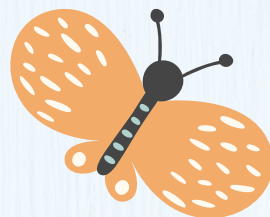


April-May 2017

Lorain Public Library! Dimensions System

We Are Your Reading And Writing Connection!



Did you know Lorain Public Library System's libraries have book discussion groups and writing groups? Come share your thoughts on the latest best-seller you read with other library users, or stop by to improve your writing skills. Some of our groups have been meeting for many years but we are always looking for new members! Learn more about our book clubs and writing groups in this issue. See why joining these groups will be worth your while.



The Reading And Writing Issue

What's Inside:

- Fine Forgiveness
- Our Book Clubs And Writing Groups
- 5 Reasons To Join A Writing Group
- Top 2016 Digital Checkouts

Fine Forgiveness

Couldn't stop reading that book?
Had to watch that movie one more
time and now you've got a late fine?
You're in luck!

Whether you're returning overdue
items or you've been carrying a fine
on your library card, this is your
chance to have half of all fines and
fees forgiven.

**In April only, visit any Lorain Public
Library System location and pay
only 50 percent of what you owe.
We'll waive the other half of your
balance.**

Remember to bring back your
overdue materials.

Restrictions apply.

Our Book Clubs

Let's Talk About Books



The latest best-sellers everyone's talking about. *Check.*
Beloved classics that never go out of style. *Check.*
Thrillers. Sci-fi. Romance. *Check. Check. Check.*

We just *love* to read and talk about books over here. Come to our book discussion groups and join the conversation!

Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) has several book clubs at all six of its locations. From the genre-specific mystery book group to the read-and-dine cookbook discussions, we have a book club for every taste!

"Our library book discussions attract people of very different backgrounds. That makes the discussion so much more rewarding because you're getting a bunch of different perspectives," said Katie O'Keefe, library associate who leads the Main Library's book club.

Our groups meet monthly and are always looking for new members.

Most book clubs are for adults but our Columbia Branch offers a group specifically for teens.

Share recipes and cooking tips, and bring in the dishes you've made from the selected cookbook to the Columbia and Domonkas branches' cookbook discussion groups.

Our North Ridgeville Branch's longest-running book club is now over 20 years old and some of the members have been there since the group first launched!

In fact, many of our book clubs have been meeting for over 10 years and are still attracting quite a faithful group of avid readers. Our Main Library's book club is newer; it relaunched last year thanks to patrons' requests.

Come talk about the books you've read or to discover authors and books that may have gone under your radar. Our knowledgeable library staff will provide book suggestions, and you are also welcome to share what you'd like to discuss.

Here's your chance to read from a rich selection of books across various genres and talk about them with other patrons in the library!

See when our book discussion groups are meeting and the books we're discussing in this newsletter or online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events and search under book discussion.

Our libraries provide copies of the selected books typically one month prior to the discussion.



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

April

Monday, April 10; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

Join Ernie Hernandez, Duelist and organizer, for open play time. He will share his knowledge of the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME. Open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Advanced Format. Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens March 20. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 11; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Anime And Manga Club

Hello, otaku! Join your fellow fanatics and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture and more. View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy--there's a series for everyone! Bring a friend to share in the fun and snacks. For all enthusiastic fans from 13 to 18 years of age. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 13; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Identity Theft

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

Saturday, April 15; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

How to Start Your Own Business

This is a basic workshop that provides an overview of SCORE services and describes the steps that are required to start a business. SCORE is a nonprofit resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Association. This workshop is suited for anyone who has a business idea but is confused about how to turn that concept into a real business. The session will last about one hour, with opportunities to ask questions and network with other entrepreneurs. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 15; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Library Mini Golf

Tee off with us this National Library Week as we transform the library into a miniature golf course! Bring your own putter or use one of ours at this after-hours event. All ages are invited to play a round. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 17; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Teen Gaming Club

Join us for a reboot of the Teen Gaming Club! Experience gaming in video and board game formats. Prove your skills through informal tournaments, make friends and enjoy snacks. For all serious gamers ages 12 through 18. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 22; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Make a Wind Chime

Spring has arrived. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of crafting. Liz Guilkey from Pat Catan's Craft Center will present this session as she helps you make wind chimes for your house. All materials will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 24; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Just For Teens: Homemade Beauty Secrets

Just For Teens: Learn how to make common beauty products at home such as skin scrubs, hair treatments, and more! From common, edible materials, you can make beauty products for an at-home spa treatment and indulge yourself. For ages 14-18. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 25; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Just For Teens: Healthy Eating For Parties And More!

