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From the Director

Welcome to the spring issue of *Dimensions*!

The best organizations weave themselves into the fabric of the community. Libraries are no different. We must constantly listen to and engage with our community to understand what is important and how we can facilitate its success.

The recent Fine Forgiveness program conducted by the Lorain Public Library System is one example of that. From October through December of 2017, LPLS forgave fines in lieu of a donation being made to the Hurricane Maria Relief Fund for Puerto Rico. **Thanks to the generous support of our patrons, we were able to donate a \$4,500 check to El Centro**, a Lorain County Hispanic-Latino nonprofit advocacy organization.



This issue of *Dimensions* continues that community support thread, showing how we are a strong, vital part of every community we serve. Built upon the idea of freedom of information and knowledge, the system helps connect people with what matters to them. In this issue, you will see how we broadened community connections from passport services, to planting vegetable gardens, to installing bike stations, bridging intergenerational reading activities and reading, as well as participating in an inclusive playground. Reaching beyond our brick and mortar boundaries enables us to deliver services to suit your lifestyle and needs.

Thanks also for your help in our recent survey and naming competition. As we go to press, results continue to be tabulated and newsletter names suggested.

And before I forget, check out the back cover. We've got a special comic book message about our eMedia services. Just go to the app store on your phone to download the Zappar code. Then ready, aim, zap and watch the art come to life!

Happy spring!

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz
Director, Lorain Public Library System

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Intergenerational Reading Program Two Years Young

What does an 80-something grandma have in common with a preschooler? Avon's Senior Reading Buddies program. And what could be better than reading a book to Grandma or Grandpa? Reading many books to groups of seniors, while providing reading practice to children and encouraging a positive community activity.



What I like about the Senior Reading Buddies program is the opportunity for meaningful interaction among several generations of our community."

- Marilyn Selent,
Senior Volunteer

The Lorain Public Library System Avon branch celebrates this intergenerational bond with this unique program. "We have offered this platform for a couple of years now. It not only brings joy to all, but provides children an opportunity to interact with 'grandmas' and 'grandpas' when theirs might live far away," said Kelsey DeCoste, Library Associate, Avon branch, and a Reading Buddies program coordinator.

To make an even larger impact within the area's senior communities, LPLS administrators decided to take the program beyond the library's walls. "We realized we needed to reach out to those in senior living facilities who might not be able to easily visit the library," said Donna Kelly Sprinkle, Avon Branch Librarian Supervisor. "We want lots of kids involved to make it a great experience for all," she added.

The program soon had monthly events at several area retirement communities, including Avon Oaks, Avon Place and Rose Senior Living. Students from the local school district and scouting troops also became involved.

Last year, a new program



Intergenerational Reading Program at Rose Senior Living Memory Care.

emerged from this - Story Time for You and Me - bringing preschoolers and kindergartners into the mix. Instead of reading together, library staff led a story time and activity with the two groups to let the intergenerational spirit organically emerge.

"Sharing stories, games, crafts and snacks (!) with kids and older adults is rewarding because it reinforces my connection to the community," said Jean Hanson, a senior volunteer involved with the program at Rose Senior Living Memory Care.

"As a retired youth librarian whose grandchildren live several hours away, I treasure opportunities to interact with young ones in a relaxed setting. I believe this intergenerational program provides elders, even those with cognitive impairments, a bright spot in their day," added Hanson.

All LPLS intergenerational programs are free and open to the public. For more information about these programs, call 440-934-4743 or email dkelly@lpls.info.



Passport Services Now Available

Avon, North Ridgeville
Offer One-stop Processing



Lorain Public
Library!
System

Smile! You can now have your passport photo taken and application processed at Lorain Public Library System Avon and North Ridgeville branches. As of late last year, these two locations accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. LPLS is the first library system in the county to offer this one-stop processing.

Lorain resident, Jennifer Brunkow, who works in Avon, heard about the new passport service and thought she'd give it a try. She and her family will travel to London for spring break.



I am very happy that our residents now have the convenience of processing their passports at our local library. Our library already provides outstanding services to our residents, and now with passport processing, we can add this to that growing list of excellent services."

- Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen

"Going through the passport process at the Avon Library was so easy and convenient, Brunkow said. "Our agent made the whole experience understandable. It's so nice to have this service so close to home."

According to Karen Sigsworth, North Ridgeville Branch Librarian Supervisor, it is nice to add a new service that is being used and appreciated by people from the start. "The library is clearly filling a need in the community," she commented.



Happy Travelers: Avon residents Tom and Joanne Kvach were the first to take advantage of the new passport service offered by the Lorain Public Library System. The convenient, new program is available at the Avon and North Ridgeville branches.

"Whether a patron just needs a passport photo or to go through the entire process, the system's certified passport agents can assist, offering daytime, evening and even Sunday appointments (at North Ridgeville)."

"We started offering passport acceptance and photo services December 2017, with about 16 appointments for the month," Donna Kelly Sprinkle said. "In the second week in January, we had 16 appointments in one week!" It didn't take long for people to discover this new offering that is unique to Avon.

"When people call, we talk through everything they need to bring with them for their particular situation so they are prepared when they come in," she continued. "Our reference staff can give other information needed, too, such as local resources for travel immunizations."

LPLS Director Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz said adding this feature was just a natural progression in assisting library goers.

"Patrons come to the library for services such as taking out travel books, learning

languages and increasing avenues of understanding to other cultures," Diamond-Ortiz said. "Now, the library system can help them actually travel abroad."

