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Library!
System



NEW LOOK

Check Out Our New Look

The start of a new year is always exciting and that is why we chose this time to roll out a new format for the Lorain Public Library System newsletter, *Dimensions*. The new design enables us to provide you handy “take away” content such as the eTechnology reference sheet on pages 7-8. We hope this reference piece helps you become more familiar with how you can enjoy the system’s eLibrary.

In addition, you will find a survey on page 3. Please take a few minutes to complete this series of questions to help us serve you better. Your input will enable us to further refine both the services we provide and how we deliver what matters most to you. The survey can be emailed, faxed or dropped off at one of our library locations no later than February 28, 2018. All completed surveys will be entered into a drawing. As a thank you, the winner will receive a \$25 Starbucks gift card. We also invite you to help us rename our publication, *Dimensions*. See details on page 21.

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz
Director, Lorain Public Library System

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Lorain Public Library System Survey

To help us serve you better, please take a moment to answer a few questions. Your completed survey will be entered into a drawing and the winner of the drawing will receive a \$25 Starbucks gift card. **Surveys can be emailed to survey@lpls.info, faxed to 440-244-4888 or dropped off at one of our locations no later than February 28, 2018.** Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We look forward to hearing from you!

1 Which Lorain Public Library System location do you consider your home branch? (CHECK ONE)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avon | <input type="checkbox"/> North Ridgeville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorain Main |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domonkas | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorain South |

2 How often do you visit the library?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every few months | _____ |

3 What library programs/services do you use? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books, DVDs, CDs, Magazines or Other Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATH) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Story Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Entertainment/Information | _____ |

4 How often do you access eLibrary services?

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> Never heard of them |

5 What programming most interests you? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Discussions | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Story Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Entertainment/Information | _____ |

6 What age level programming most interests you? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School-age | <input type="checkbox"/> Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | _____ |

7 How do you find out about library events and information? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Calendar Listings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Dimensions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YouTube | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinterest | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Flyers/Posters | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't |
| <input type="checkbox"/> External Library Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

8 In general, how do you stay informed about news and current events? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY & NAME)

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television Station/Digital Channel | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | _____ |

9 What is your gender?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female

10 How old are you?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 46-60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 61-75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-45 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76+ |

11 What additional service(s)/programming could the library provide?

12 Do you think the library programs/services are a good value for the tax dollars spent?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

If you would like to be entered into the drawing for the gift card, please include the following information:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

A 24/7 eLibrary World

eLibrary

→ 24/7 Access

→ FREE with Library Card

→ iOS, PC, Mac & Android-friendly

While hopping in the car to drive to the local library for a book or movie is still the No. 1 way patrons visit the Lorain Public Library System, much has changed since Lorain's library started in 1901 with a few magazines, newspapers and about 500 books.

Today, LPLS serves close to a million visitors annually. But *how* that service is delivered has “e-evolved.” Patrons increasingly are using the system's eLibrary resources to download/stream content to a desktop or mobile device.

This winter *Dimensions* issue features how to access music, feature films, audiobooks, eBooks, magazines and courses on more a dozen free services that are available day and night. In addition, many of these services provide font enlargement, translations and kid-friendly content to meet the diverse learning styles and choices.

According to Cheryl Paganelli, Technical Services Librarian Supervisor for the system, “We select our digital resources with our customers' convenience in mind. Library staff evaluate each service for content and value before deciding if it should be purchased. Products that can provide instant content with little waiting time like Hoopla, Bookflix and RBDigital Magazines are especially popular. We also look for content that is current and continuously updated — like our new Kanopy streaming video service that includes recent independent films and documentaries, as well as classic films.”

“

I use the eLibrary regularly for music, eBooks and audiobooks. Overdrive is great for eBooks and audiobooks; they have improved the app so it is much more user-friendly. I enjoy Hoopla for streaming music. The majority of music on my iPhone is from Freegal. You can't beat free!”

— Jamie Lauver
Main Library Manager

“

I use Kanopy when I'm browsing for something unique to watch. It offers a great collection of indie and foreign films that are not always available on regular streaming sites, as well as selections from the Criterion Collection.”

— Corey Knick, Library Associate II,
Avon Branch Library



How to Get Started with eLibrary

Save the accompanying eTechnology tear-out reference sheet on pages 7-8 to help you explore the Lorain Public Library System's eLibrary. In addition, eLibrary class sessions are in the *Dimensions* calendar listings or online. As always, email, call, or stop in at one of our LPLS locations with questions. To apply for an LPLS library ecard, visit www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/ecard-form. (You must live, work, own property or attend school in Ohio to receive a card. The ecard accesses only eMedia.) If you already own an LPLS library card, you can start using all of our eMedia today!

Despite the system's diverse options, individuals often are unfamiliar with the services provided or hesitant to try them. To help introduce eMedia content to patrons, hands-on courses are offered at locations throughout the system. (Check the calendar listings online and in this issue.)

For those who cannot easily travel to a library, Jodi Fulton, a library system outreach Associate I, regularly visits area retirement centers and assisted living locations. There, she works one-on-one to answer questions and help download or stream selections to computers, tablets, eReaders or other mobile devices.

"Once an individual is comfortable using their device with the various eMedia programs available through the library's website, they are thrilled to access the available content. Also, a favorite feature is the ability to enlarge a book or magazine's print. One patron said she thought her tablet was just for emailing and games but now she is reading more than ever!" said Fulton.

eMedia circulation has increased each year since first being introduced in 2011. In the past two years alone, use of audiobooks increased from close to 59,000 users to more than 70,000. In 2017, there was a 70 percent increase in eBook downloads — resulting in more than 100,000 consumers in the LPLS system now enjoying eLibrary services.

Top 10 eLibrary Subjects

- 1 Fiction
- 2 Romance
- 3 Thriller
- 4 Literature
- 5 Suspense
- 6 Mystery
- 7 Nonfiction
- 8 Historical Fiction
- 9 Fantasy
- 10 Young Adult Fiction



My favorite eMedia resource is BookFlix with its interactive storytelling and easy-to-use children categories. I also enjoy the way fiction books are paired with related nonfiction books. Through personal experience of using BookFlix with children, I highly recommend this resource!"

— Kelsey DeCoste
Library Associate I, North Ridgeville Branch

Library eMedia Now Reaches Cleveland Clinic Patients



The Lorain Public Library System has joined forces with a tech-savvy twosome of Cleveland Clinic volunteers to help make patient stays a little more enjoyable.

As part of an innovative pilot program, Avon Branch Librarian Supervisor, Donna Kelly Sprinkle, is putting into practice “off the shelf thinking” by envisioning a creative way to serve the community at the Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital. So, the next time you or a loved one has a hospital stay, you may want to bring along an iPad, tablet or smartphone.

Patients are now able to use their Lorain Public Library card number along with their smartphone or tablet. And if someone does not have a card, special Avon Hospital eCards are available, allowing a temporary number to be used.

“Movies, books, music and magazines are the perfect diversion for someone who is in the hospital even for a day or two,” Sprinkle said. “That is why partnering with the volunteers in the Patient Experience department of the Clinic to make the library system’s free eLibrary streaming and downloadable materials accessible to inpatients makes sense.”

Former educator Kathy Bogner and Nancy Antochow, who had worked as a Clinic surgical nurse, are taking patient visits to the next eLearning level by delivering more than crossword puzzles, coloring pages and crafts to bedsides.

“I started ordering books for the Midview school system when I worked full time and now I visit the rooms of patients weekly doing the same thing,” Bogner said. “I guess I am an educator at heart.”

She noted that patients often leave the hospital inspired to get a library card after their experience. “One man had no idea that he could enjoy so many magazines without a subscription or purchasing them,” she added.

Fellow volunteer Antochow commented, “I especially like the magazine selections such as *Good Housekeeping* for those we visit since they may not be able to read for long periods. I also really like the ease of use and compactness of the technology,” she said smiling with the pride of ongoing learning that has enabled her to know almost as much technology as her two grandchildren.

When in the hospital, patients can now use their Lorain Public Library System card number, along with their smartphone or tablet. And, if someone does not have a card, Avon Hospital eCards are available, allowing a temporary number to be used.

“The enthusiasm of these volunteers has been contagious,” said Cleveland Clinic Volunteer Coordinator Terri Meadows. “In fact, the Clinic’s eLibrary is gaining popularity so quickly that the volunteers find they are not only helping patients, but teaching staff as well as other volunteers how to use the system to keep up with the demand.”

Because of the program’s success, the LPLS plans to extend this service to other Lorain County locations in 2018.

To find out more about Lorain’s eLearning offerings, or to sign up for a card, visit the website at lorainpubliclibrary.org.



Cleveland Clinic volunteers demonstrate eMedia. Kathy Bogner (Left) and Nancy Antochow (Right)



61% Hoopla Usage Increase

eLibrary usage is gaining steam with a 61% usage increase in Hoopla alone in Q3 of 2017.

Get Started with Lorain Public Library System's eLibrary

A traditional trip to the library to take out a book or movie is still the most popular way for visitors to use library services. Increasingly, however, use of the eLibrary is gaining steam. Through the third quarter of 2017, Hoopla usage alone rose 61 percent. Patrons are increasingly downloading or streaming items at no charge to a computer or mobile device. So, if your resolution this year was to learn a new skill and you aren't a raving fan of e-technology yet, then this tear-out reference sheet is designed for you.

