

Lorain Public Library! Dimensions

JANUARY - MARCH 2016

Job Hunters: Turn to the Library During Your Search for Employment

Looking for a job? Perhaps you're looking for something with higher pay or returning to work now that your children are older.

Do you need help navigating the Internet now that most job applications are online? Turn to the Lorain Public Library System during your job search. All of our resources are free.

Computers and Wi-Fi

Lorain Public Library System libraries offer dozens upon dozens of computers with high-speed Internet access. The computers are equipped with word processing programs for you to type up your resumes and cover letters. When you come in, let our staff know you're searching for a job. This step is important so we can place you at a suitable workstation where you'll have ample time to do your work. If you have a laptop or mobile device, bring it in and connect to our free Wi-Fi.

Computer Training

The Lorain Public Library System offers computer training. The small-group size classes include an introduction to computers, Internet and email, and Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Find all computer classes listed in this newsletter.

Resume Help

Just starting to work on your resume? Our staff has free resume samples and employment worksheets to help you in the process. We can even direct you to where you can find templates to follow on the computer.

Resources

Borrow books and DVDs from our collection to get more in-depth help for creating your resumes or cover letters, preparing for and getting ahead in the job interview, or even negotiating your salary.

Find a job resources category on our website, LorainPublicLibrary.org, under the research heading. Browse online resources for resumes and cover letters, and job hunting information. We're also happy to help you discover resources within the community.

In Summary

Our staff helps patrons with their job search on a basic level, such as learning how to attach their resume to an email or how to find the employment section on a website. We have tools that can help you look for employment, but are happy to refer you to great community organizations that can provide further assistance.

Good luck in your job search!

Have a Wonderful Winter with Us

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eLibrary

What digital media interests you? Discover all that's available at LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary. It's all free with your Lorain Public Library System library card!

eMedia

Audiobooks

Comics and Graphic Novels

eBooks

Magazines

Movies and Television/Videos

Music Albums

Online Classes

Songs and Music Videos

Video Storybooks

Service Provider

Axis 360, hoopla, OverDrive

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Axis 360, BookFlix, hoopla, OverDrive

OverDrive, Zinio

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Gale Courses

Freegal Music

BookFlix



We're sure you'll find something you will love in our eLibrary, with downloading and streaming services. Try it out on a compatible mobile device or computer - most services offer an app. Plus material with a lending period is returned automatically, so no library fines!

Contact us if you need assistance, or look for instructional classes offered at all of our libraries.

Hear what our staff is saying about our amazing eLibrary on the back cover of this newsletter.

Sign Up for Emails

Always know what's going on at the Lorain Public Library System. Sign up to have library news delivered to your inbox!

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org. Click into any of the interior pages of the website. In the bottom left column, you'll find a box where you can enter your email address. This box is now on every page of our website, except the home page.

Don't miss out on exciting updates, program announcements, contests and more!





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

January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year's Day.

Thursday, January 14; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
— Preview open to Friends

Friday, January 15; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
— Open to public

Saturday, January 16; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
— Open to public

Monday, January 18; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
— Open to public

Tuesday, January 19; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
— Open to public

Book Sale & Preview

Admission to Thursday's 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. For more information, including membership fees, call the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ. The book sale is open to the public from Friday through Tuesday and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc.

Monday, January 18; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
For Love Of Liberty
For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots (2010) tells the story of African-American service members, from the Revolution to modern times. This PBS miniseries won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Documentary. Enjoy light refreshments while watching this four-hour film. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto Hernandez, local Yu-Gi-Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu-Gi-Oh! open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Dec. 21. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 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.

Wednesday, January 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 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.

February

Thursday, February 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Minions!
Bring the whole family and come celebrate everyone's favorite despicable characters: minions! Join us for minion-themed crafts and activities for children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Make And Take Valentines
Valentine's Day is right around the corner and we have everything you need to create dazzling handmade cards for your family and friends. Make as many cards as you like and take them all home with you at the end of the night! For children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto Hernandez, local Yu-Gi-Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu-Gi-Oh! open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Jan. 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Jurassic Jamboree
Families with children of all ages, join us for an evening of dinosaur-themed stories, songs and activities. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Toni Morrison Birthday Celebration
Help celebrate Lorain's Nobel Prize-winning author's life and accomplishments on her 85th birthday. Watch a slideshow presentation on the life and literary works of Toni Morrison. Also view a BBC documentary wherein Morrison was interviewed in July 2015. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 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.

Saturday, February 27; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Winter Vacation At The Library
Come in out of the cold and join us for a vacation getaway at the library. This event will include crafts, food, music and more! Check in at the Main Library in early January for details and to sign up for individual programs.

Monday, March 14; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto Hernandez, local Yu-Gi-Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu-Gi-Oh! open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Feb. 15. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Stuffed Animal 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 a bedtime story and activity, and then kiss your animal good night so they can begin their sleepover. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Find out what the stuffed animals did when you pick them up the following day. Pickup begins Thursday after 2 p.m. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Pigeon Party
We don't want to let the Pigeon drive the bus, and we don't want to let the Pigeon stay up late, but we do want to celebrate our favorite feathered friend! Families with children of all ages, join us for stories, crafts and activities based on the popular Pigeon books by Mo Willems. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
LEGO® Night
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Don't Miss Out on Yarn Club

*Saturdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30;
February 6, 13, 20; March 5, 12, 19;
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.



Main Exercise Programs

*Mondays, January 4, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 29;
March 7, 14, 21, 28; 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.

*Fridays, January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26;
March 4, 11, 18, 25; 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.



Main Computer Programs

Friday, January 8; 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.

Saturday, January 16; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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.

Friday, January 22; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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.

Friday, January 29; 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.

Saturday, January 30; 11 a.m. - 1 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, January 30; 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, February 5; 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.

Saturday, February 6; 11 a.m. - 1 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.

Friday, February 12; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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, February 13; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

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Monday, February 15; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Friday, February 19; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 20; 11 a.m. - 1 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, February 22; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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, March 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.

