Strategic Plan

As the Lorain Public Library System continues to evolve, serving you – our communities – will always be our most important role.

Your input helped us craft a new strategic plan of service. Our vision, mission, values and commitments, and priorities for the next few years have been written and the Lorain Public Library System board of trustees approved the plan on Dec. 17, 2015.

Thank you to all who took the time to respond to our survey, call us and attend a focus group meeting. More than 400 surveys were returned, and over a dozen focus group sessions were conducted throughout our service district with both adults and teens. People also took advantage of a dedicated phone line where community members could leave their comments. Staff and trustees also made their voices heard. With the help of the State Library of Ohio, all of the information was analyzed along with community statistical data.

What We Found
Residents overwhelmingly responded that creating young readers is the most important role of the library. Community, learning, Internet access and career development followed.

What We Are Doing
About a quarter of library cardholders are children. The library provides story times and has early literacy computer stations. Lifelong learning remains a staple in our mission statement.

The library continues to foster partnerships and offer community-based events. Residents consider computer classes essential. The library offers numerous classes, as well as computers with high-speed Internet and Wi-Fi. The library has made immediate efforts to highlight and expand upon our resources for job seekers.

What We Learned
Overall, the strategic planning process reaffirmed what we’re doing, and encouraged us to continue growing and transforming with community needs. Our thanks to all of you who participated. We care about what you have to say, and are always willing to listen.

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org to read our new vision and mission statements, along with what we’re committed to doing.
New Book Truck

Have you spotted our colorful book truck on the road? It’s been on the move delivering books and smiles.

The book truck carries library materials to a mix of locations in the Lorain Public Library System’s service district.

“There are so many people that can’t get to their libraries. They rely on this delivery service,” said Elaine Betting, youth services and outreach librarian supervisor.

“We are reaching many children there that might not otherwise have access to our library services.”

Our staff takes library materials inside locations to lobbies or recreation rooms. Library staff coordinates the stops and sets a schedule so people know when we’re coming.

At one of the book truck’s first stops, people browsed through materials on bright green carts labeled New Items, Large Print and DVDs. A storage bin held magazines.

Patrons cheerfully talked about books they were reading. They even recommended books they’d just finished to others. “I always find what I want,” said patron Margaret Allison, who used to get her books at the same location via the Bookmobile. She left with a wide smile and a bag full of newly checked out books.

Cynthia Driver signed up for a library card, picked out a book and requested other library materials. “I used to go to the library all the time before, and now I can’t drive,” she said. The book truck delivers materials to her apartment building lobby. “This is wonderful. This means a lot to me. I love the library,” Driver said smiling.

The book truck is reaching new people too. A Boys and Girls Club meets at one of the stops. “We are reaching many children there that might not otherwise have access to our library services,” Betting said.

The book truck has just begun its first season, so look for it to appear in more locations this spring and summer.
April

Tuesday, April 12; 7 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Planning And Appraisal Event
Learn how to plan for what to do with your belongings. Hear advice from a man who has helped sell everything from million-dollar paintings to Benjamin Franklin's pocket watch! Andrew Richardson is president and CEO of Wipak Consulting & Appraisals, and has spent more than a decade in the world of antiques and fine art auctions. He is recognized as an expert in the field, serving on the boards of several museums and decorative arts organizations, appraising on Kentucky Guild of Artists, conducting appraisal events in Ohio and beyond, and speaking for Ohio Humanities. You may bring three items for Andrew to appraise. Andrew is not a numismatist and cannot give expert advice on fine jewelry. No firearms allowed. Registration opens March 1. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 12; 7 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Anime Club
Join your fellow otaku and enjoy anime! View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy - there's a series for everyone! Bring a friend to share in the fun and snacks. For ages 13 and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 14; noon - 1 p.m.
Identity Theft
Older Americans are the fastest growing segment of the population to be victimized by identity theft and scams. Every day con artists bombard the telephone, home and internet of older Americans. The Better Business Bureau® educates seniors on the most common scams. Come learn how to protect yourself. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 16; 2 p.m.
Havana Curvedvel - A Documentary
Watch Havana Curvedvel (2014) for free at the library! This documentary covers the story of a teenager on a quest to heal the world. He launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba, the place that gave his grandpa his start. It's a fun and engaging look at theraw power of imagination. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! 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 March 14. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 20; 7:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
LEGO® Night
Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 25; 7:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Teen Clubhouse
How about we just hang out? Join us at the library for our monthly Teen Clubhouse. Make a craft while we listen to music, chat with friends, share a snack and chill out. Ages 12 and up. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 26; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Teen Gaming Club
Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Whether you enjoy video games, board games, card games or RPG, we’ve got something for you! Snacks provided. This program is for kids and teens, grade six and up. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 27; noon
Geological Origins Of The Great Lakes - Three Billion Years Of Spectacular Scenery In The Making
This program will be presented by Dr. Charles E. Herndon, professor emeritus of geological sciences, The Ohio State University. The illustrated presentation will trace the geological evolution of the Great Lakes from Precambrian volcanics to Pleistocene glaciers. Special attention will be given to the origin of selected scenic features along the coasts and islands. The formation of the Lake Erie basin and coast will be highlighted. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 20; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Coloring For Adults
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze at the library! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and up. Preregistration required.