To sign up for a library ecard that will access only eMedia (you must live, work, own property or attend school in Ohio), visit www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/ecard-form to apply. In addition, if you would like to learn more about this technology, LPLS online and website calendar listings feature how-to sessions. And, as always, you can call, email or stop in to a system location with questions. (Note that a regular card can also be used to access eMedia.)

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Learning



Children



Translations



Visually/Hearing Accommodations



Self-publishing



Access Video on Demand: Master Collection

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FEATURES

Streaming 21K+ films,
372K+ videos

Documentaries, classic films,
educational videos, concerts

Travel, health, careers/
job seeking, art, business,
genealogy/history, cooking,
languages, STEM, teen issues,
world cinema, science,
social sciences, animals,
entrepreneurs, DIYers, dance/
music/theater

Google® Translate™,
highlights text, continuous
play, loop play

POPULAR SELECTIONS

A&E™, NOVA™, Masterpiece™,
HISTORY™, TED™, Macneil
Lehrer™, FRONTLINE™, BBC™/
ABC™/NBC™ News, National
Geographic™, HBO™



Access Video on Demand: Just for Kids

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FEATURES

2K+ video/230+ interactive
games, puzzles, quizzes/575+
audio files for K-12

Music, arts, animals, sports,
hobbies, math, science,
history, reading

Unlimited,
simultaneous access

Languages/Google® Translate™,
American Sign Language

POPULAR TITLES

Common Core 4 Kids, Jim
Henson, Rabbit Ears, English
as a Second Language, U.S.
Government series, The Toy
Castle, World of Wonder, Real
World Science



ArtistWorks for Libraries

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FEATURES

Self-paced string/band music,
voice, art instruction videos

Beginning to advanced

POPULAR CATEGORIES

Bass, bluegrass, classical,
guitar, piano, percussion,
music theory, voice,
harmonica, hip-hop, jazz, DJ
scratching



BiblioBoard

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Books, images, videos,
articles, documents, images,
audio/oral histories

Professional quality/self-
published indie authors,
traditional publishers, artists,
cultural institutions, local
thought leaders

Mobile offline bookshelf

Unlimited
multi-user experience

Create in Pressbooks/
submit in SELF-e/read on
BiblioBoard

POPULAR CATEGORIES

Fiction, comics,
graphic novels, children's
books, young adult, history,
science, art



BookFlix

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FEATURES

Pre K-3

Pairs classic video storybooks
with related nonfiction eBooks

POPULAR CATEGORIES

Animals/nature, earth/sky,
people/places, ABCs/123s,
family/community, music/
rhyme, adventures,
celebrations, imagination



Freegal Music

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FEATURES

13M songs/40K labels,
SONY MUSIC™

Download 5 songs weekly for
MP3™

New music daily

Apple®, Android™ apps

SAMPLE ARTISTS

Adele, Kenny Chesney,
DJ Khaled, Kesha, Elvis,
Michael Jackson, SZA



Gale Courses

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FEATURES

375+ interactive, college
instructor-led, 6 weeks

New sessions monthly

Online discussions

POPULAR CATEGORIES

PMBOK®, GED®, GMAT®,
GRE®, SAT®/ACT®, Praxis®,
Microsoft®, QuickBooks™,
grant writing, nonprofits, K-12
assignments



Hoopla

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100K+ movies, TV shows,
eBooks, eAudiobooks,
comics, music

New titles added daily

Instant streaming, temporary
download, no holds/waiting

New historical drama,
horror, thriller

Roku®, Apple® TV,
Amazon Fire®

POPULAR TITLES

Sid the Science Kid™,
SESAME STREET™,
Bill Nye the Science Guy™,
Women in Space, *Secrets of
Mental Math*, *DC Comics™*,
GREAT COURSES™,
Paramount Pictures movies



Kanopy Video Collection

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FEATURES

30K+ movies, documentaries
for viewing/streaming

Historical drama, The Criterion
Collection, *GREAT COURSES™*,
PBS™, indie, classic,
international film festival

POPULAR TITLES

Women Against ISIS,
Beyond Food, *The Kingdom of
Dreams and Madness*



Lynda.com

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Software development,
business, technology, creative,
IT, business, marketing,
photography, 3D+ Animation
online video courses

Unlimited access, expert
teachers, learn anytime

POPULAR CATEGORIES

iOS 8 App™,
PhoneGap™ build,
management tips, freelancing,
InDesign™, Illustrator™,
WordPress™, HTML,
Joomla!®3, green screen,
GoPro™ Hero3,
mobile marketing



KEY

E Learning

K Children

T Translations

V Visually/Hearing Accommodations

W Self-publishing



OverDrive

E K T V

FEATURES

eBooks, eAudiobooks,
streaming videos, read-alongs

Best-selling author and high
demand feature, TV series,
children's, documentaries,
educational, languages

SESAME STREET™, *Starz™*,
Disney®, *PBS™*, *Penguin*
Young Readers™, *Scholastic™*,
National Geographic™,
Random House™

POPULAR TITLES

Planet Apes, *Dr. Seuss™*,
Metropolis, *Food, Inc.*,
Forks Over Knives, *Star Wars™*,
Dora the Explorer™



OverDrive for Kids

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FEATURES

K-12 eBooks, eAudiobooks,
streaming videos, read-alongs

POPULAR TITLES

Dr. Seuss™, *Star Wars™*,
Dora the Explorer™



Pressbooks

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Write/edit/design professional
quality digital/print books for
library circulation

Create in Pressbooks/submit
in SELF-e/read on BiblioBoard

FORMATS

ePUB, MOBI, PDF, etc.

POPULAR ITEMS

Fiction, comics, graphic
novels, children's books,
young adult, history,
science, art



RBdigital Magazines
(formerly Zinio)

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FEATURES

100+ full digital magazines

Unlimited issue checkout,
read instantly

Search newest, keyword,
genre, backlist

Read online in browser/
download read in app

Magazine stays on
device until deleted

Apple®, Android™
Kindle Fire™ apps

POPULAR TITLES

Us Weekly, *In Touch Weekly*,
Women's World, *Food*
Network, *HGTV*, *Better Homes*
& Gardens, *Newsweek*, *The*
Week, *The Economist*, *Good*
Housekeeping, *OK!*, *Life &*
Style Weekly, *Star*, *National*
Geographic, *Rolling Stone*,
Prevention



SELF-e

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FEATURES

Create in Pressbooks/submit
in SELF-e/read on BiblioBoard

Indie authors can opt-in for
selection to drive author
discovery in U.S. and Canada

POPULAR ITEMS

Fiction, comics, graphic
novels, children's books,
young adult, history,
science, art

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

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

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

*Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27;
March 6, 13, 20, 27; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.*

Line Dancing

Learn line dancing to rhythm and blues and soul music (taught by Ms. Evelyn Henry) or practice what you already know while making new friends.

*Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27;
March 6, 13, 20, 27; 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.

*Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28;
March 7, 14, 21, 28; 4 p.m.-6 p.m.*

Coding Club

We'll provide the tech; you provide the creativity as we explore coding concepts and computer languages. All skill levels are welcome. Intended for children ages 10 and up.

*Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22;
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.*

Salsarobics

Exercise to the Latin beat with Eileen Torres. Bring a drink (water will be provided) and wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Everyone is invited.

*Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23;
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.*

Yoga for Beginners

Ages 18 and older are invited to join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel.

*Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24;
March 3, 10, 17, 24; 10 a.m.-noon*

Yarn Club

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

*Saturdays, January 6, 20; February 3, 17;
March 3, 17, 31; 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.

*Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26;
March 5, 12, 19, 26; 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 to compose and assemble a resume, set up an email account, attach a resume in an email, set up a job website account, save a resume to an online site and apply for a job online.

*Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5,
12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26;
6 p.m.-7 p.m.*

Zumba®

Join the Zumba® workout craze and shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats!

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

Book Sale Preview for Lorain Friends Members

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.- Penny Day

Book Sale

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

*Fridays, January 12; February 23; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; March 9;
4 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.

Monday, January 15; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Event

Learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s protest against inequality and draw or write about your dreams.

*Mondays, January 15; February 12; March 12;
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.*

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

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

*Tuesdays, January 16; February 1, 13; March 1, 13, 29;
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.*

Anime and Manga Club

Join fellow fanatics and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture and more. View shōjo to shōnen, action, adventure and fantasy shows and snacks. For fans ages 13 to 18. Bring a friend!

Thursday, January 18; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion- Syndrome E by Franck Thilliez

Come join us and discuss this chilling thriller. We promise, we'll have the lights on! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Fridays, January 19; March 16; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come for an overview of our eLibrary services and learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music, as well as stream free movies and television shows to a computer or TV. Plus, learn how to take free online Gale courses. Bring questions and your portable devices.

*Mondays, January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 19, 26;
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.*

Family Story Time

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

Mondays, January 22; February 26, March 26; 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Family Movie Night

It's an old style cinema night for the whole family! Join us for popcorn and a flick.

Tuesdays, January 23; February 27; March 27; 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.

