

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2019

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CONNECTIONS

P R O G R A M G U I D E

*Goodbye Summer,
Hello Fall!*

Your guide to our
fun, educational,
informative, healthy
and spooktacular
fall programs!



THIS IS THE VIEW FROM OUR DOMONKAS BRANCH!
Come see for yourself; we're at 4125 E. Lake Road in Sheffield Lake.



From the Director

On the cover of this month's Connections is what we consider the best view from a library anywhere on Lake Erie, our Domonkas Branch in Sheffield Lake. The original branch was built in 1964 with a generous gift from Stephen Domonkas, after whom the branch is named. This year marks 55 years of service to the community year we are installing LED lights and energy-efficient windows to be more environmentally conscious and save money. Even though some fixtures may change over time, there is one important feature that has never will: access to Lake Erie right in our backyard. During the day you might find small children looking out the windows and pointing out the boats launching nearby. You may also find someone using the binoculars to spot birds or reading quietly. It truly is a gem of a library and I hope you will stop by for a visit.

The library has long been known as the place where you can find a great book to read. Many of us have wonderful memories of being handed a book that changed our life. Reading has inspired many of our patrons to write their own books. We are proud to host writers' groups at our branches and also to provide SELF-e so our local authors can share their books with the world. On Oct. 12, the 2019 LPLS Writers' Conference will be held at Main Library. You can find more information about this event Connections on page 4.

Lastly, on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center you'll have the chance to hear James Renner, one of the foremost true-crime journalists. LPLS is proud to be partnering with the public libraries in Lorain County to share this free event with you.

Hope to see you at the library soon.

Best,

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz

Director, Lorain Public Library System



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Lorain Public Library System
branches will be closed

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2
Staff Development Day, Wednesday, Oct. 16
Day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28

2019 Writers Conference Aims to Inspire

Katie Nix | Content Marketing Strategist | Lorain Public Library System

Writers from across Lorain County are invited to gather at the Main Library on Saturday, Oct. 12 for the 2019 LPLS Writers Conference to devote a full day to their craft.

Branch Manager Susan Spivey said the conference will feature a variety of sessions, some instructional and some more hands-on, to inspire writers of any age or skill level. A keynote speaker will be announced at a later date.

"One of the best parts about this conference each year is that attendees have the opportunity to network with other area writers and form connections that may help make their writing life more complete in a variety of ways," she said. "And they'll have the opportunity to speak with an agent and to also learn more about the excellent writing resources we have for them here at LPLS."

The annual event, which will have lunch provided and include door prizes, had previously taken place at the North Ridgeville Branch.

"This year, we're featuring the beautiful, newly renovated Main Library and will likely host in one of the other communities next year," said Spivey.

Four of the Lorain Public Library System branches – Main, Avon, Domonkas and North Ridgeville – host regular writing groups as well.

North Ridgeville's Adult Librarian Scot Allyn said his group meets once every two weeks and they submit work on the weeks they don't meet. The submitted work is printed out and read by the other people in the group. Some have even published full-length books.

"Writing can be a lonely occupation, and the group discussion often guides members in ways they had not expected," he said. "Just knowing that someone has taken your writing seriously and wants to offer help is huge."

Allyn said by having other writers critique your work, you're likely to get a more detailed reading of your work than you would from family and friends and it also comes with methodical strategies for improvement.

Beth Campbell, a Library Associate II at the Domonkas Branch and the head of their writers' group, the Lakeview Pen, said her monthly meeting runs very similar to Allyn's but also includes a 15-minute writing exercise at the end.

"We usually volunteer to read what we wrote, and I'm always amazed at the variation in genre and stories that come out of a writing prompt," she said. "It truly showcases everyone's talent, and they're a lot of fun."

Campbell said, like the other writers' groups in the system, the Lakeview Pen is always accepting new writers into the fold.



"We don't have a focus on a particular writing style," she said. "We accept every type of writing from poetry, to nonfiction, to fan fiction, to stories about robots, or zombies or even a wrestling romance story. Our group is very happy to give feedback as well, and it's extremely helpful."

Technical Services Manager Cheryl Paganelli said there are numerous eLibrary resources available through the LPLS's website that are designed to help writers become published, including Biblioboard, PressBooks and SELF-e.

"PressBooks is an online publishing tool that lets self-published authors create professionally formatted book files for print and e-book editions," she said. "It's a tool that provides options for designing and formatting your manuscript so that it is ready to be published or printed. Once your book is ready, it can be submitted through SELF-e and possibly added to our Biblioboard webpage."

For more information on these resources, or to check them out for yourself, visit LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary.

The writers' groups meet on the following dates:

- Main: 1 to 2 p.m. Sept. 21 and Nov. 16
- Avon: 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 20
- Domonkas: 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Sept. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 20
- North Ridgeville: 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 23

For more information and to register, visit LorainPublicLibrary.org/events.

Adult

Cookbook Discussion

Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 3; "Cook Like a Pro" by Ina Garten
Oct. 1; "How to Feed Yourself" by Spoon University
Nov. 5; "Now and Again" by Julia Turshen

If you love to read, cook, learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Bring a dish from the selected month's cookbook and share your experience in the kitchen and opinion on the book. Copies are available at the library.

Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

Learn research techniques and explore resources. Members are encouraged to share their research successes and offer advice to others who are stuck. New and experienced genealogists are welcome. **PREREG**



Books and Brews - Speak of the Devil

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 11; "Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century" by Jessica Bruder
Oct. 9; "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley
Nov. 13; "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride

Adults 21 and over are invited to join us for a cold brew and some good reads at Speak of the Devil, 201 W. Fifth Street, Lorain. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library. **PREREG**

Graphic Design Online - Canva

Thursday, Sept. 12

6 to 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of creating flyers, logos and more using the simple graphic design website Canva. **PREREG**

Book Sale

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Saturday, Sept. 14; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Sept. 18; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Nickel Day)

Thursday, Sept. 19; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Penny Day)

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain library. New members may join and former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. The book sale is open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Library, Inc.

Zero Waste

Saturday, Sept. 14

2 to 4 p.m.

Interested in saving money and helping the environment? Want to get less junk mail each week? Attend this presentation to learn about these and other tips for living a healthier and more environmentally-friendly lifestyle. **PREREG**

Hispanics in the Movies: From 1930s to Present

Monday, Sept. 16 thru Oct. 15

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an exhibit highlighting Hispanics in the movies. Displays will include dolls, books, pictures, posters and movies. A short presentation will kick off the month and exhibit at 6 p.m. on Sept. 16. **PREREG**

Hispanic Heritage Movie Night Series

Tuesday, Sept. 17; 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10; 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5; 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by watching flicks featuring Latin American actors and actresses. **PREREG**

Cozy Book Discussion

Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 19; "American Spy" by Lauren Wilkinson

Oct. 17; "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson

Nov. 14; "The Invention of Murder: How the Victorians Revelled in Death and Detection and Created Modern Crime" by Judith Flanders

Get ready to cozy up to some good mysteries and thrillers with this laid back book discussion. Come for the tea, stay for the murder! **PREREG**

LPLS Main Writers' Group

Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Sept. 21; Nov. 16

Come and join us in this pressure free and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on.

Neil's Wild Ride: The Flight of Gemini VIII

Saturday, Sept. 21

2 to 3:30 p.m.

The 1966 flight of Gemini 8 was near-catastrophic. Neil Armstrong and David Scott, the crew of this mission, became the first astronauts to dock their spacecraft with another one in orbit. They also nearly became the first space fatalities when their spacecraft developed a malfunctioning thruster and began to spin wildly. **PREREG**



Zumba®

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Sept. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Zumba® makes working out fun and effective! Shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other fun beats. **PREREG**

Yarn Birds

Tuesday, Sept. 24

6 to 7 p.m.

People are raven about these cute little birds made of yarn. Join us and learn how to make this most egg-cellent craft. Open to all adults. **PREREG**

Fall Veggies How-To

Thursday, Sept. 26

6 to 7 p.m.

Fall isn't just the season for pumpkins and apples. Come learn how to utilize more of the season's bounty! **PREREG**



Step-by-Step Painting

Saturday, Sept. 28

3 to 5 p.m.

Adults and teens, join us for a step-by-step painting lesson. **PREREG**



Tamales! Tamales!

Monday, Sept. 30

6 to 7 p.m.

Savory tamales from Mexico and Panama are on the tasting menu. Learn how they're made and make and take your own treat home. **PREREG**

Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13

Learn how to line dance to rhythm and blues and soul music and make new friends at the same time. **PREREG**

Deconstructed Cinema: The Uniquely Human Monster in Horror Films

Tuesday, Oct. 8

6 to 7 p.m.



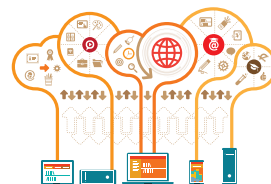
Join us as we examine the horror film genre and the construction, development and continuing evolution of the human monster through clips, joint discussion and refreshments! For adults ages 18 and up. **PREREG**

Your Library Online

Friday, Oct. 11

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to manage your library online account, search the library catalog, use our research tools and discover our eLibrary of books, music, movies, classes and more. **PREREG**



LPLS 2019 Writing Conference

Saturday, Oct. 12

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville are happy to announce the 2019 LPLS Writing Conference at the Main Library. All writers, whether new to the craft or a veteran, will get much out of this event. There will be door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers. **PREREG**



Decorate and Take Mexican Sugar Skulls

Tuesday, Oct. 15

6 to 7 p.m.

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a colorful Mexican celebration of family, including those who have passed on. With flowers, food and music, Mexicans remember family members and celebrate their lives. Decorate and take home your very own sugar skull as part of this wonderful celebration. **PREREG**



Come meet one of these beautiful creatures



The Wolf: Fact vs Myth

Saturday, Oct. 26

3 p.m.

Yes! We'll have a live wolf at the library! Learn about a wolf's family life, habitat and diet. We will also decipher between wolf facts and myths, learn more about their important role in the ecosystem and why we have no reason to fear these amazing animals. All ages welcome. **PREREG**

Murder Mystery

Saturday, Oct. 19

6 to 8 p.m.

Join us for a chilling evening of intrigue at the library as we solve a mystery together. Attendees have a chance to play key roles. Refreshments provided. **PREREG**



Fermentation 101

Tuesday, Oct. 22

6 to 7 p.m.

