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How safe is your car? Are you washing your clothes with the best detergent? Looking to buy a new appliance? Is choosing electronics confusing?

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Finding out how brands stack up just got a whole lot easier. As a Lorain Public Library System patron, you have free access to a wildly popular resource: Consumer Reports. This online service won’t cost you a dime.

Start by visiting LorainPublicLibrary.org and selecting Research. Click on the Consumer Help box and find Consumer Reports. You’ll be automatically logged in when using a library computer. Away from the library, simply have your library card number to log in.

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So check out the Consumer Reports website today. You’ll be happy you did when you’re wearing fresh-smelling clothes, safely buckled into your reliable car, using the Bluetooth on your highly rated smartphone!
Lorain Public Library System Presents:
How-To Season

Get ready for another round of fascinating how-tos.

Our how-to month programs were so successful last year, we’re now bringing you an expanded season of fun tutorials!

Lorain Public Library System libraries are hosting dozens of how-to programs this fall. There’s so much to learn and it’s for the whole family!

Here’s a snippet of the exciting programs this year.

• Learn all about starting your own aquarium, from fresh water versus salt water to fish compatibility. If dogs are more your speed, meet various breeds from the Lorain County Kennel Club.

• If guitars strike a chord with you, come to Guitar Tuning 101. Have some tune-up work at home? Meet with an expert from Lowe’s to discuss home repair.

• Be ready to spring into action and save a life. Master emergency first aid procedures such as CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.

• Come interpret your dreams and learn about symbolism.

• Get your craft beer education here! Learn how to make beer at programs showing you the basics of home brewing. Or learn how to make a nutritious lunch at our Salad in a Jar program.

• Make a beautiful holiday creation at our gingerbread house workshop. Or try your hand at a needle-less finger knitting project.

• Fine-tune your job search skills. Highlight your assets in your resume, and review interview questions and answers. Numerous computer classes are always offered to make you more marketable.

Our own talented staff will teach many of these sessions. Other programs will be led by guest speakers.

Why should you attend?

“It’s to get a taste of something new, maybe something you were interested in trying,” said Pam Coghlan, Domonkas Branch librarian supervisor.

Now’s your chance to learn a new skill and maybe even gain a new hobby!

See this Dimensions issue for upcoming how-to programs at our libraries. Or visit our website, LorainPublicLibrary.org, and click on Events to see the programs in our online calendar. Some programs require preregistration.

Register online or by calling the library at 1-800-322-READ (7323)
Dazzle your mind!

Home Brewing ‑ How‑To

flavor and take a sample home for lunch! The go? Learn how to stack your ingredients for the best Saturday, September 26; 11 a.m. ‑ noon

play time. He will share his knowledge from regional her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. – Penny Day open to public

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Admission to Thursday's 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. For more information, including membership fees, call the Main Library at 440-244-1192, ext. 450 or 1-800-322-0175.

Zombie Movie Matinee

Come join us for a zombie ‑ filled movie in honor of the Thursday, October 22; 6:30 p.m. ‑ 7:15 p.m.

Youth Open Play Time

Join Emesto Hernandez, local Yu‑Gi‑Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu‑Gi‑Oh! open play time is for 8‑year‑olds to 18‑year‑olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Aug. 17. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, October 20; 4:30 p.m. ‑ 5:30 p.m.

Magician Maker Club

Join us each month for an hour of making. We'll explore science, technology, crafts and other hands‑on activities. Grades four and up. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 6; 6:30 p.m. ‑ 7:15 p.m.

LEGO® Night

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

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Friends Of The Lorain Public Library, Inc. Board Meeting

All current members are welcome to attend the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. board meeting.

Saturday, October 3; 1:30 p.m. ‑ 3:30 p.m.

Zentangle® 101

Immerse yourself in a new art form! Attend this fun session on Zentangle, a very easy method of drawing used to create beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is suitable for beginners and seasoned artists alike. With Zentangle one can create designs that can be used for gifts, greeting cards and more. However, Zentangle has proven to be helpful to others suffering stress, panic attacks and chronic pain, and in rehabilitation and weight loss. During the class the entire group will get down and taught one ‘sroke at a time’. You will be amazed at what you will accomplish at the end of just one class. Preregistration required.

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Monday, October 12; 6:30 p.m. ‑ 7:30 p.m.

Ghost Hunters

Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by Greg Finelli and members of T‑‑‑G Ghost Hunters. These ghost hunters have been on over 130 investigations throughout the world. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 1:30 p.m. ‑ 3:30 p.m.

Meet The Breeds ‑ How‑To

Curious about a komondor? Ever meet an Irish Irish? Come meet some of the Lorain County Kennel Club and their various breeds. Join our program about this fascinating breed and learn more about your own best friend for your family. Preregistration required.

