

January-March 2017

Lorain Public Library! Dimensions

Meet Our New Director

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz became the new director of the Lorain Public Library System in the fall.

She comes from the Cleveland Public Library where she worked since 2004, first as a librarian to her latest position as director of strategy and innovation.

Vision

Anastasia believes effective libraries have four qualities:

- They are highly intertwined with and responsive to their communities.
- They promote learning.
- They constantly innovate by seeking staff and user input.
- They provide positive, human-to-human library experiences.

She plans to use these concepts to lead the Lorain Public Library System into the future.

Community

Anastasia is very eager to get to know our local communities. She says their diversity is promising for the system and is also what attracted her to this position.

"Lorain Public Library System serves everything from rural to urban communities. That's exciting. There's so much opportunity."

She wants to learn all about the library's current partnerships and involvement in the local communities, and take it further. She's enthusiastic about celebrating the local cultures and history at the library.

Learning

Lorain Public Library System's commitment to lifelong learning also appealed to Anastasia.

"The same way people think about libraries for story times and childhood literacy, I'd like for the community to see the library as a place for skill building and adult literacy – whether that's computer, financial, job searching or other skills."

Anastasia wants the public to continue to see our library system as a valuable, educational place for everyone.

Memories

As a first-grader, she loved to read and visit the Rockport Branch of the Cleveland Public Library with her parents and younger brother. She still fondly remembers the librarian who motivated her to read at a higher level – to tackle third-grader books.

"It was that idea that this person is invested in my future. That she recognized that I wanted to learn more."

Now she wants to provide those same positive library experiences for other children, teens, adults – for everyone who visits the library. She said those positive experiences are transformative.

"You're never going to connect with someone unless you connect with them emotionally. When people visit the library, that should always be our goal – to make it positive for them."

Check Us Out From Home

What's Inside:

- Get To Know Our New Director
- Educational Videos On Demand
- Our Top Seven Writing Tips
- New Library Card For Online Materials



Welcome Aboard, Anastasia!

Learn more about Anastasia's life outside of the library on the next page.



Dazzle your mind!

For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org



Fun Facts About Our New Director

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz is a proud soccer mom.

She and her husband, Emilio, have a 9-year-old daughter named Clementine.

Reading to her daughter is one of her favorite pastimes.

They've read the *How to Train Your Dragon* series and she can't wait to read the *Harry Potter* series with her.

She prefers to read physical books over eBooks.

"There's just so much distraction when you're on many devices. With a printed book, you can get lost in it much easier." She also said there's one thing we can be certain of: Printed books will always be around! "That's a future we can all bet on. There'll still be printed books."

Her four-legged furry friends include two cats and a rescue dog.

Currently living in Lakewood, she's looking forward to listening to audiobooks on her commute to work.

She volunteered in AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) in Seattle.

Anastasia hasn't bought jam in about three years.

Why? Because she makes her own! Favorite foods? Cheese, ice cream – all dairy really.

Her favorite sports teams include the Cleveland Cavs.

She's in tune.

She used to play the saxophone, bassoon and piano. Now her daughter is learning the piano.



Watch Educational Videos On Demand

Learn to bake with Julia Child, see the best of Europe with Rick Steves, work out with Jeanette Jenkins, and enjoy the *Frank Sinatra Show* with Bing Crosby and Dean Martin!

Lorain Public Library System is now offering Access Video where you can watch thousands of streaming documentaries, classic and indie films, and educational videos, on a variety of topics such as travel, health, business, science, math, arts, technology, world languages and careers.

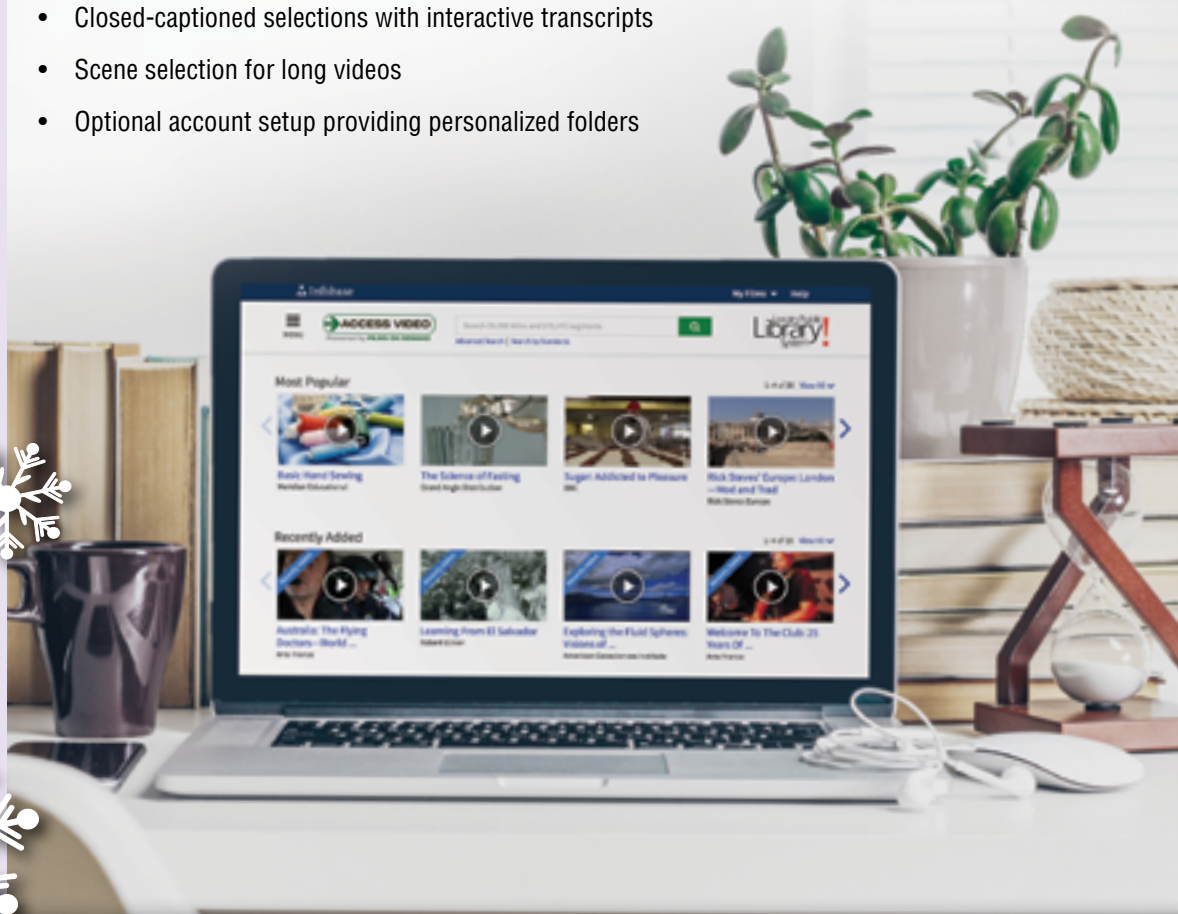
Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org and click on **eLibrary** to find **Access Video**.