Fermented foods are both tasty and great for your health. Learn the basics of fermenting and make and take home your own jar of sauerkraut. All materials will be provided. **PREREG**

Yoga for Beginners

Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us for the weekly Friday yoga class. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Namaste! **PREREG**

Around the World in 80 Bites

Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Oct. 30; Caribbean

Nov. 20; North African

Your passport to delicious! Sample flavorful dishes from around the world, one bite at a time. **PREREG**

What Can Google Do For You?

Thursday, Nov. 7

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Learn about all of the exciting, creative things you can do with your Google account. **PREREG**



Friends Holiday Bazaar

Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Friends are holding a two-day holiday bazaar and bake sale. New and like new items – books, DVDs, toys, jewelry, crafts, etc. – will be on sale. Come shopping for great gift bargains.

Children



STEAM: Build It

Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sept. 4; Oct. 2; Nov. 13

Come build with us! The library supplies the blocks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for children ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. **PREREG**

West African Drumming and Dance

Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 5, 12

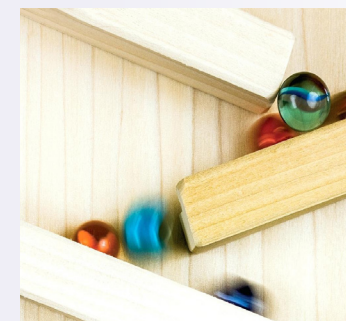
Experience the culture of West Africa through drumming and dance at this interactive program. Students will attend two sessions, learning about rhythms, songs and languages of the Ivory Coast. Then, join instructor Sogbety Diomande in a performance at the FireFish Festival on Sept. 21. **PREREG**

Mix 'Em Up Spools

Wednesday, Sept. 11

4 to 5 p.m.

Create your own stunning spools with imagination and paint! For children ages 4 through 8. **PREREG**



STEAM: Marble Runs

Wednesday, Sept. 18

4 to 5 p.m.

We'll provide the materials and you provide the creativity. Intended for children ages 10 and up. **PREREG**

Pirate Party

Thursday, Sept. 19

4 to 5 p.m.

Ahoy mateys! Come celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day with games and activities sure to be swashbuckling fun! All ages welcome.



Baby Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 28

1 to 3 p.m.

Children ages two and under, with a caregiver, visit any LPLS location during open hours to get your child's first library card and a free gift while supplies last. Then, during our special Baby Play Day event, enjoy crafts, games and activities just for baby. **PREREG**

Family Story Time

Mondays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4

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



Cupcake Liner Wreaths

Thursday, Oct. 10

6 to 7 p.m.

Come create a beautiful seasonal wreath using cupcake liners. We will provide all of the materials. Families and children of all ages welcome. **PREREG**

Children Cont. —

Witches Brew Party
Friday, Oct. 18
3:30 to 5 p.m.

Join us for what is sure to be a scary good time! Play games, have a tasty treat and make a spooky craft! Families and children of all ages welcome. **PREREG**

STEAM: Circuits
Wednesday, Oct. 30
4 to 5 p.m.

We'll provide the materials and you provide the creativity. Intended for children ages ten and up. **PREREG**



Food and Fun
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

Children and teens age 18 and under are invited to join us for a fun 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. Only those who have registered may attend the program. **PREREG**

Step-by-Step Painting
Saturday, Nov. 23
3 to 5 p.m.

Children ages 2 to 12, join us for a step-by-step painting lesson. **PREREG**

STEAM: Balloon Powered Cars
Wednesday, Nov. 27
4 to 5 p.m.

We'll provide the materials and you provide the creativity. Intended for children ages 10 and up. **PREREG**



Family —

Stuffed Animal Story Time
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9

Families with babies, toddlers and young children bring along your best stuffed friend for a bedtime story and calming music. **PREREG**



Color Me Calm
Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 5, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21

All ages welcome. Coloring pages and coloring pencils will be provided. Come and color at your own pace. **PREREG**

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Farm Field Trip
Saturday, Sept. 14
12:30 to 6 p.m.

Families with children of all ages are invited to spend a day at George Jones farm in Oberlin, an innovative educational center located on 70 acres. Participants will enjoy a tour of the farm and an interactive activity. A healthy snack, as well as transportation from the Main, Domonkas and South Lorain branches, will be provided by the library. Children and teens age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend this program. All participants in this program must confirm their registration by Sept. 7 to secure a seat on the bus and to get directions on arrival and departure times. **PREREG**



Knights of The Square Table Chess Club
Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.
Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12, 26; Nov. 9, 23

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

Hispanics in the Movies: From 1930s to Present
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Halloween Family Craft
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1 to 2 p.m.

Join us in getting in the Halloween spirit by learning how to make this spooky spider craft! All ages welcome. **PREREG**

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Zombie Prom: A Night to Dismember
Tuesday, Oct. 29
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Party with all your parts and pieces in our first ever Zombie Prom. Come in for makeup, put on your bandages and fancy hats and stumble and trip your way through Halloween tunes. Re-fleshments provided! All ages welcome. **PREREG**



"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" Birthday Party
Tuesday, Nov. 19
6 to 7 p.m.

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" turns 50 this year! Come wish this very special caterpillar a happy birthday with games, activities and treats. All ages welcome. **PREREG**



Friends Holiday Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 29; Saturday, Nov. 30
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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"Dragons Love Tacos" Taco Party
Tuesday, Nov. 26
6 to 7 p.m.

Everyone loves tacos, just not as much as dragons do! Come party with us and our fire-breathing friends. We will have activities, crafts and walking tacos. Just don't feed the dragons any hot sauce! All ages welcome. **PREREG**



Share the warmth
this winter

Winterwear
SHARE

If new winter coats and boots are on your 'back to school' shopping list, please consider sharing the winter items your family has outgrown with others. The Main and South Lorain branches will be collecting new and gently worn coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves for all ages from now until Saturday, December 7. There will be a distribution event held on Saturday, December 14; details to come. For more information please call the Main Library at 440-244-1192 and ask for the Branch Manager.

Teen —

Teen Anime Club
Mondays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9, Oct. 7; Nov 4

This fall, join our anime club as we explore genre, storytelling, and the unique culture of Japan. For ages 13 and up. **PREREG**



Kingdom Hearts Watch Party
Tuesday, Sept. 10
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Fans of the groundbreaking "Kingdom Hearts" series have waited thirteen years for the release of "Kingdom Hearts 3," so grab your keyblades and come join us in our new teen room for a celebration of all things "Kingdom Hearts 3" Children 12 and up welcome. **PREREG**



Teen Book Club
Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 16; "The Gilded Wolves" by Roshani Chokshi
Oct. 14; "There's Something About Sweetie" by Sandhya Menon
Nov. 11; "The Merciful Crow" by Margaret Owen
Join us in discussing a monthly young adult book. Snacks will be provided. Copies are available at the library. **PREREG**



Teen Art Studio
Mondays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 18

Explore your creative potential in our open-ended, super chill Teen Art Studio. In September, use pencils, charcoal, and graphite, October is for acrylics and watercolors and November will focus on mixed media and found art. Ages 12 and up. **PREREG**

Step-by-Step Painting
Saturday, Sept. 28
3 to 5 p.m.

Adults and teens, join us for a step-by-step painting lesson. **PREREG**

Adults

Friends of the Avon Library Meeting Thursday, Sept. 5 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Join a fun group of library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs in support of your beloved branch.

Fiber Art Group Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 6, 13; Oct. 4, 11; Nov. 1, 8

Join other knitters, crocheters and other crafty folks by learning a new skill or bringing in your current project. New attendees are always welcome.



The Songs of Tony Bennett Thursday, Sept. 12 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Singer and songwriter Debbie Darling discusses and performs songs made popular by the legendary Tony Bennett. For adults. **PREREG**

Art in the Afternoon Fridays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 20; Sunflowers Nov. 1; Pumpkins

Learn how to paint seasonal fun onto a canvas for adults. **PREREG**

Dementia Care Training Monday, Sept. 23 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This program presented by the Alzheimer's Association is for both family and professional caregivers who provide care to those with dementia-related diseases. It provides an overview of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, teaches effective communication techniques, gives ideas on how to engage those with cognitive problems and provides strategies for managing challenging behavior. For more information and to register, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.



Your Library Online Monday, Sept. 23 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Learn how to manage your online library account, search the library catalog, use our research tools and discover our eLibrary of books, music, movies, classes and more. **PREREG**

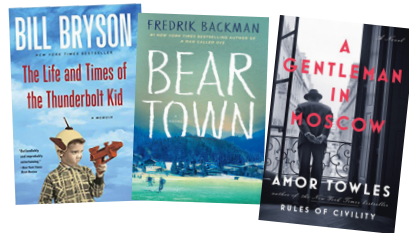


Adult Book Discussion Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 24; "My Mrs. Brown" by William Norwich Oct. 22; "The Victory Garden" by Rhys Bowen Nov. 26; "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

Would you like to spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Writers Group Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 25; Oct. 30; Nov. 20

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Books and Brews - Avon Brewing Company Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 25; "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" by Bill Bryson Oct. 23; "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman Nov. 20; "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

Adults 21 and over are invited to join us for a cold brew and some good reads at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road, Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library.



Creating With Creativebug Monday, Sept. 30 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Learn the basics of this free library resource for craft and art video lessons. **PREREG**

Betsy Ross and the American Flag Wednesday, Oct. 2 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Learn exciting facts about a few of America's historic flags and hear why Betsy Ross claimed to have made the first one. **PREREG**



Dementia Care Activity Hour Monday, Oct. 7 2 to 3 p.m.