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Main Computer Programs

Friday, September 18; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Email For Beginners
Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 25; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Yarn Club
Participants will learn about the basics of knitting and saving discounts using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Wor. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Zumba makes working out fun and effective! Join Zumba® classes taught by Tom Gorman. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for this hour-long program.

Monday, October 5; 12, 19, 26; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Zumba

For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org

Exercise Programs

Friday, September 4; 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
November 6, 13, 20, 27;
December 4, 11, 18; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Yarn Club
Join the weekly Yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for this hour-long program.

Monday, September 14, 21, 28;
October 5, 12, 19, 26;
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
December 7, 14, 21, 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Don’t Miss Out on Yarn Club

Saturday, September 19; 3:30 p.m.
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
November 7, 14, 21;
December 5, 12, 19, 26; 10 a.m. - noon
Yarn Club
Knitting/crocheting instructor Valerie Dilard will teach and review the basic stitches of knitting and crochet. The yarn club is open to teens and adults. Beginners as well as those who have come to her previous classes are welcome to join the club.

Please bring knitting needles (size 9 or 10) or a crochet hook (size G or H).
Dazzle your mind!

For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org

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Avon, OH 44011
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September

Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting
Certified Financial Planner
Thursday, September 3; 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Guidelines For College Test Prep
You are stressed about your upcoming college entrance exams. Do you need testing advice to prepare for and confusing? Receive some extra help getting ready for the big day. This webinar will cover a general overview of the width of resources available through your library and learn how the library is here to help you do your best. Students and parents are welcome. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, September 29; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

LEGO® Challenge
Don’t be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that’s sweeping the world. Kindergartners through third-graders, come and enjoy a night of Minecraft-themed fun and games. This program will also be offered on Sept. 29. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, September 29; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

LEGO® Challenge
Use your imagination and let our challenge inspire you to see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO®s for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 6, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Saturday, September 5; 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Pirates Vs. Ninjas Party
Are you swarthy like a pirate or silent like a ninja? Choose a side at our pirates vs. ninja party where we’ll have pirate treasure for you to get your hands on, and battle- It out with Mini-Top with games! Don’t forget to take home a pirate craft and decorate a ninja cozy too. Make sure to come dressed up in your pirate or ninja finery. Kindergartners through third-graders. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, September 29; 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Two Steppin’ Twos - Story Time For 2-Year-Olds
Stories, music and finger plays for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Thursday, September 24; 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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

October

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, October 6; 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Counselling With Rachel - How-To
Want to save money on your grocery bills? Rachel Kroz, certified with The Chronicle-Helping An Eva, can help! Rachel will show you where to get coupons and how to organize them to maximize savings, and give you great coupon tips. What’s a catalina and how can it save you money? Find out here! Also receive tips for shopping at Giant Eagle. Target and CVS. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, October 10; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Library Hoedown - How-To
Get ready to dance at Avon Branch Library’s fall hoedown! Families of all ages, learn how to square dance and hear about its history while enjoying tail refreshments. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Wednesday, October 14; 6:30 p.m.

Dream Interpretation For Teens - How-To
Remember that crazy dream you had? Marianne Goldweber will help you interpret your dreams and learn what the symbolism means. Find out how to remember dreams better and learn the difference between daydreaming and night dreaming. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Thursday, October 22; 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

LEGO® Challenge
Use your imagination and let our challenge inspire you to see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO®s for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 6, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Saturday, October 24; 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Spook-A-Rama For Kids
Preschoolers through fifth-graders are invited to have some not-so-scary Halloween fun with stories, music, games and treats. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, October 27; 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tri-C® Ghost-Hunters: Insights Into The Unknown
Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by investigators from Tri-C® Ghost-Hunters! They collectively have been over 700 investigations, from a small two-bedroom apartment in West Virginia to a large medieval castle in Scotland. They have over 140 years total experience in the paranormal field and have investigated nearly 200 locations, including many well-known haunted locations and numerous private houses. Join us as they take you on a trip into the world of paranormal and ghost hunting as they present evidence from some of their most memorable investigations. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Saturday, October 31; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

November

Avon Story Times
Monday, November 1; 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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Avon Story Times
Tuesday, November 8; 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Leaf Man Story And Art
Come to the library for a story and art project celebrating fall. We will read thumbnail biographies on Louise Erdrich and make an art project out of real leaves. For preschoolers through fifth-graders. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Monday, November 9; 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting
Thursday, November 5; 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

Avon Story Times
Saturday, November 7; 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Storytime For Kids
Enjoy a special story time with Miss Carla! Toddlers and preschoolers. Come join us again for our special story time where we’ll enjoy finger painting. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Thursday, November 12; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Finish Your Story Time
Get your craft beer education here and learn the basics of making a craft beer. Alex Krych, columnist with The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, will present how to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 6, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Avon Story Times
Tuesday, November 17; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Thursday’s book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Library group. Non-members may join that evening. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. Book sale open to the public Friday and Saturday. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Avon Story Times
Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Avon Story Times
Thursday, November 26; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