With over 25,000 titles and more being added every month, you can learn about America's ice age, Earth's most deadly creatures and their venom, the history of language, basic sewing techniques, and how to take stunning photos. Watch a documentary on how and why we reached epidemic levels of diabetes, obesity and even sugar addiction. See a debate on genetically modified food. Even enjoy indie films.

Access these videos inside the library or remotely from any location with internet access, anytime you choose!

Access Video Features

- Over 25,000 videos, including documentaries, classic and indie films, and instructional clips
- Unlimited, simultaneous, 24/7 on demand access inside our libraries or off site
- Closed-captioned selections with interactive transcripts
- Scene selection for long videos
- Optional account setup providing personalized folders



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

Monday, January 2

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 2. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Tuesday, January 10; noon - 1:30 p.m.

Healthy Weight Loss For A New Year

Come view a variety of documentary films that share recent nutritional research findings about healthy ways to lose weight. Learn about low carbohydrate eating plans. Discover why when you eat is as important as what you eat. Find out why the low fat, high carbohydrate eating plans from previous decades have not worked and have actually led to high obesity rates and an epidemic of Type 2 diabetes around the world. Be informed about the real food movement that teaches about the hazards of the standard American diet (SAD) and its reliance on processed foods. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 5 p.m.

Tween Tuesdays

Introducing Tween Tuesdays! Join us for fun, gross experiments, as well as games and activities that will make you laugh, squeal and squirm while you learn something new. For all curious children ages 8 to 12. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 12; 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, January 13; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 14; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, January 16; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17; 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.

Tuesday, January 17; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pokémon Hunt

Do you love Pokémon? Then join us at the library for our first ever Pokémon party and scavenger hunt! After games and snacks, we'll search the library for your favorite Pokémon pals. Gotta catch 'em all - they're everywhere! Ages 8-18. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

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Tuesday, January 24; noon - 1:30 p.m.

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Anime And Manga Club

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Wednesday, January 25; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Night

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February

Wednesday, February 1; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Parachute Play

Join us for a high-energy, fun-filled evening of movement, activities and songs using our big, colorful parachute! This program is for children ages 3 to 6 with a caregiver. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 4; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Let's Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language

Do you want to practice your English-speaking skills? Do you want a class that does not cost money? Do you want a class with no homework? If this sounds like what you are looking for, then this is the class for you. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 4; 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Three Bodacious Women

Three Bodacious Women is a readers theater written and compiled by Joanne N. Eldridge that captures the essence of three bodacious ladies – Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Shirley Chisholm – who were instrumental in the civil rights movement. It is an interactive presentation with singing and thought-provoking dialogue. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 7; 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 8; 6 p.m. - 6:45 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.

Tuesday, February 14; noon - 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 15; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Coloring For Adults

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

Thursday, February 16; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Batman Night

Follow the Bat-Signal and join us for an evening of simple crafts and activities to celebrate our favorite LEGO® superhero! For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, February 22; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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Saturday, February 25; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carnival Day At The Library

It's carnival day at the library! Bring the whole family for a day of carnival games, crafts and prizes! Snacks will be provided throughout the day, and community partners will be available to provide health care and educational information, as well as sign-ups for county services. Sponsored by the Bold Beginning Community Engagement Pilot.

Tuesday, February 28; noon - 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 8; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

Join us for a visit with Outback Ray and his amazing exotic animals. Be ready for an interactive, educational and exciting time! This program is for families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Chess Club

Saturdays, January 7, 21; February 4, 18; March 4, 18; 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.

Yarn Club

Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; 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.

Sewing Club

Tuesdays, January 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; 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.



Book Discussions

Thursday, January 19; 1 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - American Heiress: The Wild Saga Of The Kidnapping, Crimes And Trial Of Patty Hearst By Jeffrey Toobin

Come discuss the outrageous events surrounding the abduction and subsequent crime spree of American heiress Patty Hearst. Based on hundreds of interviews and previously unreleased documents, Toobin chronicles the weird and astonishing trajectory of one of the '70s most shocking and scandalous stories. Preregistration required.



Thursday, February 16; 1 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - The Woman In Cabin 10 By Ruth Ware

A journalist traveling alone on an exclusive luxury cruise ship witnesses what she thinks is the body of a woman being thrown overboard. Stuck and alone in the middle of the ocean, she is desperate to prove what she saw. *The Woman in Cabin 10* is a twisty thrill ride reminiscent of Agatha Christie's most spine-tingling mysteries. Preregistration required.



Thursday, March 16; 1 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - The Underground Railroad By Colson Whitehead

In Whitehead's incredible tour de force, the Underground Railroad is no metaphor, but an iron reality complete with actual train cars and underground stations and tracks. *The Underground Railroad* chronicles a young slave named Cora's desperate state-by-state flight as she makes the ultimate bid for freedom. Preregistration required.



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My Little Pony® Night

Families with children of all ages, join us for an evening of simple crafts and activities celebrating My Little Pony®! Preregistration required.