Monday, March 7; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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.

Friday, March 11; 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.

Saturday, March 12; 11 a.m. - 1 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.

Monday, March 14; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 19; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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.

Friday, March 25; 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.

Main Book Discussion

Thursday, March 17; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion

Join us for a series of adult book discussions taking place on the third Thursday of each month. Paula Hawkins' *The Girl on the Train* is a fast-paced, chilling account of a woman who thinks she witnesses a murder from the train she commutes on every day. Described as Hitchcockian in its plotting and pacing, come discuss this exciting novel with us. Preregistration required.



Main Story Times

Mondays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22;

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1

Mondays, March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18;

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2

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, January 20, 27; February 3,

10, 17, 24; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1

Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30; April 6,

13, 20; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2

Preschool Story Time

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

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.
Hours subject to change

January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year's Day.

Thursday, January 7; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting
Friends of the Avon Library business meeting. New members are welcome. For more information, call the Avon Branch at 440-934-4743.

Tuesday, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Grossology At The Library
Study the science of gross things and become a grossologist! School-age children will make snot, fake wounds and more. Don't miss out on these fun STEM experiments that explore the grossness of the human body. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 13; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Yoga Basics
Learn the basics of yoga and get some practice at this free class presented by an instructor from 3sisters yoga + fitness. Also hear information about different types of yoga and discover where you can find classes in the area. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 14; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Minecraft Party
Don't be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that's sweeping the world. Kindergarteners through third-graders, come and enjoy a night of Minecraft-themed fun and games. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 16; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday, January 30; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Learn To Crochet
Learn to crochet starting from the very basics. Volunteer instructors will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size G or H crochet hook. We will have yarn, but you can bring your own if preferred. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 16; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Kids Drive-In Movie
Have the drive-in movie experience from the comfort of the library. We'll all make and decorate our own personal vehicles, and then kick back and enjoy popcorn while watching a popular family movie. One lucky winner will take home the movie. Perfect for school-age children. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 20; 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.

Saturday, January 23; 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.

Monday, January 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Football Reading Buddies
Early readers can read to one of their favorite Avon High School football stars and have a super fun time playing football-related literacy games and activities. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Your Child's Development
Therapists from Mercy's outpatient rehab team will provide information and fun ways to encourage your baby to 3-year-old in all levels of development - from crawling to walking, talking and fine motor activities. Take advantage of this great opportunity to ask the experts and discover resources available for children delayed in any of these areas. Dr. Khalid Akbar, board certified in pediatrics, will also be on hand for questions about your child's special needs and development. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session 1
Tuesdays, March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Session 2
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.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 1
Thursdays, March 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 2
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 attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
So You're Thinking About Running A Marathon
Join us for a panel discussion about the nutrition, training and challenges involved in running a marathon. Runner and blogger Bridget Smith will also talk about her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Builders Club
Join us for an evening of building with LEGO® bricks! Complete challenges and enjoy some free time with other enthusiasts. We will even have occasional surprise projects, contests and prizes! Children ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 30; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Wiggleswords
Led by a professional dancer from Verb Ballets, Wiggleswords 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. Wiggleswords 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, January 30; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Teen Starry Night
Teen artists, even those who simply appreciate or dabble in art, join us for a fun and creative night! Learn more about the artist Vincent van Gogh, and create your own original interpretation of his masterpiece, *Starry Night*. Preregistration required.

February

Tuesday, February 2; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Family Engineering Contest - Paper Chair Challenge
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families will build a chair entirely out of newspaper. Win an awesome prize if your chair holds the most weight. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 6; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fancy Nancy Tea Party
Get fancy at the library! Pre-K and school-age children, bring your mom (or dad!) to a very Fancy Nancy tea party. Make a crown, decorate a cookie and snack on scrumptious tea party treats. Don't forget to arrive dressed in your finest party clothes. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 1
Thursdays, March 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 2
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, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Session 1
Thursdays, March 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Session 2
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.

Monday, February 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Abstract Art For Kids
Children in kindergarten through fifth grade, join us to learn about abstract expressionism, the artist Jackson Pollock and his unique style of action painting. Make your own drip paintings in the style of Pollock. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 9; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Language Through Literacy
Learn techniques to maximize your child's reading experience. Discover how to enhance speech, vocabulary and language abilities through books. This interactive program is presented by speech therapists from Mercy Rehabilitation Services. A free book will be provided for you to take home. For parents of children, 3 through 5 years of age, with special needs. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 13; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
I Love Candy! - A Candy Land® Valentine's Day Party
If you can't get enough candy, then you won't want to miss this Valentine's Day party! Families of all ages are invited to play a giant version of Candy Land®, decorate a candy treat, win candy prizes and make a few valentines for someone special. A perfect party for a sweet tooth! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ohio Presidents
Celebrate Presidents Day with us and learn about the lives, wives and presidencies of the eight U.S. presidents that came from Ohio. Adults and families with older school-age children and teens will enjoy this free program presented by Jim Smith from The Lorain County Historical Society. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 16; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Family Engineering Contest - Egg Drop Challenge
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families will participate in an egg drop challenge. Win an awesome prize if your egg survives! Preregistration required.

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Writers Group
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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, March 5; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Puppy Pals Story Time
Volunteers from Therapy Dogs International along with their animals join us for a very special story time. Pre-K and school-age children will learn all about the jobs of different therapy and service dogs, take part in a puppy read along and make fun doggy crafts. Preregistration required.



Avon Story Times

Saturdays, January 9; February 6; March 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sensory Story Time
Join us for a program designed specifically for special needs children and their families. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. Get ready to have fun at the library! Preregistration required.

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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.



Saturday, February 20; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Teen Chocolate Games

Teens, prepare for the challenge of the century ... and lots and lots of chocolate! Come play awesome games and enjoy all kinds of delectable chocolate. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 22; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Self-Defense Class For Women

The Lorain County Sheriff's Office will present the B.R.A.T. (Be Ready at All Times) method of self-defense. A few of the important topics covered will be vehicle, home and personal safety. This class is intended for women of all ages. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 25; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

Join us for an evening of building with LEGO® bricks! Complete challenges and enjoy some free time with other enthusiasts. We will even have occasional surprise projects, contests and prizes! Children ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 27; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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.

