frankenstein's monster. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 8; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Job Help**

Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the library's free drop-in sessions. Learn how to compose and assemble your own resume, set up your own email account, attach your resume in an email, save your resume online, apply for a job online, and set up your own account with online job websites.

*Monday, October 10 through*

*Thursday, November 10*

**South Lorain Branch Autumn Photography Contest**

Send us your autumn-inspired photograph and possibly win a prize. Entries will be accepted from Oct. 10 through Nov. 10. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email your photo as a JPEG file to mpeters@pls.info. All photographs will be displayed at the South Lorain Branch Library from Nov. 14 through Dec. 4. During this time, library patrons can vote for their favorite. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

*Monday, October 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Junior Scientists - Sticky, Slimy Science Experiments**

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of sticky, slimy science experiments. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 11; 6 p.m.*

**Children's Halloween Art Project - Frankenstein's Monster**

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This three-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache rendition of Frankenstein's monster. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 13; 6 p.m.*

**Extreme Pumpkin Carving**

Join master carver Paul Koerner for an extreme pumpkin carving demonstration. Audience members will be able to interact with Paul as he creates pumpkins that will astonish trick-or-treaters. Preregistration required.

*Monday, October 24; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Movie Night**

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a kid-friendly movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages permitted. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, October 25; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Bigfoot - Too Close To Home?**

Marc DeWerth of Columbia Station has been a longtime bigfoot investigator with over 20 years of experience. He is involved with groups like the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization and the Ohio Bigfoot Organization. This talk will center on the flap of recent sighting reports that have taken place in the Lorain and Medina County region over the last few years. DeWerth will also show a video he took in 1997 of a possible Sasquatch from Coshocton County. This is a family friendly event so children are more than welcome. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, October 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Halloween Spooktacular**

Families and kids of all ages, dress up in your favorite costume and visit us for a night of Halloween fun. Preregistration required.

## Computer Programs

*Saturday, September 3; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Computers For Beginners**

Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 10; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Internet For Beginners**

Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, September 24; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Manage Photos From Cloud**

Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer, and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Individual Technology Help**

Call to schedule one-on-one help during this two-hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

*Friday, October 21; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

**Introduction To Windows 10**

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, October 29; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**eMedia**

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, November 12; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**eMedia**

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

## Writers Group

*Thursdays; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Writers Group**

Are you a writer who'd like to fine-tune your craft or an aspiring writer who'd like to learn where to start? Join our fiction writing group for adults! Preregistration required.

**September 8 - Tone And Voice**

**September 22 - Tension**

**October 6 - What Not To Do**

**October 20 - Plotting Or Pantsing**

**November 3 - Less Is More**

**November 17 - More On Dialogue**

**December 1 - Refine, Rewrite And Revise**

**December 15 - Q-And-A**



*Saturday, November 19; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Individual Technology Help**

Call to schedule one-on-one help during this two-hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

*Saturday, November 26; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Word For Beginners**

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 10; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Excel For Beginners**

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 17; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Individual Technology Help**

Call to schedule one-on-one help during this two-hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

*Friday, December 23; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

**PowerPoint For Beginners**

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.



## Exercise Programs

*Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27; 6 p.m.*

**Zumba®**

Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to hot beats.

*Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26;*

*November 2, 9, 16, 30; 6 p.m.*

**Tai Chi For Arthritis**

Are you one of the over 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend this eight-week series that will teach you valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises. Preregistration required.





## November

*Tuesday, November 1 through  
Thursday, December 1*  
**Dinovermonth Photo Contest**  
Lorain Public Library System

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovermonth. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

*Monday, November 7; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*  
**Junior Scientists - Fun With Physics**

Families and kids of all ages, launch yourself into an evening of fun physics experiments. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 8; 6 p.m.*  
**DVD Discussion Group**

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 7, borrow the DVD from the library, watch it at home and join our discussion on Nov. 8. DVD title forthcoming. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, November 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*  
**Fantastic Beasts And Where  
To Find Them Party**

Join us for treats, a craft and some Harry Potter trivia as we count down to the release of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, November 15; 6 p.m.*  
**Five Minutes Of Destruction -  
The Story Of The Lorain Tornado**

At 14 minutes after five late in the afternoon of Saturday, June 28, 1924, Lorain, Ohio, with a population of 40,000 people, was a thriving, progressive Lake Erie city with a happy and contented citizenry. Five minutes later - at 5:19 p.m. - it was a mass of tangled ruins with scores dead, hundreds moaning beneath destroyed buildings and homes, and still hundreds of others being rushed to an area where emergency attention could be given to their injuries. Learn the story of the Lorain Tornado and witness the destruction through vintage photographs compiled and narrated by local historian Dennis Lamont of the Sheffield Village Historical Society. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Pokémon Sun And Pokémon  
Moon Launch Party**

Have an evening of Pokémon-themed activities and fun. Grab your favorite Pokémon game and join us to battle other Trainers. Preregistration required.

*Wednesday, November 23; 6 p.m.*

**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

*Thursday, November 24*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

## December

*Monday, December 5; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Movie Night - Sing-Along**

Families and kids of all ages, join us to watch a frozen-weather favorite and sing along to all of the songs. Preregistration required.

*Tuesday, December 6; 6 p.m.*

**Adult Holiday Craft - Tapestry Tree**

Create a beautiful tapestry tree that can be taken home and displayed during the holidays. All materials will be provided. This program is limited to adults only. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 8; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Hour Of Code**

Children ages 6 and up, join kids around the world to celebrate Computer Science Education Week with one hour of code. Solve puzzles and learn the basics of computer programming. Preregistration required.