Just For Teens: Gear up smart for prom and other social events! Learn more about choosing healthy foods and snacks for big parties, and how to plan ahead to avoid overeating at big social gatherings. Join us for a demo on healthy snacks, and learn some tips and tricks on healthy eating for special occasions. For ages 14-18. Preregistration required.

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

Lunchtime Local History: Historical Lorain As Seen Through Our Ohio Historical Markers

Have you ever wondered about Lorain's historical locations, the places and people that have been officially recognized with Ohio Historical Markers? This is the program to attend to see and hear about those markers and their locations. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 26; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Night

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

Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Zentangle® 101

Interested in learning a new art form? Attend this fun session on Zentangle, a very easy method of drawing used to create beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is suitable for beginners and seasoned artists alike. With Zentangle one can create designs that can be used for gifts, greeting cards and more. However, Zentangle has also been helpful to others for relieving stress, panic attacks and chronic pain, and in rehabilitation and weight loss. During the class the entire process is broken down and taught "one stroke at a time." You will be amazed at what you will accomplish at the end of just one class. Preregistration required.

May

Monday, May 1; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Just For Teens: Learn Basic Self-Defense

Just For Teens: Be smart when it comes to dating and attending social events this prom season. Learn some basic self-defense strategies, as well as how to make smarter choices to avoid unsafe situations. Officer Juan Rodriguez of the Lorain Police Department will answer questions, provide advice, and demonstrate basic self-defense techniques. For ages 14-18. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 2; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Just For Teens: Fashion Advice From The Experts

Just For Teens: Make the most of your inner and outer beauty with fashion advice from the experts! Join us as local fashion designer Jevon Terance offers advice on choosing the best look and best designs for the prom season. Make your first impression your best impression! For ages 14-18. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 4; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Star Wars Night

May the Force be with you on this evening of crafts, games, treats and activities for all ages. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters. A great family event! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 9; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Thursday, May 11; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Book Sale Preview For Lorain Friends Members

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

Friday, May 12; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 13; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, May 15; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Book Sale

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

Main Yarn Club

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; 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.

Saturday, May 13; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mother's Day Tea

Sunset Terrace at Lakeview

Ladies and gentlemen of all ages are invited to join us for a special Mother's Day celebration at Lorain County Metro Parks' Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. This event will include delicious snacks, make-and-take crafts, and other activities. Registration opens on April 1, and the event fills up quickly. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 22; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Teen Gaming Club

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Monday, May 29

Closed For Observance Of Memorial Day

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Wednesday, May 31; noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Local History: Helen Steiner Rice Story

Helen Steiner Rice, who was born in Lorain in 1900, became nationally famous for her poetry in 1960. Though her poems had been published for three decades by the Gibson Greeting Cards, Inc. she did not come to national attention until her poem, *The Priceless Gift of Christmas*, was read to the audience of the *Lawrence Welk Show* during a Christmas special program. Come to this program to hear about the triumphs and tribulations of the life of Lorain's most famous poet. Local author, Dr. Mary Hilaire Tavenner, will present the program. Preregistration required.

Main Book Discussions

Thursday, April 20; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

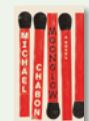
Join us for a discussion of *Commonwealth* by the acclaimed, award-winning author Ann Patchett. *Commonwealth* is a sprawling tale told over the course of five decades. It explores family, heartbreak, and the question of what it ultimately means to own a story. Preregistration required.



Thursday, May 18; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon

Moonglow begins with the deathbed confession of a man that unravels a tale of love, madness, grief, and technological achievement. Spanning decades as well as geography, the novel explores what technological progress means and how to live life in the shadow of it. Preregistration required.



Main Job Help

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22;

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Job Help Mondays

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

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





Main Computer Programs

Saturday, April 1; 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.

Monday, April 3; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

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

Friday, April 7; 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.