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Saturday, March 18; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Baby Boomer's Guide To A Rockin' & Rollin' Retirement

In his book, *The Baby Boomer's Guide to a Rockin' & Rollin' Retirement*, veteran financial advisor Danny Smith takes a look at what baby boomers need to consider when planning for a fulfilling and possibly very long retirement. For boomers, the sense of adventure is high, the opportunities are endless and life expectancy is longer than ever. All of these elements combined leave a lot for which to carefully plan. In this entertaining presentation, Danny uses the lyrics of classic rock songs, we all know and love, to talk about where to start when planning for your retirement. This generation is different than any that has retired before. It's time to rethink retirement so you can keep rockin'! Danny Smith has been a financial professional with Mutual of Omaha for over 35 years and is the president of Daniels Financial Group in Sheffield Village. His book will be available for purchase after the presentation. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, March 22; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Fairy Enchantment

Families with children of all ages, fly in for an evening of simple fairy-themed crafts and activities! Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, March 29; noon - 1:30 p.m.

The Underground Railroad - The Lorain County Connection

Come to this free, narrated slide program to learn about the Underground Railroad. Ohioans and Lorain County citizens played a vital role in the struggle against slavery in the years before the Civil War. More than 150 years ago on Sept. 13, 1858, the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of a kidnapped runaway slave helped inflame the northern part of our country against slavery. Learn why Nat Brandt called his book about that event *The Town That Started the Civil War*. Preregistration required.

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Computer Programs

Friday, January 6; 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.

Friday, January 13; 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.

Friday, January 20; 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, January 21; 11 a.m. - 1 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 27; 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, January 28; 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.

Monday, January 30; 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.

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Friday, February 17; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

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Saturday, February 25; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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Job Help

Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30;

February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27;

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.

Exercise Programs

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27;

February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Basic Yoga

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

Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30;

February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27;

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.

Story Times

Mondays, January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27;

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

Mondays, March 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24;

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

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Tuesdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25;

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.

Avon Branch

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

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Thursday, January 5; 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.

Wednesday, January 11; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Oaks

Avon Oaks, 37800 French Creek Road, Avon
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 to Avon Oaks for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 12; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Playdate At The Library

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

Saturdays, January 14, 28; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Learn To Crochet

Learn to crochet starting from the very basics. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. We will provide yarn, but you can bring your own if preferred. Volunteers wishing to share their skills should call the library for more information. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Painting With A Plot

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Tuesday, January 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Gotta Catch 'Em All! - Pokémon At The Library

Catch 'em all at the library! Pokémon Trainers, head on over to your favorite PokéStop for Pokémon-themed games, crafts, snacks and more. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 18; 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 watching, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 21; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

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Tuesday, January 24; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Homemade Yeast Bread And Flavored Butters

This is a basic class that will cover yeast, different kinds of flour, bread machines and flavored butters. Everyone will get a chance to taste three great breads that are foolproof and easy to make along with yummy flavored butters. Plenty of recipes and tips for the beginning or advanced baker. Preregistration required.

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

Writers Group

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Thursday, January 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

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Saturday, January 28; 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.

Monday, January 30; 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.

February

Saturday, February 4; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Coffee Discovery

We're breaking down some coffee basics in this session presented by Cleveland based and owned Rising Star Coffee Roasters. Learn about coffee history, different types, growth and harvesting, processing methods, roasting, grinding and brewing basics, and tasting. Best of all, two coffees will be prepared for you to sample and test your palate! Preregistration required.

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

Local Author Night

Attend this special evening celebrating the work of local authors. Authors will be available throughout the evening to talk one-on-one about their writing subjects, and writing and publishing experience. Take advantage of this chance to gain inspiration and wisdom for your own writing project. Most authors will have books available for signing and purchase as well. Authors interested in participating should call the library. The event is open to the public.

Saturday, February 11; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Teen Chocolate Extravaganza

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 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Book Page Art

Spend a fun evening at the library making beautiful creations using pages from old books. All supplies are provided. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 14; 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, February 15; 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 watching, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 16; 5 p.m.

Board Of Trustees Meeting

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

Saturday, February 18; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Monday, February 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sensory Art Studio

Join us in our art studio designed for children with special needs, ages 7 through 12, where we will focus on sensory materials and make art in a relaxed and supportive environment. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

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Thursday, February 23; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

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Saturday, February 25; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

I Love Candy! - A Candy Land® Party

Families of all ages are invited to play a giant version of Candy Land®, win candy prizes and make crafts. A perfect party for a sweet tooth! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 27 through Saturday, March 4; regular library hours

The Seuss-ebration - An All Week 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 during his birthday week. What better way to let loose and be merry, than to celebrate Seuss down at the library? There will be crafts and activities to stop in and do, and we'll keep them out all week just for you! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Painting With A Plot

Families with school-age children, join us for an evening of inspiration and creativity. In celebration of Black History Month, listen to a reading of a children's poem by an African-American author and create an inspired painting. You are welcome to bring your own art supplies or use what we have, including basic acrylic paints, paintbrushes and canvas paper. Paper and tempera paint will be provided for children. Preregistration required.

March

Wednesday, March 1 through Friday,

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. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 2 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 2; 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.

Saturday, March 4; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Puppy Pals Story Time

Volunteers from Therapy Dogs International along with their animals will 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.

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

Coding With Scratch

Kids in third through sixth grade and a parent can have fun learning basic coding skills as a creative team. We will use MIT's Scratch website to learn basic building blocks for computer design and get you started making interactive stories, games and animations. Parent does not need to register, just attend with your child. Preregistration required.

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

Coding With Pizza

Pizza is key at this free hands-on workshop presented by the Avon High School Tech Club. Seventh through 12th-graders, learn the basics of Python programming based on ordering pizza. Write your own code and discover resources that will help you continue developing your skills. Learning will be followed by pizza eating! Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 9; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Saturday, March 11; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Sale And Preview

The book sale preview will run from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Admission to the preview sale is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview, and run 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.

Monday, March 13; 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dementia Care Training

This free program presented by the Alzheimer's Association is for both family and professional caregivers who provide care to those with dementia-related diseases. It provides an overview of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, teaches effective communication techniques, gives ideas on how to engage those with cognitive problems, and provides strategies for managing challenging behavior. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, March 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Be Our Guest -

A Beauty And The Beast Tea Party

Celebrate the release of the new movie and be our guest at a *Beauty and the Beast* tea party! Pre-K and school-age children, bring a grown-up to a party in our fairy-tale castle. Make an enchanted rose, play magical games and snack on scrumptious tea party treats. Don't forget to arrive dressed in your finest party clothes. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Intro To Beekeeping

Join us for an introduction to beekeeping as a local beekeeper shares his knowledge about the rewarding hobby and shows what he works with, including a hive and some of the honey he cultivates. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Saturday, March 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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.

