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CONNECTIONS

PROGRAM GUIDE

*Slide into
Winter*
with a
**GOOD
BOOK**





From the Director

Welcome to the winter edition of Connections. The holidays are upon us and we are pleased to offer our patrons a diverse offering of events for all ages in addition to a wealth of new books, films and other ways to entertain and recharge going into 2022.

We are now offering many of our programs in a hybrid fashion so that patrons have a choice to attend in-person or participate from home. Hybrid programs allow for more participation in programs and we encourage you to read more about this service on page 13.

If you are looking for something fun for the family to do over winter break, we offer Lego sets, Duplo blocks, science and wellness kits – which you can learn more about on page 21, and, of course, holiday movie favorites available to stream from our eLibrary. We even have a puzzle exchange at our Columbia Branch!

The Main Library in Lorain now has a telehealth room where patrons can register for a time to privately meet with their medical professional virtually without having to travel to a clinic or hospital. Please call 440-244-1192 for more information.

Speaking of medical professionals, it's flu season and LPLS is partnering with Lorain County Public Health to assist residents in scheduling a flu shot. If you or a loved one need assistance in scheduling a flu shot in a location that is convenient to you, please call your local LPLS branch and we can help.

As we kick off the new year, we will continue bringing you the highlights of our Avon Branch renovation and expansion on the "Avon Branch Updates" page of our website. We love being on this exciting journey together, watching the dream slowly becoming reality. If you are interested in having your name or that of a favorite Avon teacher, coach veteran, or loved one be part of the Avon Branch forever, please see page 23. The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc. is selling a limited number of engraved pavers that will be featured in the reading garden at the reimagined branch.

From our family to yours, we wish you a very happy, safe and warm holiday and a bright and peaceful New Year.

I hope to see you at the library soon.

Best,

Anastasia Diamond-Ontig

Director, Lorain Public Library System



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Library hours and program dates and times are subject to change. Please call your local branch for the latest information.

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For daily updates remember to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Lorain Public Library System branches will be closed:

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve
Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas
Friday, Dec. 31, Closing at 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 1, New Years Day

Our eLibrary is always
OPEN

Winter blues

with
a little self-
care and fun at
your local LPLS
branch this
quarter!

Katie Nix | Content Marketing Strategist | Lorain Public Library System

First, get crafty with one of our crocheting and knitting arts groups - the Columbia Branch's Fiber Arts Group, which meets from noon to 4 p.m. each Thursday, and the Domonkas Branch's Crochet and Knit sessions which run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. each Friday.

Anne Frost, a regular at the Fiber Arts Group, said while some of the members continued to knit together while in-person programming at the library was on a hiatus, they spent months eager to get back into the branch.



"One knitter just moved into the area and needed a venue to meet people," Frost, who is also a member of the Friends of the Columbia Branch Library, said. "We all feel this is a great way to meet people. We look forward to getting together every week - this is the highlight of the week for many of us. Knitting is another form of meditation and we find it very beneficial to our well-being. In a sense, we have become a 'close knit' family."



These groups are for experts as well as novices. Make sure to bring your UFOs - unfinished objects - to work on or start something completely new!

"Everybody should learn to knit so they have something creative and positive to do as they age," Frost said. "A potential new knitter who decided to drop out was encouraged to come anyway for the camaraderie. She now joins the group every week and makes jewelry. We understand the need to remain socially active and, although we primarily knit, laughing is of utmost importance."

And don't forget to join us for monthly crafting programs. Crafty Adults will take place at the Columbia Branch at 6 p.m. Dec. 13, Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 while Crafternoon will be at the North Ridgeville Branch on various dates and times.

The Main Library will also be hosting some soothing crafts, including Winter Votives at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10 that promises to be fun for the whole family. Adults and teens are also invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 for Draw and Color Mandalas, which are a geometric configuration of symbols used to aid meditation. Learn how to draw and design your own and then color them in.



Say "namaste" to yoga classes at three of our branches. Chair Yoga will take place on Wednesdays in January at the South Lorain Branch from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and there will be two sessions of Beginner Yoga to attend, both on Fridays. The first will take place in January at the Domonkas Branch from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the second will take place in February at the North Ridgeville Branch from 11 a.m. to noon.



Chair Yoga is also available on Kanopy, as part of a series called "How to Stay Fit as You Age," and also includes relaxation techniques and tips for building core strength and balance. Additionally, Kanopy offers over 640 videos on mental health and wellness and Kanopy Kids boasts programming geared towards the social and emotional health of children with several PBS shows such as Arthur, the Berenstain Bears and Reading Rainbow.

Visit our South Lorain Branch for a variety of programs for Winter Self-Care Essentials. This series of events will take place at 2 p.m. and tackle DIY warmers on Jan. 15, skincare routines on Jan. 29, aromatherapy on Feb. 12 and organization techniques on Feb. 26.



There's also an opportunity for teens to learn coping skills for managing stress and balancing relaxation into their lives with the South Lorain Branch's Stress Less program at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

Our eLibrary has dozens of resources geared towards letting stress melt away even when the snow won't. Visit Hoopla's "Meditation and Mindfulness" and "Mindy, Body, Soul" collections, which featured audiobooks such as "10% Happier" by Dan Harris, "Radical Acceptance" by Tara Brach and "The Little Book of Hygge" by Meik Wiking.

OverDrive and Libby also have several titles geared towards destressing and decluttering, including "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown and "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo. The latest editions of numerous magazines, like Mindful and Runner's World, are also available.



Adult



Plant-Powered Dishes for Your Holiday Table

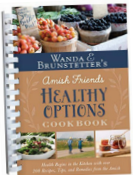
Tuesday, Dec. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make tasty, vegetable-focused appetizers, mains and sides that are both festive and appropriate for vegan, vegetarian and plant-based diets. **PREREG** **I**

Bridgerton Holiday Ball

Thursday, Dec. 9
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Dearest reader, join us for an evening of Regency-inspired food and frivolity. **PREREG**



Cookbook Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14; "Holiday and Celebration Bread in 5 Minutes a Day: Sweet and Decadent Baking for Every Occasion" by Zoe Francois
Jan. 11; "Amish Friends Healthy Options Cookbook" by Wanda Brunstetter
Feb. 15; "The Ultimate Meal Prep Cookbook" by America's Test Kitchen

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. **PREREG** **I**

Paper Poinsettia Centerpieces

Saturday, Dec. 18
2 to 3 p.m.