Individuals with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia are invited to stop in with their caregiver for socializing and open activities. **PREREG**



Ohio Ghosts Monday, Oct. 14 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Local paranormal investigators, Theresa Argie and Cathi Weber, uncover some of Ohio's scariest urban legends and lore including haunted bridges, mysterious graveyards and creatures that science cannot yet explain. **PREREG**

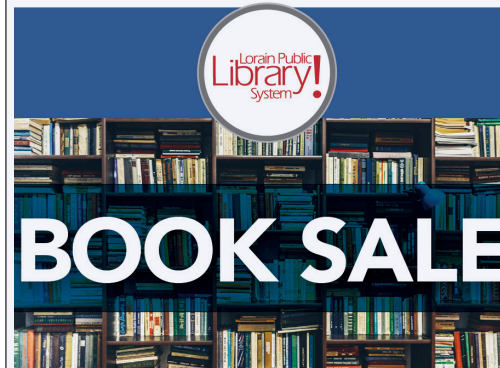
Using Google Drive Wednesday, Oct. 23 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Learn about the variety of uses for your Google/Gmail account, including presentation software, survey making, file sharing and more. **PREREG**



Bloody Corner and Beyond - Cleveland's Prohibition Era Mob Bosses Wednesday, Nov. 6 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Local historian and master storyteller Dennis R. Sutcliffe discusses the prohibition era in Cleveland and the battles to control the city's illegal activities. **PREREG**



Book Sale Thursday, Nov. 14; 5 to 8 p.m. (Preview from 5 to 6 p.m.) Friday, Nov. 15; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The book sale is open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join and members may renew their annual memberships that evening.



Simple Graphic Design Using Canva Monday, Nov. 18 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Learn the basics of creating flyers, logos and more using the simple graphic design website Canva. **PREREG**

Confederate Female Spies of the Civil War Friday, Nov. 22 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Local military historian Bob Wills shares fascinating true stories of the women who served as Confederate spies during the Civil War. For adults. **PREREG**



Children



Builders Club Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 3; Oct. 1; Nov. 12

Come build with us! The library supplies the blocks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for children ages 5 and up. **PREREG**

Adapted Story Time Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Sept. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2

Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games and a social time. Learn in a safe, supportive environment which is specifically designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. **PREREG**

Minecraft Escape Room Tuesday, Sept. 10 6 to 6:45 p.m.; 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Work together to solve puzzles and challenges before time runs out in this Minecraft-themed escape room! Perfect for children ages 7 and up. **PREREG**



Story Time in the Woods Fridays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25

Music, movement activities and play will accompany nature-themed stories at the Every Child's Playground, 36265 Detroit Road. Dress for the weather and bring a blanket. In case of inclement weather, a story time will take place at the Avon Branch. Preregistration not required.

Art Play Date Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 14, Oct. 12; Nov. 9

Join us once a month for a creative story time that will include a story, interactive songs and an art project designed for toddlers and preschoolers. Dress for a mess. **PREREG**

Pajama Jam Mondays, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Sept. 16; Pete the Cat Oct. 7; Elephant and Piggie Nov. 25; Paw Patrol

Come to the library in your jammies, once a month, for stories, music and an activity related to the special theme. For families with children of all ages. **PREREG**



RECURRING PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22; Nov. 12, 19, 26

Children, ages 3 to 6, along with their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, rhymes, songs and a craft. Siblings are welcome to attend. **PREREG**

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 14, 21

Enjoy an interactive story time including stories, songs and rhymes, followed by free play. For babies from birth to 23 months and their caregivers. Siblings are welcome to attend. **PREREG**

Toddler Tales Story Time Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 14, 21

Join us for a story time for toddlers, ages 2 to 3, that will engage your child with stories, songs and rhymes. Siblings are welcome to attend. **PREREG**

Music Makers Tuesdays, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22; Nov. 12, 19, 26

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

Music Makers Thursdays, 6 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 14, 21

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Tech Club Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17; Oct. 15; Nov. 19

Explore programming, robots and electronics in a fun, collaborative environment! Designed for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**



Children



Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday, Sept. 20
11:30 a.m. to noon

Bring a blanket and your favorite stuffed animal to the Every Child's Playground, 36265 Detroit Road, for stories, music and play. Bring a bag lunch and have a picnic after. In case of inclement weather, the program will take place at the Avon Branch. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration not required.

Puppy Pals

Saturdays, Sept. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 5 to 10 sit and read to a therapy dog for a 15 minute session. Call the library at 440-934-4743 to register.



Badge Explorers - Cybersecurity

Saturday, Sept. 21
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a series of activities focused on technology and staying safe online. This program will help Brownies work toward their cybersecurity badge requirements, but all grade school children are welcome! **PREREG**

Musical Toolbox

Saturdays, Sept. 28;
Oct. 26; Nov. 23
10:30 to 11 a.m.

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



Baby Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 28
2 to 4 p.m.

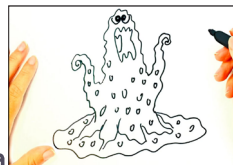
Children ages two and under, with a caregiver, visit any LPLS location to get your child's first library card and a free gift while supplies last. Then, during our special Baby Play Day event, enjoy crafts, games, and activities just for baby. **PREREG**



How to Draw Monsters

Monday, Oct. 28
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to draw your own monster, step-by-step, then paint and decorate it. Recommended for school age children. Dress for a mess. **PREREG**



Halloween Family Story Time

Tuesday, Oct. 29
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a Halloween story time for families with children of all ages featuring some not-so-scary Halloween stories, music and a craft. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. **PREREG**

Wild Kratts Adventure

Monday, Nov. 11
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you love Wild Kratts or just love learning about animals, then join us for some wild animal activities, games and crafts. Recommended for children ages 3 and up. **PREREG**



Story Time for You and Me - The Woods on French Creek

Tuesday, Nov. 12
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Come join us at The Woods on French Creek, 37845 Colorado Avenue in Avon, for an afternoon of stories, music, finger plays and crafts. We will be joined by The Woods on French Creek residents and children from the community. Perfect for children ages 3 to 6. **PREREG**

Family



Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Place

Saturday, Sept. 7
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32900 Detroit Road in Avon, for a heartwarming afternoon filled with reading, activities and cookies. **PREREG**

Family Paint Night

Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9; Sunflowers

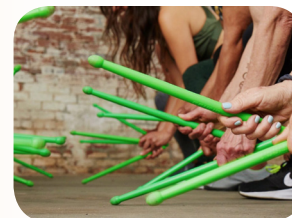
Oct. 21; Kusama Pumpkins, Participants must bring their own pumpkins to paint.

Paint seasonal fun! For all ages. Dress for a mess. **PREREG**

POUND for Families

Wednesdays, Sept. 18; Nov. 20
6:30 to 7 p.m.

Using Ripstix, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way for families to workout together. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full body workout. Intensity options will be given so all participants can rock out! For families with children ages 4 and up. Bringing a mat or towel is recommended. **PREREG**



Family Engineering Night

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24; Oct. 22; Nov. 26

Join us for a fun, family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. **PREREG**

Family Fort Night

Friday, Oct. 4
5:45 to 7 p.m.

Build a family-sized fort inside the library, then read and play games together in this fun after-hours program. The library will provide all the materials; just bring the whole family and a lot of imagination! **PREREG**



Hispanic Heritage Month - Puerto Rican Dance Troupe

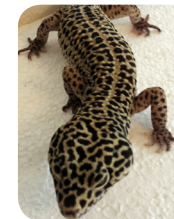
Saturday, Oct. 5
2 to 3 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Puerto Rican dance performances by Esencia Boricua Cultural De Lorain. For families with children of all ages. **PREREG**

Jungle Bob's Animal Show - Creepy Critters

Tuesday, Oct. 8
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Are these animals creepy-cute or just plain creepy? Join us for an evening with animal entertainer and educator Jungle Bob Tuma as he introduces you to animals that make some people uneasy. **PREREG**



Story Time for You and Me - Rose Senior Living

Friday, Oct. 25
2 to 3 p.m.

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 to 6. **PREREG**

Super Sweet Haunted Houses

Saturday, Oct. 26
2 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy a spooktacular time by creating your own "haunted" gingerbread house. Please note: We ask that each family bring a box of graham crackers and a bag of candy to share with everyone. The rest of the materials will be provided. **PREREG**

Frozen 2 Party

Saturday, Nov. 30
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Represent your love for Anna, Elsa, Kristoff and Olaf as we celebrate the release of the Frozen sequel! Enjoy crafts, activities, games and more themed after the Frozen world and characters. Costumes are welcome! For families with children of all ages. **PREREG**



Teen



Teen Anime Night

Wednesday, 7 to 8 p.m.
Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13

Join fellow fans for an evening of anime, manga and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in sixth to 12th grade. **PREREG**

Tech Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17; Oct. 15; Nov. 19

Explore programming, robots and electronics in a fun, collaborative environment! Designed for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**

Frankentoy!

Tuesday, Oct. 29
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

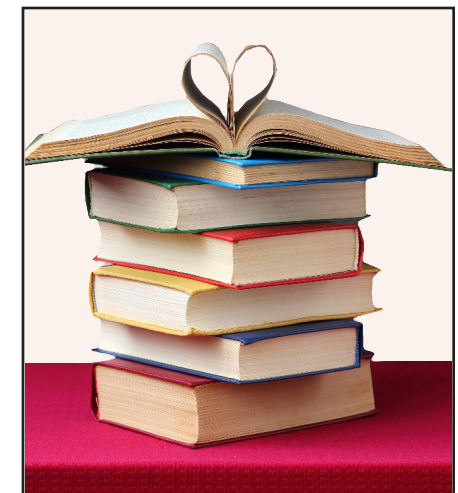
Unleash your inner mad scientist with this zany program. Tear apart old toys and dolls and construct a new monster of your own creation. Perfect for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**



Crafty Teens and Tweens - Handmade Soap

Saturday, Nov. 2
2 to 3 p.m.

Want a little more luxury in your life? Not sure what to get people for the holidays? Make your own custom soap, and take home recipes and tips to use later. Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**



Are you a library enthusiast with some spare time?

Join the "Friends of the Library!" Each branch has their own friends group; it is a great way to meet new people and have fun while helping your library by organizing book sales or other events.

Visit your local branch or LorainPublicLibrary.org to find out more.



Adult



Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3; “Love in the Time of Cholera” by Gabriel García Márquez
Oct. 1; “Cruel Beautiful World” by Caroline Leavitt
Nov. 5; “A Land More Kind Than Home” by Wiley Cash
Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making new friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library. **PRE REG**



Columbia Knitters, Crocheters and Needle Crafters

Thursdays, Noon to 4 p.m.
Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21
Come if you want to learn or are already a knitter or crocheter. Feel free to bring in an ongoing project or start something new!