March

Tuesday, March 1 through Thursday, March 31; regular library hours

Friends Of The Avon Library Adult Art Show

The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local adult artists. The art will be on display March 1 through March 31 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 24 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Family Engineering Contest - Vehicles Of Flight

Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families will build a hovercraft and puff rocket! Win an awesome prize if your vehicle flies the highest. Preregistration required.



Avon Computer Programs

Monday, January 4; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Wednesday, March 2; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Seuss-ebration - An All Day Occasion!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss

Steer yourself to the library while we celebrate Dr. Seuss on his birthday. What better way to let loose and be merry, than to celebrate Seuss down at the library? There will be crafts and activities for you to stop in and do, as well as a special story time at 6 p.m. featuring some of our teen volunteers reading from you know who. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 7; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Women In History - Mae West

Meet the uncompromising Mae West, the first woman to earn a million dollars in the movie business, portrayed by Julie Warren, a member of Women in History. Complete with costume, the monologue will be followed by a question and answer session. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Carnival Night

It's carnival night at the library! Bring your whole family for free face painting, balloon animals and lots more. Try your hand at our carnival games, and turn in your tickets for prizes! Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library and our amazing teen volunteers.

Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Coding Workshop

Want to be a Web, game or app designer? Get started at the library. Seventh through 12th-graders, learn the basics of Python programming at this free hands-on workshop presented by the Avon High School Tech Club. You will have the opportunity to write your own code and discover resources that will help you continue to develop your Python skills after the program. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 10; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

– Preview open to Friends

Thursday, March 10; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

– Open to public

Friday, March 11; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

– Open to public

Saturday, March 12; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

– Open to public

Book Sale & Preview

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. Book sale open to the public Thursday 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, March 12; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mo Willems Day

Stop in to celebrate Mo Willems, author of the Elephant & Piggie books, with crafts, activities and two story times scheduled for 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the children's area of the library. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 11; 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.

Monday, January 18; 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, February 1; 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.

Wednesday, March 16; 7 p.m. - 8 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 families of all ages about cool knights and even let you try on armor from the museum's collection. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 19; 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, March 19; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Young Writers Workshop With Author Rachele Alpine

Join local author Rachele Alpine for an afternoon of fun and inspiring activities to get you brainstorming about new writing ideas and topics. Fifth through 12th-graders, come hear about Alpine's writing experiences and leave the workshop with pages full of story starts that you can work on at home. The author will have copies of her books available for purchase and signing after the program. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 23; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

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Thursday, March 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friends Of The Avon Library Adult Art Show Reception

You are cordially invited to a reception for the March art show featuring local adult artists. Artists, patrons and friends are all welcome. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Wednesday, March 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Art To Go - Ancient Egypt

Fascinated with mummies, pyramids and King Tut? Come touch ancient artifacts from The Cleveland Museum of Art's Art to Go program. Families of all ages will have a fun, hands-on time learning about ancient Egypt. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 31; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

Join us for an evening of building with LEGO® bricks! Complete challenges and enjoy some free time with other enthusiasts. We will even have occasional surprise projects, contests and prizes! Children ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

Friday, February 26; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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Monday, February 29; 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.

Monday, March 21; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Avon Book Discussions

Wednesday, January 6;

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Paris Wife By Paula McLain

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



Tuesday, January 26;

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

Adult Book Discussion - The Circle By Dave Eggers

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



Wednesday, February 3;

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - To Kill A Mockingbird By Harper Lee

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



Tuesday, February 23;

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

Adult Book Discussion - The Monogram Murders By Sophie Hannah

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



Wednesday, March 2;

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Last Of The Mohicans By James Fenimore Cooper

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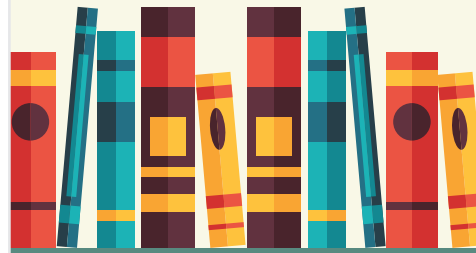


Tuesday, March 29;

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

Adult Book Discussion - Whiskey Island By Les Roberts

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Saturday, March 26; 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.

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Tech Help

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January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 4; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Farewell To Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea
Saying farewell to *Downton Abbey* won't be easy. You are cordially invited to a delightful afternoon tea to discuss, commiserate and critique - all on the day after the first episode of the show's very last season airs. Ready yourself for a fine afternoon of tea, refreshments, trivia, prizes and plenty of conversation with other devotees of the show. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 6; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Do You Want To Build A Snowman Party
Children ages 4 through 7, enjoy a chilly, fun evening with all things snowman. Play snowman games, listen to snowman stories and make a snowman craft. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Thursday, January 7; 6:30 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, January 11; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Senior Coffee Hour
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 program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Wednesday, January 13; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Teens, grade six and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii U and PlayStation®4 on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

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Friday, January 15; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
LEGO® Club
Bring your imagination once a month to Columbia Branch's LEGO® Club! Build with our LEGO® collection and have your creation put on display here at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18 through
Wednesday, March 16; regular library hours
Cookie Club - A Children's Winter Reading Club
Children of all ages, join our Cookie Club by registering for your Cookie Card at the library anytime between Jan. 18 and March 16. Each time you visit the library, get your Cookie Card stamped and help decorate our bulletin board by decorating a paper cookie. When you get six stamps on your card, you are invited to our superspecial, invite-only Cookie Club party! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Monday, January 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Hot Chocolate And A Movie
Do the kids need something to do on their day off from school? Join us for an afternoon of hot chocolate and a family friendly movie. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to lounge on. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
A Dino-Mite Party
Children ages 4 through 7, join us for some dinosaur fun and games. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Saturday, January 23; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Columbia Crafting Circle
Are you crafty? We are starting a craft group that will meet monthly. If you're working on a project or trying to start one, bring it to the library and hang out and chat with other crafters. Knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, quilting - whatever you want to do, bring it and all materials needed. We'll provide the meeting space. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.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, January 26; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nebula In A Bottle Craft
Would you like to create your own beautiful little bottle of outer space? Come to the library and make a personal nebula to take home. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 30; 11 a.m. - noon
Curious George Family Fun
Caregivers, bring your own curious little monkeys and celebrate all things Curious George. We will read a story, play a fun game and enjoy George's favorite snack - pancakes! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