Avon Story Times
Saturday, November 28; 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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AVON BRANCH | SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2015

Denotes Family Event
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**Avon Book Discussions**

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**Writers Group**
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**Thursday, December 11; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Noon Year’s Eve Celebration**
Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2016 with music, activities and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, December 11; 6 p.m.**

**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and remain closed for New Year’s Day.

**Saturday, November 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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

**Monday, December 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Holiday Card Making For Kids**
Kids and families have fun making cards for your friends and family in time for the holiday season. We’ll provide card making and decorating materials. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, December 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Holiday Cookbook Cookie Exchange**
Do you have a holiday sweet tooth? Bring 4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie (or choose a recipe from our many cookbooks) and swap with other event goers to create a variety cookie tray to take home for the holiday season. Then share your cookie baking tips and learn some tricks of the trade! Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, December 21; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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

**Thursday, December 24; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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

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**Saturday, December 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Star Wars Day**
May the Force be with you as we celebrate the highly anticipated new movie. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters at this great family event. We’ll have crafts, games and activities in honor of the movies, and a drawing to win a gift card to see the new film! Preregistration required.

**Saturday, December 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Snowball Story And Art Program**
Join us at the library for a story and art project celebrating winter. We will make the book Snowballs by Lois Ehlert and make an art project inspired by the book. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, November 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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**Friday, December 25**

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

**Saturday, December 26; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Writers Group**
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**Avon Book Discussions**

**Wednesday, September 2; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion**

**The Fog Within**
By Nick Shamhart
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

**Tuesday, September 29; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion**

**Anna’s Crossing**
By Susanne Woods Fisher
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

**Tuesday, October 7; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion**

**Wild By Cheryl Strayed**
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

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

**Adult Book Discussion**

**The Language Of Flowers**
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

**Wednesday, November 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion**

**Beloved By Toni Morrison**
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

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

**Adult Book Discussion**

**Wild By Cheryl Strayed**
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**Wednesday, December 2; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion**

**The Language Of Flowers**
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh
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**October**

**Saturday, October 24; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Crafting Circle**

Are you crafty? We are starting a crafting group that will meet monthly. If you’re working on a project or trying to start one, bring it to the library and hang out and chat with others. Bring crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, quilting - whatever you want to do, bring it and all materials needed. We’ll provide the meeting space. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, October 24; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Writers**

Teens in sixth through grade, come help us celebrate National Creative Writing Day. We’ll wind down the week with a writing contest, creative writing, poetry, and have your creation put on display here at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Monday, October 26; 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  Monster Mini Golf**

Ten pins at a time. The Columbia Branch Library transforms into a monstrous miniature golf course. Bring your own hand made clubs and choose a character to represent you. We will be discussing different volunteer opportunities that sixth through 12th-graders can participate in at the library. Also register for fall activities. Preregistration required.

**Monday, October 19; 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  Job Skills ‑ Resumes ‑ How‑To**

Are you looking for a job or just want to update your job search strategy? It's an ever changing market, and today's employers expect different things from candidates. Join us to discuss what is important to today's employers. Interviewing questions have changed and so should your answers. The interview is your opportunity to sell yourself. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, November 7; 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Crafting Circle**

Are you crafty? We are starting a crafting group that will meet monthly. If you’re working on a project or trying to start one, bring it to the library and hang out and chat with others. Bring crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, quilting - whatever you want to do, bring it and all materials needed. We’ll provide the meeting space. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, November 7; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Writers**

Teens in sixth through 12th grade, stop by and make a craft. All materials will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**November**

**Saturday, November 1, 2015 through December 1, 2015  Dinovember Photo Contest**

Lorain Public Library System

Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We will provide a magic kit to get things started. Preregistration is required. Preregistration is required.

**Monday, November 2, 2015; 7:30 p.m.  Beaded Jewelry Craft ‑ How‑To**

Teen girls in sixth through 10th grade, stop by and make a unique beaded creation. Materials will be provided to create key chains, earrings, bracelets or necklaces. All materials will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Monday, November 2, 2015; 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Lego® Club**

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

**Saturday, November 11, 2015; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Writers**

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

**November, December**

**Wednesday, November 25, 2015; 6 p.m. ‑ 7 p.m.  Thanksgiving Day.**

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

**Thursday, November 26; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Thanksgiving Day.**

Thanksgiving Day. The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

**Friday, November 27; 5:30 p.m. ‑ 7:30 p.m.  Book Bingo**

Enjoy a night of fun at our Book Bingo Night! Bring your own book to enjoy with others and win prizes. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, November 28, 2015; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Columbia Crafting Circle**

Are you crafty? We are starting a crafting group that will meet monthly. If you’re working on a project or trying to start one, bring it to the library and hang out and chat with others. Bring crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, quilting - whatever you want to do, bring it and all materials needed. We’ll provide the meeting space. Preregistration required.
**December**