Saturday, March 25; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Rainbow Fairies Party

Join us at the library for an afternoon of fairies, flowers and fun! Enjoy fairy-related games, crafts and some light refreshments. Fun fairy dress up is encouraged! Perfect for children ages 3 to 12. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Great Lakes Ladies

Learn about some special ladies. Abigail Becker rescued over four sailors at Long Point, off the north shores of Lake Erie. Fourteen-year-old Maebelle Mason saved a man from drowning by the Mamajuda Island Light in the Detroit River. Harriet Colfax manned the Michigan City Lighthouse for more than 40 years. Come enjoy a presentation by Eden Valley Enterprises.

Wednesday, March 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Computer Programs

Monday, January 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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

Monday, January 16; 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, January 23; 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.

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

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Friday, February 10; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 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.

Saturday, February 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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, March 3; 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.

Monday, March 6; 6 p.m. - 8 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, March 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Story Times

Saturdays, January 7; February 4; March 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sensory Story Time

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

Tuesdays, January 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1

Tuesdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.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.

Tuesdays, January 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Session 1

Tuesdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; 1 p.m. - 1:30 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.

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

Thursdays, March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; 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 must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, January 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 1

Thursdays, March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; 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 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Session 1

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Book Discussions

Wednesday, January 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

An Hour To Kill -

A Mystery Book Discussion

Adults and teens, pick up your copy of a special mystery book, chosen by library staff, and then join us for an exciting discussion. Books will be available starting Dec. 7.

Tuesday, January 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Open Read

Read a book of your choice and come participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to show the group. New members are welcome.

Wednesday, February 1; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Books For Cooks -

A Cookbook Discussion

Join us for an evening of cookbook discussion. Bring a copy of your favorite cookbook and come prepared to tell us all about it. Feel free to bring food samples as well!

Tuesday, February 28; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion -

The Invention Of Wings

By Sue Monk Kidd

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



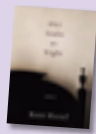
Tuesday, March 28; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion -

Our Souls At Night

By Kent Haruf

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



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January

Monday, January 2

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 2. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Monday, January 9; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Senior Coffee Hour - Tech Help And Tips

We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This month, library staff will be discussing some of the free digital content available through the library website. Also, if you're trying to figure out how to use a device or gadget that you received as a holiday gift, bring it along and we'll help you figure it out. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 11; 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, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Monday, January 16; 2 p.m.

Hot Chocolate And A Movie

Join us for hot chocolate and a family friendly movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Workshop

Teens, improve your writing skills and have fun doing it at our teen writing workshop. Whether you enjoy writing short stories, poems or maybe just need some general writing help, this series is for you. We will also be determining if there is an interest in a regularly meeting writing group for teens. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 18; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Winnie The Pooh Birthday Party

Help us celebrate Winnie the Pooh author A.A. Milne's 135th birthday with a Winnie the Pooh and friends themed birthday party. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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

Book Page Crafts

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

Friday, January 20; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Club

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

Saturday, January 21; 11 a.m. - noon

Little Artists - Pablo Picasso

Our little artists will learn about the art of Pablo Picasso and then create a Picasso-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 25; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

DIY - Glass Bead Candleholder

Teens and adults, join us in crafting a beautiful and easy beaded candleholder. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, January 27; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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

Tuesday, January 31; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Valentine Card Making For Grown-Ups

Nothing says you care more than a handcrafted card. Even if you've never tried it before, you'll find that it's fun and that you can do it. All skill levels are welcome. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

February

Thursday, February 2; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Monday, February 13; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Senior Coffee Hour - Valentine Craft

We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This month, we'll be doing a special Valentine's Day craft and discussing whatever comes to mind! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 15; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Playing Queen Of Hearts

Paint the roses red for the Queen of Hearts and play a fun game of croquet! For children ages 4 through 8. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Little Artists - Alexander Calder

Our little artists will look at the sculptures of Alexander Calder and create their own sculpture to take home. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20; 2 p.m.

Hot Chocolate And A Movie

Join us for hot chocolate and a family friendly movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 21; 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, February 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

DIY - Candy Making

Teens, join us for a fun and delicious evening of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

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Senior Coffee Hour - Trivia Contest

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. Put on your thinking cap, because this month we'll be hosting a special trivia contest. Team up and compete to win small prizes. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 15; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Leaping Leprechauns

Prepare your leprechaun bait and set the traps as we get ready to catch leprechauns. For children ages 4 through 8. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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

Book Page Crafts

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

Friday, March 17; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Club

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

Saturday, March 18; 11 a.m. - noon

Little Artists - Edgar Degas

Our little artists will hear a story about the artist Edgar Degas and create their own Degas-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.



Monday, March 20; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Census Records And The Stories They Tell

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

Tuesday, March 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Workshop

Teens, improve your writing skills and have fun doing it at our teen writing workshop. Whether you enjoy writing short stories, poems or maybe just need some general writing help, this series is for you. We will also be determining if there is an interest in a regularly meeting writing group for teens. Preregistration required.

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

DIY - Paint Chip Bookmark

Teens, join us in making a fun bookmark that is both pretty and useful. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, March 24; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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

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

Spring Floral Arranging

Adults, get an early start on spring by crafting a beautiful floral wreath to bring a little bit of color into your home. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Story Times

*Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31;
February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14;
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, January 10, 17, 24, 31;
February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14;
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.

*Mondays, January 23, 30;
February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13;
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.

Exercise Program

*Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28;
February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; 11 a.m.*

Booking It For Fitness Walking Club

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

Computer Programs

Saturday, January 7; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

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

Saturday, January 14; 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, January 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

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

Saturday, February 4; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Saturday, February 11; 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.

Monday, February 20; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Introduction To Excel II

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

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Saturday, March 11; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

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

Saturday, March 25; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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

Monday, March 27; 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.



Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Light Between Oceans By M.L. Stedman

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.