Tuesdays, January 23; February 27; March 27; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

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

Wednesdays, January 24; February 21; March 14; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

LEGO® Night

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

Friday, January 26; 11 a.m.-noon

Kindergarten Readiness- Shapes

Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands on activity stations together. Focus on literacy and math skills. For ages 4 to 5, with a caregiver.

*Fridays, January 26; 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; February 9;
4 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, as well as create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Saturdays, January 27; March 17; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Word for Beginners

Using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word, participants will learn the basics of typing, saving formatting and printing documents as well as copying and pasting techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Monday, January 29; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.;

Friday, March 30; 4 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.

Monday, January 29; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Pirates and Princesses

If you have a pirate or princess in your household, join us for themed crafts, games, and a whole lot of fun. Dress up is highly encouraged. All ages welcome.

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

Family Bingo Night

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





Fridays, February 2; March 2; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.;

Saturday, January 20; 11 a.m.-1 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, February 13; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Make and Take Valentine's Day Craft

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and we have everything you need to create a dazzling handmade craft to show your family and friends. All ages welcome.

Thursday, February 15; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion- My Absolute Darling by Gabriel Tallent

A breathtaking story of survival following the journey of a girl intent on becoming herself, this one is sure to keep you turning the pages. Please come join us in for discussion! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Friday, February 16; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.;

Saturday, March 31; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction to Social Media

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

Saturdays, February 17; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;

March 10; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

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

Saturdays, February 17, 24; March 3, 17, 24, 31; 11 a.m.-noon

Food and Fun

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

Saturday, February 17; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Craft-A-Palooza

Families with children of all ages, join us for a wide variety of simple crafts to make and take home with you. Preregistration is required.

Friday, February 23; 11 a.m.-noon

Kindergarten Readiness- Counting

Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands on activity stations together. Focus on numbers. For ages 4-5, with a caregiver.

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

Lunchtime Local History: Garrett Morgan: Cleveland's Civic-Minded Inventor

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about Garrett Morgan, the son of former slaves who moved north from the segregated south and went on to become a self made businessman in Cleveland. Hear the story of how his inventions including the traffic light revolutionized public safety in the automobile age. The program is presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society. Light refreshments will be served.

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

PowerPoint for Beginners

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

Tuesday, March 6; 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

The Basics: Memory Loss Dementia & Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association provides basic information about memory loss issues.

Saturday, March 10; 11 a.m.-noon

Dungeons & Dragons Basics- Winter Convention

Ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Join our panelists to learn the basics for starting your own game!

Saturday, March 10; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winter Convention

Join us in celebrating our favorite fandoms and nerdy interests with presentations, vendors, crafts and more. From fantasy realms to space sagas, gaming to comics there will be something for everyone. Even a costume contest and photo booth. All ages welcome. Schedule is as follows:

noon-1 p.m.

Comic Book Art

Ever wonder how artists create comics and graphic novels? Local artist Nathan Ward will take it step by step as you bring your own ideas to life. This program is intended for ages 9 and up.

noon-4 p.m.

Photo Booth

Suit up and save the world! Jump in the photo booth with your favorite hero props and take home some memories. Courtesy of Pop Star Photo Booth.

1 p.m.-2 p.m.

A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters of all time hosts this fun presentation. Marty Gitlin will show snippets, discuss legendary characters, explain his criteria for rankings and even set up games for the youngsters. All ages welcome.

1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Steampunk Fascinators

Learn how to make your own Steampunk "fascinator"-a tiny decorative hat you can take home!

2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Elements of Cosplay

Join us for a presentation on various elements of cosplay including no budget costumes, online resources as well as various prop and costume construction techniques.

3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Junior Superhero Academy

Within every child lives a superhero capable of saving the day. Join Wonder Woman and Spider Man in an interactive and engaging show that summons superpowers and let kids save the day and the world. Program is provided by Spectacular Party Entertainment, Inc.

Thursday, March 15; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion- The Dinner by Herman Koch

The novel explores just how far people are willing to go in order to protect the ones they love in the face of terrible tragedy. We are sure this book will leave you hungry to talk about it! Copies of the book are available at the library.

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

Minecrafters

Calling all Minecraft fans! Families with children of all ages, Grab your pickaxe or sword and join us in the Nether for an evening of simple Minecraft themed crafts.

Friday, March 23; 11 a.m.-noon

Kindergarten Readiness- Colors

Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands on activity stations together. Focus on strengthening color knowledge and fine motor skills. For ages 4-5 with a caregiver.

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

Tech Help

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

Saturday, March 24; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Escape Room

It's an escape room for adults! Prepare to be locked in, solve puzzles, and search for clues as you race against the clock.

Monday, March 26; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Container Gardening

Did you know almost any garden fruit or vegetable can grow in a container? Join us and we will teach you the basics of growing food in pots, containers, and small spaces.

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

Lunchtime Local History: Lorain's "Really Religious Reid Avenue"

Who would have guessed that a street, named for one of the city's founding fathers, would become the most religious street in all of Lorain? Two dozen of Lorain's religious foundations, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish, Muslim and more, are represented here. Join us as David Simmer, Sacred Landmarks Initiative, helps us explore the neighborhoods, the people and the sacred edifices that gave soul to the city of Lorain. Light refreshments will be served.



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Monday, January 1; 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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Thursday, January 4; 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, January 5; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Saturdays, January 6; February 24; March 17; 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun, engaging music program is conducted by a board certified music therapist from Music Therapy Enrichment Center.

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

Busy Town

Drive around Richard Scarry's Busy Town and meet new friends! Children ages 18 months to 6 years can stop at the grocery store, car wash, construction site and more. Bring your favorite toy car or truck and play.

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Wednesdays, January 10; February 7; March 14;

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

Teen Anime Night

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 6 to 12.

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

Art Play Date: Sparkle Snow

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents will have fun and learn while exploring sensory art materials and listening to a story related to the art project. We recommend bringing a smock or wearing "messy" clothing.

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

Escape from the Library!

Join us for an adult only escape room challenge! Bring your friends and race against time to "escape" the library as a team.

Saturday-Wednesday, January 13-17; Library Hours

Friends Book Sale on Wheels

Stop in and catch some super deals as the Friends of the Avon Library wheel out carts of books, DVDs and more for sale during regular library hours. There will be different items daily!

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

Hydroponic Gardening at Home

The Avon Garden Club will teach you how to grow fresh greens and herbs all winter at home! Learn the basics of hydroponic gardening, supply and equipment options, and how to make low cost potting systems.

Saturday, January 13; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen STEAM: CD Case Maze

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. Create a CD case maze using empty CD cases and wax sticks. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Mondays, January 15; March 12; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

Learn 2007 Microsoft Excel basics, how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas and choose layout and print format options. Hands on practice time will be available for participants comfortable using a mouse.

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

Family Engineering Night: Eeeek! A Spider! Trap Challenge

Challenge your STEM skills in this family friendly engineering competition for school age children and their families. Build a trap using simple machines to catch a (fake) spider. Winners enter a drawing to receive a grand prize!

Wednesdays, January 17; February 21; March 21; 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Coding Club

Students, grades 3 and up, will explore and learn computer programming in a fun, collaborative environment. A limited number of laptops are available or bring your own. Staff and volunteers will be on hand for assistance.

Wednesdays, January 17; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Wednesday, February 21; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Books and Brews- The Devil in the White City

by Erik Larson- Avon Brewing Company

Wednesday, March 21; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley by Hannah Tinti

Books and Brews at Avon Brewing Company

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road, Avon! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a book discussion. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Book copies are available at the library.

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

Investing 101

Gain the knowledge you need to begin investing on your own. Learn basic investments of stocks, bonds, CDs and annuities, as well as core investing principles of risk versus return and diversification. Identify your unique investor personality by examining your financial situation and goals.

Friday, January 19; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Teen Escape Room Challenge

If you were locked in a room, could you plan the ultimate escape? Join us after hours to test your strategy skills in a game of Escape Room. Perfect for ages 12 through 18.

Saturdays, January 20; February 3; March 3;

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Adapted Story Time

This program of stories, songs, games and social time geared toward children with varying learning styles and abilities, specifically designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience. Content is geared for ages 3 through 7.

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

Kids Drive-In Movie

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.

Monday, January 22; 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Certified yoga therapist Lyndsey Needham will demonstrate proper alignment techniques and breath work that will help improve your strength and flexibility while releasing stress and tension with the use of a chair. This program is for adults at all mobility levels.

Tuesdays, January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 27;

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 songs, rhymes, stories and activities – including arts and crafts – designed to build early literacy skills.

Tuesdays, January 23; 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 27;

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.;

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

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

Music Makers

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing.

Tuesday, January 23; 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.

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

Wonders of Weather

Find out from CBS TV meteorologist, Jon Loufman, why wind blows, how a storm forms or why the seasons change. This hands on, interactive presentation is for families with children of all ages.

Wednesdays, January 24; February 28; March 28; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Writers Group

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers to hone your writing skills and get motivation to pick up a pen? If so, our writing group will build writing and critiquing skills.

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time

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

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

11:30 a.m.-noon

Toddler Tales Story Time

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

Thursdays, January 25; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; February 22; March 22;

7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Builders Club

Ages 6 and up can use your imaginations to build with LEGO® blocks. (Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join with a parent.) Creations will be displayed in the library.