Monday, April 10; 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, April 14; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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

Friday, April 21; 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, April 24; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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, April 28; 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.

Monday, May 1; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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, May 6; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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, May 12; 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.

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

Manage Photos From Cloud

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

Monday, May 22; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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

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

PowerPoint For Beginners

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



Main Exercise Programs

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 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.

Main Story Times

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

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

Main Chess Club

Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Knights Of The Square Table Chess Club

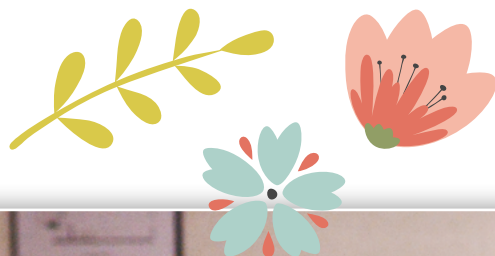
Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions. Preregistration required.

Main Sewing Club

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sewing Club

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



Avon Branch

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

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Hours subject to change

April

Saturday, April 1 through Saturday, April 29;
regular library hours

Friends Of The Avon Library Student Art Show

Come to the art show featuring works by local student artists. The art will be on display April 1 through April 29 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on April 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The art show is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Saturday, April 1; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

April Fool's Day Fun!

Do you like jokes or pranks? Then this event is for you! Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join us for an afternoon filled with jokes and riddles, games, pranks and more. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 3; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting

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

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

Friends Of The Avon Library Student Art Show Reception

The reception for the April art show featuring local student artists is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 8; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Utilitarian Origami With James W. Peake

Learn to fold fun and functional origami models to use at home or in the office. We will also cover a few models that are great for giving presents, such as a fancy gift box and a clever letter-fold. No prior experience required! All materials provided. Ages 9 to adult. Students ages 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Art For Kids - Georgia O'Keeffe

An art program for children in preschool through fifth grade, based on the art of Georgia O'Keeffe. Learn about the artist, and listen to the book *Through Georgia's Eyes* by Rachel Victoria Rodriguez before creating watercolor paintings of flowers close-up in the style of O'Keeffe. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 11; 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, April 12; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! We'll enjoy some anime, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Rescue Challenge

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families create a rescue device. Retrieve cargo from the bottom of a "cliff" and win a prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

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

Monday, April 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Art For Kids - Henri Matisse

An art program for children in preschool through fifth grade, based on the art of Henri Matisse. Learn about the artist and listen to the book, *The Iridesence of Birds* by Patricia MacLachlan before creating a cut-paper collage in the style of Matisse. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 25; 7 p.m.

Home Brewed Beer How-To

Our local friends at the Avon Brewing Company are sharing their how-to instructions on making great home brewed beer! Learn about equipment and supplies you need to get started and tips for success. No tasting here, but their staff has invited participants to go on a tour of their facility once the program is over! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Aviation Night

Learn about the exciting world of aviation from the Discover Aviation Center. Try a flight simulator and learn about careers in aviation. For third grade and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

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

May

Monday, May 1; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Best Of One Tank Trips

Take a one tank trip down memory lane with Neil Zurcher as he shares his favorite adventures as a travel reporter on television. Neil has logged more than a million miles on Ohio's roads during his 35 years doing One Tank Trips! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 3; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Meet Andrew Bajda: Captured In Liberation

Captured in Liberation by Andrew Bajda, is a spellbinding story set in Europe during WWII that captures the power of freedom and the enduring strength of family. Listen as Bajda shares this true story of his own family history and the travels of discovery involved in writing the book. The author will have copies of his book available for purchase after the program. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Balloon Car

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families build a balloon car from everyday objects! Send your car the farthest using wind power and win a prize. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 6; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Gardening For Kids

Children and adults are welcome to come and grow together as we learn about gardening with special guests from the Avon Garden Club. Enjoy stories, activities, and opportunities to get your hands dirty! Perfect for families with children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 9; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Community Teen Volunteer Night

Teens, find out where you can volunteer this summer! Sixth-graders and up and their parents can hear details from various organizations in Avon and Lorain County including our Avon Branch Library Teen Volunteer Group. Mini presentations will be followed by the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a group you may be interested in.