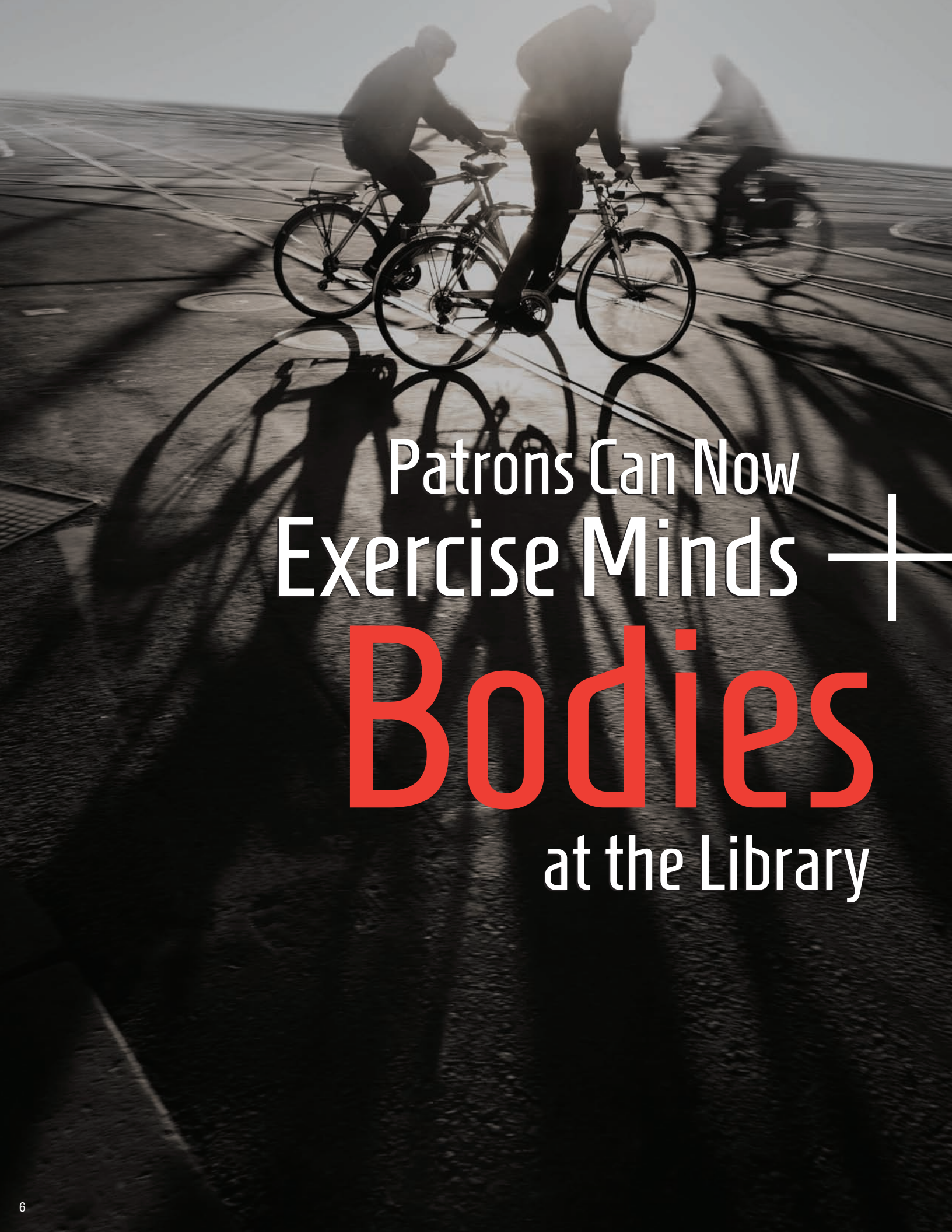
To book your passport processing appointment during regular library hours, call 440-934-4743 (Avon) or 440-327-8326 (North Ridgeville).

*The Avon library: 37485 Harvest Dr.
Hours: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; noon - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday.
Closed Sunday.*

*The North Ridgeville library:
35700 Bainbridge Road
Hours: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.*

What you need to know

- ▶ The passport submission process takes 20 - 60 minutes.
- ▶ Fees: \$35 LPLS application execution; \$11 photo (to be paid separately); plus U.S. passport fees to be paid separately by check.
- ▶ First time applicants must apply in person.
- ▶ Routine processing, 4-6 weeks; expedited service, 2-3 weeks, with an additional fee.
- ▶ For detailed information about U.S. citizenship, proof of identity requirements and costs, visit the state department website, travel.state.gov, or call the National Passport Information Center at 877-487-2778.



Patrons Can Now
Exercise Minds +
Bodies
at the Library

THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP with the Lorain County General Health District, Lorain Public Library System patrons can now exercise their minds and bodies when going to the library.



The health department grant started with a bike repair station at South Lorain branch and a bike rack at Domonkas. The project inflated from there. Bike maintenance stations and bike racks are now at Main, Domonkas and South Lorain locations. Avon, Columbia and North Ridgeville are to receive bike stations in 2018.

"I have been working with the Lorain County General Health District since my arrival at the library system, helping to bring more of the district's resources to our communities," said Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, Director of the library system. "The new bike station program is just one more way this partnership benefits our patrons and we are fortunate the health district chose to place the stations at our buildings," she added.

The partnership also promotes sustainable transportation in Lorain County, an initiative that Domonkas Branch Librarian Supervisor Marleen Watling knows something about. Not only is her branch along the bike tour route, Watling herself is an avid cyclist, bicycling the 25-mile round trip route from her North Ridgeville home to work every day during warm weather.

Watling was excited to lend her knowledge to the library system's bike project, making suggestions on the type of bike repair stands needed, as well as the tools that should be included. She recommended the Bike Fixation brand, a tall, vertical station allowing riders to do everything from inflate tires, to adjust seats and handlebars.

"It's what the community needs..."

"The station will get a lot of recreational usage. It's what the community needs," Watling said.

The bike project should be complete before summer, just in time for you to pedal to your favorite branch to participate in the Summer Reading Program and all the other activities and events planned.

Next up on the summer bike project? Water bottle fill stations and water fountains. Stay tuned for more details!



Families Find Food, Fun, Lifelong Nutrition Skills

Keeping minds sharp and stomachs full are goals of Lorain Public Library System's Food and Fun program that collaborates with Lorain County community partners.

Working with a grant from the Community Foundation of Lorain County, LPLS offers fresh food and lifelong healthy living education to area children living in poverty at its Main, Domonkas and South Lorain locations.

The system has created this free, unique six-week program in conjunction with Veggie U, Spectrum Café and Second Harvest Food Bank. The program invites children ages 18 and younger for a boxed lunch, games, crafts and other activities to explore cooking, new foods, as well as fun ways to get moving on the weekend. Attendees also bring home a packaged set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their family that introduces ways to prepare the food.

"When we designed the Food and Fun program, we originally thought that it would be enough to provide a healthy, catered lunch and a program. After meeting with Oberlin's Veggie U, we knew we needed to partner with them to expand our outreach effort," said Elaine Betting, Public Services Coordinator for Youth and Outreach Services.

According to Betting, Veggie U enhanced the preliminary program by introducing a classroom garden component that would enable students to not only learn how to grow their own food, but to also

better understand how it reaches their plate.

"Veggie U provides curriculum resources aligned with Ohio's learning standards. In addition, the fellow nonprofit offers a survey tool for measuring program effectiveness," she said.

Spectrum Café of Lorain provides the catered lunch. Betting shares that Spectrum Café itself creates job opportunities for individuals with autism and developmental disabilities.

And finally, to complement the knowledge and skills participants learn, Betting engaged the Second Harvest Food Bank — that provides an efficient food distribution network — to provide recipes and ingredients for kids to take home when the program ends.

"The goal is to send home with each child enrolled in the program, a cooler that includes fresh food items and a recipe for the ingredients. We hope families will try the recipes at home, then share their experiences with us," Betting said.

For more information, or to register, call 440-244-1192, or visit lorainpubliclibrary.org.



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.; Sun Closed
Hours subject to change

Please note preregistration is required for all programs except where noted. Visit the online calendar for the most current information www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events.

Monday, April 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

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

Monday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21;
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.

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22, 29;
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sewing Club

Learn hand and machine sewing skills. A few machines will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own portable machine, questions and sewing project ideas. Beginners are welcome.

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Line Dancing

Line dancing to R&B and soul music, taught by Evelyn Henry, is a casual experience at the Main library. Come to learn this new skill or practice what you already know.



Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Coding Club

Get ready for games, robots and apps! We'll provide the tech; you provide the creativity as we explore coding concepts and computer languages. All skill levels welcome. Intended for children ages 10 and up.

Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Curtana Swords

Ever wanted to learn swordsmanship like an Olympic fencer? Join us for our 11-week fencing skills program! Athletic clothing is encouraged. Open to those ages 10 to 15.