February

Thursday, February 4; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Harry Potter Book Night
Harry Potter Book Night is now an annual event during which thousands of Harry Potter parties and celebrations are held all over the world. Fans of all ages will have the chance to celebrate J.K. Rowling's novels and pass the magic on to new readers. Join us at the library as we make wands, taste butterbeer, engage in trivia matches and more. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, February 9; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Teens, un-celebrate Valentine's Day with moody music, grumpy games and spiteful snacks. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Luau In Winter
Tired of the cold? Warm up at the library's winter luau! Have fun with luau-inspired games and crafts. For children ages 4 through 8. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Thursday, February 11; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 16; 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 be an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Wednesday, February 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Video Game Night
Teens, grade six and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii U and PlayStation®4 on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Resume Review
Learn how to create a resume that will get your foot in the door. We'll discuss resume essentials - what to include and what to avoid. Upon completion, attendees can schedule a one-on-one review with the instructor. Preregistration required.

Friday, February 19; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Perler Bead Craft
Teens, grade six and up, learn how to make simple crafts come alive with your favorite geeky obsession. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 27; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Monday, February 29; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Hoppy Leap Day Party!
This year is leap year and that's reason to celebrate. You only have this opportunity once every four years, so make the most of this extra day by joining us at the library for some leap day fun. For children ages 4 through 7. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

March

Wednesday, March 2; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Celebrate Dr. Seuss' 112th birthday with us. We will read a Dr. Seuss story and play Seuss-inspired games. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Identify Your Job Skills
Everyone has skills and talent. The challenge is reading a job posting and identifying the skills you have that match those that the employer wants. This is especially crucial for new job seekers and those pursuing a different career path. Preregistration required.

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Columbia Story Time

Mondays, January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Session 1
Mondays, March 14, 21, 28; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Session 2
Family Story Time
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for families with children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Session 1
Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Session 2
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, January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1
Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29; 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2
Toddler Story Time
A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. Preregistration required.





Tuesday, March 15; 5 p.m.

Allegiant Movie Release Party

Have your inner truth and courage tested by Candor and Dauntless, find your inner balance with Amity, nerd out with Erudite, or test into more than one faction! Teens, play games and win cool prizes. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 16; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookie Club Party

Participate in our children's winter reading club between Jan. 18 and March 16 to earn a special invitation to this Cookie Club party. We will read books, sing songs and - of course - eat cookies! Ask at the library for more details. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

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Monday, March 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Cleveland Music History - The Rock 'N' Roll Connection

Adults and teens, join Dr. Joel S. Keller for a historical look tracing Cleveland's influence in the development of rock 'n' roll music from the 1950s to the present. Emphasis will be given to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame Museum, Playhouse Square theaters and other local musical performance venues - both past and present - and famous local musical groups. Important events in local rock 'n' roll history will be discussed. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Artsy Egg Decorating Class

Come and learn various methods to jazz up your hard-boiled eggs with different decorating techniques. Bring your own hard-boiled eggs - as many as you would like to decorate. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Columbia Computer Programs

Saturday, January 9; 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.

Tuesday, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

File Management

A beginner's guide to managing files and folders on your computer and other assorted Windows skills. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 16; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Tuesday, January 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 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 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.

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Monday, March 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 30; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bunny Tales Party

Come celebrate everything bunnies! Ages 3 through 6. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



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Columbia Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion - The Monogram Murders

By Sophie Hannah

Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an armchair sleuth? Join our brand new book discussion group and sift through clues and red herrings with fellow mystery lovers. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Monday, January 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Nightingale

By Kristin Hannah

Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Wednesday, January 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - The Conjurer's Riddle

By Andrea Cremer

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.



Thursday, January 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - More Mexican Everyday

By Rick Bayless

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.



Tuesday, February 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion - The Sweetest At The Bottom Of The Pie

By Alan Bradley

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Monday, February 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Circling The Sun

By Paula McLain

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Thursday, February 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Pinterest 101

Come and learn about the popular website Pinterest. With Pinterest you can collect or "pin" images you love online. Learn how to create an account, collect and organize pins on boards, follow people and more! To create a Pinterest account, you must have an email account prior to class. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 27; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 5; 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.

Tuesday, March 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

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

Wednesday, February 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - Wandering Star

By Romina Russell

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.



Thursday, February 25; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Knack Chinese Cooking: A Step-By-Step Guide To Authentic Dishes Made Easy

By Belinda Hulin

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.



Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion - The Keeper Of Lost Causes

By Jussi Adler-Olsen

Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an armchair sleuth? Join our brand new book discussion group and sift through clues and red herrings with fellow mystery lovers. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Wednesday, March 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - The Wrath And The Dawn

By Renee Ahdieh

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Thursday, March 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Grandma's German Cookbook

By Linn Schmidt And Birgit Hamm

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.



Monday, March 28; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Wright Brothers

By David McCullough

Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Saturday, March 19; 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, March 26; 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.