Make a paper poinsettia centerpiece for your holiday table. **PREREG**



Killer Book Club

Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20; "Dial A for Aunties" by Jesse Q. Sutanto
Jan. 17; "Chase Darkness" by Billy Jensen
Feb. 21; "Once There Were Wolves" by Charlotte McConaghy

Come for the treats, stay for the murder! Copies of the book are available at the library. **PREREG** **I**



Cozy Winter Cooking: Braising, Stewing and Roasting

Monday, Jan. 3
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn some basic, cozy cooking techniques that will help keep you warm all winter. **PREREG** **I**



Finding Grants with Candid: Intro to FDO

Thursday, Jan. 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online (FDO), the most comprehensive prospect research tool for fundraisers. **PREREG** **I**

Holocaust Remembrance: Acts of Resistance

Tuesday, Jan. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An overview of the history of the Holocaust including the various ways Jewish and non-Jewish people resisted the Nazi ideology. **PREREG** **I**



Homemade Pastas and Sauces

Monday, Jan. 24
6:30 p.m.

Explore making pasta and sauces from scratch including your own marinara and alfredo. **PREREG** **I**

Lorain Friends General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 25
5 p.m.

Join this fun group of library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs.

Love Your Heart: Eating Heart Healthy

Tuesday, Feb. 1
6:30 p.m.

Learn about eating heart healthy, about fat, cholesterol, sodium and how sugar affects your blood pressure and heart. Top it off with discussing how chocolate and red wine can be heart healthy. **PREREG** **I**



Valentine's Day Charm Bracelet

Monday, Feb. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For teens and adults. **PREREG**

Soulful Kitchen

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

Learn about the history of soul food and experience some of the classic dishes. **PREREG** **I**

Vegan Sweets & Treats

Monday, Feb. 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of healthier, plant-based desserts by way of our vegan sampler. **PREREG** **I**

Draw and Color Mandala

Thursday, Feb. 17
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn a little about the mandala and what it represents, and then learn how to draw and design a basic mandala and color it in. **PREREG**



Toni Morrison Day Celebration

Friday, Feb. 18

Spice It Up: A Guide to Making Your Own Seasonings

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

Learn how a simple coffee grinder can help you make your own delicious spice mixes. **PREREG** **I**

Children



Green Grinch Smoothies

Thursday, Dec. 16
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Help prepare all the ingredients to make your very own Green Grinch Smoothie. **PREREG** **H**



Kids Holiday Party

Tuesday, Dec. 21
6:30 p.m.

Make and decorate holiday cookies and create edible garland for the tree while sipping Grinch punch. **PREREG**



Story Stop

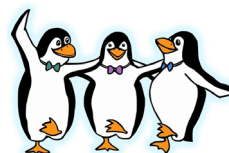
Mondays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited for stories, activities and play. **PREREG** **H**

Penguin Party

Thursday, Jan. 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Crafts, song and dance for ages 6 and up. **PREREG**



Snow Forts STEM Challenge

Thursday, Jan. 27
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Using a STEM challenge design sheet, work together to create designs that may help you build successful snow forts. **PREREG**

A Day for a King
Wednesday, Feb. 23;
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we read two books that have won the Coretta Scott King Award, decorate a crown and make a "colors of the world" wreath using our own handprints. **PREREG**



Signs for the Little Dramatist

Wednesday, Jan. 26
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland Hearing and Speech hosts an interactive program that combines basic sign language, creative movement, music and the visual arts. Children will learn about primary and secondary colors and the fundamentals of performing in front of an audience. Intended for children ages 3 to 7. **PREREG**



Teen



Teen Anime Club

Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8; Jan. 12; Feb. 9

A fan-directed immersion in anime, Japanese media, culture and art. **PREREG**

Pizza Party for Tweens and Teens

Saturday, Jan. 22
2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to make pizza dough from scratch and get tips for adding healthy fruits and veggies to your pizza. **PREREG**



Valentine's Day Charm Bracelet

Monday, Feb. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For teens and adults. **PREREG**

Ramen, But Make it Fancy

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

Learn some simple tricks to make ramen fancy. **PREREG** **H**

Family



Celebrate Hanukkah

Wednesday, Dec. 1

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn a brief history of Hanukkah, decorate wooden dreidels and play the Dreidel Game. **PREREG**



Family Food for Thought

Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon

Dec. 4; Dining on a Dime

Jan. 8; New Year, New You: Ways to Eat Healthy and Lose Weight

Feb. 5; Meal Planning and Reading Recipes

All ages are welcome to attend this series, which is intended for those with minimal kitchen skills. Learn how cooking at home can be healthier, more economical and easier than you think. All skills learned are 100% transferable to your own kitchen. **PREREG** **H**



Handmade Ornaments

Saturday, Dec. 4

2 to 3 p.m.

All ages welcome. **PREREG**

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Friday, Dec. 31

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Families with children of all ages, welcome in the "noon" year with music, activities and a countdown.

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Winter Votives

Monday, Jan. 10

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome.

Book Sale

Thursday, Jan. 13, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

(Preview)

Friday, Jan. 14; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 17; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Nickel Day)

Thursday, Jan. 20; 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 Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening.

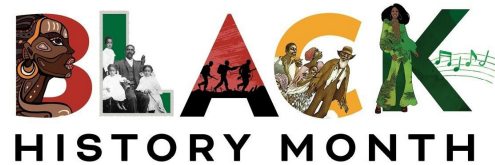


Genealogy in a Jar

Thursday, Jan. 13

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring a photo of a family member and other mementos to create a family keepsake. **PREREG**



Stop-In Trivia: Black History Month

Tuesday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 28

Stop in during regular hours to celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events.



Lunar New Year Festival

Saturday, Feb. 12; 2 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with activities and treats. **PREREG**

AVON BRANCH

Avon Branch • 37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011 • 440-934-4743
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Children

Browser's Reading Buddies

Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

Jan. 15 and Feb. 12

Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to read to a therapy dog in the library. Please register your child and we will contact you with a specific 15 minute reading time. Bring a book or come early and select one to read. **PREREG**



Our Avon Branch is under construction and will have limited programming. Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org for updates.



Grab & Go Bags

Some branches offer a variety of Grab & Go crafts and activities for every age range for you to enjoy at home. Stop in during regular library hours and see what we have for you!

Adult



Healthy Recipe Exchange

Monday, Jan. 10 to Monday, Jan. 31

Bring a copy of a favorite healthy recipe to post on our healthy Recipe Exchange board. Visit the board throughout January to get new ideas for eating better in 2022.

Teen

Create a Comic

Monday, Jan. 24 to

Saturday, Jan. 29

Stop in during regular open hours to create your very own comic. Use random prompts from our story idea bags or completely make up your own.



Family

Holiday Button Making

Monday, Dec. 13 to Saturday, Dec. 18

Stop in during regular open hours to make a pin-back button and learn how our button maker works. Choose one of our holiday designs or create your own.

Stop-In Trivia: Black History Month

Tuesday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 28

Stop in during regular open hours to celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events.

We Heart Art

Monday, Feb. 14 to Saturday, Feb. 19

Stop in during regular open hours to create heart art inspired by several artists who feature hearts in their work, such as Romero Britto and Jim Dine.



Celebrating Black Artists

Monday, Feb. 21 to Saturday, Feb. 26

Stop in during regular open hours to create a rainbow collage based on the art of Alma Woodsey Thomas and a cardboard crown inspired by the art of Jean-Michel Basquiat.

VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

PROGRAMS ON ZOOM: Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for these events.

ADULT

LPLS Zoom Book Discussion

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

Dec. 8; Best Books of the Year and 2022 Preview

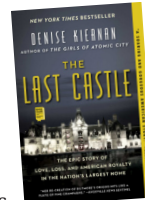
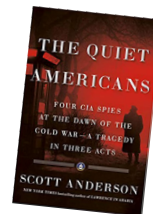
Jan. 12; "The Quiet Americans"

by Scott Anderson

Feb. 9; "The Last Castle"

by Denise Kiernan

Connect with other readers to discuss great books. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so Zoom invitations can be sent for this event. **PREREG**



LPLS Zoom Writers Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Dec. 28; Jan. 25; Feb. 22

Adult writers are invited to write and discuss together. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so Zoom invitations can be sent for this event. **PREREG**

Adult

**Evening Book Discussion**

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

Dec. 1; "The Winter People"
by Jennifer McMahon
Jan. 5; "Never Saw Me Coming"
by Vera Kurian
Feb. 2; "Open Water"
by Caleb Azumah Nelson

Spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. **PREREG** **H**

**Columbia Fiber Arts Group**

Thursdays, Noon to 4 p.m.

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Jan 6, 13, 20, 27;
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

For those that want to learn or are already a knitter or crocheter. If you have a "UFO" (an Unfinished Object) that you would like to work on with us, bring it or start something new.

The Wolf: Fact vs. Myth

Friday, Dec. 3
2 or 3:30 p.m.

Come face to face with a wolf and learn about their family life, habitat, role in the ecosystem, as well as basic myths and facts. Brought to you by the Ironwood Wolves. **PREREG** **H**

**Crafty Adults**

Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13; Jan. 17; Feb. 21

Try new craft project each month. All materials are supplied. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PREREG**

**Tabletop Games Club**

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

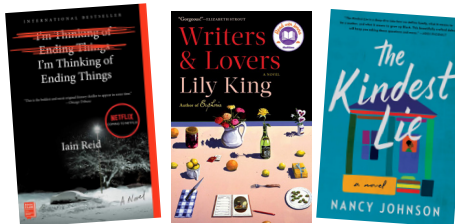
Dec. 14, 28; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22

Join us for a fun evening of card games and board games for adults and teens.

Healthy Meat Substitutes

Thursday, Dec. 16
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn ways to reduce the amount of meat in your diet, alternative foods and how to prepare them. **PREREG** **H**

**Afternoon Book Discussion**

Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Dec. 27; "I'm Thinking of Ending Things" by Ian Reid
Jan. 24; "Writers & Lovers" by Lily King
Feb. 28; "The Kindest Lie" by Nancy Johnson

Spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. **PREREG** **H**

**Privacy and Security Online**

Tuesday, Jan. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn about basic online privacy and security concerns, methods, and tips. Participants will be able to try some hands-on activities, so basic computer skills are highly recommended. **PREREG** **H**

Cleveland Opera Theater: Opera 101

Saturday, Jan. 22
2 to 3 p.m.

Designed for the opera novice, this talk is an overview of this art form with listening samples spanning opera's 400-year history. **PREREG**

Holocaust Remembrance: Acts of Resistance

Tuesday, Jan. 25
6:30 p.m.

An overview of the history of the Holocaust including the various ways Jewish and non-Jewish people resisted the Nazi ideology. **PREREG** **H**

**Columbia Friends General Membership Meeting**

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.
Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15

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

Children



Baby and Me Story Time

Tuesdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Bounce, wiggle and play at this interactive story time. For birth through 18 months, or early walkers, with their caregivers.

PREREG **H**

Little Learners

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to Noon

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Caregivers with 4 and 5-year-olds nurture their love of reading through books and activities. **PREREG** **H**

Tales for Tykes

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Stories, movement and rhymes for active walkers through 3-year-olds with their caregivers. **PREREG** **H**

Story Stop

Thursdays, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited for stories, activities and play.

PREREG **H**

Family



Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Friday, Dec. 31

11 a.m. to noon

Families with children of all ages, welcome in the "noon" year with music, activities and a countdown. **PREREG**

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Wednesday, Jan. 12

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An evening of all things snowman for children ages 4 to 7 and their caregiver. This is an indoor program.

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Stop in Trivia: Black History Month

Tuesday, Feb. 1 through Monday, Feb. 28

Stop in during regular hours to celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events.

Teen



Tabletop Games Club

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14, 28; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22

Join us for a fun evening of card games and board games for adults and teens.

Teen Chopped Challenge

Tuesday, Feb. 15

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Aspiring chefs are tasked to include a mystery ingredient (no matter how strange) to create beautiful and delicious dishes. Family and friends are welcome to cheer on the competitors. Please note: ingredients in this challenge may contain common allergens. **PREREG**



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LIBRARY

Is your car making that weird noise again? Chilton Library, a resource available in our eLibrary, is a dream for car maintenance DIY-ers. It offers step-by-step service and repair procedures with close-up photos and illustrations. If the issue proves too big to tackle on your own, it also offers a labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move.

Adult

Crochet and Knit

Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 18

Join other knitters, crocheters and other crafty folks by learning a new skill or bringing in your current project. Be sure to bring your own needles. New attendees are always welcome. **PREREG**



Holiday Ornament Bonanza

Monday, Dec. 6

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us in making a merry assortment of ornaments. **PREREG**

Cookbook Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1

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. **PREREG**



Golden Grab Bag: Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 8
10 to 11 a.m.

Seniors, join us for a series of programs designed specifically for you! Learn how to decorate sugar cookies with royal icing just in time for the holidays. **PREREG**

Creating with Creativebug

Thursday, Dec. 9

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Plant-Powered Dishes for Your Holiday Table

Monday, Dec. 13

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make tasty, vegetable-focused appetizers, mains and sides that are both festive and appropriate for vegan, vegetarian and plant-based diets. **PREREG**

Adult Book Discussion

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

Dec. 27; Jan. 31; Feb. 28

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

The Lakeview Pen

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

Dec. 29; Jan. 26; Feb. 28

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. **PREREG**

A Month of Service: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, Jan. 3 through
Monday, Jan. 31

Throughout the month, we will honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. through community service. Collected items, such as blankets, hats and scarves, will be donated to a local charity. These can be hand-made, new or gently used.



Privacy and Security Online

Thursday, Jan. 6

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn about basic online privacy and security concerns, methods, and tips. Participants will be able to try some hands-on activities, so basic computer skills are highly recommended. **PREREG**



Beginner Yoga

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Learn basic poses to aid in strength and flexibility as well as the breathing fundamentals to overall relaxation. **PREREG**

Cleveland Opera Theater: Musicals vs. Operas

Saturday, Jan. 8

3 to 4 p.m.