Friday, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25;
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Yoga for Beginners

Adults, join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

Saturday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19; 10 a.m. - noon

Yarn Club

Knitting/crochet instructor Valerie Dillard will teach and review the basic stitches of knitting and crochet. The Yarn Club is open to teens and adults. Beginners are welcome to join. Yarn is provided for practice. Please bring knitting needles (size 9 or 10) or a crochet hook (size G or H).

Saturday, April 7; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Prom Dress Giveaway Presented by Walk by Faith, Lorain

Need a dress for prom or a special school dance? How about shoes or accessories? Stop by and browse a selection of free gowns and shoes and choose a look that's right for you. All free and provided through our friends at Walk by Faith!

Tuesday, April 10; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Penguin Encounter

Are you ready to meet a penguin? The Wave Foundation of Newport, KY, will introduce you to an African penguin and fun penguin artifacts. They'll give you the scoop on African penguin adaptations, predators and human threats to the penguin population. Space is limited. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

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

Paper Flowers

Come learn to make a paper rose bouquet from a recycled book, as well as explore ways to use the internet to make more paper creations!

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

Keeping in Touch Online

Learn about ways to stay in contact using Skype, FaceTime, Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook.

Saturday, April 14; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Introduction to Windows 10

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



Saturday, April 14, 28; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, 26; 2 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 not required.

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

Sea Glass Planter

Spring is here. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of crafting as you make a sea glass planter. This simple project will add beach flair to any potted plant. All materials will be provided. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 14; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Library Mini Golf

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

Monday, April 16, May 14; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Teen Writing Clinic

Do you need help writing, revising or editing an essay? Have an idea for a paper but don't know how to begin, or how to improve your writing for school? Need help designing a resume? Bring your writing woes and challenges to the Teen Writing Clinic ages 12 - 18.

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

Preschool Picassos

Calling all creative preschoolers and their caregivers! This six week course will be filled with stories, crafts and projects that explore the fundamentals of art.

Tuesday, April 17, May 15; 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Anime and Manga Club

Join your fellow fans and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture and Asian music. View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy - there's a series for everyone! Bring a friend to share in the fun and snacks. For all enthusiastic fans from 14 to 18 years of age.

Wednesday, April 18; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cutting the Cord

Interested in cutting the cord to your cable box, but overwhelmed with all the options and tech jargon? Join us for a brief introduction into the ways you can keep your family entertained without cable! Preregistration not required.

Thursday, April 19, May 17; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu Gi Oh! Open Play Time

Join Ernie Hernandez, Duelist and organizer, for open play time. He will share his knowledge of the Yu Gi Oh! TRADING CARD GAME. Open play time is for 8 year olds to 18 year olds. Advanced format; Konami rules. Bring your deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens March 12.

Thursday, April 19; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book discussion - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Intertwining the stories of two very different families and the effects that they have on each other, Little Fires Everywhere is at once a quiet exploration of everyday life in the Ohio suburb of Shaker Heights, and an explosion. Come join us to discuss this complex, heartbreaking novel by local author Celeste Ng. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Friday, April 20; 11 a.m. - noon

Kindergarten Readiness - Alphabet

Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands on activity stations together. With a focus on letters and words. For ages 4 - 5 with a caregiver.

Saturday, April 21, May 19; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Self Defense

Join us for the first of five classes on self-defense. Instruction will be provided on basic moves and concepts. Open to those ages 13 to 18.



Saturday, April 21, May 5; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons, Ask a Dragonmaster!

Does Stranger Things have you itching to slay Demogorgon or take on a mind flayer, but you're unsure where to start? Come ask our resident DM! He can help answer your Dungeons and Dragons questions, as well as help you start your own campaign.

Saturday, April 21; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Weird Ohio

Come and explore *Weird Ohio* with Author James Willis. Ah, Ohio, so nice and normal. We have apple pie heroes like Hopalong Cassidy, Neil Armstrong, Thomas Edison and Doris Day. Yes, the Buckeye State has lots and lots of strange people and unusual sites, and they burst forth from every page of this, the biggest, most bizarre collection of Ohio stories ever assembled.

Tuesday, April 24, May 22; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Spice & Herb Exchange Club

Discover new flavors and bold tastes to create mouthwatering dishes, marinades, dry rubs, adobos, sofritos, baked goods, soups, salads, rice, teas (home remedies) and coffees. All are welcome to join our Spice & Herb Exchange Club. Bring your favorite recipes to share and an edible sample for tasting.

Friday, May 4, 18; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Manage Photos and Data Online

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. Learn how to use Google Drive to work with and store files.



Friday, May 4; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Star Wars Night

May the Force be with you on this evening of crafts, games, treats and activities for all ages. Come as your favorite character and join us in a galaxy far, far away. A great family event!

Saturday, May 5; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 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. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Thursday, May 10; 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. Former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Preregistration not required.

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

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

Monday, May 14; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Book Sale

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. Preregistration not required.

Friday, May 11; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eLibrary

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. Use online resources to learn about light car repairs. Find out how you can learn to play a music instrument using our online resources. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring questions and your devices.

Saturday, May 12; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mother's Day Tea

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

Saturday, May 12; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

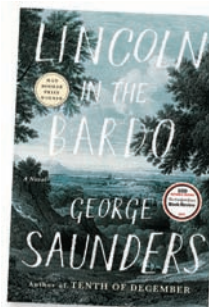
Essential Oils Program

Katie Vasko, an essential oil enthusiast and educator, will be joining us to provide education about essential oils and their uses. Attendees will take these oils with a carrier oil and place them in a bottle with a roller ball at the top for an easy way to use your essential oils topically.

Tuesday, May 15; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mini Terrarium

Come set the scene for your own little world. We'll provide everything to make your vision a reality. You provide the plant!



Thursday, May 17; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

Surreal, unexpected and moving, George Saunders Lincoln in the Bardo is the Man Booker Prize winning story of the aftermath of the death of Abraham Lincoln's son. Featuring an unforgettable cast of characters, Lincoln in the Bardo is a searching look at what matters to the human heart. Please come join us to

discuss this prize winning novel! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Saturday, May 19; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Creative Songwriting and Recording for Kids

If you like to create, dream, sing or write, a Creative Concepts in Music teaching artist who has written more than 160 children's songs will help you tap into your creative side to express yourself in song. Bring a notebook and your ideas! This workshop is intended for children ages 8 - 13. Space is limited.

Friday, May 25; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Excel Charts and Pivot Tables

Learn how to create and modify basic charts. Create basic pivot tables and practice using pivot tools and charts. Find out how to merge a letter and labels with an existing Excel spreadsheet.

Saturday, May 26; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tech Help

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



Avon Library

37485 Harvest Drive
Avon, OH 44011
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Monday, April 2

Friends of the Avon Library Student Art Show

Art featuring works by local student artists will be displayed April 2 through April 30 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held April 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

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.

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Music Makers

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

Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time

Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, ages 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.

Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Toddler Tales Story Time

This interactive story time including songs, rhymes and finger plays for children, ages 2 through 3-years-old, will teach important early literacy skills. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome.

Thursday, April 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.

Friday, April 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.

Monday, April 9 - Saturday, April 14

Avon Community Poetry Project

Celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month by participating in our Community Poetry Project between Monday, April 9 and Saturday, April 14. Stop in during regular library hours and choose words from our poetry bin to create a line or two. Watch the poem grow through the week. When complete, this original work will be published on the Lorain Public Library System's website and Facebook page, and credited to Avon Branch Library patrons!