**Computer Programs**

- **Tuesday, October 20; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
  PowerPoint For Beginners
  Learn to create dynamic presentations to any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. They will edit and polish their presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Tuesday, November 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**
  File Management - Who? Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio — How-To
  A beginner’s guide to managing files and folders on your computer and other assorted Windows skills. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, November 21; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
  Tech Help
  Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, e-readers, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

- **Monday, November 30; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
  Email For Beginners
  Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **December, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
  Intermediate Internet Skills
  Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the various kinds of websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LibraryExpress Library service available through the library’s website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

**Story Time**

- **Mondays, October 19, 26; 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
  Fall Family Story Time
  Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for families with children between the ages of 3 and 7. Preregistration required.

- **Tuesdays, October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**
  Preschool Story Time
  Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 7. Preregistration required.

- **Tuesdays, October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; November 17, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**
  Toddler Story Time
  A story time for beginning walkers to 35-month-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. Preregistration required.

**Book Discussions**

- **Tuesday, October 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
  Mysterious Book Club And Then There Were None By Agatha Christie

- **Thursday, October 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
  Cookbook Discussion The Soup Cookbook By Beatrice Ojakangas
  Adult: A love for food, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author’s cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

- **Wednesday, December 15; 10:15 a.m.**
  Hot Chocolate And A Holiday Cartoon
  Join us for hot chocolate and a holiday cartoon. This program is cosponsored By The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

- **Wednesday, December 23; 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
  Mystery Book Discussion Silent Night By Robert B. Parker

- **Tuesday, December 29; 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
  Tea Time Book Club We Are Not Ourselves By Matthew Thomas
  Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.
September

Saturday, September 5: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
An Old-Fashioned Grandparents Day
Preschoolers through fourth-graders, come to the library with your grandparents to celebrate Grandparents Day. Enjoy classic games, crafts and some stories, and a fun photo opportunity too! Preregistration required.

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 9: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been at the leading edge in new technological discoveries and exploring the great beyond. Join the library in welcoming NASA as they discuss the history of the Glenn Research Center in Cleveland and what programs they are currently researching. Learn some local history, as well as some facts that are sure to be out of this world! Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 10: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Guitar Tuning 101 - How-To
Do you have a guitar at home that you cannot get in tune? Or are you new to guitar and cannot figure out how those six knobs work? Visit the library, bring your guitar and learn how to tune your instrument using both technology and your ear. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 14: 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the ‘30s through the ‘60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 15: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night
We're Going Back to Hogwarts!
Just like Muggle students, wizarding students return to school in the fall. School-age children, come to the library to experience Hogwarts just like Harry Potter did in the books. Get sorted into houses, learn spells, play a game of quidditch and more! Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 17: 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
Sixth through 12th-graders, here's your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for our 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. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 17: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Anime Night
Movin’ on from Fireside in the ’40s through the ’60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 22: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mad Murder In Wonderland
A Murder Mystery Party
Patrons of all ages, come celebrate the fall with a bone rattling murder mystery party! You can bring your scary skills to defeat these bewitching levels of murder throughout the library with your own clues and questions! Preregistration is required.

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October

Sunday, October 1, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Teen Anime Bash

Saturday, October 3: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Teen Author Visit
Local Author Mary Doria Russell
Lorain County Reads, The Lakeview Pen
Patrons are you creative? Come on over to meet a local author! Mary Doria Russell is a best-selling author known for her historical fiction pieces. Visit the library to hear her speak about her latest book and get signed copies! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 7: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ghost’s Choice - Stay Or Go Home
Get your voodoo doll and join us as we welcome Melissa Carver, a feature psychic, host of Positive Perspectives and Mystical Miss radio shows, and lifelong medium. Here at the library, she will discuss the ins and outs of ghost hunting, and what causes spirits to hang around or move on from their local hauntings. This is sure to be a spirited discussion you do not want to miss. Sign up today! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 7: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Clever Book Beads - How-To
Feeling crafty and have some old books that you were considering donating to your local library? Visit the library to learn how to upcycle your old paperbacks and create lovely to decorate your home beaded books. Space is limited. Read them or be square! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 12: 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the ‘30s through the ‘60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 13: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night
(Not So) Grimm Fairy Tales
Local well-known fairy tales as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Naniet and Groot; a few you might never have heard before! School-age children and their families, have fun through stories, games and crafts with a not so “Grimm” twist. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 14: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Boo To You! - A Pet Ghost Craft
Patrons, come to the library for a frightening craft that will help your inner pet intact how to create great ghostly decoration with our pet ghost craft! All of the supplies will be provided, just bring your spooky imaginations and be ready to make this fun and friendly specter! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 15: 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Teeny Advisory Board
Sixth through 12th-graders, here’s your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for our 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. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 15: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Anime Night
Moshi-moshi! Come join the library and your fellow teen friends to celebrate! Preregistration is required. Fun and games will be a part of our evening! Everyone will get a chance at a drawing! Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 17: 2 p.m.
Monster Mash Mini Golf
Patrons of all ages, celebrate the fall with a bone rattling monster mash mini golf party! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 17: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mad Science - Marble Madness
Attention all future engineers! Set ready for some mad experiments with gravity and physics and hone your problem-solving skills during a race to the finish line in a mad marble experiment! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 19: 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the ‘30s through the ‘60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 24: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Family Fun Night
Teen Anime Bash
This year’s theme - “Ghouls Night Out”! Monsters and monstrosities are on the loose in the library! Come join the library for a frightening craft that will help your inner pet intact how to create great ghostly decoration with our pet ghost craft! All of the supplies will be provided, just bring your spooky imaginations and be ready to make this fun and friendly specter! Preregistration required.
Dazzle your mind!
and see if you win the battle for the most festive cupcake!