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 4, 18
We will do guided mindfulness relaxation and then follow along with videos for chair yoga. Stay afterward for tea or water and chat with your new friends. Check with your healthcare practitioner before participating in any exercise program. **PRE REG**



Southwest General Health Center Health Topics

Tuesdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 10; Flu Awareness
Oct. 8; Breast Cancer Awareness
Thursday, Nov. 14; 6 to 7 p.m. Using an AED
Come and learn about your health from Southwest General Health Center's Community Outreach nurse. Blood pressure and heart rate screening will be available.



Genealogy Club

Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Sept. 12; Oct. 3; Nov. 14
Come join us whether you are new to researching your family tree or you have been looking for your family's story for a while. We come together to learn research techniques and explore resources; share our successes and get advice when stuck.



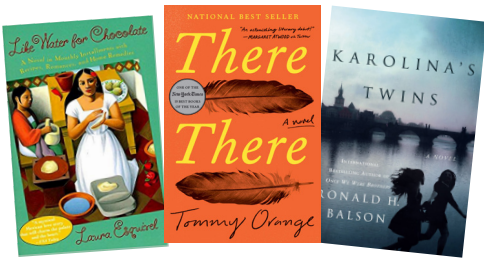
Excel for Beginners

Wednesday, Sept. 18
6 to 7 p.m.
Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. **PRE REG**



Crafty Adults

Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19; Oct. 17
Are you a crafter or would you like to be one? Join us at the library monthly to try a new craft or learn a new skill and make new friends. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PRE REG**



Afternoon Book Discussion

Mondays, 1 p.m.
Sept. 23; “Like Water for Chocolate” by Laura Esquivel
Oct. 28; “There There” by Tommy Orange
Nov. 25; “Karolina’s Twins” by Ronald H. Balson
Would you like to spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library. **PRE REG**

Cookbook Discussion

Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26; “Favorite Recipes from Melissa Clark’s Kitchen” by Melissa Clark
Oct. 24; “Dinner: Changing the Game” by Melissa Clark
If you love to read, cook, learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Bring a dish from the selected month’s cookbook and share your experience in the kitchen and opinion on the book. Copies are available at the library. **PRE REG**

Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 15
6 p.m.
Come join a fun group of other library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs in support of your beloved branch.

iPhone Help

Wednesday, Oct. 16
6 to 7 p.m.
Do you have an iPhone, but don’t know how to use it? This program will teach you the basics and help you get started with using your iPhone, including taking pictures and videos, sending texts, understanding apps, privacy settings, Siri and more. **PRE REG**



Android Help

Wednesday, Nov. 13
6 to 7 p.m.
Do you have an Android phone, but don’t know how to use it? This program will teach you the basics and help you get started with using your Android, including taking pictures and videos, sending texts, understanding apps, privacy settings, general problem solving and more. **PRE REG**



Children STORYTIME



Teddy Bear Sleepover

Monday, Sept. 9; Tuesday, Sept. 10
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
It’s a night out for your favorite stuffed friend! Bring your stuffed animal to the library on Monday for some sleepover fun! On Tuesday pick up your stuffed friend and see pictures of all their fun adventures!



Build a Mini-Boat

Saturday, Sept. 21
Noon to 1 p.m.
Join us as we build miniature boats and test them in water. **PRE REG**

Baby Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 28
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The Lorain Public Library System invites all children ages two and under, with a caregiver, to visit any LPLS location during open hours to get your child’s first library card and a free gift while supplies last. Then, during our special Baby Play Day event, enjoy crafts, games and activities just for baby. **PRE REG**

Family Story Time

Mondays, 7 p.m.
Sept. 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 18
A family fun story time with books, music, finger plays and a craft. **PRE REG**

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24;
Oct. 1, 15, 22; Nov. 5, 12, 19
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with their caregivers. **PRE REG**

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, 11 to 11:15 a.m.
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24;
Oct. 1, 15, 22; Nov. 5, 12, 19
A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. **PRE REG**

Movie and a Block Party

Friday, Oct. 4
3 to 5 p.m.
Legos in the library and a movie. Enjoy a free build while watching a favorite Lego movie. **PRE REG**

Native American Crafts

Saturday, Oct. 19
Noon to 1 p.m.
Learn about various indigenous American cultures while making dreamcatchers, medicine bags, teepee models and tomahawks. **PRE REG**



Monster Mash Bash

Tuesday, Oct. 29
10:15 to 11 a.m.
The goblins are haunting, the monsters will mash. It’s time to get together for a Halloween bash! This program is for children ages 2 through 5 and their caregiver. **PRE REG**



Marble Roller Coasters

Saturday, Nov. 16
Noon to 1 p.m.
Create zany roller coasters and test them on unsuspecting marbles. **PRE REG**



Thanksgiving Fun

Tuesday, Nov. 26
10:15 to 11 a.m.
A Thanksgiving themed story time for children ages 2 through 5 with stories, crafts and games. **PRE REG**

BOOKS BY MAIL @ LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



Can’t make it to the library? The library can come to you! Books by Mail is a service that provides qualified users with access to Lorain Public Library System materials. If you have a disability or other limitation that prevents you from visiting the library, you may qualify for Books by Mail. You are eligible if you live in: Avon, Camden Township, Columbia Township, Eaton Township (only the area in the Columbia Local School District), Henrietta Township, Kipton Village, Lorain, North Ridgeville, Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Township or Sheffield Village.



Family

Grandparent's Day Cards

Thursday, Sept. 5
Friday, Sept. 6
Saturday, Sept. 7

Celebrate your grandparents this Grandparent's Day by creating a sweet card for them during library hours.



Family Story Time

Mondays, 7 p.m.
Sept. 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 18

A family fun story time with books, music, finger plays and a craft. **PRE REG**



Book Sale

Tuesday, Oct. 8; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9; Noon to 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10; Noon to 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11; Noon to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book sale is open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Branch Library Inc.



Monster Movie Marathon

Wednesday, Oct. 30
3 to 7 p.m.

It's Halloween! Join us for two family friendly scary movies! **PRE REG**

Popcorn and a Movie

Monday, Nov. 4
1 p.m.

Join us for popcorn and a family friendly movie. **PRE REG**



Veteran Thank You Cards

Thursday, Nov. 7
Friday, Nov. 8
Saturday, Nov. 9

Stop in during regular library hours and show appreciation for our military by creating a thank you card for our veterans. We will deliver them to the Columbia VFW.

Veteran's Day Movie

Monday, Nov. 11
1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for a military-themed movie to honor our veterans. **PRE REG**

Teen



Sock Monster Fun

Wednesday, Oct. 23
3 to 5 p.m.

Create your own lovable sock monster! Ages 10 and up. **PRE REG**

Escape Room

Saturday, Oct. 26
Noon to 1 p.m.

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

Hey, Columbia!

Come out and play volleyball next door at the park.
You can now check out a ball with your library card!

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AUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, VIDEOS AND MAGAZINES

ACCESS VIDEO ON DEMAND: MASTER COLLECTION contains thousands of documentaries, classic films and educational videos on a variety of topics such as travel, health and careers. Also check out **ACCESS VIDEO ON DEMAND – JUST FOR KIDS**.

BOOKFLIX is a resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks. Try out these online books for preschoolers through third-graders.

HOOPLA lets you borrow free digital movies, TV shows, full music CDs, eBooks, comic books and audiobooks that are available for instant streaming or temporary download.

KANOPY VIDEO COLLECTION is home to over 26,000 films including classic films along with festival indie or world cinema sourced from award-winning filmmakers.

NOVELIST PLUS helps readers find books they will enjoy along with helpful resources such as reading recommendations, read-alikes, book discussion guides, thematic book lists and more. **NOVELIST K-8** is designed for adults looking for material tailored to school-aged children.

OVERDRIVE will allow you to browse thousands of titles in a variety of formats – eBooks, audiobooks and video. **OVERDRIVE FOR KIDS** for children ages kindergarten through 12th grade.

RBDIGITAL MAGAZINES offers full digital copies of nearly 100 magazines.

BUSINESS

CONSUMER REPORTS offers full text articles from 1991 to the present to find product evaluations, public safety and health articles and legal decisions that affect consumers.

MORNING STAR INVESTMENT RESEARCH CENTER provides research and recommendations on stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds along with an investment education section.

SMALL BUSINESS REFERENCE CENTER offers full text for many consumer small business reference books, as well as videos, a help and advice section and details on how to create a business plan.

INSTRUCTIONAL

***ALLDATA** is an automobile and light truck repair information database.

ARTISTWORKS FOR LIBRARIES offers patrons world-class music and art instruction through video lessons that range from beginning to advanced for instruments, voice and physical art.

CHILTON LIBRARY gives detailed information to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs.

CREATIVEBUG has more than 1,000 award-winning art and craft videos classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

GALE COURSES offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor-led courses that you can take entirely online. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER offers detailed “how-to” instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.

HOME IMPROVEMENT REFERENCE CENTER provides users with detailed, user-friendly “how-to” information covering a variety of home improvement and repair projects.

KIDS INFOBITS is for young learners featuring age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of educational topics.

LINKEDIN LEARNING offers free video courses on the latest software, taught by industry experts, for IT, business, marketing, photography, 3D animation, video, web and more.

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGES helps millions learn over 100 foreign languages.

VERY SHORT INTRODUCTIONS helps you discover a new topic or subject with these introductions written by authors who are experts in their field.

PUBLISHING

BIBLIOBOARD houses digital books, images, videos and more from libraries, artists, authors and others. It offers new fiction, popular comic books, award-winning videos and children's books.

PRESSBOOKS allows you to create professional eBooks and print books which may then circulate in participating libraries.

SELF-E is a collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard allowing authors and libraries to present self-published eBooks that may be circulated among participating libraries across the U.S. and Canada.

RESEARCH AND GENEOLGY

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE is a digital resource devoted to African American family history research and was created to develop a comprehensive mix of resources, records and tools.

***ANCESTRY-LIBRARY EDITION** provides easy access to more than 4,000 genealogy databases with a single search.

THE CLEVELAND NECROLOGY FILE AND CLEVELAND NEWS INDEX contains local cemetery records and newspaper death notices for 1833, 1847 to 1848 and 1850 to 1975. For necrology information after 1975, and other news information visit the **CLEVELAND NEWS INDEX**.

***Requires the use of a computer inside the library**

FOLD3 is a collection of military records from the Revolutionary War to World War II with war records, documents and photos.

HERITAGE QUEST is a comprehensive treasury of genealogical sources with primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps and more.