Monday, April 9, May 14; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 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.

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

The Basics of Grounding

This fun and interesting class for adults is designed to facilitate awareness of how we as human beings connect with the Earth's energy to enhance wellness, relaxation and balance. Dress in comfortable clothing, and feel free to bring your journal and water bottle. No previous grounding experience necessary.

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

Penguin Encounter

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Wednesday, April 11, May 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

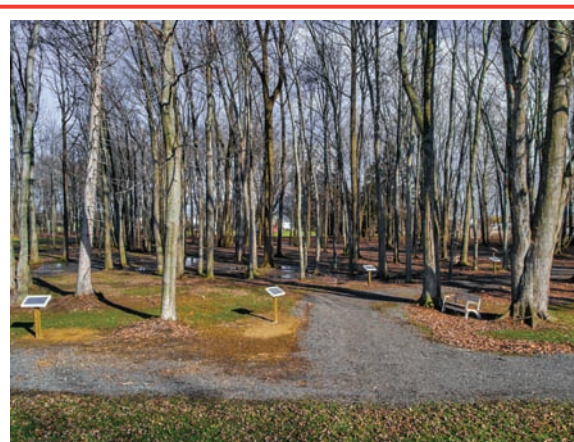
Teen Anime Night

If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! Talk with your peers about some of your favorites, chill out and enjoy some anime related activities. Light refreshments will be served. G rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12.

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

Friends of the Avon Library Student Art Show Reception

The reception for the April art show featuring local student artists is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Preregistration not required.



Saturday, April 14; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Special "Story Time in the Woods" with Mayor Jensen

Explore Avon's new wooded play area at the Every Child's Playground, 36265 Detroit Road. Mayor Jensen will join the Avon Branch Library for this first session of "Story Time in the Woods" and will introduce you to the new Story Book Trail as well. Stay and play and enjoy many other family friendly activities at this fun community event. Please dress for the weather and bring a blanket to sit on. In case of inclement weather, call the Library at 440-934-4743 for alternate location. Preregistration not required.

Friday, April 27, May 11, May 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

These story times will be offered two Fridays per month April through October at 10:30 a.m. in the woods. Music, movement activities, nature walks and play will accompany nature themed stories. Dress for the weather and bring a blanket to sit on. In case of inclement weather, a story time will take place at the Avon Branch Library.

Saturday, April 14; 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Diversity Story Time

Everyone is welcome for a special story time, featuring the Avon High School Gay-Straight Alliance, as they read books celebrating all types of people, love and families, with a craft following. For families with children of all ages.

Monday, April 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Get Gardening!

Spring is in the air, and it's a great time to get gardening! Noelle Akin from Petitti Garden Centers will talk about some basic gardening tips and share with us what's new for 2018.

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

Learn About Blindness

Join the Cleveland Sight Center for this family program and discover facts and misconceptions about blindness. Learn about braille and some amazing technologies available to improve the lives of people with vision loss.

Wednesday, April 18; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The Aging Eye

Learn about age-related vision problems, research and prevention, and technology available to assist those experiencing vision loss. Cleveland Sight Center presenter will answer your questions and provide you with the opportunity to see and try adaptive products. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, April 18; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Books and Brews - The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger - Avon Brewing Company

Wednesday, May 16; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Books and Brews - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald - Avon Brewing Company

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a book discussion at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road, Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration not required.

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

Teen STEAM: Blackout Poetry

Twens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. This month we will create blackout poetry using recycled book pages and sharpie markers. Perfect for grades 5 - 12.

Saturday, April 21; 3 p.m. - 4 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 - 12.

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

Adult Book Discussion - Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Tuesday, May 22; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom

Copies of the books are available at the library. New members are always welcome! Preregistration not required. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, April 28; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Oaks

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies - what more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Oaks, 37800 French Creek Road, Avon, for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old.

Wednesday, April 25, May 23; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

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

Saturday, April 28; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

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



Saturday, April 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Watercolor Flower Gardens

Draw a series of flowers to make a spring flower garden and paint the garden with watercolor paints. Recommended for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

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

eLibrary

Learn to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music; to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV; and to take online courses for free. Bring any questions and your devices.

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

Community Teen Volunteer Night

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

Saturday, May 5; 11 a.m. - noon

Orchestra Petting Zoo

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

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

Manage Photos and Data Online

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. Also, learn how to use Google Drive to work with and store files.

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

Bicycle Maintenance and Repair

Bicycle enthusiasts, come to the library to learn Bicycle Maintenance 101 from Marty's Cycle Center in Avon Lake. Learn how to change a flat tire and perform basic bike maintenance.

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

Mother's Day at the Library

Mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers - join us for a special story hour celebrating Mother's Day. Enjoy stories, finger plays, songs, and a simple craft, along with iced tea and cookies. Perfect for families with children ages 3 and older.

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

Aviation Night

Learn about the exciting world of aviation from the Discover Aviation Center. Try a flight simulator and learn about careers in aviation. For third-graders and older.

Friday, May 11; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Story Time for You and Me - Rose Senior Living

Come join us at Rose Senior Living, 33200 Health Campus Blvd., Avon, for an afternoon of stories, music, finger plays and crafts. We will be joined by Rose Senior Living residents and children from Primrose School. Perfect for children ages 3 to 6.

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

Essential Oils

Essential Oils enthusiast Michelle Eddy will discuss the top 10 essential oils and how they can be used to help you achieve a more abundant and healthy lifestyle.

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

Introduction to American Sign Language

Learn the basics of American Sign Language! Participants will learn the manual alphabet, numbers and basic vocabulary to introduce you to the world of Sign Language.

Saturday, May 19; noon - 4:00 p.m.

Techie Workshop - Robotics

Work in teams to engineer and program the ultimate robot. Presented by TECH CORPS. For students in third to fifth grade.

Saturday, May 19; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Place

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies - What more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32900 Detroit Road, Avon, for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old.

Tuesday, May 22; 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Art Play Date

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

Saturday, May 26; 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.

Wednesday, May 30; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Exam Cram

Get ready for finals with us! Our meeting room has tables, chairs, a whiteboard, drinks and snacks to help you reenergize and focus. For the first hour of Exam Cram, sign up for a 10- minute study session with one of our therapy dogs! Call the library to request a time slot beginning April 30. For grades 6 - 11.



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

Dinner and a Book Discussion - *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore

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

Dinner and a Book Discussion - *All The Ugly And Wonderful Things* by Bryn Greenwood

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.

Thursday, April 5, 19, 26; noon - 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; noon - 4 p.m.

Knitting Club

Are you a knitter or crocheter? Join us every Thursday anytime during this session.

Thursday, April 5, May 10; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Columbia Writers

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

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

Tuesday, April 10; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11; noon - 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 12; noon - 7 p.m.

Book Sale

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more.

Wednesday, April 11; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Penguin Encounter

Are you ready to meet a penguin? The Wave Foundation of Newport, KY, will introduce you to an African penguin and fun penguin artifacts. They'll give you the scoop on African penguin adaptations, predators, and human threats to the penguin population. Space is limited, but families with children of all ages are welcome.

Friday, April 13; noon - 6 p.m.