Explore the commonalities shared by opera and the Broadway musical, the personnel who work in both media and the practical realities that they face. **PREREG**



Holocaust Remembrance: Acts of Resistance

Monday, Jan. 10

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an overview of the history of the Holocaust including the various ways Jewish and non-Jewish people resisted the Nazi ideology. **PREREG**

Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting and White Elephant sale

Tuesday, Jan. 11

6 p.m.

Join this fun group of library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs. **PREREG**

Golden Grab Bag: Cooking for One or Two

Wednesday, Jan. 12

10 to 11 a.m.

Seniors, join us for a series of programs designed specifically for you! Join Registered Dietitian Phyllis Molnar as she discusses foods that reduce inflammation and blood sugar spikes, as well as prevent diabetes and weight gain. Learn quick and easy meals for two people or less. **PREREG**

A Martin Luther King Jr. Film Celebration

Monday, Jan. 17
6 to 7:45 p.m.

Celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with a documentary, "Black History Since MLK: And Still I Rise Out of the Shadows," and discussion afterward. **PREREG**



Healthy Meat Substitutes

Thursday, Jan. 27
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn ways to reduce the amount of meat in your diet, alternative foods and how to prepare them. **PREREG**

The Underground Railroad in Lorain County

Thursday, Feb. 3
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An overview of the work of the Underground Railroad in the country with a focus on Lorain County's involvement. Presented by the Lorain County Historical Society. **PREREG**



Cupid Approved Valentines

Saturday, Feb. 5
3 to 4 p.m.

Create heart-warming and fancy valentines. **PREREG**

Vegan Sweets and Treats

Monday, Feb. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of healthier, plant-based desserts by way of our vegan sampler. **PREREG**

Golden Grab Bag: Chair Yoga

Wednesday, Feb. 9
10 to 11 a.m.

Seniors, join us for a series of programs designed specifically for you! Learn postures and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair as well as gentle yoga poses for increased balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion and stress reduction. **PREREG**



Pour Some Sugar On Me - A Chocolate Tasting

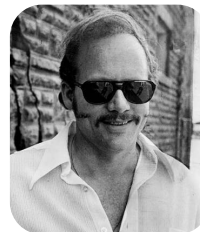
Monday, Feb. 14
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of chocolate confections as we dive into infamous couples of the ages, then be prepared to create your own valentine. **PREREG**

Shot Through the Heart - Sordid Cleveland Stories

Wednesday, Feb. 16
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the sordid tales of "The Land," including the scheming of Cassie Chadwick, the Torso Murders and the mob wars of the 1970s. **PREREG** **H**



Ancestry vs. Family Search

Thursday, Feb. 17
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn genealogy basics and explore the differences between FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. **PREREG** **H**

Color it yourself
Bookmark



Children

Green Grinch Smoothies

Thursday, Dec. 2
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Help prepare all the ingredients to make your very own Green Grinch Smoothie. **PREREG**



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 4
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschoolers through fourth graders will enjoy a light continental breakfast, stories, games and even a craft. We'll be snapping pictures for you but feel free to bring your own camera as well. **PREREG**



Pre-K Storytime

Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
December 6, 13, 20; Feb. 28

Parents and little ones are invited to join us for early literacy activities, songs and stories. **PREREG** **I**

Signs for the Little Dramatist

Wednesday, Dec. 8
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join Cleveland Hearing and Speech for an interactive program that combines basic sign language, creative moment, music and the visual arts. Children will learn about primary and secondary colors and the fundamentals of performing in front of an audience. Intended for children ages 3 to 7. **PREREG**

ABCs of Art

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Dec. 14; Jan. 25; Feb. 22

School-age children should come dressed to work with paint, clay, glue and other messy mediums. We'll be covering everything from Van Gogh and Picasso to different art styles like Pop Art and Pointillism. **PREREG**

Full STEAM Ahead

Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Dec. 18; Jan. 29; Feb. 26

School-age children can explore themed activities in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics through games, stories and more. **PREREG**

Story Stop

Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited for stories, activities and play. **PREREG** **I**

Children's Valentine Craft

Tuesday, Feb. 8
6 to 7 p.m.

School-age children will make a DIY heart shaped bird feeder ornament. Please dress for a mess. **PREREG**



Go for the Lego Gold!

Saturday, Feb. 12
2 to 3 p.m.

Second through fourth graders can compete in different challenges involving Legos. **PREREG**

Family



Holly Jolly Jamboree

Saturday, Dec. 11
3 to 4 p.m.

Join us for holiday carols and sweet treats. **PREREG** **I**

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Friday, Dec. 31
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Families with children of all ages, welcome in the "noon" year with music, activities and a countdown. **PREREG**

80s Arcade Night

Wednesday, Jan. 12
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Play some gnarly classic arcade games on laptops and the original gaming systems, feeling reminiscent of a totally tubular decade! **PREREG**



Genealogy in a Jar

Wednesday, Jan. 19
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring a photo of a family member and other mementos to create a family keepsake in a mason jar. **PREREG**

Stop-In Trivia: Black History Month

Tuesday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 28

Stop in during open hours to celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events.

Teen



Teen Anime Night

Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16; Jan. 20; Feb. 24

Join fellow fans for an evening of anime and light refreshments. For those in sixth to 12th grade. **PREREG**

HYBRID

Programs at LPLS



In-Person

OR



Virtual

What is a hybrid program?

In the Winter of 2021/2022, the Lorain Public Library System will begin offering hybrid programs. Hybrid programs are those that combine in-person and virtual attendance to increase access to library programs. Patrons will have the option of joining programs from the comfort of their own home—all that's needed is a device with an internet connection. Likewise, customers can continue to attend programs at the library, and staff look forward to seeing everyone.

What is the benefit of offering hybrid programs?

Hybrid programs offer an alternative to make attending programs more accessible and more convenient. For example, if an evening is hectic or the weather's miserable, you can still participate in a lecture, book discussion or other presentation from the comfort of your own home. Similarly, virtual attendance is generally unlimited, so even if you're on a waitlist, you can still join many programs virtually, thereby increasing audience size!

How to choose my attendance preference?

Any program with the word hybrid in the title will give patrons the option of registering either in-person or virtually. Each hybrid program will have a predetermined in-person attendance capacity. Once the in-person attendance is filled, patrons can join a waitlist and will be notified if an in-person spot becomes available. Luckily, virtual attendance is generally unlimited, although LPLS reserves the right to cap virtual attendance. If patrons have joined a waitlist for a hybrid program, they will automatically receive a link to attend the program virtually.

How does the virtual option work?

After selecting the virtual option for a hybrid program, patrons will receive an email confirmation containing the link to join. Patrons will also receive an email reminder with the virtual link a day or two before the program. LPLS will primarily use Microsoft Teams for virtual programs. Patrons are not required to download any specific software. To join the virtual meeting, patrons will need to click on the link and will be prompted to enter their username before joining.

What equipment is needed to join virtually?