Thursday, January 26; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - The Best And Lightest: 150 Healthy Recipes For Breakfast, Lunch And Dinner By The Editors Of Food Network Magazine

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, January 23; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Our Souls At Night By Kent Haruf

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



Tuesday, February 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Wonder By Emma Donoghue

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Tuesday, January 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - Salt To The Sea By Ruta Sepetys

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 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Southern Living Soups, Stews And Chilis: Comfort Food In A Bowl By The Editors Of Southern Living Magazine

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, February 27; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Underground Railroad By Colson Whitehead

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



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

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Widow By Fiona Barton

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

Cookbook Discussion - Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done! 189 Quick And Delicious Recipes By Editors Of Real Simple Magazine

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 27; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Woman In Cabin 10 By Ruth Ware

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



Tuesday, March 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - All We Have Left By Wendy Mills

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.



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January

Monday, January 2

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed on New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 2. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Monday, January 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

All About Tarot

Meet local tarot reader Victoria Kempton who will teach the basics of tarot. Gain an understanding of an age-old metaphysical practice, including the messages behind the cards and what to expect during a reading. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to register early as this program is sure to fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 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, January 12; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

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Thursday, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Anime Night

Moshi moshi! Sixth through 12th-graders, join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime. Over the course of the series, we will view a variety of shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shoji or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Preregistration required.

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

Women Of The Civil Rights Movement

In celebration and remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., join the library to learn about the courageous and inspiring women of the civil rights movement! Welcome Joanne Eldridge, former director of the Lorain Public Library System, as she discusses the contributions of women during this important era of American history. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

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

Teen National Popcorn Day

Teens, it's National Popcorn Day and we're going to celebrate by sampling various popcorn treats! We'll also play popcorn-inspired games and watch cartoons. You may even learn some interesting popcorn facts! Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 21; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Maui's Library Luau

School-age children are invited to bring their 'ohana (family) to this special tropical party! Maui, the legendary Polynesian demigod, is a hero to fishermen and sailors, and especially to a young girl from Motunui Island and her pet rooster and pig. We'll ignore the bluster outside to party down in our best island wear. Learn to hula, hone your navigation skills and listen to some music straight out of the South Pacific. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Movie Trivia Night

Calling all cinephiles! Visit the library to test your knowledge of memorable movie lines and scenes during our movie trivia night. Gather a team of friends and flex your gray matter to answer questions about all sorts of films, from classics to cult films, and of course big blockbuster hits! The team who wins will receive a cinematically thrilling prize! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Percy Jackson And The Heroes Of Domonkas

Join us for a special taste of Camp Half-Blood, the camp for demigod children from the world of Percy Jackson and the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan. Learn about the Greek and Roman mythology in the books, try your hand at some of the skills Percy and his friends possess, and use your own demigod skills to create a craft to take home! Percy has assured us that he will provide the blue treats and ambrosia. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen

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

Snow Dog, Go! - Siberian Huskies And Sled Races

Warm up this winter with a Siberian husky! Everyone is invited to welcome the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland who will present the history of sled dog racing, which includes the heroic story of Balto and the Iditarod race. Also learn Balto's local connection to Cleveland. Following the presentation, there will be a meet and greet with a husky, as well as a display of sled dog tools and accessories. Be sure to register early as this event will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

That's Amore - Romantic Movie Night

February is "Love Your Library Month" and we're offering to share some joy by showing a romantic film. View a classic story of love on the big screen - with surround sound! Afterward, create a lovely valentine for that special someone. Be sure to join us for this lighthearted affair to remember. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Pizza Fest

Hey, teens! Come to the library to sample pizza from various pizzerias and help us determine the most flavorful local pizza! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A Sweet Treat - Chocolate Tasting

Adults are invited to visit the library to celebrate a day of chocolate and love. There will be various samples of chocolate confections to try. While tasting, you'll learn about how chocolate is made - from cocoa bean to candy bar! Satisfy your sweet tooth and be sure to register early! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Valentine Celebration

School-age children and their families are invited to listen to stories about all of the different types of love. Children will also enjoy themed activities, games and snacks! Preregistration required.





Thursday, February 16; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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

A Not-So-Unfortunate Event

Children in grades K through five will explore the world of the popular juvenile fiction series A Series of Unfortunate Events. Follow in the footsteps of Lemony Snicket and the Baudelaire children and investigate the mysteries of the library through games, crafts and more! Bring your sleuthing shoes but look out for Count Olaf! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ohio Love Adult Craft

Celebrate your state pride with this unique craft dedicated to Ohio! Using a few simple materials, we will create a lovely string wall hanging that demonstrates your affection for your hometown as well as the Buckeye State! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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Thursday, February 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Board Game And Card Night

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, join us while we break out our collection of board games and playing cards. Go head-to-head with other participants to see who is the gaming master! Have a favorite awesome board game? Feel free to bring it in to share with the group.

March

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

Great Lakes Theater Presents The Jabberwocky

Great Lakes Theater presents *The Jabberwocky*, a play inspired by Lewis Carroll's poem. Meet Dodgson and Steve, two students who are bullied, but team up and journey to Tulgey Wood where they are asked to fight the fearsome Jabberwocky! This story is full of adventure, music and puppets. Following the presentation, enjoy a meet and greet with the cast! Register early for this family friendly story with a good message. Preregistration required.

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

Domonkas Comic-Con

Attention patrons of all ages! Do you have a love of comic books, anime or another geeky fandom? Come to the library where we will celebrate it all with our own mini comic-con! Join in our cosplay contest, eat some nerdy treats and participate in fandom-themed games for excellent prizes! Cosplay encouraged but not required. Preregistration required.

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

Tales Of The Local Side - Stories From Lorain County

Adults, visit the library for a night of interesting and mysterious facts regarding Lorain County. Together we will explore tales of the strange and the unusual, and learn which local legends are actually true! Following the presentation, fans of local history and mystery are encouraged to share any stories of their own. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Pie Time, Excellent! - Pi(e) Day Bake-Off

Patrons of all ages are invited to the library for our third annual Pi Day Bake-Off! Feast on spectacular pie creations that pay tribute to Pi Day, March 14. Then mark your ballot for the best pie of the day. It is numerically irrational, but well-rounded and delicious fun for everyone! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 14; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15; noon - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 16; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, March 17; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Domonkas Friends 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. You'll go mad for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more! Don't miss it!