Teens, celebrate the holidays in the best way possible — by decorating outrageous cupcakes! Come on down and sample the confections. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Family Fun Night  
Make Like A Tree And Leave!  
Leaves are nature’s decoration for fall. Learn why leaves change color, create a leaf craft and play autumn-themed games at this family-oriented program. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 25, 6 p.m.  
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early  
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Tuesday, November 26  
Lorain Public Library System Closed  
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 28, 2 p.m.  
Rock ‘N Roll History  
The [First] British Invasion - 1963 to 1967  
Calling all rock ‘n roll fans! Join us at the library for a British Invasion concert! Welcome Dr. Joel S. Keller as he discusses the events leading up to the British Invasion, including background and historical information followed by a chronological of events. Enjoy the sounds of The Animals To The Zombies, as well as other classic and iconic British bands. Make everything groovy and be sure to sign up early! Preregistration required.

December

Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 2  
From Canoes To 1,000 Footers  
Join us as we welcome Dr. Charles Herdendorf from the Sheffield Village Historical Society who will present fascinating information about the history of Lake Erie’s navigators! Great program for everyone interested in local lake Erie events, sailors and their vessels. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 3, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Mad Science - Candy Cane Science  
What’s sweeter than a candy cane holiday staple, to learn about science? Come to the library for some festive experiments to learn all about these sweet, striped confections. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 7, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Oh Snap! - A Holiday Cookie Swap  
To the season for some festive sweets! Come to the Domonkas Branch Library for an adult cookie swap party. Enjoy some holiday cheer as each participant brings in their favorite holiday treat and will swap it with another until you end up with a variety that even jelly. Nick would appreciate! Each participating patron should bring two dozen cookies of their recipe. Join in and spread some love and cookie dough here at the library! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Snow Better Winter Craft  
Adults, even if you’re feeling a little blue during the holidays, know that the “blue” is very temporary! Together we will create a merry ornament that will warm your heart. Enjoy the Holly jolly spirit of the holidays and take your own festive ornament! Preregistration required.

Monday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Teen Holiday Cupcake Wars  
Teens, celebrate the holidays in the best way possible — by decorating outrageous cupcakes! Come on down and sample the confections using more toppings than you can imagine and see if you win the battle for the most festive cupcake. Don’t be a grinch — have fun with us this holiday season! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Breakfast With Santa  
Children, enjoy a light continental breakfast with Santa along with stories and a craft. Get your cameras ready for this photo opportunity for commuters and up with an adult. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Movie Classics Club  
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of their choice. Movies from the “30s through the “70s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Family Fun Night - Build A Candy House  
Build a gingerbread-style candy house to help decorate your home for the holiday season. Parents are encouraged to join their school-age children in the construction process. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Board  
Soth through 12th-graders, here’s your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for our community. It’s a no cost addition to your personal resume! Stop in and fill out an application, or come to a meeting and check it out. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Anime Night  
Most动漫 come with the library and your fellow todomachis and enjoy anime! Every course of the series will view a series of choice’s shops or shops, there will be entertainment for everyone! Bring a friend to share a movie and a snack. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 24  
Lorain Public Library System Closed  
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 30, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early  
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Tuesday, January 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Prep, college and grad school entrance test prep, GED® test prep and more. These services are available at no charge to LPLS library cardholders. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 3, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 4, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
eMedia And Online Catalog  
Are you a frequent library user but unsure of how to navigate the library’s online presence? Visit the Domonkas Branch Library and learn how to download electronic media, such as books, audiobooks and movies, onto your NOOK, Kindle or other tablet. We will also discuss and demonstrate various techniques to best utilize our online catalog. Be sure to bring your device, as well as an open mind! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 1, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
To Your Help  
Do you have an electronic device that is giving you trouble? Feeling overwhelmed with some applications on your tablet? Then come to the library for this open session of technical advice and to learn some tips and tricks that will make your digital life a little easier! For best results, bring your tablet or laptop to the session! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, December 25  
Lorain Public Library System Closed  
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Wednesday, December 30  
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Saturday, December 26  
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Tuesday, December 29  
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early  
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September

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Browser® Buddies
Browser®-Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Chalk The Walk
Families are invited to stop by anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to help us decorate the first page of the library. If it rains, we’ll move the fun indoors.