Fridays, January 26; March 23; 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Painting with a Plot

Come to the library for inspiration to make an original artwork. Create a painting based on a poem or short story read by our staff. You are welcome to bring your own art supplies or use what we have, including basic acrylic paints, paintbrushes and canvas paper.



Saturday, January 27; noon-4 p.m.

Techie Workshop- Programming

Use Scratch, developed by the MIT Media Lab, to learn the concepts of computer programming. Create your own interactive art, stories and games. Presented by TECH CORPS. For students in 3rd to 6th grade.

Saturday, January 27; 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 heartwarming reading experience for young and old.

Monday, January 29; 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 fun time playing football related literacy games and activities.

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

Family Engineering Night:

Tall Towers Mini Challenges

This family friendly engineering competition challenges the STEM skills of school age children and their families as they complete three mini challenges to build the tallest towers. Winners of the challenges will be entered into a drawing to receive a grand prize!

Wednesday, January 31; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Pig-A-Palooza

Join us at the library for an evening filled with stories, games, crafts and piggy surprises. Perfect for children ages 3 and up.

Friday, February 2, 9; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Beginning Knitting

Learn to knit starting from the very basics. In this two part series for beginning knitters ages 10 through adult. Bring a pair of size 7 knitting needles.

Friday, February 2, 9; 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. in 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 through 6.

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

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I Love Candy!- A Candy Land® Party

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

Monday, February 12; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

eMedia

Learn to use eLibrary services to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks, music and more. Also, learn how to stream free movies and television shows to your computer or TV. Plus, learn how to take online courses for free using Gale and Lynda courses. Bring any questions and your devices.

Tuesday, February 13; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Escape Room

Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School age children and their families complete a series of challenges in a race against time and "escape" the library as a team.

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

Valentine's Day Family Story Time

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library! Join us for Valentine's Day themed stories, finger plays, songs and crafts. Perfect for children ages 2 through 5.

Friday, February 16; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Teen Cosmic Mini Golf

Tweens and teens-join us after hours for a round of cosmic, glow in the dark mini golf. Perfect for ages 12 through 18.

Saturday, February 17; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Angelina Ballerina's Tutu Tea Party

Preschool and school age children, put on your tutus and join us for a magical afternoon! Snack on scrumptious desserts, make a ballerina wand, and learn a few simple dance steps for an afternoon of fun.

Mondays, February 19; March 19; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Intermediate Excel

Learn to summarize data using the LOOKUP function, how to create charts for different categories of data, modify data in a chart, format charts and give charts a professional look.

Saturday, February 24; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen STEAM: Gumdrop Structure Challenge

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. This month we will be using gumdrops and toothpicks to build structures which can hold the weight of a book. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Monday, February 26; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

Local author Marty Gitlin ranks the greatest cartoon characters of all time in his latest book A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History. Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about the wackiest and most legendary cartoon characters ever. He will also explain the criteria he used to rank the best of the best, including Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. This program is for adults and teens.

Tuesday, February 27; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- When Breath Becomes Air

by Paul Kalanithi

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

Tuesday, February 27; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Essential Oils

Katie Vasko, an essential oil enthusiast and educator, will provide education about essential oils and their possible uses such as promoting sleep and immunity. Attendees will place oils with a carrier oil in a bottle with a roller ball for easy essential oil application.

Wednesday, February 28; 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Vegan Recipe Swap

Do you have a great vegan recipe that you would like to share? Are you looking for new vegan recipe ideas? Come to our recipe swap! Come prepared to discuss a favorite vegan recipe and bring copies of the recipe to distribute. Feel free to bring a sample for tasting, though this is not required. This program is for adults.

Thursday, March 1

Friends of the Avon Library

Adult Art Show

The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local adult artists. The art will be on display March 1 through March 31 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 5 at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Seuss-A-Palooza at the Library

"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 during regular hours to help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. There will be crafts and activities to stop in and do. Be sure to stop in—we'd love to have you!

Friday, March 2; 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Dr. Seuss Story Time

Join us at the library for a story time filled with Dr. Seuss books, finger plays, and songs. Perfect for families with children ages 3 through 5.

Monday, March 5; 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. No registration required.

Tuesday, March 6; 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.

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

Careers in Computer Science

Parents and students-come learn about the growing field of computer science and its various careers. Our speaker, Scott Seighman, will share insights into the skills, descriptions, and outlook for jobs in computer science.

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

Book Sale and Preview

The book sale preview will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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 from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. No registration required.

Friday, March 9; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

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

Book Sale

Book sale is open to the public. 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. No registration required.

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

Art Play Date: Squishy Sparkle Bags

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

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

Grossology Lab

Study the science of gross things and become a grossologist! School age children don't miss out on fun STEM experiments that explore the grossness of the human body.

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

Teen STEAM: Maker Movies

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. This month we will make our own stop motion animation movies using iPads, green screens, and other props. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Monday, March 26; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Dementia Care Training

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association is for both family and professional caregivers. This program provides an overview of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

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

Senior Reading Buddies- Avon Oaks

What more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Oaks, 37800 French Creek Road in Avon, for this cozy afternoon program.



Columbia Library

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Knitting Club

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

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

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Mondays, January 8, February 5, March 5; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Decorate Your Door- Adult Craft

Adults, come craft with us and create a new seasonally themed door hanging each month. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20; 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Enjoy stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6, with their caregivers.

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20; 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.

Tuesdays, January 9; February 6; March 6; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen Talks

Join other teens to discuss a wide range of topics relevant to teens, from social issues to health to entertainment. Build your communication skills in a safe environment and make new friends in the process!

Tuesday, January 9; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Dinner and a Book Discussion- The Turner House by Angela Flournoy

Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends at our book group where 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, January 11; February 8, March 8; 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, January 13; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

Learn the basics of 2007 Microsoft Excel including how to set up a spreadsheet workbook, input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas and choose layout and print format options. Limited hands on practice time is available. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

Tuesday, January 16; 2 p.m.

Cutting the Cord- Alternatives to Cable

Tired of paying the ever increasing prices for cable TV? Want to learn about available alternatives? Join us for a discussion of ways to break free from cable and stream TV shows, movies, music and more. Discover ways to save money without sacrificing great entertainment.

Wednesdays, January 17; February 21; March 14; 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

After School Specials

Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will be provided.

Thursday, January 18; 6 p.m.

Working Through Fibromyalgia

Brain fog, insomnia, aches and pains are just some of the issues that accompany fibromyalgia. Join Terri Kistler, LMT, as she shares tricks of the trade to help make your issues more tolerable.

Fridays, January 19, February 16, March 16; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Coloring for Grown Ups

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.

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

A told B and B told C We are Having an Alphabet Party
P is for "party," F is for "fun!" Preschoolers age 2 to 5 will have an awesome time playing with the alphabet at the library.

Monday, January 22; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- God Help the Child by Toni Morrison

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

Monday, January 22; 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, as well as copy and paste techniques. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

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

Rock 'N' Roll History: An Introduction to Progressive Rock and Other Rock Stars of the 1970s

This program will begin with an historical perspective of the early 1970s, followed by definitions and discussion of the geographic origination of Progressive Rock. Characteristics, lyrical themes-social commentary and album covers exhibiting spectacular art renditions will be introduced. Learn about Progressive Rock and other artists of the 70s by listening to their recordings.

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

Cookbook Discussion- Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It! Simple, Scrumptious Recipes for Crazy Busy Lives by Ree Drummond

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, January 30; 6 p.m.

Wonders of Weather with Meteorologist Jon Loufman
Have you ever wondered why the wind blows, how a storm forms or why the seasons change? Well, now you can find out from CBS TV meteorologist Jon Loufman in this fun, hands on, interactive, sky high presentation for the whole family. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Wednesdays, January 31; February 28; March 28; 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.

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

PowerPoint for Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations of slides that include charts, clip art, graphics, animation and transition effects and to polish your presentations with ease. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.



Saturday, February 3; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Winter Escape Room

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?

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

Dinner and a Book Discussion-

***Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan Philipp Sendker**

Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends, at our book group where 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.

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

Intermediate Excel

Learn to summarize data using the LOOKUP function and how to give your charts that professional look by creating categories, modifying data and formatting. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse. Prerequisite for this class: Introduction to Excel or equivalent knowledge.

Wednesday, February 14; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Stupid Cupid- An Anti-Valentine's Day Party

Love stinks and cupid is stupid so come and wallow with your friends at the library. We'll play fun games, do simple crafts and have light snacks. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Saturday, February 17; 11 a.m.-noon

Zoom! Boom! Crash! Hot Wheels Free Play

Have fun playing with our Hot Wheels cars at the library.

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

Internet Safety and Security

Do you want to use the internet, but are frightened by the potential safety risks and security threats? Then come to this informative class to learn the basics of internet safety and security.

Thursday, February 22; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion- *Near and Far: Recipes Inspired*

***by Home and Travel* by Heidi Swanson**

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.

Saturday, February 24; 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.

Monday, February 26; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- *Lincoln in the Bardo*

by George Saunders

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

Wednesday, February 28; 6 p.m.