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

Family Fun Night - Pi Day

It's Pi Day! Here at the library, we love math as much as the next person, but we couldn't pass up this opportunity to celebrate the other kind of pie as well! School-age children and their families are invited to this tasty celebration where we will sample stories about baking, games, a craft and even a yummy pie treat! Preregistration required.

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

Teen St. Paddy's Day Party

Hey, teens! Erin go bragh! Whether you were born Irish or are Irish for the day, come to the library for a dandy time! Wear your favorite green and enjoy an Irish snack, do a round of Irish trivia, and then make a dash for the "pot o' gold" in our St. Paddy's Day scavenger hunt. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

An Irish Hooley

The definition of "hooley" is party or celebration and often, the Irish have a hooley with music and Irish dancing on the day after St. Patrick's Day. Join us to celebrate a fun Irish hooley with stories, music, Irish dancing, crafts and refreshments! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 22; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Grow Your Own Medicinal Herb Garden

Now is the perfect time of year to plan your springtime garden. Visit the library and welcome master herbalist Mary Colvin who will teach the basics of starting a medicinal herb garden. Learn what herbs are best to grow locally and how these herbs can be used medicinally to promote better health. Preregistration required.

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

Teen Button-Making Bash

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, visit the library and learn how to make buttons with our new button machine. Draw your own design, cut a picture from a magazine or use another source - just be creative! They're perfect for your jacket or book bag! Preregistration required.



Exercise Program

Saturdays, January 7, 21;

February 4, 18; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Zumba® Fitness And Fun

Jazz up your mornings by visiting the library for an energetic session of Zumba®! Dance and get fit as we sweat to lively Latin beats. Preregistration required.

Computer Program

Individual Technology Help

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

Story Times

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

Toddler Story Time

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

January 9 - Snow People

January 16 - Safari Dreams

January 23 - Penguins To Polar Bears

January 30 - Groundhog Day

February 13 - Valentine's Day

February 20 - Castles And Dragons

February 27 - Birds In My Backyard

March 6 - Dinosaurs

March 13 - Green Is Great

March 20 - Tales Of Three

March 27 - Spring

Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 7; 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, January 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, February 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, March 27; 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! Preregistration required.



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
Hours subject to change

January

Sunday, January 1 through Monday, January 2
Lorain Public Library System Closed

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Wednesday, January 4; 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.

Wednesday, January 4; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bored Of Winter Board Games

Are you bored of winter? Come play some board games at the library! Drop in anytime between 6:30 and 8 p.m. to have some fun.

Friday, January 6; 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, January 7; 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. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 11; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Digital Photo Lab

Tweens and teens are invited to learn tips and tricks to enhance digital photos and videos. Learn about photo editing with fun apps and websites. Feel free to bring your own cameras and devices. Preregistration required.

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

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

Saturday, January 14; 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! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Saturday, January 14; 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.

Friday, January 20; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Doggone Fun

Get ready to have some tail-waggin' fun! Join us for doggy-themed crafts and activities. We'll also have a visit from a friendly dog! Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 21; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Game On - Video Gaming Fun

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

Tuesday, January 24; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night

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

Thursday, January 26; 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, January 27; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 28; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 29; 1 p.m. - 5 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.

Saturday, January 28; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Geocaching Fun

Get going with geocaching! Come to the library to learn about geocaching and use your smartphone to find treasures hidden throughout the library. Please bring your GPS device. Please register names for adults and children who will be attending. Preregistration required.

February

Wednesday, February 1; 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.

Friday, February 3; 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, February 4; 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. Preregistration required.

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

Game On - Video Gaming Fun

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

Wednesday, February 8; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Express Yourself Emojis

Tweens and teens, do you love using emojis to express yourself? Join us and make emoji-inspired crafts. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 9; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

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

Saturday, February 11; 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! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Tuesday, February 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Be Mine Bash

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library! Join us for Valentine's Day themed stories, crafts and activities. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 22; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Gross Me Out At The Library

Kindergartners through fifth-graders, have you ever been grossed out at the library? Here's your chance! Join us for an evening of fun and disgusting science experiments and demonstrations. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 25; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Library Mini Golf

Tee off with us as we transform the library into a miniature golf course! Drop in anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. for your chance to putt a round. Intended for children ages 2 and up accompanied by a responsible adult.

March

Wednesday, March 1; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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Friday, March 3; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Saturday, March 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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

Computer Coding

Tweens and teens, join us to learn about computer coding! Make your own animations using the programming language called Scratch. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 9; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

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

Saturday, March 11; 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! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

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

Lil' Leprechaun Party

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the library! Join us for Saint Patrick's Day themed stories, crafts and activities. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Game On - Video Gaming Fun

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

Tuesday, March 21; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Celebrate Spring

Celebrate the beginning of spring at the library! Join us for spring-themed stories, crafts and activities. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 25; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Terrific Terrariums

Can't wait to get your hands in the dirt? Whether you have a green thumb or consider yourself a perpetual plant killer, come to the library to learn how to create a terrarium, a box used for growing plants. All materials will be supplied for each participant to create and take home their own. Limit one terrarium per family. Cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

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

Wednesday, January 11; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion

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

Wednesday, January 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion

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

Tuesday, January 24; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Adult Afternoon Book Discussion

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

Writers Group

Saturdays, January 7, 21; February 4, 18; March 4, 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

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



Computer Programs

Monday, January 16; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, January 19; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks
Participants will learn about the library's OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download free eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Computers For Beginners
Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 25; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tech Tips
Bring your questions to this informal session about how to use library computer software and apps on your computers, tablets, eReaders or the internet. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with library staff members. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 26; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Computers For Beginners
Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 30; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, February 2; 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 13; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, February 16; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Facebook And Twitter For Beginners
Learn the very basics about these popular social networking websites, including an overview of what they consist of, how to create accounts, and how to keep yourself and children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20; 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.

Wednesday, February 22; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tech Tips
Bring your questions to this informal session about how to use library computer software and apps on your computers, tablets, eReaders or the internet. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with library staff members. Preregistration required.

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Monday, March 13; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 16; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More
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, March 20; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 23; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks
Participants will learn about the library's OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download free eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 27; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Excel 2016 For Beginners
This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 29; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tech Tips
Bring your questions to this informal session about how to use library computer software and apps on your computers, tablets, eReaders or the internet. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with library staff members. Preregistration required.