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

Art Play Date

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents, join us for an art play date at the library! Kids will have fun and learn while exploring sensory art materials. We will read a story related to the art project. Bringing a smock or wearing "messy" clothing is recommended. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 16; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Catapult

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families build a catapult from everyday objects! Send a marble flying the farthest and win a grand prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 17; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

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Saturday, May 20; 11 a.m. - noon

Senior Reading Buddies

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies—what more could a child want? Local seniors will read to your little ones or listen to young readers read to them. So bring your children in for this cozy morning program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Avon Story Times

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

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

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Music Makers

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

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Baby Bounce And Rhyme Story Time

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

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Toddler Tales Story Time

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



Avon Book Discussions

Tuesday, April 25; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - A Man Called Ove By Fredrik Backman

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



Wednesday, May 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cupcake And A Book

Mothers and daughters join us for an evening of delicious fun! We will be discussing a cupcake-themed chapter book and decorating cupcakes. Books will be available for pick up at the library beginning April 19th. Perfect for families with children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 23; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Small Great Things By Jodi Picoult

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



Avon Computer Programs

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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, April 29; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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

Mobile Photography

Bring your smartphone or iPad and learn some mobile photography skills to make your photos stand out. We will go over the best free apps to get you started and demonstrate the process of editing a photo including fun techniques like adding texture, filters and text. Instructor will demonstrate on an iPad and have time for individual questions at the end. Preregistration required.

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April

Tuesday, April 4; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5; noon - 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 6; noon - 7 p.m.
Friday, April 7; noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 8; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. This is the last day of the book sale. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Saturday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent each.

Book Sale

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more. Friday only - \$3 a bag, \$5 a box.

Monday, April 10; 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. Preregistration required.

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

Basic Essential Oils

Come and learn safe, natural alternatives to maintaining wellness using essential oils. Terri Kistler will teach you about six of the most common oils and four oil blends that you NEED in your home. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 12; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner Party On The Titanic

Join us for a fun and informative evening as we celebrate National Library Week and honor the 105th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic (April 15, 1912.) We'll be enjoying tea and a dinner reminiscent of what passengers would have enjoyed onboard, a historical presentation and a trivia contest. It will surely be a night to remember. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 15; 11 a.m. - noon

Little Artists - Piet Mondrian

Our little artists will look at the works of Dutch painter Piet Mondrian and then create their own Mondrian-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 17; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tea & Talk

Adults, join us for a new monthly afternoon tea and socializing event. We'll be focusing on discussing Masterpiece Theater programs such as *Downton Abbey*, *Poldark*, *Sherlock* and more, but feel free to come for the light refreshments and general banter as well! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 18; 6 p.m.

The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

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

Wednesday, April 19; 5 p.m.

Family Pizza And Movie Night

Bring the whole family to enjoy dinner and a family friendly hit movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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

Book Page Crafts

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Friday, April 21; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Club

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

Wednesday, April 26; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Anime Fun

If you love anime, come join us for our anime event! We'll enjoy some anime, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through twelve. Preregistration required.

Friday, April 28; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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

Saturday, April 29; 11 a.m. - noon

Teen Writing Group

Join other teens who are interested in writing to discuss, write and constructively and kindly critique each other's work. For grades 7 to 12.

May

Thursday, May 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Columbia Writers

Have you ever wanted 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.

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Tuesday, May 9; 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Chopped

Teens, are you a fan of the Food Network's *Chopped*? Then put on your apron and join us for our first ever *Chopped* event. Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, teens will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specified course. Join us for this fun, tasty event. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 10; 5 p.m.

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Saturday, May 13; 11 a.m. - noon

Little Artists - Georgia O'Keeffe

Our little artists will learn about American artist Georgia O'Keeffe and then create their own piece of art inspired by O'Keeffe. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 17; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Painting With A Plot

Adults and teens, come to the library for inspiration to make an original artwork. Create a painting based on a poem or short story read by our staff. You are welcome to bring your own art supplies or use what we have, including basic acrylic paints, paintbrushes and canvas paper. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Columbia Computer Programs

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Saturday, April 22; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Word 2016 For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2016 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

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

PowerPoint 2016 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.

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Tuesday, May 16; 6 p.m.