Blogging Basics

Learn the basics of blogging and how to get started. We'll cover setting up your blog, basic writing tips, choosing a topic and more.

Saturday, March 3; 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, March 6; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Dinner and a Book Discussion- *Before the Fall*

by Noah Hawley

Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends, at our book group where dinner is on us! Copies of the selection are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Saturday, March 10; 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.

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

Spring Card Making for Grown Ups

Nothing says you care more than a personally handcrafted card. Come join us as we complete three different and unique cards with a spring flavor that you'll take home mail ready. Supplies provided. All skill levels welcome.

Wednesday, March 14; 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

After School Specials

Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will also be provided.

Thursday, March 15; 6 p.m.

Beware the Ides of March- Murder Mystery Dinner

Join us for a fun evening of mystery and intrigue at the library as we solve a mystery together. Dinner provided. This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Saturday, March 17; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Open House

Everything's green at the library on St. Patrick's Day! Join us for games, crafts, snacks and a leaping leprechaun good time. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.



Monday, March 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease

This program, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, is designed to provide you with the basic information that everyone needs to know about memory loss issues and what they mean for all of us.

Tuesday, March 20; 2 p.m.

Facebook 101

This program will teach the basics and help you get started with your Facebook page, including uploading pictures and videos, online etiquette, posting statuses, privacy settings and more.

Wednesday, March 21; 2:30 p.m.

Teen Tasting Challenge

Join our tasting challenge to test your ability to identify different foods in blind taste challenges. Perfect for grades 6 through 12. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

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

Cookbook Discussion- *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook*

by Deb Perelman

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.

Saturday, March 24; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music, stream free movies and TV shows and how to take online Gale and Lynda courses. Bring any questions and your devices.

Monday, March 26; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- *Rules of Civility*

by Amor Towles

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

Tuesday, March 27; 6 p.m.

Using OneDrive

Learn about the different uses for your OneDrive account from file sharing to backing up files.



Domonkas Library

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Monday, January 1; 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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A Month of Service - Celebrating

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 2018- Library open hours

Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to community service. Knit and crochet in the library during the month and donate the finished items to a local charity. Materials will be provided.

Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 6; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Book Club

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!

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

Toddler Story Time- Here Comes Winter!

Children 18 months through 4-years-old will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Tuesdays, January 9, March 13; 7 p.m.-8 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. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Get Positive, Live Positive

With the new year, gather a new perspective as we welcome local author and motivational speaker, Melinda Carver! Discover ways to get positive as she teaches how to clear negative behavioral patterns and attitudes in one's career, love life and family. Learn new information to begin a life transformation. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturdays, January 13, 20; February 3, 10; 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Zumba® Beat!

Jazz up your mornings with an infectious dance. Come to the library to break a sweat with Zumba®! Have fun and get fit as we dance to Latin beats!

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

Toddler Story Time- Colorful Crayons

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

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

A Day of Service- Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by learning how to knit or crochet, and then working with others on projects that will be donated to a local charity. Supplies will be provided.

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

Memories of Martin- A Civil Rights Story

Joanne Eldridge, retired Lorain Public Library System director, presents a scripted dramatization of Martin Luther King, Jr. being interviewed by his grandson about his Civil Rights struggle.

Wednesday, January 17; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wonders of Weather

Local celebrity and longstanding Cleveland television meteorologist, Jon Loufman, founder of "Atmosphere Adventures" a science enrichment program for grades four through 12, will discuss local Lake Erie weather issues and answer questions!

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

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

A.M. Yoga

Adults looking for a way to relax this winter can join yoga instructor Deb Suarez and learn how to unwind while staying fit with this ancient Indian discipline. Please bring a towel or mat.

Thursdays, January 18; February 22; March 22; 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

Sixth through 12th-graders can volunteer 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 fill out an application, or come to a meeting to check it out.

Thursdays, January 18, February 22, March 22;

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

Anime Night

Moshi Moshi! Join your fellow tomodachis and watch shows from shōjo to shōnen while enjoying treats.

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

Toddler Story Time- Snow and Snow People

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

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

A Wonderful World of Disney® Trivia!

Do you know who the first Disney® princess was? Or, better yet, do you know when Walt Disney World was created? Can your trivia team paint with all the colors of the wind? The winning team will receive a magical prize that even Buzz Lightyear® would enjoy!

Tuesday, January 23; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night- Spinjitzu Master Mania

Young masters and brick ninjas alike are welcome to learn about the mystical ways of "spinjitzu." Explore dragons and time blades, battle the evil Lord Garmadon, and more in this fun family event.

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

A Play on Words- Writer's Workshop

Looking for additional inspiration for your writing? Then join local author, Gail Nyoka, as she presents her writing workshop. Learn to make your story come to life with realistic characters, and how to create surprising plot twists. Bring your writing samples and something for note taking.

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

Video Game Night

Sixth graders through 12th graders bring your friends and let's play video games! Play the Wii U and PlayStation®4 4 on the big screen. Snacks will be provided.

Saturday, January 27; 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Connections from the Hereafter

Meet best selling authors, seasoned paranormal investigators and spiritual speakers, Jacqueline Davieau and Todd Schelat. They will teach you how to see the signs and signals we are all given from the other side, such as coins, feathers and butterflies. If you have lost someone you love, or are just interested in life after death, this program is for you. After the presentation, books will be available for purchase.

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

Toddler Story Time- Animals and Birds in Winter

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

Monday, January 29; 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 welcome!

Wednesdays, January 31; February 28, March 28;

6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group- The Lakeview Pen

Join our monthly meetings to sharpen your creative writing skills and share ideas with other novice writers. Bring drafts of your work and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing.

Thursday, February 1; 6 p.m.-8 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 in, hang out and play Magic the Gathering® in a casual environment! Bring your own set of dice and decks.

Monday, February 5; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Nursery Rhymes

Story time for children 18 months through 4 years old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Monday, February 5; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Heart-A-Palooza- Adult Valentine Craft

Celebrate friendship, family and amour while learning the art of Julehjerter–Danish hearts. Then create your own message in a bottle! Register early for this heartfelt event.

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

Opiates and Heroin Usage in Lorain County- A Series

In part one of this two part series, join a panel of local leaders with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County to discuss treatment options, information on overdoses, statistics as well as emergency response procedures. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Teen Anti Valentines Day Anti-Party

Hate the mushy gushy day of love? Do you think cupid is stupid? Come to the library for snarky snacks, gloomy games and all things anti Valentines! Everyone will get pins to uncelebrate this unevent. Dark clothing is preferred.



Monday, February 12; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Valentine's Day

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

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

Chock Through the Heart- A Chocolate Tasting

Patrons, come to the library before it's too late to indulge in a sweet Valentine treat! Enjoy a variety of cocoa confections as we learn about the history of Valentine card making. Then create your own Valentines for someone special. Register early. This sweet event is sure to fill up fast!

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

Family Fun Night- Feeling Inside Out and Upside Down

This week focuses on one of many feelings (love), but people can feel so much more! Explore anger, disgust, joy, sadness and fear through games, crafts and stories. Learn about the many emotions that make being a human so wonderful and weird.

Saturday, February 17; 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Great Lakes Theater Presents- Huck Finn

The Great Lakes Theater will perform *Huck Finn*, a play based on the classic novel by Mark Twain. Meet two runaways-a boy and a slave-who team up for adventure on the mighty Mississippi! Huckleberry Finn finds freedom on the run, out thinking colorful con men, narrowly escaping a family feud, and even passing as a girl as he and Jim make their way down the "big river." The audience will meet and greet with the cast after the production!

Monday, February 19; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Fairy Tales

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Monday, February 19; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease

The Alzheimer's Association provides basic information about memory loss issues.

Saturdays, February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 11 a.m.-noon
Food and Fun

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

Monday, February 26; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Pirates

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Monday, February 26; 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!

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

Sears Catalog Homes in Your Neighborhood

Valerie Smith, librarian, historian and author will present a program about the Sears homes in Lorain county. From 1908 until 1940, Sears shipped ready to assemble houses by train. Over 400 designs were offered and Lorain, due to the rail lines, has many of them. Discover history in your backyard and learn to identify many Sears homes in your neighborhood!

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

Thrilling and Chilling- Cult Film Classics

Come to the library to learn why movies become cult classics, discuss some of your favorites and learn about shock, schlock, horror, and more as we explore these films throughout the movie ages! Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, March 5; Saturday, March 10; Library Hours

Passive Program: Learn Your Name in Morse Code

Celebrate Teen Tech Week at the library by learning how Morse code works, how it was invented and how to translate your name.

Monday, March 5; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Lions and Lambs

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Monday, March 5; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Senior Sizzle- Favorite Holidays

Come to the library to spice up your social life with our Senior Sizzle, a round robin of friendly discussion! Bring an open mind and discuss your favorite holidays. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

Opiates in Lorain County- Solutions to Address the Issue

Participate in an open discussion with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County about opiate usage in the area. In part II of this series, a panel of local professionals will share information about drug prevention, as well as overall instruction of what community members can do about this epidemic. Information about how to support families who are impacted by addiction will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Programming with Scratch

Celebrate Teen Tech Week and learn how to use the programming language Scratch, an open source coding language developed by MIT to teach beginning level coding concepts to make animated games or videos. All you need is an email address and a dash of creativity! Preregistration required.