THE NEW YORK TIMES gives access to breaking news, reviews and opinions on Washington, business, sports, movies, travel, books, jobs, education, cars and more at nytimes.com.

OHIO WEB LIBRARY RESEARCH DATABASES

is a collection of thousands of online publications and research resources, including magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, speeches, poems, plays, maps, satellite images of Ohio and more.

OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIAS works with international communities of scholars across all fields to develop a collection of in-depth, peer-reviewed summaries on a range of topics.

REFERENCE USA has directory information for millions of U.S. businesses and households, with searches based on SIC codes, sales volume, number of employees, name, location and phone number.

UNITED WAY: FIRST CALL FOR HELP is an effort to increase access to a wide range of health and human services in Cuyahoga County with connections to more than 1,000 agencies, 4,000 programs and 10,000 services in our area.

WORLD CAT is the world's most comprehensive bibliography with 40 million records representing 400 languages and covering information back to the 11th century.

Adult



Cookbook Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3; “ 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food by Jaime Oliver
Oct. 1; “Simple Cake: All You Need to Keep Your Friends and Family in Cake” by Odette Williams
Nov. 5; “Breakfast” by Emily Elyse Miller

If you love to read, cook, learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Bring a dish from the selected month’s cookbook and share your experience in the kitchen and opinion on the book. Copies are available at the library. **PRE REG**



Selling Your Stuff Online

Thursday, Sept. 5
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Learn how to sell your used items for cash using different websites and mobile platforms. **PRE REG**

Crochet and Knit

Fridays, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 6, 13; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15
Join other knitters, crocheters and other crafty folks by learning a new skill or bringing in your current project. New attendees are always welcome. **PRE REG**

Let’s Zumba®!

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 7, 28; Oct. 5, 19
Are you looking to jazz up your mornings with an infectious dance? Then come break a sweat with Zumba®! Have fun and get fit as we dance to Latin beats! **PRE REG**



Back-To-School Movie Night

Monday, Sept. 9
6 to 8 p.m.
Parents and adults, take some time from your busy school schedule and enjoy a school-themed movie night! Help choose a movie to watch, then enjoy some nostalgic, after school refreshments with your cinematic treat! **PRE REG**

Domonkas Friends General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 10
7 to 8 p.m.
Come join a fun group of other library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs in support of your beloved branch.



Muy Caliente! A Salsa Tasting

Wednesday, Sept. 11
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join the fiesta as the library kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with a salsa tasting! Learn how salsa is made and used in Hispanic cuisine, as well as why we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Then test-taste a variety of salsas to help determine a library winner! **PRE REG**

Domonkas Friends’ Book Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 18; 4:30 to 8 p.m.
(Preview from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Sept. 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20; 2 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library. New members may join and members may renew their annual memberships that evening. The book sale is open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library.

The Lakeview Pen: Domonkas Writing Group

Mondays, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Sept. 23; Oct. 30; Nov. 20
Come and join us in this pressure free and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on. **PRE REG**



Medicare 101

Tuesday, Sept. 24
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Confused about Medicare? It is complicated, but you can become informed. Learn about the four parts of Medicare, costs and options in this simplified seminar. **PRE REG**



Adult Book Discussion

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.
Sept. 30; Oct. 28; Nov. 25
Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library. **PRE REG**

Batacular Wreaths! Adult Halloween Craft

Wednesday, Oct. 2
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join us as we create elegant bat wreaths that would make even Dracula jealous! Creep out your neighbors and friends with decor that will make them absolutely batty! **PRE REG**



Avoiding Fake News

Thursday, Oct. 3
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Learn how to identify and avoid “fake news” on the internet. **PRE REG**



Love at First Bite: A History of Vampire Films

Monday, Oct. 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
A creature that spans across many cultures and history, the vampire continues to live in infamy, as a staple of cinematic magic. Join us as we explore the history of vampire movies. Find out why Dracula does not drink wine and why the Lost Boys© sleep all day and party all night! Ghoulish light refreshments will be provided! **PRE REG**

Who Was Mrs. Sherlock Holmes?

Tuesday, Oct. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
This presentation will introduce patrons to Grace Humiston, the detective and lawyer who turned her back on New York society to become one of the nation’s greatest crime fighters during an era when women weren’t even allowed to vote. When an 18-year-old girl named Ruth Cruger went missing on Valentine’s Day, Grace navigated a dangerous mystery in a desperate race against time to save her. Because of her work, Grace was made the first female consulting detective to the NYPD. **PRE REG**



There’s Something Strange in Ohio: Spooky Tales

Monday, Oct. 21
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Come explore strange and unusual tales from the state of Ohio. Together, we will explore the mysterious, the odd, and see what historical facts are too strange to be false, and what is just an urban legend. Afterwards, fans of local ghost stories can share tales of their own! Find out about the mysterious stain in Athens, and what theater is most haunted in Ohio! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



A.M. Yoga

Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 31, Nov. 7
Join us for this free weekly yoga class. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Namaste! **PRE REG**



Children



Toddler Storytime

Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 9; Apples
Sept. 16; Farm
Sept. 23; Autumn
Sept. 30; Cowboys and cowgirls
Oct. 7; Cats and kittens
Oct. 14; Pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns
Oct. 21; Friendly monsters
Oct. 28; Halloween
Nov. 4; Leaves
Nov. 11; Owls
Nov. 18; Bears
Nov. 25; Thanksgiving
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. **PRE REG**

The Cleveland Years of Eliot Ness

Monday, Nov. 4
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Come explore a time when Cleveland was considered one of the most dangerous cities in America and how Eliot Ness made such an impact that has lasted generations. Join Rebecca McFarland from the Cleveland Police Museum and learn about one of Cleveland’s heroes! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



Small Business Series

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6; Exploring Social Media
Nov. 13; Email Marketing
Are you looking to start a new adventure in a small business? Then come and join SCORE, a nonprofit dedicated to helping small businesses to learn to use social media to increase your business! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



One of Us: Understanding the Power of Cults

Saturday, Nov. 9
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
There are many names and places that have left an infamous dark streak in American history, such as Charles Manson, Jonestown and David Koresh. Explore why leaders of cults have been venerated, how cults form to begin with and the cultural impact they have left on society. **PRE REG**

90s and 2000s TV Trivia Night

Monday, Nov. 11
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Do you know who killed Laura Palmer? Or which show Regis Philbin hosted? Then create a team and come to flex your knowledge as we quiz you on all things TV related from the 90s and 2000s! Teams compete for a prize that even Tony Soprano would approve of! **PRE REG**

Life-Sized Scrabble®

Monday, Nov. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Adults and teens, do you have the wordsmith skills to be a Scrabble® champion? Then come play a life-sized version, complete with tiles, points and a dictionary for fair play! **PRE REG**



We’re Going Back to Hogwarts!

Tuesday, Oct. 29
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Welcome young witches and wizards to the fifth annual Harry Potter night. Will you join the Order of the Phoenix? Are you a member of Dumbledore’s Army? Has Lord Voldemort really returned? School aged children and their families can find the answers to all these questions and more at this magical family fun night. **PRE REG**



Food and Fun

Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23
Children ages 18 and under are invited to join us for a free lunch and fun activities on the weekends. Participants will also receive a set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their families to encourage healthy lifestyle habits. **PRE REG**



Halloween Spooktacular!

Saturday, Oct. 26
2 to 3 p.m.
Young goblins and ghouls, you are in for a radically spooky time! Come partake in tasty treats, creepy crafts, grim games, and more at this fantastically-fun, family friendly party. Costumes are encouraged, but not required! **PRE REG**

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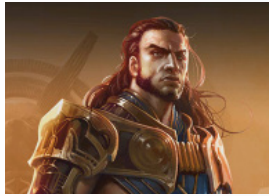
Teen Advisory Board
Thursdays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12; Oct. 17; Nov. 21

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



Anime Night
Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Sept. 12; Oct. 17; Nov. 21

Moshi Moshi! Come join your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime! Over the course of the series we will view a variety of shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shojo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! **PRE REG**



Domonkas Deck Duels
Thursday, Oct. 24
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Whether you play Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic: The Gathering, or Pokemon grab your friends for an hour long open play time. No card trading allowed, but having fun is highly encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**



90s and 2000s TV Trivia Night
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Crafty Teen: Halloween Edition
Thursday, Oct. 10
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Create a fun and spooky craft. We will provide the supplies, you just need to bring the creativity. Every participant will leave with a personalized decoration. **PRE REG**

Family



Farm Field Trip
Saturday, Sept. 14
12:30 to 6 p.m.

Families with children of all ages are invited to spend a day at George Jones Farm in Oberlin, an innovative educational center located on 70 acres. Participants will enjoy a tour of the farm and an interactive activity. A healthy snack, as well as transportation from the Main, Domonkas and South Lorain branches, will be provided by the library. Children and teens age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend this program. All participants in this program must confirm their registration by Sept. 7 to secure a seat on the bus and to get directions on arrival and departure times. **PRE REG**



Family Zombie Night
Monday, Oct. 7
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Ghouls and gals of all ages, do you know what zombies get when they're late for dinner?

The cold shoulder! Families come and learn some creepy facts about zombies, as well as participate in spooktacular activities! Perfect your dead shuffle, learn some spine-tingling makeup tips and enjoy some brains and other terrific treats. **PRE REG**

Family Fun Night: Strega Nona
Tuesday, Oct. 8
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The whole family is invited to enjoy this special themed storytime celebrating the classic picture book "Strega Nona" by Tomie De Paola. Strega Nona means "grandma witch" and magic tricks are her game! First hear the story of Strega Nona's magic pasta pot and then participate in games and activities. **PRE REG**

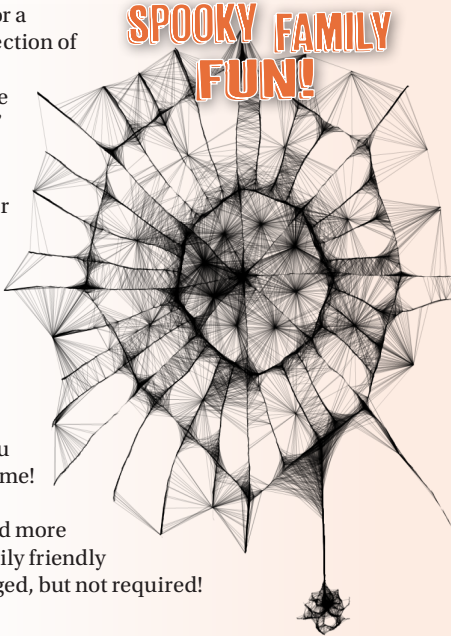


Fright Night: Family Movie Night
Wednesday, Oct. 9
6 to 8 p.m.