Using Microsoft Word And Excel To Enhance Your Genealogy

Learn to add pictures, change fonts, insert tables and more that will help you to write the story of your ancestors. Now you can write that book and add the pictures! Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 20; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Manage Photos From Cloud

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

Columbia Exercise

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

May 6, 13, 20, 27; 11 a.m.

Booking It For Fitness Walking Club

Our walking club meets weekly at the library. We'll provide you with a water bottle and then we'll walk along the beautiful adjacent trail in the Columbia Township Park. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Columbia Book Discussions

Monday, April 24; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion -

A Man Called Ove By Fredrik Backman

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

Tuesday, April 25; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion -

A Monster Calls By Patrick Ness

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, April 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - *Making Artisan Cheesecake: Expert Techniques For Creating Your Own Creative And Classic Recipes By Melanie R. Underwood*

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, May 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion -

The Nest By Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

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

Monday, May 22; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion -

Evicted: Poverty And Profit In The American City By Matthew Desmond

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

Tuesday, May 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - *The Absolutely True Diary Of A Part-Time Indian By Sherman Alexie*

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, May 25; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - *Cooks County Eats Local: 150 Regional Recipes You Should Be Making No Matter Where You Live By America's Test Kitchen*

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.

Columbia Story Times

Mondays, April 10, 17, 24; May 8, 15, 22;

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

Family Story Time

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

Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25; May 9, 16, 23;

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

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

Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25; May 9, 16, 23;

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

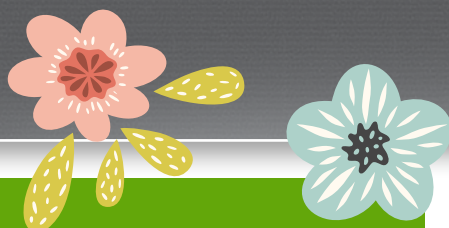
Toddler Story Time

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

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April

Wednesday, April 5; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Balloon Twisting 101 - The Series

Patrons of all ages, come to a colorful and fun balloon-twisting event! In this two-part series, join local owner of Exclusive Balloons, Sheila Kopic, as she teaches the art of balloon-twisting. In the first session, learn balloon basics, such as twists, knots, and safety, and a brief history. Then learn how to make basic animal shapes! In the second session, build on the basic balloon skills with more challenging balloon animals and balloon flowers! Before you attend, prior knowledge of balloon knotting is highly recommended. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 6; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Video Game Night

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

Friday, April 7; 4:30 p.m.

Community Crochet And Knit Group

Adults are invited to join this friendly community group to share your crochet and knit time and your expertise. Bring your own project or help with a community endeavor. Exchange of knitting and crochet knowledge is highly encouraged! Some materials will be available for everyone but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Join the fun!

Monday, April 10; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Libraries Transform - Into A Sock Hop Bonanza!

Patrons of all ages! Come to the library to celebrate National Library Week with a real rock 'n' roll treat! Enjoy classic games, cool cat music, and delectable malt shoppe-worthy treats. There will also be a dance contest, so be prepared to show off your hippest moves. If you are really feeling the groove, you can donate a new pair of socks! All donations will go to a local community charity. Preregistration required.

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

Family Fun Night - Hoppy Spring, Everybunny!

What better way to celebrate spring than with some of our favorite furry characters? School-aged children and their families are invited to explore popular rabbit characters in film and literature through stories, games, crafts and more! Preregistration required.

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

Domonkas Master Minds - Trivia Night

Adults and teens, are you ready to drop some knowledge? Then come to the library for our trivia night, as we gather into teams to participate in a battle of wits. Create a team of four, and together, flex that gray matter on a variety of topics! Whoever wins this meeting of the minds will receive an awesome prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Great Decisions - Adult Foreign Policy Discussion

"Great Decisions" is a program developed by the Foreign Policy Association to encourage dialogue about issues of global importance such as the United Nations and international migration. Group members gather to discuss a brief article each month using questions following each article. No prior knowledge is required and you may select which discussions you would like to attend. Limited copies of the 2017 Great Decisions book will be available at the library or you may purchase your own copy from the Foreign Policy Association website. Call the Domonkas Library for more information. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, April 26; 6:30 p.m.