To join the virtual meeting, customers will need a smartphone, tablet or computer and an internet connection. For interactive programs, it's recommended that patrons use a device equipped with a webcam and microphone to participate actively. However, if your device doesn't have a webcam or microphone, don't worry. You can still join virtually and use the chat to interact with the presenter and attendees.

It's the day of the program and I didn't receive my link to attend virtually. What should I do?

Please call your local LPLS branch. Library staff will be able to email you the link.

Will all library offerings be hybrid programs?

LPLS will do its best to offer as many hybrid programs as possible, but not all programs will be conducive to a virtual format. Specific programs will require in-person attendance.

Adult



Plant-Powered Dishes for Your Holiday Table

Monday, Dec. 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make tasty, vegetable-focused appetizers, mains and sides that are both festive and appropriate for vegan, vegetarian and plant-based diets. **PREREG**

North Ridgeville Writers Group

Saturdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 11; Jan. 8; Feb. 5

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. **PREREG**

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15; "The Daughter of Time" by Josephine Tey
Jan. 19; "Savage Run" by C.J. Box
Feb. 16; "Force of Nature" by Jane Harper

Spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. **PREREG**

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 21; Jan. 18; Feb. 15
Friday, Dec. 17, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 and Feb. 17

Enjoy a fun afternoon of crafting. Each month staff will provide instruction on a new exciting project. **PREREG**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dec. 30; Feb. 24

Appointments are needed. Schedule your appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Healthy Meat Substitutes

Thursday, Jan. 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn ways to reduce the amount of meat in your diet, alternative foods and how to prepare them. **PREREG**

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

Saturday, Jan. 8
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Plans will be made for the upcoming book sale and other fundraisers. New members are welcome.

Sunday Series: The Lost Civil War

Sunday, Jan. 9
3 to 4 p.m.

Join the author of "Lost Cleveland," Laura DeMarco, as she discusses her latest book entitled "Lost Civil War: The Disappearing Legacy of America's Greatest Conflict." This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG**

Holocaust Remembrance: Acts of Resistance

Tuesday, Jan. 11
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an overview of the history of the Holocaust including the various ways Jewish and non-Jewish people resisted the Nazi ideology. **PREREG**



Avoiding Fake News

Wednesday, Jan. 12
2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to identify and avoid "fake news" on the internet. **PREREG**

Sunday Series: The History and Pop Music of the 1970's

Sunday, Jan. 16
3 to 4 p.m.

Explore the history of pop music from the 1970s with Joel S. Keller, the "Doc of Rock and Roll." Experience a glimpse of the prominent historical events of the 1970s as well as a great selection of the top songs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG**



North Ridgeville Fiber Arts Group

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 24; Feb. 28

For those that want to learn or are already a knitter or crocheter. If you have a "UFO" (an Unfinished Object) that you would like to work on with us, bring it or start something new.

Page Turners Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Jan. 25; "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel

Feb. 22; "Rise and Shine Benedict Stone" by Phaedra Patrick

Spend an afternoon each month discussing a great book and making friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. **PREREG**



Ancestry vs. Family Search

Tuesday, Jan. 25
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn genealogy basics and explore the differences between FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. **PREREG**



Bad Art Night

Thursday, Jan. 27
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Use your imagination and sense of humor to create the worst piece of art in the room. We will provide the art supplies. **PREREG**

Sunday Series: Cleveland Opera Theater's Opera 101

Sunday, Jan. 30
3 to 4 p.m.

Designed for the opera novice, this talk is an overview of this art form with listening samples spanning opera's 400-year history. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG**

Finding Grants with Candid: Intro to FDO

Tuesday, Feb. 1
2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online (FDO), the most comprehensive prospect research tool for fundraisers. **PREREG**

Beginner Yoga

Fridays, 11 a.m.
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Learn basic poses to aid in strength and flexibility as well as the breathing fundamentals to overall relaxation. Each week will focus on a different style of yoga. **PREREG**





Sunday Series: In2ative Classical Music Concert

Sunday, Feb. 6
3 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of fusion blended classical music with this avant-garde flute, cello and drum trio. Classically trained at the Cleveland Institute of Music, this trio specializes in a fusion of musical styles, with original compositions combining the street rhythms of beat-box with jazz, hip-hop and rock. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG** **H**

Vegan Sweets and Treats

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

Learn the basics of healthier, plant-based desserts by way of our vegan sampler. **PREREG**



Painting Party

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

Guided acrylic painting class. **PREREG**

Sunday Series: The Beatles in Cleveland

Sunday, Feb. 13
3 to 4 p.m.

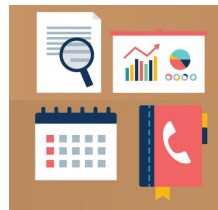
Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before-published photos and memorabilia **PREREG**



Freeware Alternatives to Office365

Monday, Feb. 14
2 to 3 p.m.

Need a word processor, a spreadsheet creator or other office software, but the cost is outside your budget? Explore popular examples of free and open-source office productivity software that can help you today. **PREREG** **H**



Privacy and Security Online

Friday, Feb. 18
2 to 3 p.m.

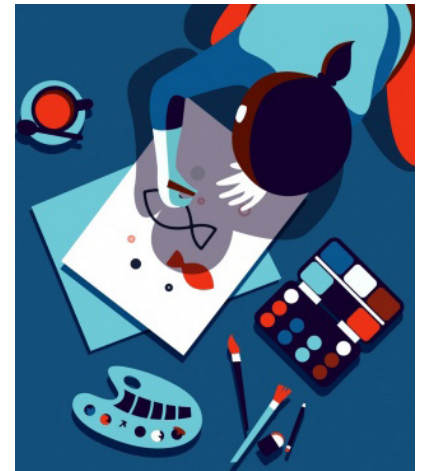
Learn about basic online privacy and security concerns, methods and tips. Participants will be able to try some hands-on activities, so basic computer skills are highly recommended. **PREREG** **H**



Sunday Series: African Drumming and Storytelling

Sunday, Feb. 20
3 to 4 p.m.

Join Baba Jubal Harris, an award-winning musician, storyteller and craftsman, for an interactive performance inspired by African and Caribbean rhythms, traditions and folklore. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG** **H**



Illustrators Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 24
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Still-life and other drawing exercises. All skill levels are welcome. Pencils, paper and erasers will be provided and patrons are encouraged to bring their own materials. **PREREG**



Sunday Series: "Bound Together - One Great Bundle of Humanity"

Sunday, Feb. 27
3 to 4 p.m.

In Kelly Boyer Sagert's latest play, "Bound Together - One Great Bundle of Humanity," she tells the story of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, a black poet, abolitionist, essayist, public speaker, journalist, suffragist and published fiction writer born in 1825. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. **PREREG**

Children

Story Time



Adapted Story Time

Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Dec. 11; Feb. 5

Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games and a social time. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. **PREREG**

Holiday Story Time

Monday, Dec. 20; 10:15 to 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21; 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited to join us for a special story time filled with cozy stories, songs and activities that will get you in the mood for the holidays. **PREREG**

Browser's Reading Buddies

Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 4; Jan. 8; Feb. 5

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.