Ghouls of all ages, let's get scared! We will show a spooky movie, while you enjoy light, ghoulishly delightful refreshments. Costumes are encouraged but not required. No prop weapons are permitted. Be sure to register early for this fangtastic event! **PRE REG**

S'more Spooky Storytelling
Wednesday, Oct. 23
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Families beware, you are in for a scare! Join us as we read a selection of hair-raising, as well as silly stories in the dark. Then, as we gather around the "campfire," we will partake in delectable marshmallow and chocolate graham treats! This event is for ghouls of all ages, but some stories told may not be for the easily spooked! **PRE REG**



Halloween Spooktacular
Saturday, Oct. 26
2 to 3 p.m.

Young goblins and ghouls, you are in for a radically spooky time! Come partake in tasty treats, creepy crafts, grim games, and more at this fangtastically-fun, family friendly party. Costumes are encouraged, but not required! **PRE REG**

Board Game Night
Thursday, Nov. 14
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Family Fun Night: If You Give a Student a Storytime
Tuesday, Nov. 19
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

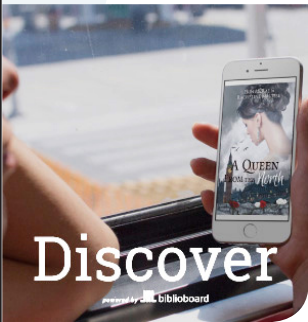
November is International Picture Book Month and to celebrate we've planned a special storytime around the "If You Give..." series by Laura Joffe Numeroff. Families may be familiar with these well loved books about Pig, Mouse, Moose and more and how one choice often leads to another. This event will include stories, games and a craft. **PRE REG**

Free resources
available to writers

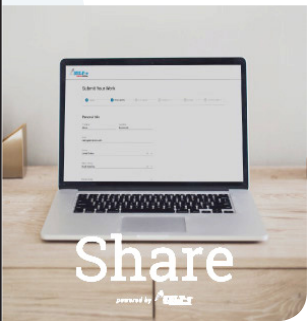
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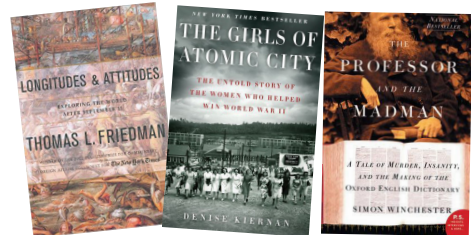


A Literary Cafe - Story Time for Adults

Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 5; Oct. 3; Nov. 7

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussions. Coffee and tea will be provided. [PRE REG](#)



Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Sept. 11; "Longitudes and Attitudes"

by Thomas Friedman

Oct. 9; "Girls of Atomic City" by Denise Kierna

Nov. 13; "The Professor and the Madman"

by Simon Winchester

Would you like to spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library.

North Ridgeville Writers

Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 9, 23

Come and join us in this pressure-free and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on.



Bigfoot in Ohio

Saturday, Sept. 14

2 to 4 p.m.

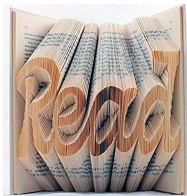
Marc DeWerth, president of the Ohio Bigfoot Organization, presents compelling audio recordings and sighting reports from the Buckeye state. Sure to intrigue even the biggest skeptic! [PRE REG](#)

The Art of Book Folding

Tuesday, Sept. 17

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Sharon Morris Allen, Library Assistant at Lorain County Community College, will show us how to create an exquisite sculpture by folding book pages into geometric patterns.



[PRE REG](#)

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 18; "The Dry" by Jane Harper

Oct. 30; "Midnight Line" by Lee Child

Nov. 20; "Y is for Yesterday" by Sue Grafton

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

[PRE REG](#)

What Happens After the Paychecks Stop? A Retirement Income Primer

Thursday, Sept. 19

7 to 8 p.m.

Join Matt Nickels, a local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, to examine how to budget for retirement expenses and your potential sources of retirement income. You'll also identify risks to your retirement income and ways to address them. [PRE REG](#)



Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Sept. 24; "Every Note Played" by Lisa Genova

Oct. 22; "We Were the Lucky One"

by Georgia Hunter

Nov. 26; "The Woman in Cabin 10"

by Ruth Ware

Would you like to spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Avoiding Fake News

Wednesday, Sept. 25

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to identify and avoid "fake news" on the internet. [PRE REG](#)

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

Monday, September 30;

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for the 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. Preregistration not required.



Cutting the Cord

Wednesday, Oct. 9

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a brief introduction to all the ways you can keep watching quality TV and movies without cable. [PRE REG](#)

Murder Mystery

Saturday, Oct. 12

6 to 8 p.m.

Join us for a chilling evening of intrigue as we solve a mystery together. Attendees have a chance to play key roles. Light refreshments provided.

[PRE REG](#)

Painting with a Plot

Monday, Oct. 14

1 to 2:30 p.m.



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. [PRE REG](#)

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 15; Nov. 19

Adults, come enjoy a fun afternoon of crafting. Each month staff will provide instruction on a new exciting project. [PRE REG](#)

Book Sale

Thursday, October 24; 5 to 8 p.m. - Preview

Friday, October 25, Saturday, October 26;

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 27;

1 to 4:30 p.m. - Bag Sale

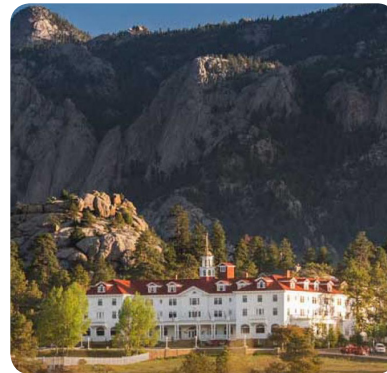
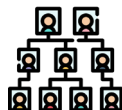
The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Find a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages. Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join and current members may renew their annual memberships that evening.

Roots and Branches: An Introduction to Genealogy

Wednesday, Nov. 6

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dig into your family tree with this beginner genealogy workshop. Learn basic research methods, how to organize information and discover free library resources. [PRE REG](#)



Stephen King's Colorado

Thursday, Nov. 7

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join retired librarian Ed Rossman as he takes us on a scenic tour of beautiful Colorado, the backdrop for Stephen King's books "The Stand," "The Shining," "Misery" and "Dr. Sleep." Through colorful photographic slides and commentary, learn about King's stories and thoughts on writing. Stephen King trivia and games add to the fun! [PRE REG](#)

The Herbalist's Workshop: Working with Essential Oils

Friday, Nov. 15

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make something with completely natural ingredients to pamper yourself at home? What do you have around the house that could freshen the place up with sweet aromas? Want to make pretty and thoughtful gifts for your family and friends? Learn about the variety of items that you can make with herbs and essential oils that you may have around the house. [PRE REG](#)



Outsmart the Scammers

Tuesday, Nov. 19

7 to 8 p.m.

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. Join Matt Nickels, a local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, to learn the information you need to outsmart the scammers. During the program, you'll learn how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter, you'll identify resources you can turn to in the event you or your loved one is targeted and steps you can take now to help protect yourself. [PRE REG](#)



Children

Math and Science Story Time

Wednesdays,

1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Sept. 4; Oct. 23

Preschool-age children will explore concepts related to science, technology, engineering and math through stories, songs and experiments. [PRE REG](#)



Lego® Fun Night

Thursday, Sept. 5

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come build with us! The library supplies the blocks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for children ages 5 and up. [PRE REG](#)

Adapted Story Time

Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Sept. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2

Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games and a social time. Learn in a safe, supportive environment which is specifically designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. [PRE REG](#)

Browser's Reading Buddies

Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2

Children ages 5 to 10 sit and read to a therapy dog for a 15 minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.



Coding Club

Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14

Explore computer programming in a fun, collaborative environment! Newbies and experienced coders alike are welcome. Best for children in grades 3-6. [PRE REG](#)



Pom Pom Pets

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 to 10 can come into the library's story time room to create a fuzzy critter from pom poms. We will provide all supplies, so just come with the ideas. [PRE REG](#)

Hispanic Heritage Crafts for Kids

Saturday, Sept. 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making a variety of crafts. Intended for ages 5 and up.

Little Learners

Fridays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sept. 27; Oct. 25; Nov. 22

Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about letters, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and more. Crafts will also be available for creating.

Baby Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 28

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lorain Public Library System invites all children ages two and under, with a caregiver, to visit any LPLS location during open hours to get your child's first library card and a free gift while supplies last. Then, during our special Baby Play Day event, enjoy crafts, games and activities just for baby. [PRE REG](#)

Hot Wheels Free Play

Friday, Oct. 11

2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of Hot Wheels® fun. We provide the cars and track for you to play with. [PRE REG](#)



Jungle Bob's Creepy Critter Show

Tuesday, Oct. 15

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join Jungle Bob for an interactive program about some creepy critters such as Carl the Cockroach, Fifi the Spider, Julius Squeezer the Snake and many more. Perfect for families with children of all ages. [PRE REG](#)



Halloween Puppet Theater and Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 19

2 to 3 p.m.

A Halloween - not so scary puppet show - will be performed followed by a puppet-making workshop. Preschool kids and older can make a puppet backdrop and finger puppets to produce their very own puppet show. [PRE REG](#)

Gross Me Out

Wednesday, Oct. 30

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 to 12 can join us for some gruesomely gross fun. We will watch some really disgusting demonstrations and then conduct a few of our own gross science experiments. Come prepared to get a little messy! [PRE REG](#)

Preschool Paint Box

Saturday, Nov. 2

2 to 3 p.m.

Leave the mess to us and bring your preschoolers to try different painting activities. We will have brushes, sponges and paint for your preschooler to enjoy. Children should dress in clothes that can get paint on them even though we will provide smocks. Intended for children ages 3 to 5. [PRE REG](#)

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Family

Storytime!