Monday, March 12; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Dr. Seuss

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

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

80s Arcade Night

Play some gnarly classic arcade games on laptops and the original gaming systems and eat some righteous treats that are reminiscent of a totally tubular decade. Then, compete with others to be the raddest gamer! Be sure to register early, as this bodacious event is sure to fill up fast.

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

Pie Hard- Pi Day Bake Off!

Attention all patrons! Come to the library to celebrate our annual Pi Day Bake Off! Get your fill of wonderful pie creations that pay tribute to Pi Day, March 14th! Then, judge on a variety of criteria to deem which pie is the best. It is numerically irrational, but well rounded, delicious fun for everyone!

Saturday, March 17; 2 p.m.

Family St. Paddy's Day Party!

Families and friends, is the luck of the Irish on your side? Then celebrate this "craic" holiday at the library. We will have a shamrockin' good time with Irish stories, crafts, and leprechaun tricks that even the little ones would enjoy! Wear your favorite green outfit and prepare for this festive hooley. Erin go Bragh!

Monday, March 19; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Spring

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

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

Craftiness Abloom- Adult Spring Craft

Patrons, the weather may still be dreadful, but spring is around the corner! Come to the library to create a miniature spring tree that is as lovely and lush as the real thing, minus all the pollen. Be ready to create, and walk home with a lovely, blooming centerpiece!

Wednesday, March 21-Saturday, March 25; Library Hours

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!

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

Oscar® Movie Night

Come to the library and celebrate the diamond anniversary of the Oscars®, as this prestigious film award celebrates 90 years! During March, vote for your favorite Oscar nominated or winning film. The film receiving the most votes will be viewed, complete with light refreshments!

Monday, March 26; 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time- Bunnies and Chicks

Story time for children 18 months through 4-years-old will include music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Monday, March 26; 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 welcome!

Tuesday, March 27; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night- Wreck it... Wreck it Good

Good guys and bad guys alike are invited to this special event about what goes on inside the world of video games. Make a Sugar Rush race car, play "wrecking" and "fixing" games, and follow the Hero's Duty, all here at the library. It's sure to be "von Sweet" time for all!



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

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*Wednesdays, January 3; February 7; March 7;
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

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

*Wednesdays, January 3; February 7; March 7;
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.

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

Cabin Fever

Tired of the cold wind blowing and keeping the kids inside? Bring them into the library for some cool winter fun, indoor style. Families are welcome to attend this chillin' event.

*Thursdays, January 4; February 1; March 1;
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.

Fridays, January 5; February 2; March 16; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Little Learners

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

*Saturdays, January 6; February 3; March 3;
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 and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer for a 15-minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.

*Saturdays, January 6, 20; February 3, 17; March 3, 17, 31;
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 for read and critique and learn the craft of writing in general.

*Wednesdays, January 10; February 14; March 14;
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 members are welcome.

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

Candy Sushi for Tweens and Teens

Beat the winter blues at the library with some Japanese inspired sweet treats. Tweens and teens will make sushi out of candy and Rice Krispie™ treats while watching some favorite anime episodes.

Saturday, January 13; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. to plan the next book sale and other fundraisers. New members are welcome.

Saturday, January 13; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Paddington Bear™ Party

Bring your favorite teddy bear to the library to make Paddington Bear™ inspired crafts for you and your fuzzy BFF! Intended for children ages two and up.

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

Dolley Madison Portrayed by Carol Starre Kmiecik

First Lady Dolley Madison was well known for her hospitality and social skills. She became first lady in 1808 when her husband James Madison was elected President, but she had often previously acted as hostess of official state events during widower Thomas Jefferson's two presidential terms. Carol Starre Kmiecik will perform a 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.

*Mondays, January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5;
10:15 a.m.-10:35 a.m.*

*Thursdays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8;
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.

*Mondays, January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5;
10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.;*

*Thursdays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22;
March 1, 8; 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.

*Mondays, January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26;
March 5; 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.*

*Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6;
6:30 p.m.-7 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.

*Mondays, January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5;
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 four and older may go into the story room alone or with their caregivers.

*Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6;
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.

*Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6;
11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.;*

*Thursdays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8;
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.

Tuesdays, January 16; February 20; March 20; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Upcycle Book Craft for Adults

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

*Tuesdays, January 16; February 20; March 20;
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Gamer Lounge

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

Wednesdays, January 17; February 21; March 21; 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 members are welcome.

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

LEGO® Fun Day

The library will provide the LEGO® bricks. You supply the ideas and creations. Drop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to participate.

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

Canal Songs and Stories

Produced by Eden Valley Enterprises, this program features music and narration about the history of the canals of Ohio. Foster Brown sings while Bette Lou Higgins shares stories as we learn about this interesting time in Ohio's past. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Tuesdays, January 23; February 27; March 27; 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, January 25; 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.

Friday, January 26, Saturday, 27; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;

Sunday, January 28; 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.



*Saturdays, January 27, February 10, March 10;
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

Craft Closet

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft supply 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.

Monday, January 29; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wonders of Weather

Have you ever wondered why the wind blows, how a storm forms or why the seasons change? Now you can find out from CBS TV meteorologist, Jon Loufman in a presentation on the wonders of weather! This fun, hands on, interactive presentation is intended for children ages 6 and up with their families.

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

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association provides basic information about memory loss issues.

Wednesday, January 31; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Child Passenger Safety

Four out of five child restraints are installed or used incorrectly in vehicles, possibly making them ineffective in a crash. Learn from a UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital nationally certified child passenger safety technician how to select a car seat, what to look for when installing the seat and how to adjust it properly.

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

Captured in Liberation- A World War II Story

Andrew Bajda, local author and assistant business professor at Cuyahoga Community College, shares the true story about how his father had to flee from Poland as a young boy during World War II. This amazing story is based on the presenter's book and captures the power of freedom and the enduring strength of family. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Mondays, February 5; March 5; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Thursdays, February 8; March 8; 2 p.m.-3:30 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.

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

Crazy Cat People Party

Are you a cat lover with too many cat pictures on your phone? Is cat hair a permanent part of your wardrobe? Well, this is the purrfect party for you! Tweens and teens join us for an evening of cat stories, trivia, snacks and crafts.

Sunday, February 11; 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Eight Wives of U. S. Presidents from Ohio

Hear from eight different women who portray the wives of Ohio presidents. Dressed in period costume like their representative First Ladies, these women share biographical accounts of growing up and eventually becoming a First Lady. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

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

Pinkalicious Party

Put on your pinkiest outfit and come to the library for a Pinkalicious Party! Join us for Pinkalicious themed crafts and activities. Intended for children ages 2 and up and their caregivers.

Friday, February 16; 11 a.m.-noon

Chinese New Year Celebration

Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy this colorful and noisy holiday celebration. We will have our own parade, make a craft and learn about Chinese New Year traditions.

Friday, February 16; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Medicare Information Program

Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? Attend this presentation from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) to learn the "ins and outs" of Medicare. OSHIIP is a free service and does not sell insurance.

Sunday, February 18; 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Captain Wolf and the Woodland Indian Tribes in Northeast Ohio

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

Mondays, February 19; March 12; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.;

Thursdays, February 22; March 15; 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.;

Saturday, March 31; 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

eMedia

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

Thursdays, February 22; March 22; 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, February 24; 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

DIY Community Dollhouse

Calling all builders! Come to the library to help us build the biggest dollhouse ever by using recycled items. Please bring a box, a doll, and any other supplies that will help you build a room to add to the dollhouse. Intended for ages 5 and up.

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

7 Mile Isle Steel Drum Band

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

Wednesday, February 28; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Mission Impossible

School aged children may preregister to engage in a secret mission- so secret we cannot tell you about it. Wear your favorite spy outfit and get ready to conquer feats of physicality and crack covert codes. Intended for ages 6 and up.

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

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Preschoolers will enjoy stories, songs, snacks and silliness to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday in style. For ages 3 and up.

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

Old Glory- A History of the U.S. Flag

Jim Smith, an educator with the Lorain County Historical Society, will show samples of the many different U.S. flags as he traces the fascinating history of our Stars and Stripes. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

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

Harry Potter Herbology

Do you like Harry Potter? Come and learn the proper care of magical plants. Teens and tweens will create mandrakes to take home and enjoy. Don't forget your earmuffs!

Sunday, March 11; 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Eric Seddon's Hot Club Jazz Quintet

Eric Seddon brings his Hot Club Jazz Quintet to the library, including jazz musicians from the Cleveland and Akron area who performed at the library last March and were a huge hit. Enjoy an afternoon of lively jazz music and learn about the history of jazz in general. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.