Book Sale - Bag and Box Sale

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

Saturday, April 14; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Book Sale - Penny Day

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more. This is the last day of the book sale. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Saturday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent each.

Monday, April 16; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Excel Charts, PivotTable and Mail Merge

Learn how to create and modify basic charts. Practice with Chart Tools. Create basic pivot tables and practice using pivot table tools and pivot charts. Learn how to merge a letter with a list of names and addresses. Find out how to merge a letter and labels with an existing Excel spreadsheet.

Tuesday, April 17, 24; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22; 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.

Tuesday, April 17, 24; 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22; 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.

Tuesday, April 17; 6 p.m.

The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

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

Wednesday, April 18, May 16; 6 p.m.

Film Club

Join us in a monthly discussion of some of the greatest and most critically acclaimed films ever made, from all time periods and genres. We'll discuss everything from acting to the art of cinematography to what makes film making an art. DVD copies of the month's selection will be available through the library.

Thursday, April 19, May 17; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Crafty Adults @ The Library

Are you a crafter, or would you like to be one? Join us at the library monthly to try new craft projects and make new friends. This program is co sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Friday, April 20; noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 21; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Earth Day Fun

It's easy green! Stop in the library during open hours to participate on your own in Earth Day fun and games. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.



Monday, April 23; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - *The Dry* by Jane Harper

Monday, May 21; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - *To Capture What We Cannot Keep* by Beatrice Colin

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



Monday, April 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Little Artists - Georgia O'Keeffe

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

Monday, May 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Little Artists - Wassily Kandinsky

Our little artists will study the art of Wassily Kandinsky with a story, and then create their own Kandinsky inspired piece. This program is for children ages 5 through 9.

Tuesday, April 24; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Teen Poetry Workshop

April is National Poetry Month. Teens, celebrate your creativity with fun writing activities designed to inspire. Bring a favorite poem to read or choose from the library's poetry collection, or just come to listen.

Saturday, April 28; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Teen Crafternoon

Teens, come to the library and flex your creative muscles by doing various craft activities. You'll get to take home your creations when you're done. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Saturday, May 5; 11 a.m.

Mother's Day Tea Party

Bring your mother, sister, grandmother or aunt. All are welcome to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives! Please join us for story time, followed by a craft and tea party. All ages are welcome to attend. Fancy outfits are encouraged! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Tuesday, May 15; 6 p.m.

Beginning Beekeeping

Have you ever considered having your own bee hive? Want to know what is involved? Come join us as Kristopher and Evona Gaughan from Gaughan Bee Dancin' in Medina present an informative beekeeping program. The focus will be on beginning beekeeping and how to make money with your new hobby. They will discuss the nutritional benefits of the by products the honeybees produce, problems facing the honeybees, and bring in a complete hive with all the tools of the trade and discuss how the hive is assembled.



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

Excel for Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 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.

Saturday, May 19; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Creative Songwriting and Recording for Kids

If you like to create, dream, sing or write, a Creative Concepts in Music teaching artist who has written more than 160 children's songs will help you tap into your creative side to express yourself in song. Bring a notebook and your ideas! This workshop is intended for children ages 8 - 13. Space is limited.

Monday, May 21; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

eLibrary

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. Learn how to take online courses for free. Use online resources to learn about light car repairs. Also learn about genealogy databases online. Find out how you can learn to play a music instrument using our online resources. Bring any questions and your devices.

Tuesday, May 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Avoiding Fake News

If you're an adult in today's America, you've probably heard the term "fake news" being tossed about. In fact, the internet is flooded with what we would call fake news. But what does it really mean and how are you supposed to tell which information is legitimate? Come to this informative library program to learn the ins and outs of sifting through online information and spotting real and fake news.



Wednesday, April 25, May 23; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pizza and Pages

A book group for teens, with a pizza perfect twist. Copies of the book are available at the library. Pizza is provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

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

Cookbook Discussion - Betty Crocker Lost Recipes: Beloved Vintage Recipes for Today's Kitchen by Betty Crocker

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.

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

Cookbook Discussion - Healthyish: A Cookbook with Seriously Satisfying, Truly Simple, Good For You (But Not Too Good For You) Recipes for Real Life by Lindsey Maitland Hunt.

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.

Tuesday, May 8; 6 p.m.

Discover Aviation

Children ages 10 and older, are you fascinated by airplanes? Come to this fun and educational program presented by the Discover Aviation Center. You will learn about how airplanes work and find out about careers that are available in the field of aviation. You'll also have a chance to "fly" a radio controlled simulator.

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

Keeping in touch Online

Learn about ways to stay in contact using online tools like Skype, FaceTime, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and more.

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

Spring Escape Room

Teens, the library escape room is back! Put your puzzle solving and code breaking skills to the test as you try to crack the unsolvable and mysterious lockbox. Scenarios and puzzles will be presented and groups will be challenged to solve the puzzles within set time limits. Can you solve the puzzle fast enough?



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Monday, April 2, 30
Tuesday, May 1
Thursday, May 31

Individual Technology Help

Call to schedule an individual one-hour help session. If you have a new laptop, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about them and make them enjoyable! We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as Overdrive, Hoopla, Kanopy and more! Or, still need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Then, start here, and call today! Preregistration not required.

Monday, April 2 - Monday, April 30

The Domonkas Poet - Tree

Poets and poetry lovers of all ages, come celebrate National Poetry month here at the library! Decorate our "Poet Tree" by adding your own original poem, or a personal favorite! Supplies will be provided. So, get creative! Stop in all month during regular library hours to read other poems as well as add your own. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, April 3, May 1; 6:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

If you like reading and learning about cooking, you'll enjoy this adult get together to explore the world of food. Review each month's cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then, attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration not required.



Wednesday, April 4, May 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Senior Sizzle - Favorite Movie Stars

Seniors, are you looking for a way to engage with fellow members of the adult community and make new friends? Then, look no further! Come to the library to spice up your social life with our Senior Sizzle, a round robin of friendly discussion! Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, April 5, 19, May 3, 10, 31;
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A.M. Yoga

Adults, are you looking for a way to relax during the spring? Then, come to the library to join instructor Deb Suarez as she demonstrates yoga. Learn how to unwind and have fun staying fit with this ancient Indian discipline.

Please bring a towel or mat to class.

Thursday, April 5, May 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#JustForFun - Teen Book Club

Teens, join us at the library for snacks and to chat about a new book every month. In this first meeting, we will discuss some of our favorite books, suggest future titles, and have the first book available to check out. No library card? No problem. We can look into getting you one! Open to sixth-12-graders.



Friday, April 6, 20, May 11, 25; 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Crochet and Knit

Adults are invited to join this friendly community group to share crochet and knit time and expertise. Bring your own project or help with a community endeavor. Exchange of knitting and crochet knowledge is encouraged! Some materials will be available for everyone but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Preregistration not required.

Monday, April 9; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Story Time - Fun With Boxes

Monday, April 16; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Story Time - Farms

Monday, April 23; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Story Time - Earth Day

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

Story Time - Rainy Days

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

Story Time - Mother's Day

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

Story Time - Planting a Garden

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

Story Time - Teddy Bear Picnic

Join the library for a story time! This is 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 not required.