Baby and Me Story Time Fall Session 1

Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

or
Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 23 months old along with their caregivers. Please sign up for only the Monday or the Thursday session. [PRE REG](#)

Tales for Twos Story Time Fall Session 1

Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

or
Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and activities for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Please sign up for only the Monday or the Thursday session. [PRE REG](#)

Primetime Preschool Story Time Fall Session 1

Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7
6:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and activities for 2 to 6-year-olds. Children may come dressed in their pajamas ready to enjoy a bedtime story. [PRE REG](#)

Thrillin' Threes Story Time Fall Session 1

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and activities for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. [PRE REG](#)

Fabulous Fours and Fives Story Time Fall Session 1

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8
11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

or
Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10
1:30 to 2 p.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and activities for 4 and 5-year-olds. Please sign up for only the Tuesday or the Thursday session. [PRE REG](#)

Family Fun Story Time Fall Session 1

Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9
10:30 to 11 a.m.

or
1 to 1:30 p.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and activities for families with children ages 2 to 6. Please sign up for only one session per day. [PRE REG](#)

Baby and Me Story Time Fall Session 2

Mondays, Oct. 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

or
Thursdays, Oct. 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

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Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making a variety of crafts. Intended for ages 5 and up.

Hot Wheels Free Play

Friday, Oct. 11
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of Hot Wheels® fun. We provide the cars and track for you to play with. [PRE REG](#)



Jungle Bob's Creepy Critter Show

Tuesday, Oct. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Join Jungle Bob for an interactive program about some creepy critters such as Carl the Cockroach, Fifi the Spider, Julius Squeezer the Snake and many more. Perfect for families with children of all ages. [PRE REG](#)

Book Sale

Thursday, October 24; 5 to 8 p.m. - Preview
Friday, October 25, Saturday, October 26;
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

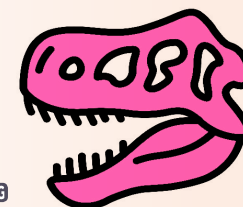
Sunday, October 27;
1 to 4:30 p.m. - Bag Sale

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Find a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages. Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join and current members may renew their annual memberships that evening.

Dino Dig Party

Saturday, Nov. 16
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a party all about dinosaurs! We will have dino-themed games, crafts and more. Perfect for families with children of all ages. [PRE REG](#)



Teen

Pizza Party for Tweens and Teens

Wednesday, Sept. 4
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious time at the library with pizza-themed crafts, activities and, of course, pizza! Intended for ages 9 and up. [PRE REG](#)



Life Hacks for Tweens and Teens: Food Edition

Thursday, Sept. 26
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Learn how to make quick easy meals that are healthier (and often cheaper) than takeout, as well as shortcuts you can take when trying to follow a recipe. This program includes hands-on activities with edible results! Intended for ages 9 and up. [PRE REG](#)



It's Alive! Frankentoy Night for Tweens and Teens

Wednesday, Oct. 2
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Unleash your inner mad scientist with this zany program. Tear apart old toys and dolls and construct a new monster of your own creation! Intended for tweens and teens ages 9 and up. [PRE REG](#)

Fortnite Fest for Tweens and Teens

Wednesday, Nov. 6
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

It's all about Fortnite! We will have themed crafts, snacks and activities. Intended for tweens and teens ages 9 and up. [PRE REG](#)



Adult

creativebug®

Creativebug Demo

Tuesday, Sept. 3
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of this free library resource for craft and art video lessons. **PRE REG**



South Lorain Chess Club

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30;
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27

Open play chess sessions are for all levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for chess players to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game. This chess club is registered with the United States Chess Federation.

Yoga For Beginners

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30;
Nov 6, 13, 20

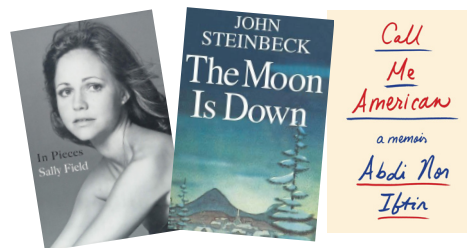
Join us for this free weekly Wednesday yoga class. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Namaste!



Your Library Online

Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 14; Oct. 12; Nov. 9

Learn how to manage your online library account, search the library catalog, use our research tools and discover our eLibrary of books, music, movies, classes and more. **PRE REG**



Change Of Pace Book Club

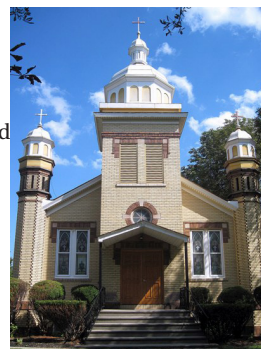
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17; "In Pieces" by Sally Field
Oct. 15; "The Moon Is Down" by John Steinbeck
Nov. 19; "Call Me American" by Abi Nor Iftin

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making friends? Check out our book discussion group! Copies of the book are available at the library.

Lorain County Sacred Landmarks - Ethnic Churches of Lorain

Tuesday, Sept. 24
6 p.m.

Do you know that the first Hispanic Catholic Church in Ohio was established in Lorain? Lorain was home to German speaking churches, three Jewish Synagogues and a Slovenian nationality parish. Join David Simmer of the Lorain County Community College Sacred Landmark Initiative for a PowerPoint look at the many religious institutions, both past and present, which have given our city strength through the years. **PRE REG**



Lynda.com Demo

Tuesday, Oct. 1
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of this free library resource for learning business, technology and creative skills to help achieve your goals. Participants must have a LinkedIn account. **PRE REG**



Tai-Chi for Arthritis

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon
Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26

Are you one of the over 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend these sessions to learn valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises. **PRE REG**



Graphic Design - How to Make a Flyer

Saturday, Oct. 26
3 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to create exciting and engaging flyers. **PRE REG**

Community Art Show

Monday, Nov. 4 to Thursday Nov. 28
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Break out your pencils, crayons and paint! Community members of all ages are welcome to submit G-rated artwork to be put on display for the month of November. Artwork can be dropped off beginning Friday, Nov. 1 and will be ready for pickup Nov. 29.

Emotional Freedom Techniques For Beginners: Relief is Just a Tap Away

Tuesday, Nov. 5
6 p.m.

Anxiety, irritability, sadness, overeating, pain and chronic fatigue can be your body saying there is too much stress in your life. Tapping is done on the main energy paths of the body and helps take you out of the fight-or-flight mode, reduces stress and enables the creative problem solving part of the brain to activate. **PRE REG**



Consumer Reports Demo

Tuesday, Nov. 12
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of this free library resource and how to use it to become a smart and discerning consumer. **PRE REG**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Latin American Music

Tuesday, Oct. 1
6 to 7 p.m.

Join Guillermo Arriaga, director of the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, as he explores the vast world of Latin American music.

MUSEUM OF HISPANIC & LATINO CULTURES

Children



Drum Making Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 7
1 to 3 p.m.

Children in grades 1 to 5 are invited to attend this drum making workshop presented by Baba Jubal Haris. Participants will make and take their own drum, which will be played in the FireFish Festival parade on Sept. 21 in downtown Lorain. **PRE REG**

Stuffed Animal Party

Wednesday, Sept. 11
10:30 a.m.

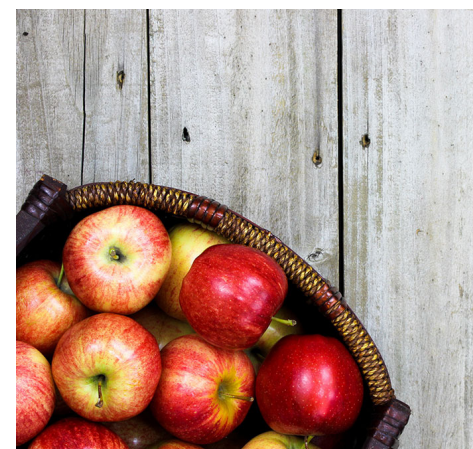
Children ages 6 and under can join us for stories, songs, crafts and other activities. Make sure to bring your favorite stuffed animal! **PRE REG**



Farm Party

Wednesday, Sept. 18
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for some down on the farm fun with stories, songs, crafts and other activities. **PRE REG**



Apple Party

Wednesday, Sept. 25
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for apple stories, songs, crafts and other activities. **PRE REG**

Baby Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 28
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Lorain Public Library System invites all children ages two and under, with a caregiver to visit any LPLS location during open hours to get your child's first library card and a free gift while supplies last. Then, during our special Baby Play Day event, enjoy crafts, games and activities just for baby. **PRE REG**

Opposite Party

Wednesday, Oct. 2
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for stories, songs and crafts all about opposites! **PRE REG**



Owl Party

Wednesday, Oct. 9
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for owl stories, songs, crafts and other activities. **PRE REG**

Leaf Party

Wednesday, Oct. 23
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for stories, songs and crafts all about leaves! **PRE REG**



Halloween Party

Wednesday, Oct. 30
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can get in the Halloween spirit with stories, songs, crafts and other activities. Costumes are welcome! **PRE REG**

Food and Fun

Saturdays, Noon to 1 p.m.
Nov. 2, 9; Yoga
Nov. 16, 23; POUND

Children ages 18 and under are invited to join us for a free lunch and fun activities on the weekends. Participants will also receive a set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their families to encourage healthy lifestyle habits. **PRE REG**



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Dinosaur Party

Wednesday, Nov. 6
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can celebrate Dinovember with dinosaur stories, songs, crafts and other activities. **PRE REG**

Fox Party

Wednesday, Nov. 13
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for stories, songs and crafts all about foxes! **PRE REG**

Silly Party

Wednesday, Nov. 20
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6 and under can join us for silly stories, songs, crafts and other activities. **PRE REG**

Family

Family Fun Time: Slime-tember

Mondays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30

Families join us for Slime-tember with an evening creating squishy, icky slime. [PRE REG](#)



Farm Field Trip

Saturday, Sept. 14
12:30 to 6 p.m.

Families with children of all ages are invited to spend a day at George Jones Farm in Oberlin, an innovative educational center located on 70 acres. Participants will enjoy a tour of the farm and an interactive activity. A healthy snack, as well as transportation from the Main, Domonkas and South Lorain branches, will be provided by the library. Children and teens age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend this program. All participants in this program must confirm their registration by Sept. 7 to secure a seat on the bus and to get directions on arrival and departure times. [PRE REG](#)

Hot Wheels® Rally and Race

Saturday, Sept. 28
3 to 4 p.m.