Domonkas Branch

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Hours subject to change

January

Friday, January 1

Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 11; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Movie Classics Club

Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library. Movies from the '30s through the '60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 12; 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, January 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Return Of Bad Art Night

Adults and teens, are you looking for a creative outlet without any rules or judgment? Come to bad art night at the library! It does not matter how unskilled you are. All that matters is that you get to create a fun piece of art! A contest will be held for the most elaborately bad piece! Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mad Science - A Force Unleashed

Third through sixth-graders, come to the library to perform some science experiments that would impress even the Dark Side! Join the rebel fun as we discover the constellations, have a rocket balloon race and more! Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Visions Of History - Stories To Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If we are to go forward, we must go back and rediscover those precious values." Celebrate the legacy of Dr. King with local NAACP members as they share their personal remembrances. Come and learn about the past and celebrate a better future! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - The Mitten

School-age children and their families are welcome to enjoy *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and themed activities for a fun-filled evening. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 20; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Domonkas Winterfest

Come one, come all to a special night at the Domonkas Branch Library. Patrons of all ages, step right up to enjoy family shenanigans as the library celebrates winter with a spectacular carnival! Join us for a fun and exciting evening of games, crafts, tasty refreshments and more. You may even go home with a prize! Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 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 our 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. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Anime Night

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Wednesday, January 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen

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Thursday, January 28; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Gotta Catch 'Em All - A Pokémon Party

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Teens in sixth through 12th grades, this is your chance to talk about all things Pokémon. Show off your rare cards, defend your favorite Pokémon and debate which game you like best. Costumes are encouraged. Preregistration required.

February

Tuesday, February 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Year Of The Monkey

2016 will be the Year of the Monkey according to the Chinese calendar. Families and school-age children, come learn about the Chinese culture and their celebration of New Year with a festival of games, activities and stories. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Mardi Gras Party

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, come to the library with your krewes and help us celebrate Mardi Gras a day early! We'll make dazzling masks, eat delicious king cake and play games like we're celebrating in the Big Easy! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Mardi Gras

Families and friends of all ages, come to the library and let the good times roll! Join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras with a movie set in New Orleans about a special princess and her very special amphibian friend. Stay for a festive craft and some tasty Mardi Gras treats too! Register early and make a frog's dream come true! Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mad Science - Geology Rocks

Kids in third through sixth grades, pull out your field books and become junior geologists! We'll learn about volcanoes, take core samples using cupcakes and even observe an edible rock. So come to the library and find out why the earth is so cool! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Movie Classics Club

Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library. Movies from the '30s through the '60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - The Tooth Of The Matter

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Families and school-age children are invited to learn about teeth and dental health through stories and activities. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, February 20; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Host A Ghost - Meet A Ghost Hunting Group

Gals and ghouls of all ages, come to the library to shake up your chilly winter with some paranormal investigation! Meet the Ohio Researchers of Banded Spirits (O.R.B.S.), a scientific research team that investigates the paranormal. Learn about their techniques and see the equipment they use, as well as the evidence they have come across while ghost hunting. Be sure to register early for this spooktacular event! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Coding 101

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, have you ever wanted to make your own game but had no idea where to start? Come to this two-part program to learn some coding basics using fun puzzles that will get you started in the right direction. You must attend on Feb. 22 to participate on Feb. 25. Space is limited. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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March

Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Did You Hear It's Dr. Seuss Day?

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2, but we're celebrating a day early with his book *Horton Hears a Who!* Enjoy a story and other fun activities for the whole family. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 5; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Here Comes Spring!

Patrons of all ages, come to the library to welcome the upcoming spring season and leave Old Man Winter behind! Celebrate with stories, seasonal crafts, fun games and delicious treats. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 7; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A Shamrockin' Soiree - Music And Ice Cream Social

Patrons of all ages, celebrate the luck of the Irish with the library! Everyone is welcome to enjoy the local Folktic Irish Band as they play festive music. Then delight in a cool ice cream treat, compliments of the library! Have fun with us and Erin go brag! Preregistration required.

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

Mad Science - Brush Bots

Kids in third through sixth grades, come learn the basics of robotics as we build unique and goofy brush bots that can race or even battle each other! We'll talk about kinetic energy, motion and more! Space is limited. Preregistration required.

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

Once More With Filling - Pi Day Bake-Off

Whether you are feeling inspired by circle circumference or just love a delicious slice of pie, visit the library for our second Pi Day Bake-Off. Celebrate the mathematical symbol and cast your vote for one of our delicious pastries. It all adds up to an awesome event, so be sure to attend!

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

Family Fun Night - Luck O' The Irish

Begob and bejabbers, it's a St. Paddy's Day celebration! Families and school-age children, visit the library to celebrate with stories, games and crafts. If you're lucky, you may even spot a leprechaun! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oh, The Horror! - A History Of The Slasher Genre

Horror fans and movie buffs alike, come to the library for this thrilling event! Together, we will go back in time and reflect on the slasher genre of horror films. Learn spine-tingling trivia, see interesting pieces of memorabilia and enjoy a sweet treat that even the boogeyman would enjoy! Preregistration required.

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

Luck Of The Irish - Teen St. Paddy's Day Party

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, make your friends green with envy by coming to the library to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We'll be Irish for the day as we eat snacks, make crafts and maybe even learn a little about the holiday. Preregistration required.





Friday, March 18; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, March 21; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friends Of The Library March Madness Book Sale

The March Madness Book Sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more!

Saturday, March 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Ma'at Is Missing - Deciphering Manners

What happened to the Golden Rule? Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will learn the important role that manners and kindness play in how we relate to the people around us. Through magic, storytelling, music, dance, puppets and hieroglyphics, the performer will guide the audience in finding clues to the lost temple of Ma'at, dedicated to the Egyptian goddess of truth, justice and civility. Audience participation is encouraged during this engaging comedy! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
A Whimsical Paperweight - Adult Spring Craft

Welcome spring! Adults, visit the library to make a cast resin paperweight, adding a perfect dash of color to your home. Bring your imagination and patience, and go home with some spring decor! Preregistration required.