Signs for the Little Dramatist

Thursday, Dec. 9
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Cleveland Hearing and Speech hosts an interactive program that combines basic sign language, creative movement, music and the visual arts. Children will learn about primary and secondary colors and the fundamentals of performing in front of an audience. Intended for children ages 3 to 7. **PREREG**

Green Grinch Smoothies

Wednesday, Dec. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Help prepare all the ingredients to make your very own Green Grinch Smoothie.

PREREG

Tech Club

Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16; Jan. 20; Feb. 17

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



Baby and Me Story Time

Mondays 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21
Thursdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Bounce, wiggle and play at this interactive story time. For birth through 18 months, or early walkers, with their caregivers.

PREREG

Tales for Tykes Story Time

Mondays, 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21
Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Stories, movement and rhymes for active walkers through 3-year-olds with their caregivers. **PREREG**

Music Makers

Mondays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. or 7 to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21
Tuesdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

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**



Pixelated Art for Kids

Wednesday, Jan. 12
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Follow a code to fill in the picture grid and a surprise image will emerge. No supplies needed. Intended for ages 5 and up. **PREREG**

Improv Games with Mad Factory

Saturday, Jan. 15
2 to 3 p.m.

Improv helps to build quick thinking, public speaking skills and trust. Mad Factory teachers will lead games focusing on character, plot and movement. No experience necessary. For kids ages 9 to 13. **PREREG**



FACTORY THEATRE CO.

Preschool Playtime

Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to explore and learn about letters, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and more.



Little Learners

Tuesdays, 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Caregivers with 4 and 5-year-olds nurture their love of reading through books and activities. **PREREG**

Story Stop

Wednesdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited for stories, activities and play.

PREREG

The Pigeon Wants a Story Time!

Tuesday, Jan. 18
6:30 to 7 p.m.

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited to join us for stories, crafts and activities based on the popular Pigeon books by Mo Willems. **PREREG**

Messy Baby Playdate

Friday, Jan. 28
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Messy, mouth-safe play for babies and toddlers ages 6 to 36 months. **PREREG**



Musical Toolbox

Saturday, Jan. 29
10:30 to 11 a.m.

Designed for children with disabilities 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**

Cupcakes and Comics

Tuesday, Feb. 22
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We will be discussing the graphic novel "Babymouse: Cupcake Tycoon" by Jennifer L. Holm. Books will be available to pick up at the library beginning Jan. 31. Perfect for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. **PREREG**



Hop, Skip, Jump: Active Learning Games for Kids

Wednesday, Feb. 23
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fun physical activities for preschoolers and kindergarteners to gain early reading and beginning math skills. Perfect for children ages 3 and up. **PREREG**

Family



Gingerbread House Workshop

**Tuesday, Dec. 7 or
Wednesday, Dec. 8
6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Families are welcome to create a graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy. We ask that each family bring a box of graham crackers and candy to build their own house and a bag of candy to share with everyone. We will supply the rest of the materials. PLEASE NOTE: Please register all attendees, including caregivers. Intended for ages 2 and up. **PREREG**

Family Engineering Night

**Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9; Jan. 13; Feb. 10**

Families with school-age children will enjoy this fun, friendly engineering competition that challenges their STEM skills. **PREREG**



Holidays Around the World

**Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Celebrate winter holidays from around the world by enjoying related crafts and activities. Perfect for ages 2 and up.

New Year's Eve Celebration

**Friday, Dec. 31
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to celebrate the new year with activities and games. **PREREG**

Snow Lab

**Saturday, Jan. 8
1 to 4 p.m.**

Stop by the library for snow-themed experiments and crafts. Intended for ages 2 and up.



Book Sale

**Thursday, Jan. 20; 5 to 7:30 p.m. (Preview)
Friday, Jan. 21; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 23; 1 to 4 p.m. (Bag Sale Day)**

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

Groundhog Appreciation

**Wednesday, Jan. 26
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Play groundhog games, learn amazing facts, solve puzzles and play shadow games. Perfect for families with children of all ages. **PREREG**



Stop-In Trivia: Black History Month

Tuesday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 28

Stop in during regular hours to celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events.

Chinese New Year Celebration

**Saturday, Feb. 5
2 to 3 p.m.**

Ring in the Year of the Tiger with stories, games and crafts. Perfect for families for children ages 2 and up. **PREREG**



Genealogy in a Jar

**Wednesday, Feb. 9
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Bring a photo of a family member and other mementos to create a family keepsake in a mason jar. **PREREG**

Healthy Lunch Box Recipes for Kids

**Saturday, Feb. 12
2 to 3 p.m.**

Children and parents will learn how to make alternative lunches that include all the food groups. Bring your appetite and your lunch box to fill for your next lunch! **PREREG**

Family Fun: Life Size Games

**Saturday, Feb. 19
1 to 4 p.m.**

Stop by the library to enjoy life-sized versions of your favorite games. Perfect for families with children of all ages.

Teen

Holiday Game Night for Teens and Tweens

**Wednesday, Dec. 1
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a night of holiday-themed games and activities. Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**

DIY Holiday Decorations for Teens and Tweens

**Tuesday, Dec. 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Add some holiday pizzazz to your space with handmade decorations. Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**



Tween and Teen Chopped Challenge

**Wednesday, Jan. 5
6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, you will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specific meal. Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**

Heart Book Folding Craft for Teens and Tweens

**Wednesday, Feb. 2
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Create your own heart using simple book folding techniques. All materials will be provided. Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**

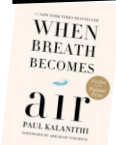


He Loves Me Not: A Valentine's Escape Room

**Tuesday, Feb. 15
6 to 6:45 p.m. or 7 to 7:45 p.m.**

You've stumbled upon the aftermath of a Valentine's Day gone wrong. Piece together the clues and figure out what happened... before it's too late! Intended for ages 9 and up. **PREREG**