Sunday, March 18; 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

A Celebration of Animation- The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters of all time hosts this fun presentation for all ages. Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets then talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Bullwinkle J. Moose and others. Children will learn about characters known by their parents and grandparents as well as recent cartoon characters. Marty will share his criteria for selecting the best of the best cartoons. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

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

Music and the Movies- Songs and Stories from Classic Films

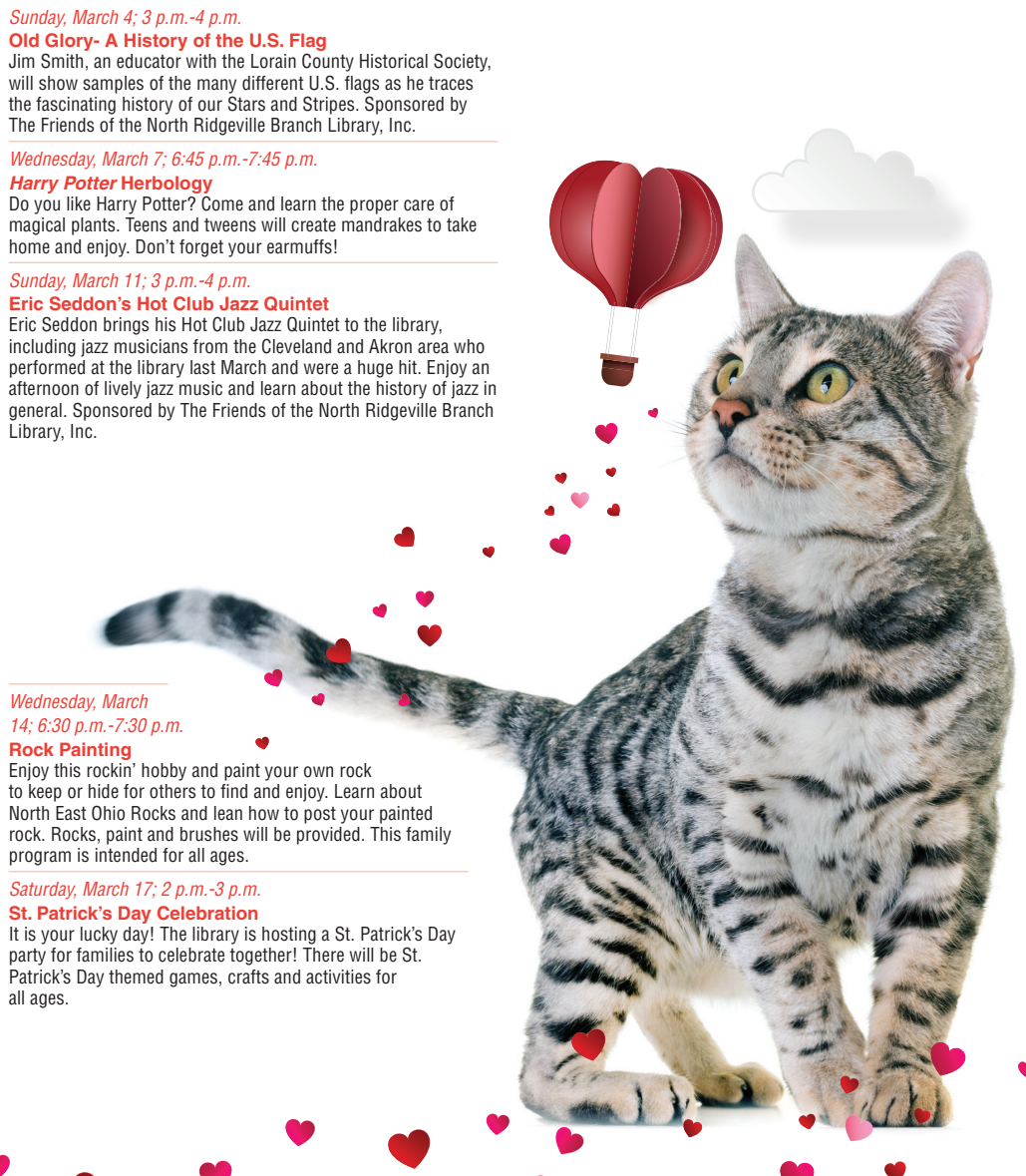
Vocalist Eileen Burns and her jazz combo band share an entertaining and informative program featuring memorable songs and interesting stories with fun facts from classic Hollywood films such as Casablanca, Swing Time, A Star is Born, Haddadon and many more. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

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

Thursday, March 29; 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.



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

Rock Painting

Enjoy this rockin' hobby and paint your own rock to keep or hide for others to find and enjoy. Learn about North East Ohio Rocks and learn how to post your painted rock. Rocks, paint and brushes will be provided. This family program is intended for all ages.

Saturday, March 17; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

It is your lucky day! The library is hosting a St. Patrick's Day party for families to celebrate together! There will be St. Patrick's Day themed games, crafts and activities for all ages.

South Lorain Library

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M-Th 10:00-8:00; Fri and Sat 10:00-6:00
Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September
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, January 1; 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; 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.

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

February 7, 14, 21, 28; 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Beginners

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

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

Snack Wars

Your mother always told you not to play with your food. Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can join us to break that rule.

Saturdays, January 6, February 10; March 24; 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Word for Beginners

Participants will learn the basics of typing, coping and pasting, saving, formatting and printing documents using Microsoft Word 2007. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse.

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26;

March 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time

Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your little one, 6 through 35 months, to encourage literacy development through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome.

Mondays, January 8; February 5; Monday, March 5; 6 p.m.

STEAMspace

Families and children ages 4 and up can explore different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects designed to be worked on individually or in small groups. Participants will have hands on exposure to the STEAM activities and earn badges as they complete activities throughout the year.

Tuesdays, January 9; February 6; March 6; 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, January 10; February 7; March 7;

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

Kiddie Kitchen Story Time

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers can join us for stories and songs. Then stay to create a tasty snack.

Tuesday, January 9; 6 p.m.

Soup's On

Join Chef Mark as he demonstrates the basic techniques of soup preparation. Learn about mirepoix, roux and stock, as well as difference between consommé, bisque and chowder. There will be soup to sample and recipes to try at home.

Wednesday, January 10; 6 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club- Fenway and Hattie

Parents and children in grades 1-3 can join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria J. Coe. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Thursdays, January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22;
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.

Saturday, January 13; 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Windows 10

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

Monday, January 15; 6 p.m.

Community Art Project- Peace Rocks

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of peace and love as a community by joining us and painting a peace rock to take home.

Tuesdays, January 16; February 13; March 13;

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, January 17; February 14; March 14;

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

Little Mad Scientists Story Time

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and science experiments.

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

Change of Pace Book Discussion Group- Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

In April 1992, a young man named Christopher McCandless hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. Four months later his body was discovered by a moose hunter. Read how McCandless came to die in the unforgettable story. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

Thursday, January 18; 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Families and kids of all ages, join us for movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages are permitted.

Saturday, January 20; 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.

Monday, January 22; 6 p.m.

Heart of Art Club- Watercolor Resist Painting

All ages are welcome to join us for an evening creating some awesome watercolor resist nature art.

Tuesdays, January 23; February 20; March 20;

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, January 24; February 21; March 21;

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

Pint-Size Picasso Story Time

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and crafts.

Tuesdays, January 23; February 27; March 27; 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.

Wednesday, January 24; 6 p.m.

Novel Explorers Book Club- Wonder

Parents and children in grades 4-6, join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Monday, January 29; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time- Candy Chemistry

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

Tuesdays, January 30; February 27; March 27;

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.;

Wednesdays, January 31; February 28; March 28; 1

0:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.;

Thursday, March 1; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Music and Movement Story Time

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and dancing.

Tuesday, January 30; 6 p.m.

The Great Lakes Largest Ship Yard: 200 Years of Ship Building, Industry and Commerce on the Black River, Lorain, Ohio

Local historian, author, and ship building specialist Matthew Weisman of the Lorain Historical Society will present the story and tradition of ship building on the Black River. This program includes vintage photographs of shipyards and a look at the American Ship Building Company in Lorain, Ohio.

Thursday, February 1

Community Art Show- Heart of Art

Community members of all ages are welcome to show off your "heart of art" by submitting G-rated artwork to be put on display for the month of February. Then, join us for a reception and awards ceremony Monday, February 26, 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 1; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Mug Meals

Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can join us as we create delicious meals with just a mug and a microwave.

Tuesday, February 6; 6 p.m.

Black History Month- Sub Saharan African Art

This Lorain County Community College program, presented by art history professor Sean Crum, will follow development of African art from its earliest beginnings through the ancient Nok and Benin cultures through the colonial period and into the 20th century.

Wednesday, February 7; 6 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club- The One and Only Ivan

Parents and children in grades 1-3 may join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of the Newbery Medal winner, *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Monday, February 12; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time- Valentine Workshop

Families and kids of all ages, join us to make a special Valentine card.

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

Grossology 101

Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can join us for gross experiments and make armpit fudge.

Saturday, February 17; 3 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 using them. We can also demonstrate 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? Call today!

Monday, February 19; 6 p.m.

Heart of Art Club- Art Print Paper Beads

Families and kids ages 3 and up can join us to explore and reimagine famous art pieces from cave paintings to Kandinsky. Everyone will leave with unique, wearable art.

Tuesday, February 20; 6:30 p.m.

Change of Pace Book Discussion Group- Atonement by Ian McEwan

On a hot summer day in 1935, 13-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant and Cecilia's childhood friend. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives brings about a crime that will change their lives. Read the book and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

Wednesday, February 21; 6 p.m.

Novel Explorers Book Club- A Wrinkle in Time

Parents and children in grades 4-6 are invited to join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Thursday, February 22; 6 p.m.