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Domonkas Computer Programs

Tuesday, January 5; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Patrons, did you just receive a technological device that is giving you the winter blues? Come to the library for an open workshop where we will troubleshoot any issues you have. Also learn how to get the most out of your device using the library website! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 6; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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Thursday, January 7; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 2; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Word Basics

Looking to become more computer savvy? Need a refresher in word processing? Visit the library to learn Microsoft Word basics and new formatting techniques. General computer and mouse skills are required to participate. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word Basics

Looking to become more computer savvy? Need a refresher in word processing? Visit the library to learn Microsoft Word basics and new formatting techniques. General computer and mouse skills are required to participate. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 4; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word Basics

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Tuesday, March 1; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Basic Internet Techniques

Adults, learn to explore the World Wide Web. Come to the library and dive right in as we learn about basic Internet techniques, how to search online safely and what to expect with your Internet presence. Preregistration required.

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

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Domonkas Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 5; 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 the 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 welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a hip, upbeat, 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!

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Monday, February 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Thursday, March 3; 6:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

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Monday, March 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

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Domonkas Story Times

Monday, January 4; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Snow

Monday, January 11; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Arctic Animals

Monday, January 18; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - I Dream

Monday, February 8; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Presidents Day

Monday, February 22; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Stars And Stripes

Monday, February 29; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Nursery Rhymes

Monday, March 7; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Dr. Seuss

Monday, March 14; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Spring

Monday, March 21; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Bunnies And Chicks

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.

Domonkas Exercise Programs

Saturdays, January 9, 23; 2 p.m.

Beginners Yoga

Patrons, flex your muscles at the library. Learn some basic techniques and poses of yoga to find a fun way to keep fit and maintain your New Year's resolutions. Namaste. Preregistration required.

Wednesdays, February 10, 17;

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

Dancing In Hip Circles - A Belly Dancing Series

Lose your cabin fever this winter by joining us at the library for this unique belly dancing series! Come dressed in comfortable clothing and work with local owner Melissa Lopez of The Hive. She'll teach the beginning techniques of belly dancing. Be ready to break a sweat and shake to a great beat! Preregistration required.



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January

Friday, January 1

Lorain Public Library System Closed

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Friday, January 8; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exploration Station

Two 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.

Wednesday, January 13; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Frozen Science Fun

For the first time in forever, there'll be a great *Frozen* science party at the library! Kindergarteners through fifth-graders will channel Elsa's powers as they learn how to form ice and even create their very own snowflake. PLEASE NOTE: Each child will need to bring a clean pickle jar for this experiment. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 16; 1 p.m. - 2 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.

Saturday, January 16; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Life-Size Candy Land®

Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. for your chance to race through the library's life-size adaptation of Candy Cane Forest. A new game will run every 15 minutes. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Tuesday, January 19; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Teens And Tweens Customized Candy Creation

Fifth-graders through 12th-graders, you don't need fancy decorating techniques to make unique and creative candies! Learn how to use food coloring to turn your sweet confections into a masterpiece. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 5 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Board Of Trustees Meeting

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

Thursday, January 28; 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

— Preview open to Friends

Friday, January 29; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

— Open to public

Saturday, January 30; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

— Open to public

Sunday, January 31; 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.

February

Wednesday, February 3; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Tween And Teen Mardi Gras Party

Fifth through 12th-graders are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras early with the library. Teens can decorate masks, try their hand at an assortment of carnival games and sample some festive cuisine. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 6; 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.

Wednesday, February 10; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Harry Potter Science

Come join us for some science - Harry Potter science, that is. Kindergarteners through fifth-graders, potions class is in session. Broomsticks and foolish wand waving will not be tolerated. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 13; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Minions Party

Minion mania has invaded the library. The whole family is invited to enjoy Minion-themed games and activities. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Friday, February 19; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exploration Station

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Tuesday, February 23; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

The Animal Jamboree - A Family Story Time

Families will enjoy toe-tappin' books, swinging music and crafts. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

March

Saturday, March 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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North Ridgeville Writers Group



Saturdays, January 9, 23; February 6, 20;
March 5, 19; 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.

North Ridgeville Sunday Series

Sunday, January 17; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Molly Brown Portrayed By Carol Starre-Kmiecik

Come see an entertaining portrayal of this glamorous Victorian era woman who married a man who struck gold and was able to travel the world. Widely known as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," she became most famous for surviving the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, January 24; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sears Kit Homes In The Lorain County Area

Between 1908 and 1940, Sears, Roebuck & Co. sold more than 70,000 homes by mail order throughout the United States. Come to this program to hear about some of the houses in the greater Lorain County area that have been identified as Sears homes. Pictures will be shared that show the many styles. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 7; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Civil War Musician And Re-enactor

Timothy Krugman enacts the life and duties of a Civil War soldier/musician. Enjoy patriotic popular and folk music of the 1860s, performed on historically correct instruments for an authentic period sound. The program is presented in the first person in period costume and expands on Gen. Lee's statement, "Without music, there could be no army." Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 14; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Woodland Indian Tribes In Northeast Ohio

John Burke of Medina County will describe the Woodland Indian tribes that lived in Ohio from 1650 to 1843. Many of our current roads are built on old Indian game trails and were once trails used by buffalo as well. John Burke has been involved with Indian lore since he was an Eagle Scout. He comes dressed in full regalia that he made from the same materials as the Indians. This interactive presentation includes many samples of furs and hunting tools. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 21; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Rosie The Riveter - Working Women During World War II

American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers during World War II, as male military enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. By 1945, nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home. Rosie the Riveter was the star of a government campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for the munitions industry. Join Janet Bird of the educational staff of The Lorain County Historical Society as she shares information and firsthand stories from Lorain County residents. View artifacts from the World War II era. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 28; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

7 Mile Isle Steel Drum Band

All ages will enjoy the warm sounds of Trinidad and Tobago in the midst of Ohio's wintertime as this popular steel drum band returns to the library to play its unique sound of steel drums and other instruments. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 6; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The 20 No. 1 Hits Of The Beatles