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

Mondays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; 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 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; 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 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6; 11:30 a.m. - noon
Wiggin' 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 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; 11:30 a.m. - noon
Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; 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.

Mondays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6; 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 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7; 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 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9; 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.

Sunday Series

Sunday, January 15; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Clara Barton Portrayed By Carol Starre-Kmieciak
Learn little-known details about the life of Clara Barton, a Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross who lived from 1821 to 1912. Carol Starre-Kmieciak will perform a special one-woman presentation in period costume that will bring this great personality to life. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, January 22; 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Rock 'N' Roll History - The Cleveland Connection
Join Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville for a presentation that will trace Cleveland's influence in the development of rock 'n' roll music from the 1950s to the present day. Important events in local rock 'n' roll history will be discussed. Emphasis will be given to local musical performance venues, both past and present, Northeast Ohio musical groups, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 5; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Couponing With Rachel
Want to save money on your grocery bills? Rachel Krych, columnist with The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, can help! Rachel will show you where to get coupons and how to organize them to maximize savings, and give you great coupon tips. Receive tips for shopping at Giant Eagle, Target and CVS.

Sunday, February 12; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Harpist Cecilia Ilg McKay
Avon Lake harpist Cecilia Ilg McKay returns to the library to surprise and delight her audience with popular music pieces no one would expect to hear played on a harp. She will include special songs in honor of Valentine's Day for this February performance. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 19; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Battle Of The Little Bighorn
John Burke of Medina County will describe the Battle of the Little Bighorn and Custer's Last Stand from the point of view of the Native Americans. He will portray Chief Black Bird, wear an exact replica of Black Bird's beaded shirt and share its story. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 26; 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 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 5; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
You Can't Play Ball In A Skirt!
Produced by Eden Valley Enterprises, this program will tell the story of Alta Weiss who put herself through medical school playing semiprofessional baseball on a men's team in the early 1900s. Alta was a star pitcher who began her baseball career in Vermilion, Ohio. Her story will be presented by Bette Lou Higgins. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 12; 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
The History Of Jazz Music
Learn about jazz artists and their music through the 20th and into the 21st century with Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville. The main focus of this program will be to listen to sensational music from New Orleans to Kansas City. Jazz music was born in America but now has influence worldwide. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 19; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Neil Zurcher's Best Of One Tank Trips
Come hear legendary local author Neil Zurcher talk about his latest book, *The Best of One Tank Trips*. The longtime host of *One Tank Trips* on Fox 8 has many fans and his talks always generate an enthusiastic audience. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 26; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Smokin Fez Monkeys Music Program
The Smokin Fez Monkeys bring a live music program that is loaded with fun. 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 fifth performance at the library Sunday program series. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.





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Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September
Hours subject to change

January

Sunday, January 1 through Monday, January 2
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed on New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 2. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Thursday, January 5; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

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

Tuesday, January 10; 6 p.m.

Adult Winter Craft

Adults, join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. Liz Guilkey of Pat Catan's craft center will present this session. All materials will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 16; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Community Art Project - Peace Rocks

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of peace and love as a community by stopping in to paint a peace rock for us to display in the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Game Night

Families and kids of all ages, welcome to a gamer's paradise! Come play a variety of family friendly games. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 24; 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.

Story Times

Monday, January 9; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Music Makers

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a fun-filled evening of crafting and playing your own musical instruments. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Medieval Mayhem

A dragon has invaded the castle library and we need your help! Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of medieval-themed activities. Participants are encouraged to dress up. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Minerals Rock!

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a rockin' evening learning about minerals. Then go "digging" for some mineral samples to start your own rock collection and become official rock hounds and pebble pups. Preregistration required.

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

Rocket Car Derby

On your mark, get set, go! Families and kids of all ages, join us to build and race your own balloon powered rocket car. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 31; 6 p.m.

Famous Forgeries And Art Thefts - The Dark Side Of Art

Did you know that the Mona Lisa was once stolen? How easy is it to forge an abstract painting? Why are the so-called experts so easily duped? Art historian and Lorain County Community College teacher Sean Crum will discuss everything from the famous art forger Han van Meegeren to the still unsolved art thefts at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Join us. Preregistration required.

February

Thursday, February 2; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LEGO® Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the bricks and you supply the imagination! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 6; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mini Makers - Bird Feeders

Families and kids of all ages, join us to make a variety of bird feeders out of pinecones, peanut butter and fruit. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 7; 6 p.m.

Death By Chocolate

Celebrate National Chocolate Lovers Month at the library with Carol Boland as she demonstrates how to make delicious chocolate candies. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 11; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Job Help

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

Monday, February 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Cabin Fever

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening exploring the past with a presentation from The Lorain County Historical Society about frontier living, then stay to do a frontier-themed craft. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 13; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Rainbow Palooza

Families and kids of all ages, join us as we celebrate the amazing colors of the rainbow! Preregistration required.

Monday, March 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Spring Fling

Families and kids of all ages, join us as we celebrate the return of spring with flower-themed activities. Preregistration required.

Writers Group

*Thursdays, January 12, 26; February 9, 23;
March 9, 23; 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.

Monday, February 13; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Valentine Workshop

Families and kids of all ages, join us to make a special valentine card and craft. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 16; 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Life-Size Candy Land®

Candy Land® comes to life at the library! Kids of all ages, race through a life-size version of this sweet board game and try to be the first to reach the castle. Preregistration required.

Sunday, February 19; 1:30 p.m.

Self-Defense For Women

Participants will learn self-defense techniques that could be used if their safety is compromised. Instructor Tom Gorman is a karate black belt and a retired self-defense teacher from Lorain County Community College. This program is for women only. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 28; 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.

March

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

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 six-week group meditation series. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you'd like to meditate on the floor, please bring your own pillow, blanket or mat. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 2; 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.

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

Mini Makers - Sew Cute

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of crafting to sew your own felt stuffed animal. Preregistration required.

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

Adult Craft - Gem Tree

Adults, join us for an evening of relaxation and crafting. We'll use wire and gemstones to make a beautiful tree. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Jungle Bob - Live Animal Show

Families and kids of all ages, join Jungle Bob and his animal friends for a wild night at the library. Preregistration required.

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

Family Movie Night

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





Exercise Program

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; 5:30 p.m.