Monday, April 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Domonkas Comic Con

Attention fans of all ages! Do you have a love of comic books, anime or television shows? Then, come to the library to celebrate it all with our annual mini comic con. Join in a cosplay contest, eat nerdy treats, play geeky games and walk out with excellent swag! Cosplay is encouraged, but not required!

Tuesday, April 10; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Manifesting Positivity - Vision Boards

Adults, spring is in the air. With that comes positive changes! Come to the library to understand what a vision board is, how they work and how to design and use them to increase the momentum of your life toward getting things you need. Come with an open mind. Leave with a vision board!

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

Magic® The Gathering

Teens, have a new deck you have been wanting to try? Or, are you new to the mythical game of Magic® and want to learn the basics? Then come on in, hang out and play Magic the Gathering in a casual environment! Please bring your set of dice as well as decks!

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

Tuesday, May 29; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

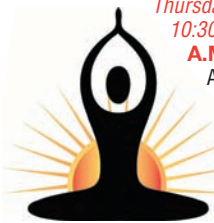
Unwind from the Daily Grind - Guided Meditation

Adults, come to the library this spring and find a relaxing path to mindfulness. Learn the process of meditation through a trained instructor. Leave feeling refreshed and revitalized for your daily life! Be sure to register early, as this will fill up fast!

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

Buckeye Masterminds - Ohio Trivia Night

Do you know who said "Cleveland's a plum?" Or, do you want to flex your knowledge on the ghosts of Athens and what really happened at Gore Orphanage? Then come to the library to test your grey matter as we ask trivia on the Buckeye State. The team who wins will receive a prize that the Browns would envy! Make sure to register quickly, as this event will fill up fast!



Tuesday, April 24; 6:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Life-size Candy Land

Just like the classic board game, players will move through a sweet land of chocolate swamps and candy cane forests to try to reach the candy castle first. This time YOU will be the game piece! Come enjoy this life-size game board and the sweetest adventure around! This program is best for children in grades K-4. Preregistration required.

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

Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen

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



Thursday, April 26, May 24; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

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

Thursday, April 26, May 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Anime Night

Moshi Moshi! Come join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime! During the series, we will view shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shoujo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone!

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

Tuesday, May 1; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2; noon - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 5; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pigments of the Jedi - Star Wars Coloring Program

Padawans and Jedi Masters alike, come to the library all week for a relaxing craft that is from a galaxy far, far away! Coloring supplies will be provided to help you bring your favorite rebel scum and Sith to life during regular library hours.

Monday, April 30, May 21; 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!

Wednesday, May 2; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A Star Wars Celebration!

Help us rebel scum of all ages! You are the library's only hope ... Come celebrate Star Wars Day! Join the intergalactic fun as we play Jedi games, enjoy a Padawan craft or two and eat treats that a Wookiee would love! Dressing up is encouraged, but not required. Don't be a scruffy nerf herder. Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast!

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

Free Comic Book Day Spectacular!

All comic book fandoms unite! Come, celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library. Everyone will receive a free comic! Enjoy crafts, games and light refreshments. Whether you have been a longtime fan or are new to comics, everyone is welcome to celebrate with our favorite heroes.

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

Florally Yours - Adult Mother's Day Craft

Do you have a special woman in your life that you want to honor on Mother's Day? Then, come to the library to create a floral masterpiece - a wooden jewelry box with blooming designs. Be ready to get creative. Leave with a freshly picked gift for Mom! Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast.

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

Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting
General membership meeting of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library. New members are always welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration not required.

Saturday, May 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Adults, enjoy the ambiance of a fancy afternoon tea that celebrates Mother's Day! Bring your mother, learn the etiquette of tea parties and partake in dainty and delicious treats! Dressing up in your tea finery is encouraged, but not required. It's 'scone to be a fantastic event that is sure to receive your Mother's approval. Register early before it fills up!

Wednesday, May 16; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Domonkas Friends Preview Book Sale

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for Friends of the Domonkas Public Library. New members may join or former members may renew annual memberships. The sale is sponsored by the Domonkas Friends. Have the first chance at great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more! Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, May 16; 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 17; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, May 18; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Domonkas Friends' Book Sale

The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library and is open to the public. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more! Preregistration not required.



Tuesday, May 22; 6:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night: Dragons Love Tacos

Dragons love tacos, and taco parties, but definitely NOT spicy salsa. Luckily, they love libraries too! During this special family story time, attendants will enjoy the picture book by Adam Rubin and special themed activities, games and treats. This program is best for children ages 4 - 10 and their families.



North Ridgeville Library

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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
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Monday, April 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Come to the general membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. to plan the next book sale and other programs and fundraisers. New members are welcome. Preregistration not required.

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

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

- The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Wednesday, May 2; 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

- The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan

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



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

Coloring for Grown-ups

Experience the calming, stress relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made for adults. Coloring sheets, pencils and markers will be provided. This program is for adults age 18 and older.

Thursday, April 5, May 3; 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.

Saturday, April 7, May 5; 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 sit to read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer for a 15 minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.



Saturday,

April 7;

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

All Aboard! Choo Choo Train Fun!

Come to the library to enjoy train themed crafts, games and activities. Intended for ages 2 and older.

Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14; 10:15 a.m. -

10:35 a.m.

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17; 10:15 a.m. -

10:35 a.m.

Baby and Me Story Time

Stories, music and finger plays for babies, from birth to 23 months, and their caregivers.

Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14;

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17;

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Tales for Twos Story Time

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

Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Family Fun Story Time

A fun story time for families with children ages 2 to 6. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories, songs and crafts.

Monday, April 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 12; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Windows 10 for Beginners

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

Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, May 14; 6:45 p.m. -

7:15 p.m.

Primetime Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2- to 6-year-olds. Make us a part of your Monday night bedtime routine. Children may come dressed in their pajamas, ready to enjoy a bedtime story. Children 4 and older may go into the story room alone or with their caregivers.

Tuesday, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15; 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.

Tuesday, April

10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15;

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17; 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.

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

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart

Wednesday, May 9; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

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

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

Penguin Encounter

Are you ready to meet a penguin? The Wave Foundation of Newport, KY, will introduce you to an African penguin and fun penguin artifacts. They'll give you the scoop on African penguin adaptations, predators, and human threats to the penguin population. Space is limited. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Friday, April 13, May 11; 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 more. Preregistration not required.

Saturday, April 14, 28, May 12, 26; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

Interested in meeting other writers to hone your writing skills but need motivation? Then join us to read and critique, and learn the craft of writing in general.

Monday, April 16; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 19; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

eMedia

Learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music, as well as how to stream free movies and television shows to a computer or TV. Plus learn to take online courses for free. Bring questions and your devices.



Tuesday, April 17, May 15; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Upcycle Book Craft for Adults

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take home craft using pages from old books.

Tuesday, April 17, May 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends to enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen.

Wednesday, April 18; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Tween and Teen Paint Mixer

Tweens and teens, add some color to your evening by joining us for a relaxing painting experience. Enjoy light refreshments and music while you create a masterpiece to take home. Please wear appropriate clothing.

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

Tween and Teen Throwback Night

Tweens and teens, travel back in time and join us for the best of the 1990s and 2000s when you were a little kid. We'll have plenty of old school games, crafts, music and more.

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

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - One for the Money by Janet Evanovich

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

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - Worth Dying for by Lee Child

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

Thursday, April 19, May 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LEGO® Fun Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO bricks. You supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up.