Join Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville for a presentation that will include information on the rise of the British Invasion and the phenomenon of The Beatles. He will talk about each of their 20 U.S. No. 1 hits as determined by Billboard magazine with facts about recording and distribution dates, weeks at No. 1 and more. The songs will be played and lyrics displayed to encourage an audience sing-along. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 13; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Straight-Six Dixie Music Program

Straight-Six Dixie performs a variety of Dixieland jazz music in the Louisiana style along with other favorite songs that the audience will recognize. This group encourages the audience to sing along with some of the popular tunes and will provide lively entertainment for everyone in attendance. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 20; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Smokin Fez Monkeys Music Program

Armed with a batch of low-tech whizbangs that can barely be classified as instruments, the Smokin Fez Monkeys are trying to put the fun back into live music. Prepare to clap your hands, stamp your feet, sing along and have a barrel of fun as this unique group performs old favorites and originals that will become favorites. The Monkeys are returning for their fourth fun performance at the library. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Saturday, March 5; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Welcome to Seussville! Families are invited to help the library celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories, games and activities. Light refreshments will be served. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 9; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Spring Craft Fun

Kindergarteners through fifth-graders, join us for a hoppin' good time as we make a special spring-inspired craft. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 15; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Teen And Tween Allegiant Party

Have your inner truth and courage tested by Candor and Dauntless, find your inner balance with Amity, nerd out with Erudite, or test into more than one faction - be Divergent! Fifth-graders and up, celebrate the much-anticipated theater release of the third movie with *Divergent*-themed games and activities. Preregistration required.

Friday, March 18; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exploration Station

Two 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, March 22; 10:30 a.m. - noon

Peewee Picassos

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you'd like to remake. Here's your chance! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Saturday, March 26; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Minecraft Party

Don't be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that's sweeping the world. Kindergarteners through fifth-graders, come and enjoy an afternoon of Minecraft-themed fun and games. Preregistration required.

Sunday, March 27

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for the Easter holiday.

Tuesday, March 29; 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.

Thursday, March 31; 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.



North Ridgeville Story Times

Mondays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

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, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

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, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 11:30 a.m. - noon

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, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

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, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds

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

Tuesdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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.

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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.



Wednesday, January 27; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23; 1 p.m. - 3 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. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with staff members. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 1; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 4; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 31; 2 p.m. - 3:30 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.

Monday, February 8; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 11; 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 your children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 22; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 25; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Word 2007 For Beginners

Learn the basics about Microsoft Word 2007, including the formatting and editing necessary for creating a basic document. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 24; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Excel 2007 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.

North Ridgeville Book Discussions

Wednesdays, January 6; February 3;

March 2; 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.

Wednesdays, January 13; February 10;

March 9; 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.

Wednesdays, January 20; February 17;

March 16; 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.

Tuesdays, January 26; February 23;

March 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.

North Ridgeville Computer Programs

Monday, January 11; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 14; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 17; 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 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, January 18; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 21; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 15; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 18; 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.

Monday, January 25; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 28; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 7; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 10; 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 operating system works. Preregistration required.





South Lorain Branch

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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
Hours subject to change

January

Friday, January 1

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 4; 6 p.m.

Teen Game Night

Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Snacks provided. This program is for kids and teens, grade six and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 7; 6 p.m.

Kids Science Night - Owl Pellets

If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and you love science, this is the program for you! Join us as we learn all about owl pellets, and break open a real owl pellet to see what's inside. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 6 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration With The Body Of Christ Choir

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., come and have your spirits lifted by gospel music performed by Lorain's own Body of Christ choir. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 6 p.m.

Cooks Corner - Stuffed Cabbage

Do you like stuffed cabbage? Join us as we explain how to make authentic Ukrainian holubtsi during this tutorial and sampling session. Preregistration required.

February

Monday, February 1; 6 p.m.

Kids Movie Night

Join us for a showing of a kid-friendly movie at the library. Outside snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Please call for the movie title. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 4; 6 p.m.

Three Bodacious Women - A Black History Month Theatrical Production

Three Bodacious Women is a readers theater program performed by Joanne Eldridge. It includes songs, chants and words of wisdom from three African-American women - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Shirley Chisholm. The audience will experience defining moments of the American civil rights movement. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 11; 6 p.m.

Teen Game Night

Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Snacks provided. This program is for kids and teens, grade six and up. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 6 p.m.

Teen Craft Night

Sixth-graders and up are invited to come and make your own sugar scrub and lip gloss. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 18; 6 p.m.

Cooks Corner - Cupcake Decorating

Transform plain cupcakes into beautiful baked goods with these simple, hands-on decorating tips and tricks. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 23; 6 p.m.

African And African-American Art 101

Recognize Black History Month by learning what makes art, art. Jason Trimmer, the Eric & Jane Nord Family Curator of Education at the Allen Memorial Art Museum in Oberlin, will discuss the importance and significance of African and African-American artwork. Many of the works that Jason will talk about are currently on display in the museum's permanent collection and temporary exhibition galleries. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 29; 6 p.m.

Life-Size Candy Land®

Families are invited to race through the library's life-size adaptation of the Candy Cane Forest. Races run every 15 minutes. Preregistration required.

March

Wednesday, March 2; 6 p.m.

Dr. Seuss Day

Families and kids of all ages are invited to celebrate one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. You will have a wubbulous time playing Dr. Seuss-themed games and listening to his stories. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 3; 6 p.m.

Kids Science Night - Goopy Gross Experiments

If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and you love science, this is the program for you! Join us as we use common ingredients to make slime, goop and bouncy balls. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 8; 6 p.m.

Sheffield's Railroads And Interurban Trolleys

Dennis Lamont from the Sheffield Village Historical Society will present a history of the growth years of Lorain and Sheffield as seen through waterways, railroads, trolleys and industry. Learn how our city grew from a wooded, mosquito infested spot on the Black River to an industrial giant that produced steel mills, iron furnaces and steel ships. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m.

Trivia Night

Teams will work together to answer trivia questions, win prizes and be crowned South Lorain Branch Library trivia champion. Bring your own team or come alone and join one. Fun for the whole family! Preregistration required.