Families and children of all ages join us for a night of Hot Wheels® fun. Construct a track or race your friends for a wheely fun time. We provide the Hot Wheels cars and track for you to play with. [PRE REG](#)



Community Celebration: Local Latino Authors

Saturday, Oct. 5
2 to 4 p.m.

El Centro and the Lorain Public Library System invite you to come and meet local Latino authors. Be prepared for two hours of community fun and activities. [PRE REG](#)

Family Fun Time: Discovering Dinosaurs

Monday, Oct. 7
6 to 7 p.m.

Families with children ages 3 and up join us on a prehistoric adventure of Gigantosaurus proportions. [PRE REG](#)

Sunday Series

Hispanic Cooking Demo
Sunday, Oct. 13
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a Hispanic food cooking demo presented by our local Gonzalez Grocery. [PRE REG](#)

Buckeye Bigfoot
Sunday, Oct. 20
2 to 4 p.m.

Join us for a presentation about the Buckeye Bigfoot from Bigfoot Investigator, Marc DeWerth. [PRE REG](#)

Family Pumpkin Painting
Sunday, Oct. 27
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for family pumpkin painting at the library. We'll provide the paint and ideas, please bring a pumpkin. [PRE REG](#)

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show
Sunday, Nov. 3
3 to 4 p.m.

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show is fun, exciting and extremely entertaining for kids of all ages! Outback Ray captivates you with his unique family all while sharing fascinating facts about each one. Learning will be fun and exciting while you hold and cuddle with his amazing animals. [PRE REG](#)

Sled Dogs
Sunday, Nov. 10
2 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a presentation by the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland on sled dogs and their connection to Cleveland. Meet a real Siberian Husky and learn about the dog's harness, jobs and commands. [PRE REG](#)

Princess Visit
Sunday, Nov. 17
2 to 3 p.m.

Join Anna and Elsa for an interactive storytelling that will include singing and dancing. Afterwards, the Frozen sisters will be available to meet with guests and take pictures. Princes and princesses are encouraged to wear royal attire. Don't forget your camera. [PRE REG](#)



Family Fun Time: Rock Explorers

Monday, Oct. 14
6 to 7 p.m.

Families and kids of all ages, join us for a rockin' evening learning about rocks and minerals. Don't take us for granite! [PRE REG](#)

Family Movie Night: Hocus Pocus

Thursday, Oct. 17
6 p.m.

Families can join us for a viewing of a Halloween classic. Snacks will be provided! [PRE REG](#)

Family Fun Time: Volcanoes

Monday, Oct. 21
6 to 7 p.m.

Watch out, this program is hot! Discover the fun of sculpting and erupting your own volcano. [PRE REG](#)



Halloween Spooktacular

Monday, Oct. 28
6 to 7 p.m.

Kids, put on your costume and join us for a sweet night with games and candy. [PRE REG](#)

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Kids Art Studio: Amate Painting

Monday, Nov. 4
6 to 7 p.m.

Discover the colorful world of Mexican folk art and create your own Amate Painting. [PRE REG](#)



Kids Art Studio: Bead Fushion

Monday, Nov. 11
6 to 7 p.m.

Creative kids, come join us to craft a perler bead masterpiece. Recommended for ages 4 and up. [PRE REG](#)

Family Paint Night: Do you want to paint a snowman?

Monday, Nov. 18
6 to 7 p.m.

Families join us to paint a cool snowman. Instruction and materials provided. Time waits for snowman, preregister today! [PRE REG](#)

Family Fun Time: Pancake Art Demo and DIY Butter

Monday, Nov. 25
6 to 7 p.m.

Families enjoy breakfast for dinner at the library! Watch a pancake art demonstration, shake up your own butter and enjoy a tasty pancake or two. Will we make a literary pancake? You butter believe it! [PRE REG](#)



Teen



No-Sew Sock Owl

Thursday, Sept. 12
6 p.m.

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 can join us to make an adorable no-sew sock owl. Snacks will be provided. [PRE REG](#)



Teen and Tween Cookie Decorating Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 26
6 p.m.

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 can learn how to decorate four different sugar cookies with royal icing. Participants should bring a cookie sheet to transport their cookies home as they will be wet and will not be able to be stacked. [PRE REG](#)

Yarn Art

Thursday, Oct. 10
6 p.m.

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 can create their own yarn art in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Snacks will be provided. [PRE REG](#)

Light-Up Shirts

Thursday, Oct. 24
6 p.m.

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 can join us to create their very own wearable light-up shirt. Supplies and snacks will be provided. [PRE REG](#)



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Teen and Tween Paint Night

Thursday, Nov. 14
6 p.m.

Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 can join us to create their very own masterpiece. Snacks will be provided. [PRE REG](#)

James Renner Wednesday, October 23; 7 p.m. at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center

Renner is the local author of Amy: My Search for Her Killer (2006), The Serial Killer's Apprentice (2008), It Came from Ohio (2012), and True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself in the Mysterious Disappearance of Maura Murray (2016).

While he is mostly known for his true-crime journalism, he has also written two fiction novels and directed several short stories and documentaries. His new podcast is titled "The Philosophy of Crime."



This event is free, however you must preregister at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events/Renner





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.

"Boardwalk Summer" by Meredith Jaeger Stephanie Brown, Outreach

In 1940, when Violet Harcourt is crowned Miss California on the boardwalk of her hometown, she is one step closer to her cherished dream: a Hollywood screen test. But Violet's victory comes with a price and she grapples with how much more she is willing to pay. In 2007, single mother Marisol Cruz lives with her parents in the charming beach cottage that belonged to her grandfather, Ricardo, once a famed performer on the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Drawn to the town's local history Mari meets Jason, a California transplant from Chicago. When Mari discovers the obituary of Violet Harcourt, a beauty queen who died too young, she and Jason are sent on a journey together that will uncover her grandfather's lifelong secret—his connection to Violet—a story of tragedy and courage that will forever transform them.



"The Merciful Crow" by Margaret Owen Annaliese Strippoli, Main Library

Fie abides by one rule: look after your own. Her Crow caste of undertakers and mercy-killers takes more abuse than coin, but when they're called to collect royal dead, she's hoping they'll find the payout of a lifetime. When Crown Prince Jasimir turns out to have faked his death, Fie's ready to cut her losses and perhaps his throat. But he offers a wager that she can't refuse: protect him from a ruthless queen, and he'll protect the Crows when he reigns. Hawk warrior Tavin has always put Jas's life before his, magically assuming the prince's appearance and shadowing his every step. But what happens when Tavin begins to want something to call his own?



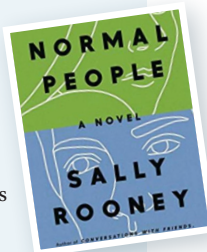
"The Rain Watcher" by Tatiana De Rosnay Julie Marchand, North Ridgeville Branch

Linden Malegarde has come home to Paris from the United States. It has been years since the whole family was all together. Now the Malegarde family is gathering for Paul, Linden's father's 70th birthday. Each member of the Malegarde family is on edge, holding their breath, afraid one wrong move will shatter their delicate harmony. Their hidden fears and secrets slowly unravel as the City of Light undergoes a stunning natural disaster, and the Seine bursts its banks and floods the city. All members of the family will have to fight to keep their unity against tragic circumstances.



"Normal People" by Sally Rooney Erika Bobka, Avon Branch

At school Connell and Marianne pretend not to know each other. He's popular and well-adjusted, star of the school football team, while she is lonely, proud and intensely private. But an indelible connection grows between the two teenagers—one they are determined to conceal. A year later, they're both in Dublin. Marianne has found her feet in a new social world while Connell hangs at the sidelines. Throughout their years at university, they circle one another but always magnetically, irresistibly drawn back together. And as she veers into self-destruction and he begins to search for meaning elsewhere, each must confront how far they are willing to go to save the other.



"Dark Tales" by Shirley Jackson Corey Knick, Avon Branch

After the publication of her short story "The Lottery," Shirley Jackson was established as a master horror storyteller. This collection of classic and reprinted stories provides readers with more of her unsettling, dark tales, including the "The Possibility of Evil" and "The Summer People." In these dark stories, the daily commute turns into a nightmarish game of hide and seek, the loving wife hides homicidal thoughts and the concerned citizen might just be an infamous serial killer. In the haunting world of Shirley Jackson, nothing is as it seems and nowhere is safe, from the city streets to the crumbling country pile, and from the small-town apartment to the dark, dark woods. There's something sinister in suburbia.



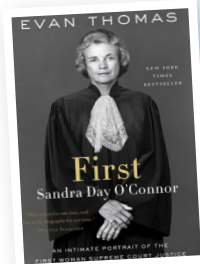
"The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg Judy Martin, North Ridgeville Branch

For the past six months, Arthur Moses's days have looked the same: He tends to his rose garden and to Gordon, his cat, then rides the bus to the cemetery to visit his beloved late wife for lunch. The last thing Arthur would imagine is for one unlikely encounter to utterly transform his life. But one afternoon he is joined by 18-year-old Maddy Harris – a gesture that begins a surprising friendship between two lonely souls. Moved by Arthur's kindness and devotion, Maddy gives him the nickname "Truluv." As Arthur's neighbor Lucille moves into their orbit, the unlikely trio band together and, through heartache and hardships, help one another rediscover their own potential to start anew.



"First" by Evan Thomas Anne Godec, Domonkas Branch

The intimate, inspiring and authoritative biography of Sandra Day O'Connor, America's first female Supreme Court justice, drawing on exclusive interviews and first-time access to Justice O'Connor's archives—by the New York Times bestselling author Evan Thomas.



"Everless" by Sara Holland Julianne Brown, Main Library

In the land of Sempera, the rich control everything – even time. Ever since the age of alchemy and sorcery, hours, days and years have been extracted from blood and bound to iron coins. The rich live for centuries; the poor bleed themselves dry. Jules and her father are behind on their rent and low on hours. To stop him from draining himself to clear their debts, Jules take a job at Everless, the grand estate of the cruel Gerling family. There, Jules encounters danger and temptation in the guise of the Gerling heir, Roan, who is soon to be married. But the web of secrets at Everless stretches beyond her desire, and the truths Jules must uncover will change her life forever...and possibly the future of time itself.