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

Preschool Science Exploration

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are rolled into one program for preschoolers. Drop in between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to experiment with our science activities. Be prepared to get a little messy with our scientific craft creations. Intended for ages 3 and up. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, April 24, May 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

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

Thursday, April 26; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Book Sale Preview

Admission to the book sale preview of a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages 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. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration not required.

Friday, April 27; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 29; 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Book Sale

Find a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages. Open to the public. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration not required.

Saturday, May 5; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Library 15th Anniversary Open House

Celebrate the 15th anniversary of the opening of the North Ridgeville Branch Library in the building on Bainbridge Road. The open house will include music, stories, displays and refreshments. The public is invited to attend. This year also marks 60 years since the library first opened in North Ridgeville. Cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration not required.

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

Thursday, May 10; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Excel 2016 For Beginners

This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants work with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identify rows and columns, enter data into cells and ranges and create simple mathematical formulas.

Saturday, May 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mom and Me Afternoon Tea

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

Saturday, May 19; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Craft Closet

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you'd like to remake. Here's your chance! Ages 2 and up may drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Preregistration not required.

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

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

PowerPoint for Beginners

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



Wednesday, May 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fairy Gardens

Use your imagination to make your own magical miniature world. We will provide the expertise, planters, a few plants and soil. You need to bring the rest. Intended for ages 3 and up.



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Monday, April 2; 6 p.m.

Spring Fling

Families and children of all ages join us to welcome spring. We will make seed bombs and do other plant themed activities.

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11 a.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

You are invited to attend these Tuesday morning sessions to learn valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises.

Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4 p.m.

South Lorain Chess Club

Open play chess sessions are for all ages and levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for chess players to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, April 4; 6 p.m.

Gardening for Hummingbirds and Butterflies

Get ready for spring with the gardening experts from the Miller Nature Preserve of the Lorain County Metro Parks as they present surefire ways to attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your yard, and give basic gardening tips.

Thursday, April 5; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Giant Board Games

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to play super sized versions of popular board games. Snacks will be provided.

Friday, April 6, 20, May 4, 18; 5 p.m.

Curiosity Club

Are you curious about a topic? Join the Curiosity Club and we will work to find books and activities about your interests. Recommended for ages 2 - 16.

Saturday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12; 11 a.m. - noon

Food and Fun

Children and teens age 18 and younger are invited to join us for a boxed lunch, games, crafts and other activities as we explore cooking new foods. Participants will also bring home a packaged set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their family.

Saturday, April 7; 3 p.m. - 5 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.

Monday, April 9; 6 p.m.

Build an Edible Birdhouse

Families and children of all ages join us to decorate a birdhouse with nuts, seeds and berries to create an edible bird feeder.

Tuesday, April 10; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Penguin Encounter

Are you ready to meet a penguin? The Wave Foundation of Newport, KY, will introduce you to an African penguin and fun penguin artifacts. Space is limited. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

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

Dinosaur Party

Children ages birth to 5 and their caregivers are invited to celebrate all things dinosaurs with stories, songs, dancing and other activities.

Wednesday, April 11;

Bookworms Book Club - Animals by the Numbers

Wednesday, May 16; 6 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club - Zita the Spacegirl

Parents and children in grades 1 - 3 join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of each book. Copies of the book will be available for you to check out and read before the program.

Thursday, April 12; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Cookie Art

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to create art using cookies as a canvas. While supplies last.

Saturday, April 14; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

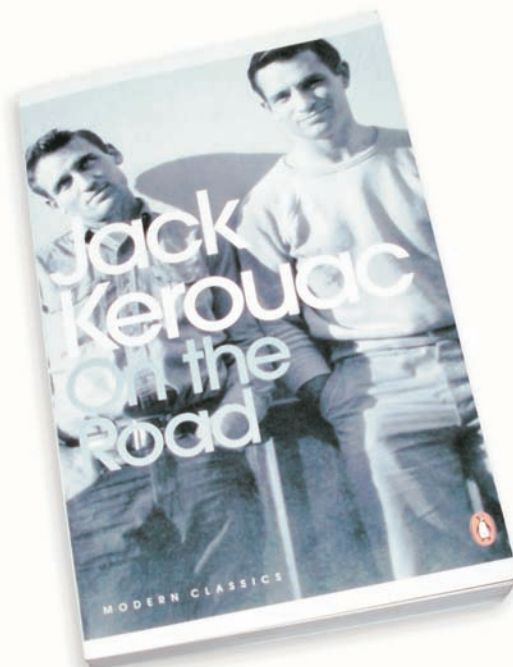
Individual Technology Help

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 it. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

Monday, April 16; 6 p.m.

Super Speedway: Hot Wheels Free Play

Families and children of all ages join us for a night of Hot Wheels fun. Construct a track or race your friends for a "weeely" fun time. We provide the Hot Wheels cars and track.



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

Change of Pace Book Discussion Group - On the Road by Jack Kerouac

Inspired by Jack Kerouac's adventures with Neal Cassady, Read the book and join us.

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

Change of Pace Book Discussion Group - Under the Tuscan Sun: A Home in Italy by Frances Mayes

Inspired by Francis Mayes. Read the book and join us.

Wednesday, April 18; 6 p.m.

Adult Spring Craft

Join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. All materials will be provided and you will be able to take your finished project home to display. This program is for adults only.

Thursday, April 19; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tween Craft: Socktapus

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to make a no sew socktapus. Snacks provided. While supplies last.

Thursday, May 10; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tween Craft: Slinky Painting

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to create a masterpiece using slinkies. Snacks provided.

Monday, April 23; 6 p.m.

Disney Trivia Night

This is "nacho" average trivia night! Kids and families team up and join us for a night of Disney trivia. We will have a self serve nacho bar to snack on between rounds.

Tuesday, April 24, May 22; 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. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion.



Wednesday, April 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Farm Party

Children ages birth to 5 and their caregivers can come celebrate farm life with stories, songs, dancing and other activities.

Wednesday, April 25; 6 p.m.

How to Avoid Scams That Target Seniors

Every day, scammers bombard the telephones, mailboxes, and email accounts of older Americans with age old scams and new types of fraud. Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Scams Against Seniors program works to educate seniors on the most common scams that victimize older adults. Pamela Anson, community outreach coordinator for the BBB of Greater Cleveland, will offer tips and resources to help you and your loved ones stay ahead of scams.

Wednesday, April 25; 6 p.m.

Novel Explorers - The Dragon With a Chocolate Heart

Parents and children in grades 4 - 6 join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis.

Wednesday, May 30; 6 p.m.

Novel Explorers Book Club - Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science

Parents and children in grades 4 - 6 join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *Finding Wonders* by Jeannine Atkins. Copies of the novel will be available for you to check out and read before the program.

Thursday, April 26; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

DIY Pretzels

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to celebrate National Pretzel Day by making chocolate covered pretzels and sampling different dips. While supplies last.



Monday, April 30; 6 p.m.

Blastoff!

Families and children of all ages join us to learn about and build your own spacecraft.

Wednesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 6 p.m.

A Practice in 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 five week group meditation series. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own pillow, blanket or mat.

Thursday, May 3; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Marble Table Golf

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can try their hand at our marble table golf course. Snacks provided.