Monday, March 14; 6 p.m.

Cooks Corner - Pi Day

Math enthusiasts all over the world celebrate pi on this numerical holiday. Join us for a potluck-style celebration of sweet and savory pies.

Sunday, March 27

Lorain Public Library System Closed

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Monday, March 28; 6 p.m.

Teen Game Night

Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Snacks provided. This program is for kids and teens, grade six and up. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Writers Group



Thursdays, January 14, 28; February 11, 25; March 10, 24; 6 p.m.

South Lorain Writers Group

Enjoy writing? Join our fiction writing group every other Thursday to share your writing and improve your skills. Be prepared to critique as well as receive constructive criticism. Preregistration required.



South Lorain Story Time

Mondays, January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 7, 21; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Family Fun Time

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of stories, games and fun! Preregistration required.





South Lorain Exercise Programs



*Tuesdays, January 5, 19; February 2, 16;
March 1, 15, 29; 6 p.m.*

Zumba

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

*Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27;
February 3, 10, 17, 24; 5:30 p.m.*

Yoga

Join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Preregistration required.



South Lorain Chess Club

*Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24;
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 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. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Computer Programs

Saturday, January 9; 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.

Friday, January 15; 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.

Saturday, January 23; 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, February 6; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 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, February 20; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

eMedia

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Saturday, February 27; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 5; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 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, March 12; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

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Friday, March 18; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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South Lorain Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 19; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Murder On The Orient Express By Agatha Christie

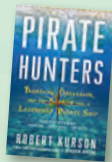
In this classic, detective Hercule Poirot solves the crime in which an American is found dead in his compartment on the famous passenger train, stabbed a dozen times with his door locked from the inside. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Tuesday, February 16; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, And The Search For A Legendary Pirate Ship By Robert Kurson

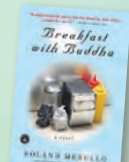
Fast paced and filled with suspense, fascinating characters, history and adventure, *Pirate Hunters* is an unputdownable story that goes deep to discover the Golden Fleece, the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Bannister. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Tuesday, March 15; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Breakfast With Buddha By Roland Merullo

In this humorous, poignant, breezy and affecting novel, confirmed skeptic Otto Ringling finds himself traveling cross-country with Siberian monk Volvo Rinpoche. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.





Avon Branch Library Now Offering Special Needs Programming



Lorain Public Library System's Avon Branch will now provide programs specifically designed for children with special needs and their families. Starting this winter are sensory story times, engaging music programs and informational sessions.

"We want everyone in Avon to feel like they belong at their library," said Avon Branch Librarian Supervisor Donna Kelly.

Parents told us their children with special needs often feel overwhelmed at the regularly occurring library story times. There may be too many children or too much stimuli. They would like to see programs specifically geared to their children's needs. They'd like programs where their kids can feel comfortable and flourish.

Christine Phelps, Avon Branch library associate, will lead Sensory Story Time once a month. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. The special needs story times are set up for a smaller group size so each child may receive personalized care.

Working with special needs children is rewarding and Phelps is looking forward to it.

"You get this great experience with the kids, and they are so wonderful," Phelps said. "The children are so happy and have fantastic attitudes. They love to see you and are so excited," she said, referring to her previous experience with special needs programming at a summer camp.

Each story program will finish with social time for parents to play with their kids, and for parents to connect with other parents and share resources.

"We want parents to know this is a comfortable place to bring their children," Phelps said. "This is a good way to introduce their children to story time without worrying about what other parents are thinking or what other kids are doing."

In addition to story times, here's what you can expect this winter.

- **Musical Toolbox is a fun and engaging monthly music program presented by a board certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center.**
- **Speech therapists from Mercy Rehabilitation Services will share techniques to maximize your child's reading experience. Intended for the parents of children 3 through 5 years of age, the session will cover how to enhance speech and language abilities, and vocabulary through books.**
- **Therapists from Mercy's outpatient rehab team will guide you in the fun ways to encourage your child, from birth to 3 years old, in all levels of development - from crawling to walking, talking and fine motor activities.**

See the dates and times of the special needs programming in this newsletter. Preregistration for these programs is required online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Avon Branch at 440-934-4743.



Staff Praise for Our eLibrary

■ The eLibrary is awesome when you're stuck in a waiting room. You can find a great title on Axis 360, download it on the spot and start reading immediately. I was also really happy when I helped a high school student who was looking for a book he needed that night. I showed him how he could download it right that minute, free on his phone."
— Donna Kelly, Avon Branch Librarian Supervisor

■ When I first downloaded the Freegal app, I logged in within five minutes and started downloading music right away. It's one of the easiest apps I've used. I love that the downloads are permanent and you have the songs you selected whenever you want to listen to them. It's a great way to save money too!"
— Jim Leonard, North Ridgeville Branch Library Associate

■ The Lorain Public Library System has always been focused on promoting self-learning and enrichment. With Gale Courses, you can become an expert on anything from computers to creative writing ... without having to pay tuition or leave the comfort of your own home."
— Cheryl Grizzell, South Lorain Branch Librarian Supervisor

■ Every week without fail, we watch at least one movie on hoopla. It's so easy to use. It streams fast, doesn't lag – it's as good quality as ones you pay eight, nine, \$10 per month for. It has a good combination of older and newer movies. I use it just like other Internet streaming services. I love it. It's such a great service for free."
— Maureen Turner, Former Domonkas Branch Library Assistant

■ For many years, I have been borrowing audiobooks through the OverDrive digital collection. I transfer the audiobooks to my MP3 player and can listen while walking the dog or doing housework."
— Valerie Smith, Public Services Coordinator

■ I love Zinio! I can download free magazines immediately to my tablet and access them offline once downloaded. You can also choose to be informed when new issues of your favorite magazines come out. My 83-year-old father loves Zinio as well!"
— Lynda Burkhardt, Columbia Branch Library Assistant

See a breakdown of the eLibrary on the inside front cover of this newsletter.

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

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