Adult

**Chess Club****Wednesdays, 4 p.m.****Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26;
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23**Open play sessions are for all levels, from beginner to expert. **PREREG****Danish Dessert Demo****Thursday, Dec. 2****6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**Learn how to make Risalamande, a Danish rice pudding dessert traditionally served with holiday meals. **PREREG****Wrap and Yap****Saturday, Dec. 4
2 p.m.**Take the stress out of wrapping gifts by doing it in the shared company of others. We'll provide the wrapping supplies, you provide the gifts. **PREREG****Cutting the Cord****Tuesday, Dec. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**An introduction to all the ways you can keep watching quality TV and movies without cable. **PREREG****Cross Stitch Club****Thursdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Dec. 9; Jan. 13; Feb. 10**Each month we will be cross-stitching a different small pattern. Thread, fabric, pattern, needle, and instructions are included. All skill levels welcome. **PREREG****Ancestry vs. Family Search****Friday, Dec. 10
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**Learn genealogy basics and explore the differences between FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. **PREREG****Vegan Sweets and Treats****Tuesday, Dec. 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**Learn the basics of healthier, plant-based desserts by way of our vegan sampler. **PREREG****South Branch Book Discussion****Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.****Dec. 21; "Relic" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child****Jan. 18; "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi****Feb. 15; "The Summer Cottage" by Viola Shipman**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. **PREREG****Chair Yoga****Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26**Perform postures and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair and gentle yoga poses to increase balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion and reduce stress. **PREREG****Resume Writing and Cover Letters****Monday, Jan. 10
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**Learn how to write an excellent resume and attention-grabbing cover letter for your online job search. Plus, find out how you can get free interview attire. **PREREG****Holocaust Remembrance: Acts of Resistance****Friday, Jan. 14
11 a.m. to noon**Join us for an overview of the history of the Holocaust including the various ways Jewish and non-Jewish people resisted the Nazi ideology. **PREREG****Winter Self-Care Essentials****Saturdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m.****Jan. 15; Winter Warmers****Jan. 29; Skincare****Feb. 12; Aromatherapy****Feb. 26; Organization**Learn about DIY winter self-care essentials. **PREREG****Privacy and Security Online****Friday, Jan. 21
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**Learn about basic online privacy and security concerns, methods and tips. Participants will be able to try some hands-on activities, so basic computer skills are highly recommended. **PREREG****Horror Film Club****Saturdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 22; Feb. 19**Enjoy horror film classics. **PREREG****Sunday Series: Cleveland Opera Theater: Opera 101****Sunday, Jan. 23
2 to 3 p.m.**Designed for the opera novice, this talk is an overview with listening samples spanning opera's 400-year history. **PREREG****Sunday Series: The Beatles in Cleveland****Sunday, Jan. 30
2 to 3 p.m.**Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before-published photos and memorabilia. **PREREG**



Healthy Meat Substitutes

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

Learn ways to reduce the amount of meat in your diet, alternative foods and how to prepare them. **PREREG**

Sunday Series: From Civil War to Civil Rights

Sunday, Feb. 6
2 to 3 p.m.

This program highlights historic events that reveal both Oberlin's progress and setbacks in race relations dating from early Oberlin all the way up to the 21st Century. Presented by Oberlin Heritage Center. **PREREG**



Free Resources to Boost Your Job Hunt

Monday, Feb. 7
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This program will make sure you have all the free tools you need to help you find your next career move, and we'll show you how you can get free professional attire as well. **PREREG** **H**

Cooking for Couples

Thursday, Feb. 17
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make quick, delicious appetizers and a special dessert for two. **PREREG**



Sunday Series: The Underground Railroad in Lorain County

Sunday, Feb. 20
2 to 3 p.m.

An overview of the work of the Underground Railroad in the country with a focus on Lorain County's involvement. **PREREG**

Children

Green Grinch Smoothies

Monday, Dec. 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Help prepare all the ingredients to make your very own Green Grinch Smoothie. **PREREG**



Book Party: "Broken Butterfly Wings" by Raquel M. Ortiz

Saturday, Dec. 18
2 to 3 p.m.

Celebrate the release of "Broken Butterfly Wings/Alas de mariposa rotas" by local author Raquel M. Ortiz. This bilingual picture book celebrates imagination and introduces kids to the flora and fauna of the Puerto Rican rainforest. Listen to the story and make your own butterfly wings. **PREREG**



Story Stop

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
Saturdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, Feb. 19

Caregivers with children of all ages are invited for stories, activities and play. **PREREG** **H**

Pajama Story Time

Wednesdays, 7 to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5, 19; Feb. 2, 16

Put on your PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet us at the library for a bedtime storytime. We'll share books, rhymes and songs to get the little ones ready to drift off to sleep. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. **PREREG** **H**



Stuffy Sleepover

Monday, Jan. 17
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for some fun sleepover activities and afterwards, leave your stuffed friend at the library for a special sleepover. Our secret photographers will catch your stuffed friends in action after the library closes. **PREREG**



Printmaking

Monday, Jan. 24
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We will explore a few different varieties of the printmaking process that are perfect for kids. **PREREG**

Teddy Bear Tea

Monday, Feb. 21
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children and their teddy bears are cordially invited to attend "high tea." Don your finest outfits to enjoy a delightful afternoon with treats, a tale and tea. **PREREG**

Family



Family Holiday Cards

Monday, Dec. 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season by crafting festive cards. All supplies provided. **PREREG**

Family Snow Globe Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Create your own little winter wonderland this year with an easy craft. **PREREG**

Family Sugar Cookies

Monday, Dec. 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A festive and fun cookie decorating extravaganza. We will supply the cookies, icing, sprinkles and more. All ages welcome. **PREREG**



Noon Year's Eve

Friday, Dec. 31
11:30 a.m. to noon

Families with children of all ages, welcome in the "noon" year with music, activities and a countdown. **PREREG**

Colorful Canvases

Monday, Jan. 10
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Follow our guided, step-by-step instructions to recreate a fun painting. **PREREG**



Black History Month Trivia

Monday, Feb. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month by testing your knowledge and learning about the accomplishments of African-Americans and civil rights events. **PREREG**



Sunday Series: Superhero Visit

Sunday, Feb. 13
2 to 3 p.m.

Join Batman and Wonder Woman for an interactive story and superhero lessons. Afterwards, the heroes will be available to meet with guests and take pictures. Little heroes are encouraged to wear super attire. **PREREG**

Valentines Card Making

Monday, Feb. 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

You supply the creativity, and we'll supply the paper, glitter, glue, ribbons, feathers and more! **PREREG**

Teen



Project Ugly Runway

Wednesday, Dec. 1
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you into ugly fashion? Come to our Ugly Sweater Design Studio and show your skills. **PREREG**



Teen Chopped Challenge

Tuesday, Jan. 11
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Aspiring chefs are tasked to include a mystery ingredient (no matter how strange) to create beautiful and delicious dishes. Family and friends are welcome to cheer on the competitors. Please note: ingredients in this challenge may contain common allergens. **PREREG**



Stress Less for Tweens and Teens

Thursday, Feb. 10
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Explore different types of coping skills to manage stress. **PREREG**

STEM Robot Craft

Tuesday, Feb. 22
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Make a robot out of a toothbrush! **PREREG**



SCIENCE & Wellness Kits

For more hands-on S.T.E.A.M.-based learning opportunities for families, LPLS offers circulating science and wellness kits that can be enjoyed from home



The Health Kit (ages 3 and up) contains playsets to educate on subjects such as dental care, first aid and body's systems and organs.



The Physical Education Kit (ages 3 and up) includes an activity mat and a kids yoga kit and includes topics such as: avoiding sickness, hygiene, fitness and nutrition.