Monday, May 7; 6 p.m.

Robot Rally

Families and children of all ages join us to do robot themed activities and learn how to think like a robot. Then, try your hand at using different robots and technology.

Tuesday, May 8; 6 p.m.

Bonsai Tree Basics

Do you have an interest in Bonsai? Don't let the fact that 'bon sai' is an art studied and refined for many centuries scare you off, because you are perfectly capable to learn how to grow Bonsai trees without green thumbs. Join Dale Harder, Bonsai Master and President of the Cleveland Bonsai Club, to learn what it takes to get started.

Wednesday, May 9; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Astronaut Party

Children ages birth to 5 and their caregivers can celebrate all things space with stories, songs, dancing and other activities.

Saturday, May 12 - Saturday, May 26

South Lorain Branch Spring Photography Contest

Send us your spring inspired photographs and possibly win a prize. Entries will be accepted from May 12 through May 26. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Email your photo as a JPEG file to mpeters@pls.info. All photographs will be displayed at the South Lorain Branch Library from June 1 through June 15. During this time, library patrons can vote for their favorites.

Saturday, May 12; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Manage Photos and Data Online

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. Learn how to use Google drive to work with and store files.

Monday, May 14; 6 p.m.

Mom and Me Tea Party

Young ladies, gentlemen, and their families are invited to join us for a special tea party to celebrate mothers and grandmothers. We will serve light refreshments and complete a special craft.

Thursday, May 17; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Candy Catapults

Kids in grades 4 - 8 can join us to build a candy catapult and see how far their candy will fly. While supplies last.

Friday, May 18 Saturday, May 19

Monday, May 21 - Friday, May 26

Monday, May 28

Star Wars Space Chase

Star Wars fans of all ages are welcome to stop in for a special scavenger hunt. Participants will receive a small prize upon completion. Preregistration not required.

Saturday, May 19; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

eLibrary

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. Learn how to take online courses for free. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your devices.

Monday, May 21; 6 p.m.

Have a Blast!

Watch out! This program is hot! Families and children of all ages, let your imagination flow while we sculpt volcanoes and then make them erupt.

Wednesday, May 23; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bubble Party

Children ages birth to 5 and their caregivers can join us for some fun with bubbles including stories, songs, dancing and other activities.

Thursday, May 24; 6 p.m.

Flower Cupcake Workshop

Adult enthusiasts of delicious crafts join us to celebrate spring with cupcake decorating. Participants will learn to decorate different flower cupcakes. This workshop is for adults only.



LPLS is Rocking and Reading this Summer!

The Lorain Public Library System rolls out its Summer Reading Program Saturday, June 2, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., with a rocking beach party at Lorain's Lakeview Park. The entire family can enjoy games, face painting and entertainment, then stop by their favorite branch to sign up for the program and pick out some summer reading materials.

With the theme "Libraries Rock!," readers of all ages can participate in the reading program, which runs through August. The summer initiative has been a part of Lorain County families' summers for more than 20 years, according to Elaine Betting, Public Services Coordinator for Youth and Outreach Services.

"The reading program is not only a fun way for school-aged students to prevent that 'summer slide,' it can be an exciting part of an entire family's summer," Betting said.

With this year's program geared toward families, parents can read to infants and preschool-aged children, then count those books toward their totals. An entire family can sign up as a team to participate in challenges together to earn entries into the grand prize drawing. And this year, contest participation is easier than ever.

Challenge ideas might include reading a nonfiction book, reading a book with an "ugly" cover or reading to a child. To jumpstart student participation, a free book is offered, and a free tote will be given to adults who sign up and finish the program.

"Challenging our readers to look at books in a new way will hopefully get patrons to see that there are other stories they might enjoy, and that our staff is willing and able to find



them new material," Betting said. She added, "We want to encourage our patrons to go outside their reading comfort zone. Our librarians will be happy to provide readers advice regarding selections."

LPLS is part of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a national initiative of libraries joining to share themes and materials for low-cost, effective summer reading programs.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit lorainpubliclibrary.org/summerprograms, or call your favorite branch.



Preschoolers Rising to Kindergarten Reading Readiness

Is your child ready for kindergarten? Lorain Public Library System is offering free kindergarten readiness

programs to help preschool parents prepare their students for academic success.

As a part of the Rising Titans Kindergarten Reading Readiness Collaborative, the system provides fun, educational activities to engage families in preschool learning. Following the program's successful kick off in December, it continues this spring with topics such as letter recognition, counting and shapes.

"These are subjects that indicate if a child is ready for the learning that takes place in kindergarten," said Elaine Betting, Public Services Coordinator for Youth and Outreach Services.

Betting said that besides readiness assessments, parents are encouraged to introduce their preschoolers to their first books and library cards to complement preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

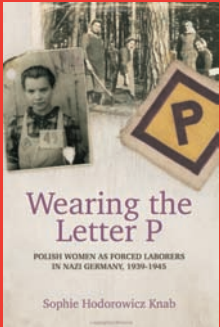
Designed to build parent capacity, while reducing barriers to kindergarten academic success, the program enables parents to measure and assess a child's age reading ability by comparing individual test scores with national standard benchmarks.

Rising Titans is a Lorain city initiative sponsored by Neighborhood Alliance and other community partners.

For more information about it, visit lorainpubliclibrary.org or call 440-244-1192.

Staff Picks

From our family to yours. The LPLS staff has enjoyed these items that can be found in the CLEVNET system and we hope you will also.



Wearing the Letter P
by Sophie Hodorowicz Knab

"This book tells the story of what happened to one of two million Polish individuals taken to Germany as forced laborers or slaves. This is a nonfiction account of a part of history that I knew nothing about." - Margaret Urban, Library Associate I, Columbia



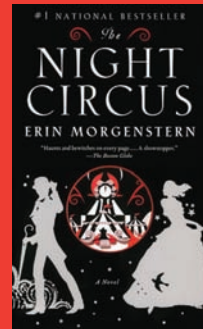
Call Me by Your Name
by André Aciman

"*Call Me by Your Name* by André Aciman is a breathtaking love story set in Italy during the 1980s. Difficult to put down and impossible to forget, Aciman's mesmerizing prose and compelling characters will stay with you long after you read the last sentence." - Erika Bobka, M.L.I.S Librarian, Avon



Time's Betrayal
by David Adams Cleveland

"It is a 1,167 page, multi-generational saga. I am only on page 34, but am hooked already. It is a historical fiction story that has intrigue, murder, mystery, romance, military and war themes." - Margaret Urban, Library Associate I, Columbia



The Night Circus
by Erin Morgenstern

"Celia and Marco are illusionists competing in the 'game.' When they instead start collaborating, and falling in love, their masters must pull strings that will endanger not only the competitors but everyone attending the Night Circus. The magic, romance and suspense - all within the mysterious wonderment of the circus - will leave you unable to stop reading." - Victoria Cudnik, Associate I, Domonkas



Snow & Rose
by Emily Winfield Martin

"*Snow & Rose* is an enchanting tale with beautiful illustrations. The girls must learn to survive in the enchanted wood, defeat mysterious monsters, and break a curse or two if they have any hope of seeing their father again. This is an excellent read for children or fairy tale lovers of any age." - Niccole Paytosh, Library Associate I, South



Stephen Florida
by Gabe Habash

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