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 8, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Thursday, September 10, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Peewees Picassos
Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Did you miss its story time crew or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you’d like to re-make. Here’s your chance! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to make a special craft supply list. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Wednesday, September 8, 9:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Mad Science – Optical Illusions
First through fifth-graders, you’re astounded at how easy it is to create your own optical illusions. No X-ray vision needed! Pre-registration required.

Saturday, September 12, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Under The Library’s Big Top A Carnival Event
Come on, come all to a special afternoon at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Drop by anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. to help us kick off the autumn season with a bang, as we transform the library into a carnival! Of course, no carnival is complete without some exhilarating games and prizes.

Tuesday, September 15, 10:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Teen & Tween Nail Art - How-To
Get creative and turn your fingernails into works of art at this fun, interactive program. Bring your favorite nail polish and learn some basic tools and techniques to create exciting designs. Intended for fifth-graders and up. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, September 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Stations
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Wednesday, September 23, 2:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
LEGO® Math Madness
Kindergartners through fifth-graders, learn how to use LEGO®s to play math games, solve math problems and build math graphs. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, September 29, 2:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Exploration Stations
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

October

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser® Buddies
Browser®-Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, October 3, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Music From Bach To Rockin’ Non-Musical Movies
Adults and teens, join Dr. Joel Keller with North Ridgegale for a historical look at the use of music in silent films, talkies and commercial movies. Dr. Keller will explain how sound, specifically music, is integrated into movies. Watch scenes from a number of movies and learn about the musical artists and more. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Monday, October 5, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale and other fundraisers.

Wednesday, October 7, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Potty Training Boot Camp - How-To
Parents are invited to attend a program with local Avon Lake author. Ten Craves of the best-selling book Potty Pro Your Child in Just One Day: Potty Training Secrets of the Potty Pro. Potty training tips and suggestions will be provided to help you beat the clock in time for preschool. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Star Wars Reads Day
Star Wars Reads Day return! Kindergartners through fifth-graders are invited to join for an adventure in intergalactic proportions. Come prepared to master some Jedi mind tricks, make your own lightsaber and even defeat Darth Vader. Origami Yoda may even make an appearance! Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, October 14, 10:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? Here’s your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald: A Great Lakes Mystery
The National Museum of the Great Lakes is located in Toledo, Ohio. The museum is offering this program about the “Fitz” to observe the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. A speaker from the museum will talk about one of the most famous unsolved mysteries of the Great Lakes - the cause of the sinking of the 729-foot freighter Nov. 19, 1975. Twenty-nine crew members lost their lives. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Friday, October 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Stations
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

November

Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinosaurs only please – no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our subject entries. Will be accepted from daybreak on Nov 1 through the evening of Dec 1. Please indicate how you would like your entry to be displayed: full name last names will not be used. Email contestinfo.info, post your photo to the library’s Facebook page, or Tweet your picture to the library by (LorLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSinDino. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of its locations, on our websites and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Wednesday, November 4, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mad Science – Magic Salt Creations
Kindergartners through fifth-graders, you’ll be amazed at how art and science come together in this colorful absorption experiment. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser® Buddies
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Wednesday, November 11, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Dinner & Dance with Darth Vader
Join us for a ghoulishly good time as we listen to spooky stories, dance along with some howlin’ good tunes and try our hands at some spooktacular games and crafts. Feel free to come in a costume! Intended for ages 2 and up. Pre-registration required.

December

Wednesday, December 2, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Gingerbread House Workshop - How-To
Families are welcome to come create a Graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy, PLEASE NOTE: We ask that each family bring along a bag of small candies and a box of graham crackers to share and we will supply the rest of the materials to make your gingerbread house. Intended for ages 2 and up. Pre-registration required.

Friday, December 11, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Tuesday, December 15, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Twas The Night Before Christmas: How-To
Tweens and teens, come to the library and flex your creative muscles by making your very own Sharpie-inspired canvas portrait. Intended for sixth-graders and up. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, December 23, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Day
Do you love to build with LEGO®s?? Here’s your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, December 24
Friday, December 25
The Lorain Public Library System Closed
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December, December 31, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
New Year’s Eve Celebration
Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2016 with music, a ball drop and countdown at noon. PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is required for all attending - children and caregivers. Intended for ages 2 and up. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, December 31, 6 p.m.
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### September

**Monday, September 7**
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**Tuesday, September 8; 6 p.m.**
**Save A Life - How-To**
Learn emergency first aid procedure from licensed American Red Cross instructor Anne Dabrowski. She will cover CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, what to do in cases of severe bleeding and more. The knowledge acquired from this program may save someone’s life. Preregistration required.