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

Teen Bad Art Night

Leave your talent and good taste at home and join us as we make some really ugly art. The library will provide all the supplies; you provide the "badness"! No judgment here! Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Fairy Gardens For Children

Children in kindergarten through 4th grade, along with a parent, are invited to visit the library to make a fairy garden and a fairy for your yard. These gardens are said to draw fairies and good luck to your home. We'll share some special fairy stories and a yummy snack. Preregistration required.

May

Monday, May 1 through Saturday, May 6; regular library hours

Ink It Up With Adult Coloring

Adults, visit the library for relaxing, stress-free adult coloring any time during the week. Not only is it beneficial as a meditative practice, but you'll have a lovely art piece to take home! The library will supply the ink and paper, just bring yourself and your imagination!

Wednesday, May 3; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A Rogue One - Star Wars Party!

Attention all Jedi, Sith, and Wookies - join the library in celebrating a galaxy far, far away! Enjoy games that will hone your Rebel skills, and help us toast the beloved sci-fi movie franchise! There will also be cantina treats, and a craft even young Padawans can enjoy. This is out-of-this-world fun for the whole family! Feel free to dress as your favorite character. Do not be a scruffy nerf herder; register today! Preregistration required.

Domonkas Computer Program

Individual Technology Help

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



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

Flower Powered Adult Mother's Day Craft

Patrons come to the library to create a lovely bouquet of crafts for the special maternal figure in your life! Mother's Day is around the corner, so celebrate that special person with a flower powered gift. Be sure to register early for this blooming event! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 9; 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 always welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale.

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

Teen Minute To Win It

Are you an expert at games? Join us to take part in this fun and challenging competition. Participants have to complete a series of 60-second challenges using common household objects. You have a minute to win it! Preregistration required.

Monday, May 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A Harmonious Tea Ceremony - Adult Tea

Adults, visit the library for a beautiful tea celebration! We will discover the Way of Tea, a Japanese tea ceremony, and the history of tea culture in the Eastern Hemisphere. Indulge in treats inspired by the ceremony and sip a variety of delicious teas. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, May 24; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Domonkas Friends Book Sale Preview

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

Wednesday, May 24; 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 25; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, May 26; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Domonkas Friends Book Sale

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Monday, May 29

Closed For Observance Of Memorial Day

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Tuesday, May 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Crazy For Cartoons

Children ages 4 through 10 will enjoy learning about different types of animation and the history of cartoons through hands-on activities and interactive storytelling. They will explore popular characters and learn how to draw a few of their own. If you are crazy about cartoons, this is the family program for you! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 31; 6:30 p.m.

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Domonkas Book Discussions

Tuesday, April 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Cookbook Discussion

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

Monday, April 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, May 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

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

Domonkas Story Times



Mondays; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

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

April 3 - All About Mud

April 10 - Learn About Eggs

April 24 - Caterpillars And Butterflies

May 1 - Mother Goose

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Fun With Hats



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North Ridgeville Branch

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M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September

April

Saturday, April 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Browser's Reading 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. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to preregister.

Monday, April 3; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. General Membership Meeting

General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale and other fundraisers.

Wednesday, April 5; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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Wednesday, April 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Transforming Origami

Origami fanatics from second through sixth-graders are invited to the library to learn how to fold moveable origami models. All paper and instructions will be provided. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 8; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Craft Closet

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! Ages 2 and up may drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last.

Thursday, April 13; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

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

Friday, April 14; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Little Learners

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

Saturday, April 15; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Zentangle®

Zentangle® is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing. It increases focus, creativity, provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well-being. Adults and families are invited to join Cathy Zavodny and Michelle Rodgers to learn the philosophy behind the process and create a tile of your own to take with you. No previous art or drawing experience is required. This National Library Week program is sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Sunday, April 16

Closed In Observance Of The Easter Holiday

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Tuesday, April 18; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Upcycle Book Craft For Adults

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

Wednesday, April 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LEGO® Math Madness

Kindergartners through fifth-graders will learn how to use LEGO®s to play math games, solve math problems and build math graphs. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 25; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and Playstation®4 on the big screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 27; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Book Sale Preview

The 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. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Friday, April 28; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30; 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Book Sale

Open to the public. 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.

May

Wednesday, May 3; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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

Saturday, May 6; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Browser's Reading 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. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to preregister.