*Monday, December 19; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

**Family Movie Night - Christmas Edition**

Families and kids of all ages, put on your pajamas and join us for hot chocolate and cookies while we watch a magical cartoon adventure to the North Pole. Preregistration required.

*Thursday, December 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Kids Christmas Craft**

Families and kids of all ages, join us to make a Christmas ornament and card. Preregistration required.

*Saturday, December 24 through*

*Monday, December 26*

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, Dec. 26. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## Book Discussions

*Tuesday, September 20; 6:30 p.m.*

**Change Of Pace Book Discussion -  
The Night Of The Gun: A Reporter Investigates  
The Darkest Story Of His Life. His Own  
By David Carr**

David Carr redefines memoir with the revelatory story of his years as an addict and chronicles his journey from crack house regular to regular columnist for The New York Times. Books will be available at the library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



*Tuesday, October 18; 6:30 p.m.*

**Change Of Pace Book Discussion -  
Vagabond: A Thriller By Gerald Seymour**

A legendary spy handler is called out of retirement for the most dangerous and high-stakes operation of his career in the newest thriller from the author that The Philadelphia Inquirer calls "best spy novelist ever." Books will be available at the library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



*Tuesday, November 15; 6:30 p.m.*

**Change Of Pace Book Discussion -  
The Firebrand And The First Lady: Portrait Of  
A Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt,  
And The Struggle For Social Justice  
By Patricia Bell-Scott**

Read the story of how a granddaughter of a mulatto slave and the first lady of the United States forged an enduring friendship that changed each of their lives and helped to alter the course of race and racism in America. Books will be available at the library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



*Tuesday, December 20; 6:30 p.m.*

**Change Of Pace Book Discussion -  
Snow Falling On Cedars  
By David Guterson**

San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American is charged with his murder. Books will be available at the library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



## Chess Club

*Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28;*

*October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30;*

*December 7, 14, 21, 28; 4 p.m.*

**After School Chess Club**

Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.



## Story Times

*Mondays; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**Family Fun Time**

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of fun! Preregistration required.

**September 19 - Pirate-ology**

**October 3 - Egyptology**

**October 17 - Monster-ology**

**November 14 - Wizard-ology**

**November 28 - Spy-ology**

**December 12 - Sugar-ology**





# Turn Each Day into a Learning Experience with Fun, Daily Activities

Every day brings with it the opportunity to create new learning experiences, especially for children. The possibilities are all around you – you just need to recognize them.

## Morning

Start with waking up in the morning. The days are getting shorter. This is a good opportunity to talk about what happens when the seasons change and how it's all because of Earth's orbit and tilted axis. That's science! How many bites does it take to finish your breakfast? Count it out – it all adds up to an easy math exercise.

## Day

Next comes playtime. If the weather is nice and your child is riding a bike, talk to them about helmet safety and have a short civics lesson about community rules. This will work well for a car trip too. A discussion on seat belt laws can help kids understand the importance of following the rules. While you're outside, explore nature. Look at the different colors and shapes of leaves. At the playground, explain the difference between over and under as children play on and around the slide. Look at all of those potential lessons during playtime!

## Night

As your child takes a bath in the evening, let them experiment with volume. Have them pour water from big cups into little cups and back again. Count how many times they have to pour water from the small cup into the big cup to make it overflow.

Even bedtime isn't just for stories anymore. Check out the site [bedtimemath.org](http://bedtimemath.org) and read a story problem to your child. After one or two stories on subjects that interest them, they'll be begging for more! Also take time every night to talk with your kids about what they did that day. Not only does this help improve their narrative skills, it's also a wonderful way to cement fun childhood memories in their mind.

By the time you turn out the lights, you'll have added so many learning moments to the day! It's important to take time to play and talk with your kids every day. Your whole family will benefit from it.

For more information on ways to make learning fun for your child, visit us at the **Lorain Public Library System**.





# ArtistWorks

## Get Private Music and Art Lessons Online

Have you always wanted to learn a musical instrument but without the high cost of private lessons?

Now you can learn how to play the piano, guitar, trumpet and more with self-paced video lessons right from your computer or mobile device. Even take DJ scratching lessons. This new online service is for singers and other artists too.

**Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) is now offering patrons ArtistWorks for Libraries! Get basic instrument, voice and art instruction.**

Visit [LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary](http://LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary) and click on **ArtistWorks for Libraries**. Use your LPLS library card to sign in and get started.

ArtistWorks provides world-class instruction through prerecorded video lessons taught by award-winning, highly acclaimed teaching artists, including Grammy winners. Lessons are offered for the most popular string and band instruments, voice and art.

Video instruction is available online 24/7. Classes are available through Internet-enabled browsers via your desktop or mobile devices so no apps are needed.

Become the artist you've always wanted to be. Learn to play an instrument. Take singing lessons. Learn how to draw the human body. Get started today!

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for a great  
summer!



## Lorain Public Library System Locations/Hours

### Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052  
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ  
M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;  
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011  
440-934-4743  
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;  
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Columbia Branch

13824 W. River Road North  
Columbia Station, OH 44028  
440-236-8751  
M,Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; W,Th Noon-8 p.m.  
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Domonkas Branch

4125 E. Lake Road  
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054  
440-949-7410  
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;  
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.;  
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039  
440-327-8326  
M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;  
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Sun\* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
(\* Closed Sundays from May through September)

### South Lorain Branch

2121 Homewood Drive  
Lorain, OH 44055  
440-277-5672  
M,Tu,Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.;  
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Sun\* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.  
(\* Closed Sundays from May through September)

These hours are  
subject to change.