**Monday, September 14; 5:30 p.m.**
**Family Movie Night**
Families of all ages and sizes are invited to join us to watch a movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, September 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
**Cook’s Corner - Hispanic Heritage Month - How-To**
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning to make traditional Mexican enchiladas. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, September 19; 2 p.m.**
**Apple Pickin’ - How-To**
Get ready for that trip to the orchard with Jenny Miller of Miller Orchards, located in Amherst, Ohio. Jenny will not only teach you how to select the perfect apple, but she will talk about the distinguishing features of different apple varieties, as well as provide information about all of the delicious fruit that is grown at the orchard. Plus, there will be different types of apples to sample, homemade cider to taste and recipes to share. Fun for the whole family. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, September 22; 6:30 p.m.**
**Life-Sized Mummy Project**
Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache mummy, Frankenstein’s monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, October 1; 6 p.m.**
**Life-Sized Mummy Project**
Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache mummy, Frankenstein’s monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, October 6; 15 p.m.**
**Hispanic Heritage Craft For Adults - How-To**
Join us to make a craft in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. This session is for adults of all ages. An adults only session is Oct. 15. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, October 11; 6 p.m.**
**Ghost Hunting 101 - Haunted Houses**
Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by Greg Feketik and members of Tri-C Ghost Hunters. These ghost hunters have been on over 150 investigations throughout the world! Join us as they take you on a trip into the world of psychics. Preregistration required.

### October

**Monday, October 28; 6 p.m.**
**Halloween Spooktacular**
Put on your costume and join us for a fun night of stories and candy. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, October 29; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
**Campfire Ghost Stories**
School-age children are invited to get spooked by our campfire as we tell our favorite ghost stories. If you have a story to tell, we want to hear yours too! Preregistration required.

### November

**Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, December 1**
**Dinovember Photo Contest**
Lorain Public Library System
Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly photos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpl.org, post your photo to the library’s Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (LPLorainLib). All social media entries should include #PLSDinovember. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

**Monday, November 2; 6 p.m.**
**Aquarium Fundamentals - A Fish Story - How-To**
Are you considering getting an aquarium, perhaps as a holiday gift? It is, join James Martin of Aquatic Dreams and find out everything that you will need to get started. James will discuss the basic types of aquariums, tank sizes, fresh water versus salt water, cost, accessories, maintenance, fish compatibility and more. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, November 6; 3 p.m.**
**ZenTangle® For Beginners - How-To**
Create ZenTangle-inspired art in this hands-on workshop where we will learn how to make beautiful pieces using patterns and doodles. Doodling is both fun and liberating when you learn to embrace self-expression through the use of simple designs. No previous art or drawing experience is needed. Join Lorain Public Library System’s Assistant Director, Toni Whitney, to learn this art form. Preregistration required.

### December

**Thursday, December 3; 6 p.m.**
**Book Talk 2015**
Looking for a good book or a new author to read? We’re looking for book and CD recommendations for Christmas gifts? Come to the library for an evening of conversation about our favorite adult and young adult books of 2015. We will even recommend new DVDs and CDs that may have gone under your radar. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, December 9; 6 p.m.**
**Adult Christmas Craft**
Adults join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. The session will be presented by Lu Guilleuy of Pat Catan’s craft center. Families and children are invited to attend a similar program on Dec. 10. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, December 10; 6 p.m.**
**Make A Christmas Ornament**
Stop in to make a unique ornament just in time for the holidays. This event is for families and children of all ages. A related program for adults only is on Dec. 9. Preregistration required.

**Monday, December 14; 6 p.m.**
**Family Fun Time - Magic With Santa**
Families of all ages are invited to watch a Christmas-themed magic show, then stay to meet Santa! Preregistration required.

**Monday, December 21; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
**Christmas Cartoon Night**
Families and children of all ages are invited to watch some classic Christmas cartoons. Snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, December 24**
**Friday, December 25**
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

**Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m.**
**Noon Year’s Eve Party**
Join us as we ring in the new year a little early with activities, fun and dancing. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.**
**Lorain Public Library System Closing Early**
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and remain closed for New Year’s Day.

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### South Lorain Computer Programs

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- **Saturday, September 5**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Computers For Beginners**
  - Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, September 12**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Internet For Beginners**
  - Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library’s website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, September 19**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Excel For Beginners**
  - Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, October 10**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Introduction To Social Media**
  - Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, October 17**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Word For Beginners**
  - Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, November 7**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **PowerPoint For Beginners**
  - Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, November 14**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Excel For Beginners**
  - Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

- **Saturday, November 28**: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Tech Help**
  - Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

### South Lorain Book Discussions

- **Thursday, September 3**: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
  - **Special Book Discussion**
  - Go Set A Watchman By Harper Lee
  - Over fifty years after winning the Pulitzer Prize, To Kill A Mockingbird remains a beloved best-seller and quite possibly the most influential American novel of the 20th century. Come and join us to discuss the newly-published work of Harper Lee. Go Set A Watchman. Preregistration required.