Saturday, May 6; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mom And Me Afternoon Tea

Join us to celebrate Mother's Day at our annual Mother's Day tea party. Enjoy tea, juice and a light snack while we play games and make crafts—all while making memories with the ones we love. Mothers, grandmothers and caregivers with those 3 years of age and older are welcome. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required for all attending—children and caregivers.

Wednesday, May 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Gardening For Kids

Plant some seeds of inspiration in your child! Three-year-olds and older can come to the library with their caregivers to learn how to plant a garden, how to weed it, what tools to use, and what conditions are best for growing vegetables and flowers. Soil, seeds and small planters will be provided. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 11; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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North Ridgeville Writers

Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; 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.

Friday, May 12; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 16; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 20; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Craft Closet

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Tuesday, May 23; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 29

Closed For Observance Of Memorial Day

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North Ridgeville Computer Programs

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

Downloading eBooks, Audiobooks And Other eMedia

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

Wednesday, April 26; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tech Tips

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

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

Downloading eBooks, Audiobooks And Other eMedia

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

Word 2016 For Beginners

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

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

Word 2016 For Beginners

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

Wednesday, May 31; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tech Tips

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



North Ridgeville Story Times

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Baby And Me Story Time

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 23 months old along with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Tales For Twos Story Time

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

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Story Time

A fun 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, songs and crafts. Preregistration required.

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Prime Time Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2 to 6-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, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23; 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, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 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.



North Ridgeville Book Discussions

Wednesday, April 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3; 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 members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 12; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - Me Before You By Jojo Moyes

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

Wednesday, April 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - Get Real By Donald E. Westlake

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

Tuesday, April 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Afternoon Adult 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 members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 10; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Children Act By Ian McEwan

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

Wednesday, May 17; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - Personal By Lee Child

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



South Lorain Branch

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

* Closed Sundays from May through September

Hours subject to change

South Lorain Writers Group

Thursdays, April 6, 20; May 4, 18; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Writers Group

Do you write fiction or would you like to start? Join our fiction writing group and fine-tune your skills! This group is for adults only. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Chess Club

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 4 p.m.

South Lorain Chess Club

Open play chess sessions are for all ages and levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for people to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game.

Family Fun Times

Monday, April 3; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

PoetTREE In The Library

Families and kids of all ages, explore the fantastic world of poetry. Try blackout poetry, book spine poetry, and create a haiku leaf to decorate our poetTREE. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Easter EGGstravaganza

Families and kids of all ages, join us to decorate a cookie egg, make an Easter craft, and go hunting for eggs. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Painting With Crayons

Have you ever painted with crayons? Families and kids of all ages, join us to let your imagination free and make a colorful batik art piece. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Candy Art - Edible Mosaics

Families and kids of all ages, join us for this sweet activity making edible art mosaics out of candy. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Book Commercials

Families and kids of all ages, grab your favorite book and join us to act out your own book commercial in front of the camera. Then stay for a screening of all the commercials. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Exercise Programs

Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 6 p.m.

Move To The Groove - Aerobic Dance Workout

This class taught by Norene Bohannon Brown combines popular music with dance and aerobics for a moderate cardio workout. Wear appropriate clothing. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Book Discussions

Tuesday, April 18; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - The High Mountains Of Portugal By Yann Martel

Filled with tenderness, humor, and endless surprise, Martel takes the reader on a road trip through Portugal in search of an extraordinary artifact that will redefine history. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.

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

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - The Shadow Of The Wind By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Daniel Sempere is 10 years old when he discovers the novel, *The Shadow of the Wind* by Julian Carax. The novel is rare and the author is obscure. As Daniel seeks to uncover information about this relatively unknown author, frightening parallels between his own life and Carax's begin to emerge. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join our discussion.



April

Wednesday, April 5; 6 p.m.

Introduction To Meditation

Do you live in a fast-paced, stressful environment? Come see how meditation can help you achieve peace, joy and clarity in your life. Join instructor Mesha Moor for this session. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you'd like to meditate on the floor, please bring your own pillow, blanket or mat. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 11; 6 p.m.