Yoga For Beginners

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

Computer Programs

Saturday, January 7; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

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

Saturday, January 14; 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, January 21; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Manage Photos From Cloud

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

Saturday, February 18; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Technology Help

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

Friday, February 24; 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, March 11; 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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Saturday, March 25; 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.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 17; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Lost In Shangri-La: A True Story Of Survival, Adventure, And The Most Incredible Rescue Mission Of World War II By Mitchell Zuckoff

A masterfully recounted true story of danger, determination and discovery in the jungles of New Guinea during the final days of World War II. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.



Tuesday, February 21; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - The End Of The Affair By Graham Greene

In this classic set in London during and just after World War II, Greene examines the differences and similarities between love of self, love of another and love of God. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.



Tuesday, March 21; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Evicted: Poverty And Profit In The American City By Matthew Desmond

Eviction is a cycle that hurts all parties involved including landlord, tenant and city. In this brilliant, heartbreaking book, Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the stories of eight families on the edge and, at the same time, illustrates a problem that is affecting cities across America. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.





So You Want To Be A Writer

You can do it. It's not easy, but it's not as difficult as catching a unicorn either. When you're struggling with whether or not you can be a "real writer," just remember everyone has to start somewhere. It's not about getting published or having an overnight best-seller, and it's not about the big bucks you're going to make as soon as your book hits the market. If you're focusing on those things, you have a long and uncertain road ahead of you, and you might as well just try to catch a unicorn.

Here Are Some Tips To Help You As You Begin Your Writing Journey

1. Stop worrying about what it means to be a "real writer."

If you write, you're a writer. This doesn't mean, "I'll be a real writer when I can quit my day job," or, "I'm not a real writer because I haven't made any money." If you write and you do so regularly, you are a writer. Period.

2. To be a writer, you must actually write.

Stop talking about how one day you're going to write. Stop wishing you could do it, and just do it already. Put your butt in your chair and put words to paper. Lots and lots of words.

3. Don't worry about the quality of your words ... at least not yet.

One day when you're done with your draft, you will have to worry about this *a lot*, but right now is the time for fun and creativity. When you're in the process of completing a rough draft, you need to aim for quantity. Do not work on a single sentence for an hour because it doesn't sound pretty. That is the best way to *never* finish your story.

4. Silence your inner critic.

You know that little voice in your head that tells you you're not good enough, or you're wasting your time, or that no one's ever going to want to read this junk anyway ... tell it to buzz off. The only little voices you should be listening to belong to your characters. They know what they're talking about and they want you to finish your story even more than you do.

5. Treat your writing time as critical to your survival.

You're busy. Work, school, family, chores ... the list never ends. But you must find time to write if you want to be a writer. For some that's two hours straight, for others it's a couple 15-minute segments throughout the day. Finding time may mean you have to give up two hours of *The Big Bang Theory* reruns every night, but if you're serious about writing, you need to realize the importance of this one.

6. Don't wait for inspiration.

That muse you've heard of – the one who whispers in your ear and turns your ideas into perfectly formed sentences – forget about her. She's busy. Inspiration is great, but most of the time you're *not* going to feel inspired. *And it doesn't matter.* The planets rarely align. You still have to put words on paper, even when you don't feel like it.

7. Finish.

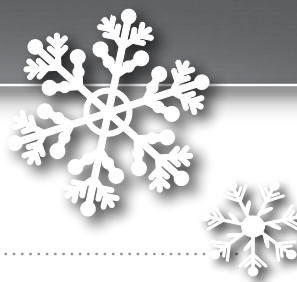
You have to be relentless. Put words to paper every day if you can. When you have a finished story – and if you keep piling words on your page, it *will* happen – then the fun begins. Then you have something to work with, something you can polish and refine and share with the world.



Now go forth and write. I mean it. Stop what you're doing and put some words on paper. I'd like to read them when you're done.

Cheryl Grizzell, the author of this article, has been leading the writing group at the South Lorain Branch Library over the past six years. Find her writers group schedule along with other writing events throughout the system in this newsletter.

New Library eCard For Online Materials



Do you prefer getting your library materials online? Don't have a library card yet? If this sounds like you, Lorain Public Library System's new eCard is the way to go!

Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) is now offering an eCard – a library card for accessing online-only materials. Apply for your eCard online at LorainPublicLibrary.org.

From eBooks, electronic audiobooks, digital magazines, streaming movies and downloadable music to online classes, and exclusive information and research databases, LPLS offers many free materials and services online. Find materials for kids, teens and adults at LorainPublicLibrary.org using your computer, laptop, tablet or other mobile device.

Ready to get an eCard? It's really a number – a bar code – that gives you access to LPLS's online resources. No need to come into the library to apply for a physical card – apply for the eCard online. Your eCard number will be emailed to you.

To get an eCard, you must either live in Ohio, own property in Ohio, live in Ohio while attending school, or work in Ohio. You will also need a valid email address.

You do not need an eCard if you have a standard LPLS library card. Your standard card grants you all of the benefits of an eCard – and more!

FAQs



How long does it take to get an eCard?

You will receive an email with your eCard number within 72 hours.

What cannot be done with an eCard?

In order to do the following, you must upgrade to a standard library card:

- Check out physical items from the collection, such as books, DVDs and CDs
- Request items to be held for pickup using the online catalog

How do I upgrade to a standard library card?

You must apply in person at the library for a standard library card by providing:

- Your eCard number
- Valid photo identification
- Current, permanent address
- Date of birth

Can I have a standard library card and an eCard?

A standard library card will serve the same function as an eCard. A patron is only permitted either a standard card or an eCard. Online eCard applications will not be processed if you are already on file as a standard library card holder with LPLS or any other CLEVNET library.

How do I update my account information?

Contact the circulation department at your local LPLS library to update your account information.

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Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ
M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011
440-934-4743
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Columbia Branch

13824 W. River Road North
Columbia Station, OH 44028
440-236-8751
M,Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; W,Th Noon-8 p.m.
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Domonkas Branch

4125 E. Lake Road
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
440-949-7410
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039
440-327-8326
M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
(* Closed Sundays from May through September)

South Lorain Branch

2121 Homewood Drive
Lorain, OH 44055
440-277-5672
M,Tu,Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.;
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
(* Closed Sundays from May through September)

These hours are subject to change.