The Veterinary Kit (ages 3 and up) includes an examine and treat vet set with fun veterinarian role playing accessories, as well as a feeding and grooming pet care playset from Melissa and Doug.



The Nutrition Kit (ages 3 and up) contains play food representing the food groups and a wooden fruit cutting set from Melissa and Doug. Includes topics such as: food and nutrition, hygiene, and senses.



The Geography Kit (ages 5 and up) has a LeapFrog magic adventures globe, which allows kids to use a stylus to touch any point on the globe to explore cultures, animals, and habitats through a screen.



The Math Kit (ages 5 and up) includes a sequencing numbers puzzle, magnetic numbers and counters, and a number to 100 match-up activity. The included Launchpad features games that focus on kindergarten common core math.



The Physics Kit (ages 5 and up) features a motion discovery set with photo activity cards to help kids conduct experiments with a ramp, balls, toy cars and more. Also included are motion discovery tubes, which offers a way for kids to get hands-on experience with friction, flow, and speed.



The Engineering Kit (ages 5 and up) includes a robot engineer activity and story book where kids read along and build models of the robots from the story.



The Space Kit (ages 8 and up) features a solar system game, where kids learn about everything from planets, stars and moons to asteroids, to comets and meteors. A solar system discovery board will help kids to visualize and learn about the solar system.



The Chemistry Kit (ages 8 and up) includes the equipment needed to conduct simple experiments from home. Unbreakable test tubes, graduated cylinders, and safe eyedroppers.



The Life Science Kit (ages 8 and up) includes a young scientist microscope with a variety of specimen slides such as insects, plants, and vegetables.



The Math Kit (ages 8 and up) activities include: a part-whole cards set, which helps kids visualize math problems. A multiplication tower of math, a multiply, divide and conquer game where players solve multiplication and division problems to move their pawns around the game board.

Limited availability. Call your local branch for details.



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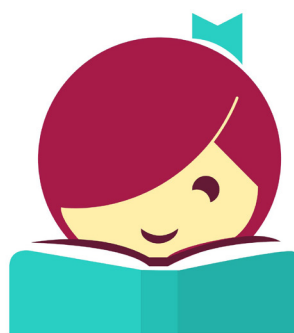
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"The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina"

by Zoraida Córdova

Annalisse, Main Library

Seven years after the death of the family matriarch, a hidden figure tears through the family, picking them off one at a time to destroy Orquídea's line. Determined to save what's left of their family and uncover the truth behind their inheritance, the four descendants travel to Ecuador, where Orquídea buried her secrets and broken promises and never looked back.



"Hench" by Natalie Zina Walschots

Chelsea, North Ridgeville Branch

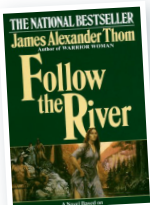
Anna does boring things for terrible people because even criminals need office help. After an encounter with the so-called "hero" leaves her badly injured, she, of course, gets laid off. She discovers her suffering at the hands of a hero is far from unique. It's not too long before she's employed once more, this time by one of the worst villains on earth. As she becomes an increasingly valuable lieutenant, she might just save the world.



"Follow the River" by James Alexander Thom

Kathy, Administration Office

In 1755, Mary Ingles was 23, happily married and pregnant with her third child when she's kidnapped from her Virginia settlement, leaving behind a bloody massacre. For months, she is held captive before escaping, using the rushing Ohio River as her guide. She walked a thousand miles as one pioneer woman who risked her life to return to her people.



"Columbine" by Dave Cullen

Stephanie, Outreach

What really happened April 20, 1999? The horror left an indelible stamp on the American psyche, but most of what we "know" is wrong. Dave Cullen was one of the first reporters on scene, and with a keen investigative eye and psychological acumen, he paints raw portraits of two polar opposite killers. They contrast starkly with the flashes of resilience and redemption among the survivors.



"The Unhoneymooners" by Christina Lauren

Katie, Public Relations

As unlucky twin Olive braces herself for the hell that is her twin sister's wedding, everyone at the reception gets food poisoning. The only people who aren't affected? Olive and Ethan, the groom's brother and best man. Suddenly there's a free honeymoon up for grabs, and after agreeing to a temporary truce, the pair head for Maui. But the weird thing is...Olive learns she doesn't mind playing pretend.



"Goldenrod: Poems" by Maggie Smith

Erika, Avon Branch

This book is a collection of poems that look at parenthood, solitude, love and memory. Pulling objects from everyday life—a hallway mirror, a rock found in her son's pocket, a field of goldenrods at the side of the road—she reveals the magic of the present moment. The poems celebrate the contours of daily life, explore and delight in the space between thought and experience and remind us that we decide what is beautiful.



"The Light Through the Leaves" by Glendy Vanderah

Lisa, Main Library

In a moment of crisis, Ellis leaves her daughter unattended for just a few minutes, but when she returns Viola is gone. Convinced she causes more harm than good, Ellis leaves her family and heads into the mountain wilderness. In a remote area of Washington, Raven spends her days learning how to use her rare gifts—and more important, how to hide them before her journey converges with Ellis' in unexpected and hopeful ways.



"Under the Whispering Door" by TJ Klune

Maggie, Columbia Branch

When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own funeral, he begins to suspect he might be dead. And when Hugo, the owner of a peculiar tea shop, promises to help him cross over, Wallace decides he's definitely dead. But even in death he's not ready to abandon the life he barely lived, so when Wallace is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in seven days.



"The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn

Sara, Main Library

As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter. A mysterious traitor has emerged from their past, and now Osla, Mab and Beth must resurrect their old alliance and crack one last code together. But each petal they remove from the rose code brings danger—and their true enemy—closer.



"The Entertainer: Movies, Magic, and My Father's Twentieth Century" by Margaret Talbot

Scot, North Ridgeville Branch

Using the life and career of her father, an early Hollywood actor, Margaret Talbot tells the thrilling story of the rise of popular culture through a transfixing personal lens. In 1918, a 16-year-old Lyle Talbot left his home in Nebraska to join a traveling carnival before emerging as an actor in major motion pictures and later joining the advent of television. Ultimately, his career spanned the entire trajectory of the industry.



"The God I Love" by Joni Eareckson Tada

Marie, Avon Branch

Raised in an active, adventurous family, Joni Eareckson Tada worked hard and played hard to keep up with her older sisters and athletic father—until one day a diving accident left her a quadriplegic. But the tragedy that could have ended her life was in reality the beginning of an amazing, constantly unfolding story of grace that has brought Joni unexpected joy and fulfillment.



"The Paper Girl of Paris" by Jordyn Taylor

Ana, South Lorain Branch

Alice is spending the summer in Paris, because when her grandmother passed away two months ago, she left Alice an apartment in France that no one knew existed and has been locked for more than 70 years. However, the more time she spends digging through the mysteries of the past, the more she realizes there are secrets in the present that her family is still refusing to talk about.



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