- **Tuesday, September 15**: 6:30 p.m.
  - **Change Of Pace Book Discussion**
  - The Good Spy: The Life And Death Of Robert Ames By Kai Bird
  - Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Kai Bird paints a compelling portrait of the American life and death of one of the most important operatives in CIA history—a man who, had he lived, might have helped heal the rift between America and the West. This book is a masterpiece-level narrative of the making of a CIA officer, a uniquely insightful history of 20th century conflict in the Middle East, and an absorbing hour-by-hour account of the Beirut Embassy bombing. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

- **Tuesday, October 10**: 6:30 p.m.
  - **Change Of Pace Book Discussion**
  - Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil: A Savannah Story By John Berendt
  - Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. This seductive and sublime account of Savannah, Georgia, has become a modern classic. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

- **Tuesday, November 17**: 6:30 p.m.
  - **Change Of Pace Book Discussion**
  - The Narrow Road To The Deep North By Richard Flanagan
  - Dorrigo Evans must save the men under his command while being held in a brutal Japanese POW camp on the Thai-Burma Death Railway during WWII. A savagely beautiful novel about the many forms of good and evil, and truth and transcendence. Winner of the 2014 Man Booker Prize. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

### Exercise Programs

- **Tuesday, September 1**: 10:30 a.m.
  - **Yoga**
  - Beginners and advanced participants are welcome. Join us for morning yoga class led by experienced instructor Mary. This class will be held in the Meeting Room for 60 minutes.

- **Tuesday, September 8**: 10:30 a.m.
  - **Yoga**
  - Level I: Introduction to yoga. This class will be held in the Meeting Room for 60 minutes. Good for beginners.

- **Tuesday, September 15**: 1:30 p.m.
  - **Adult Fitness**
  - Adults of all fitness levels are invited to attend our open play sessions on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Putt it into overdrive and burn calories with our After School Chess Club - How-To Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Preregistration required.

### Chess Club

- **Wednesday, September 16**: 6:30 p.m.
  - **Chess Club**
  - Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to hot beats.

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The Benefits of Having an Online Library Account

So you have a library card and you’ve been borrowing books, movies and music from the library. Perhaps you’ve even used our online catalog to look for library materials. Congratulations! You are not only supporting your libraries, you are also a smart consumer.

But wouldn’t it be great if you could easily request today’s hottest titles? It’d be even better if you could receive a text when they’re available for you.

Do you often forget when your library materials are due? It’d be convenient to somehow check that easily.

Well guess what: You can do all of that and more! Sign up for a free online library account and stay ahead of the game.

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org and click on My Account. All you need is your library card number and PIN to sign in. Your default PIN is the last four digits of the phone number you gave when signing up for your library card.

You can also manage your library account on the go, on your mobile devices. Get the CLEVNET app, available for iPhone and Android devices.

Here are some of the perks of having an online library account:

- **Recommendations.** Follow other library users, look for best-sellers and award winners, see related titles and more.
- **New releases.** Know what new titles are coming to your library and be one of the first to request them. You’ll find the New Titles option on the home page of the catalog.
- **Requests.** Request books, movies or other circulation items from all CLEVNET libraries. You can choose where you’d like to pick them up.
- **Texts and Emails.** Sign up for NetNotice to receive texts when items are available for pickup. This feature can also be set to send email reminders for when materials are due.
- **Due dates and fines.** Stay on top of when you need to return your library materials. Overdue? Pay your fines online.
- **Making a list, checking it twice.** Keep lists on what you’d like to borrow and what you’ve already checked out. Creating virtual bookshelves is easy!
- **How was it?** Rate and review titles you borrow, and share your opinions on them. Recommend titles for other users by creating your own lists.

Make the most of your library experience. Sign up today for an online library account!
Support the 2016 Summer Reading Program

Donate Today!

The 2015 Summer Reading Program was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated. Patrons had a great time, as you can see from these pictures.

The tradition of Summer Reading Programs at the Lorain Public Library System spans 40 years. The program champions the significance of reading. Academic skills can diminish in the summer when students are away from school. Our Summer Reading Program encourages children to read, which helps them maintain what they’ve learned in the classroom. School representatives value the program, knowing their students will return to school prepared and excited.

You may be surprised to learn that receiving books as prizes is the incentive most appreciated by both kids and adults. Coordinated programming also provides critical elements for the program, focusing on a variety of topics from music to science.

The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc. is asking for your support to fund the 2016 Summer Reading Program. With your help, the Lorain Public Library System can continue to provide the program that keeps families coming back year after year. Your monetary donation will be sincerely appreciated by the library and the community.

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