Beautiful World Of Birds

Debbie Mohr of the Black River Audubon Society will be here to explain how to attract beautiful birds to your backyard. She will also teach bird-watching basics, go over upcoming Audubon Society spring and summer events, and answer all of your birding questions. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 13; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Adult Paint Night

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

Sunday, April 16

Closed In Observance Of The Easter Holiday

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Tuesday, April 25; 6:30 p.m.

DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101 - What Makes Film Art?

Let's watch and talk about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 1; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

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

Saturday, April 8; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 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, April 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

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

Saturday, April 22; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Technology Help

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

May

Monday, May 1; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dinosaur Mini Golf

Families and kids of all ages, come have a "dino-mite" time with dinosaur-themed mini golf. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 6; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

K-9 Cabaret

Find the perfect family dog and learn the keys to responsible pet ownership when the Lorain County Kennel Club brings their furry friends to the library. Not only will you be able to interact with the dogs, but the Kennel Club representatives will discuss purebred vs. mixed breeds, rescue dogs, when to spay or neuter, training, grooming, as well as answer all of your questions. And did I mention they are going to bring dogs! Preregistration required.

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

Mommy & Me "Tea" Party

Families and kids of all ages, dress up and join us as we celebrate moms at this fancy "tea" party. We will serve light refreshments and make a special card. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, May 9; 6 p.m.

Building Living Walls And Vertical Succulent Gardens

In this demonstrative program learn about the new products available to create living walls, the different types of plant walls, and watch us create a vertical garden of succulents using ordinary household material. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 15; 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Families and kids of all ages, get ready to put your hair up at a special showing of *Trolls*. Bottled beverages and snacks permitted.

Tuesday, May 23; 6:30 p.m.

DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101 - What Makes Film Art?

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Monday, May 29

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Friday, May 5; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

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

Saturday, May 20; 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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Individual Technology Help

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5 Reasons To Join A Writing Group



We know that there are a lot of writers and aspiring writers out there. Many of you have great stories brewing in your mind, and are just looking for the guidance and inspiration to capture them in words. Others may have complete novels or other creative work and are looking for help with editing and publishing. There's no reason to be a lone wolf and figure everything out on your own. Here are five reasons why joining a writing group is a good idea.

1

Inspiration

It's possible that your writing career is just a dream at the moment or that your busy life doesn't allow the time to put pen to paper. Attending meetings with fellow writers will allow blocks of time for you to concentrate on nothing but writing. As many groups have writing exercises built into the meetings, it will allow uninterrupted time for you to write and get the creative juices stirring.

2

Feedback

If you are not sharing your work with others, it's sometimes impossible to know how your writing will be received by the general public. Often, we get so immersed in our own stories that we may miss simple mistakes, inconsistencies or wording that causes confusion. Other writers will catch this during critique sessions.

3

Support & Guidance

Ever suffer from writer's block or get stuck in your writing? Having a trusted group of writers to bounce ideas off of or provide encouragement can be really helpful. Sometimes attending a meeting and just talking through your writing problems will give you the energy and inspiration needed to get past that hurdle.

4

Introduction to Resources & Opportunities

Networking with other writers will likely lead to even more opportunities to improve or share your writing. Leaders or other members may share books, websites or magazines with tips about writing, getting published or finding an agent. Your fellow writers may also let you know about local writing workshops and writing contests.

5

Friendship

The best part of joining a writing group is connecting with like-minded people who share the same passion for words that you do. Besides sharing tips and advice, you'll soon find yourself sharing laughter, tears and memorable moments with other writers as well.



Our Columbia Branch Librarian Supervisor Susan Spivey, the author of this article, has been leading the Columbia Writers group since 2014.

Our Writing Groups

Are you convinced? If you'd like to check out a local writing group, you'll find great groups in our libraries. Most meet monthly.

Avon Branch — Writers Group

Wednesdays, April 19 & May 24; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Columbia Branch — Teen Writing Group

Saturdays, April 29 & May 27; 11 a.m. to noon

Columbia Branch — Columbia Writers

Thursday, May 4; 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Domonkas Branch — The Lakeview Pen

Wednesdays, April 26 & May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch — North Ridgeville Writers

Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29 & May 13, 27; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

South Lorain Branch — Writers Group

Thursdays, April 6, 20 & May 4, 18; 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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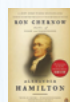
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F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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.;
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