Black History Month- Djapo African Drum and Dance Program

Join representatives from the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute for an enriching, interactive evening of traditional African drum and dance. This program is open to people of all levels of dance and drum expertise. Let us come together to celebrate and to participate in this African art form.

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

Excel for Beginners

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel 2007, including how to set up a spreadsheet workbook, 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.

Monday, February 26; 6 p.m.

Heart of Art- Community Art Show Reception

All ages are welcome to join us for a reception honoring those who contributed their artwork to the Heart of Art Community Art Show. Awards will be announced and light refreshments served.

Thursday, March 1; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Craft Madness

Forget March Madness! Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can show off their creative side by joining us for fun art projects.

Saturday, March 3; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adult Paint Studio

Painting experience won't be necessary at this simple, stress free session for adults. Branch Librarian Supervisor Cheryl Grizzell will guide you in creating a unique featured painting. Canvas, paints and brushes will be provided. Artists will take home their masterpieces. Wear appropriate clothing.

Tuesdays, March 6, 20, 27; 11 a.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Are you one of the more than 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and the fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend these sessions to learn coping techniques. Start your week off right and join us. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises.

Tuesday, March 6, 13; 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association provides basic information about memory loss issues.

Wednesday, March 7; 6 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club- Clover's Luck

Parents and children in grades 1-3 join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *Clover's Luck* by Kallie George. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Thursday, March 8; 6 p.m.

A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

Join Marty Gitlin, author of *A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History* at this fun and funny presentation for all ages. Marty will show cartoon snippets and talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will also set up cartoon character games and explain the criteria he used to rank the best of the best.



Saturday, March 10; 1 p.m.

Self-Defense for Women

Participants will learn self-defense techniques that could be used if their safety is compromised. Instructor Michael Dancull is a karate black belt and the owner/operator of Tracy's Karate Studio in Amherst, Ohio. This program is for women only.

Monday, March 12; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time- Rainbow Mania

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a colorful, rainbow themed party.

Wednesday, March 14; 6 p.m.

Pi Day

Math enthusiasts all over the world celebrate pi on this numerical holiday. All ages are welcome to join us to complete some pi themed activities. And of course no pi day would be complete without pie!

Thursday, March 15; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Potato Bowling

Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can get int the St. Patrick's Day spirit by joining us for potato bowling and other fun games.

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

Introduction to Social Media

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

Monday, March 19; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time- Minerals Rock

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

Tuesday, March 20; 6:30 p.m.

Change of Pace Book Discussion Group- Killers of The Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and The Birth of The F.B.I. by David Grann

In the 1920s, someone began murdering members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. The FBI bungled the case, and in desperation the young director J. Edgar Hoover turned to a former Texas Ranger named tom White to unravel the mystery. Read the book and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

Wednesday, March 21; 6 p.m.

Novel Explorers Book Club- The Wild Robot

Parents and children in grades 4-6 join us for snacks and a journey through the pages of *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Copies of the novel will be available for you to checkout and read before the program.

Monday, March 26; 5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Easter EGGstravaganza Group 1

Families and kids age 10 and under join us for an egg hunt. Remember to bring a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Monday, March 26; 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Easter EGGstravaganza Group 2

Families and kids age 10 and under join us for an egg hunt. Remember to bring a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Thursday, March 29; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Peeps-A-Palooza

Tweens and teens ages 10-14 can join us for all things Peeps®. Make a Peeps catapult, do some science experiments and make Peeps sushi.

Saturday, March 31; 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.





What's in a Name?

A New Name for a New Look

The Lorain Public Library System is introducing a new look for our quarterly publication, *Dimensions*. This new look coincides with other changes taking place across the system, such as e-technology trends, featured in this issue, that allow 24/7 resource access.

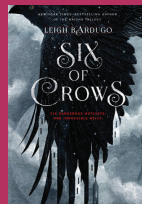
Since its first issue in 1989, the system's publication has been called *Dimensions*. Now, we are asking you to help us choose a name that captures the essence of how our services are evolving to meet your needs.

If the name you submit is the one that rises to the top, you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. **So, send your creative thoughts to contest@lpls.info or drop them off at one of our locations. This competition will run through midnight Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**

The System reserves the right to make the final selection.

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.



1

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

"*Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo is a riveting Young Adult heist novel set in a lush world with complex characters. It's dark, full of action, and will definitely tug at your heart." – Annalisse Strippoli, Library Associate, Main



2

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

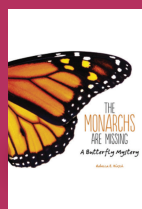
"The best book I've read in several years is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths converge in occupied France during WW2." – Sara Lewis, Library Assistant, Main



3

A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding by Jackie Copleton

"*A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding* by Jackie Copleton. Amaratsu has lost her daughter and grandson in the bombing at Nagasaki. Years later, after moving to the U.S., she opens her door to a badly scarred visitor claiming to be her grandson. Family secrets, a forbidden love affair, honor and forgiveness all play a role in this exceptionally written historical fiction." – Marleen Watling, M.L.I.S., Branch Librarian Supervisor, Domonkas



4

The Monarchs Are Missing: A Butterfly Mystery by Rebecca E. Hirsch

"The monarch butterfly was a backyard staple in Ohio and much of the United States, but in recent years the population has dwindled. Where have the monarchs gone and what can citizen scientists do to help? Grades 5+." – Niccole Paytosh, Library Associate I, Main



5

A Lit Fuse: The Provocative Life of Harlan Ellison by Nat Segaloff

"This book offers a wonderful glimpse into the complex life of multi-talented Cleveland-area writer, Ellison, who grew up in Painesville and Cleveland Heights. Ellison's stories, novels and scripts for television series, including *The Outer Limits* and *Star Trek* (the original series), have won awards and gained a huge following. Segaloff's book is well written and candid about Ellison's writing career and private life, beginning with his childhood in the 1940s." – Scot Allyn, Adult Librarian, North Ridgeville



6

John Wick

MOVIE PICK

"Former hitman comes out of retirement to get revenge on some mobsters. As a die-hard fan of action films this movie had it all, particularly with developing the intricate world of assassins. If you like action films, you should see this." – Victoria Cudnik, Associate I, Domonkas



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4 3 2 1 by Paul Auster

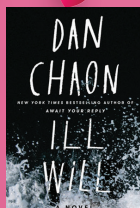
"This book is the story of Archie Ferguson told four different ways. The writing is expansive and almost breathless, which makes it perfect for readers who love literary fiction and a compelling character study." – Corey Knick, Library Associate II, Avon



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Tick Tock by Dean Koontz

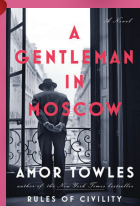
"The book, *Tick Tock*, by Dean Koontz is listed as a thriller, but the book becomes more humorous as the story progresses. Some might say that this would not be considered a thriller, but it is the book that got me interested in the genre." – Joe Yagiello, Associate I, Computer Trainer, North Ridgeville



9

Ill Will by Dan Chaon

"*Ill Will* is a psychological thriller set in Cleveland and the surrounding area and has been praised as one of the best books of 2017. Dustin Tillman's parents, aunt and uncle were killed when he was a child. Dustin was the star witness at the trial, telling a story of satanic ritual and teenage debauchery gone bad. Now Dustin is an adult and the killer he helped to put away has been exonerated. What did Dustin really see that night his parents were killed, and is there really a serial killer stalking young men in Northeast Ohio?" – Elaine Betting Public Services Coordinator, Youth Services and Outreach



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A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

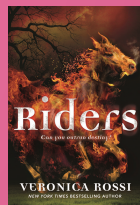
"This book is an enchanting work of fiction set almost exclusively in the Metropol Hotel in Moscow where Count Rostov, an "unrepentant aristocrat" is sentenced to house arrest for life in 1917. The author builds a world of many charming characters who revolve around the most charming of all, the Count, to create that rare thing, a book that you want never to end." – Ramona Flores, MLIS, Librarian, Main



11

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

"*Caraval*, by Stephanie Garber is a young adult novel with everything you could ever want — romance, magic, adventure, peril and more peril — but remember. It's only a game." – Julianne Brown, Youth Services Librarian, Main



12

Riders by Veronica Rossi

"*Riders*, by Veronica Rossi is the first book in a series. Rossi builds an incredible fantasy world based on The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse based on the book of Revelations." – Julianne Brown, Youth Services Librarian, Main



13

The Kingdom Series by Chuck Black

"*The Kingdom Series* and its companion series *The Knights of Arrethrae* by Chuck Black is technically a young adult series, but I found much enjoyment in reading all 12 books between both of Black's non-magical Christian fantasy series. His tales captured my imagination with their adventure and allegorical themes. He does an excellent job interweaving timeless biblical truths into his characters' journeys, which has left a lasting impression on me." – Marie Cesaratto, Library Assistant, Avon and North Ridgeville



14

Out of Egypt Series by Connilyn Cossette

"I absolutely love Cossette's writing style because of her amazing ability to paint pictures in your imagination with descriptive words woven throughout the story line. Her passion for writing Biblical fiction and her hard work in doing all the research so the historical facts are correct is really something to admire!" – Valerie Cesaratto, Library Assistant, Domonkas and Avon

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