May

Saturday, May 7; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mother’s Day Tea
Rose Cafe, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for our annual Mother’s Day event at Lorain County Metro Parks’ Lakeview Park. Light refreshments, entertainment and make-and-take crafts will be provided. Event time and registration will be available by April 1. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 9; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Knitting/Crochet Club
Join us at the library to knit and enjoy the company of fellow knitters and crocheters. All skill levels are welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 16; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open to public
Book Sale & Preview
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 current members may renew their memberships that evening. For more information, including membership fees, call the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ. The book sale is open to the public Friday through Tuesday and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc.

Saturday, May 14; 1 – 3 p.m.
Zentangle® 101
Interested in learning 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 gift-giving, greeting cards and more. However, Zentangle has also been helpful to others for relieving stress, panic attacks and chronic pain, and in rehabilitation and weight loss. During the class the entire process is broken down and taught “one stroke at a time.” You will be amazed at what you will accomplish at the end of just one class. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 24; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Teen Gaming Club
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Wednesday, May 25; noon
Yu-Wo-Hu: A Bottle Of Rum - Prohibition Era Rum-Running
This program will be presented by Eden Valley Enterprises. Have you ever wondered what was happening on the inland waters during Prohibition? Now you can find out in a new program about rum-running. Hear the tales of boats, pirates and the rest of the characters who were involved in helping to quench the thirst of Americans during those dry days. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 30
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Memorial Day.

Main Library
351 W. Sixth Street
Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ.
Main Computer Programs

- **Computers For Beginners**
  - Friday, April 1: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  - 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.

- **Excel For Beginners**
  - Monday, May 16: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  - Become familiar 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.

- **Internet For Beginners**
  - Saturday, May 21: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  - 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.

Main Exercise Programs

- **Basic Yoga**
  - Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Zumba
    - Zumba makes working out fun and effective!
    - Join the Zumba workout cran and shied ponds, while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats.
    - Preregistration required.

Main Story Times

- **Preschool Story Time**
  - Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20: 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  - Three through 5-year-olds will gather for stories, music, finger plays and a craft while developing important early literacy skills.
  - Preregistration required.

For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org
Dazzle your mind!

**Avon Story Times**

- **April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.**
- **Preschool Story Time**
  - Talk, sing and play with us! Preschoolers ages 3 through 5 years, with or without their caregivers, are invited to join us for fun songs, rhymes, stories and activities — including arts and crafts — designed to build early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

- **Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
  - **Baby>Bounce And Rhyme Story Time**
  - Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, 6 through 23 months old. We'll encourage early literacy development and parent/child interaction through fun songs, rhymes, stories and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

- **April 8, 15, 22, 29, 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**
  - **Toddler Tales Story Time**
  - Join us for an interactive story time for children, ages 2 through 3 years old, that will engage your child with stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Your child will learn important early literacy skills that will help them grow into pre-readers all while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

- **April 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Music Makers**
  - A musical story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing. Preregistration required.

- **April 19, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Couponing With Rachel 101**
  - Why bother with your grocery bills? Rachel Krych, columnist with the Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, 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.

- **April 21, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Friends Of The Avon Library Student Art Show Reception**
  - The reception for the April art show featuring local student artists is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

- **April 26, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
  - **Land Of Stories Night**
  - Come to our Land of Stories for fun activities based on the Land of Stories books by Chris Colfer and the highly popular CBeebies show. You can design your own brand of stories map with countries and lands you create and name. Older elementary and middle school students will love this. Preregistration required.

- **April 26, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Shopping At Stories With Rachel**
  - This follow-up class to Couponing with Rachel 101 teaches you how to shop at stores like Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid and Staples. Rachel Krych, columnist with the Chronicle-Telegram, shows you money-saving apps such as SavingsStar, Ibotta and Checkout 51, among other topics. It's recommended that neighbors take the Couponing 101 class first. Preregistration required.

- **April 27, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Money Smart Teens**
  - There are right and wrong ways to handle money, and David Scardoni from Edgewater Investment Group in Avon will teach you the difference. Learn essential lessons to help you build a lifetime of financial success, including budgeting, banking and credit. Parents are welcome to attend with their teens. Preregistration required.

- **April 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Builders Club**
  - Join us for an evening of building with LEGO® bricks! Complete challenges and enjoy some free time with other enthusiasts. We will even have occasional surprise projects, contests and prizes! Children ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

**Avon Computer Programs**

- **April 4, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - ** introduced 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.

- **April 11, 6 p.m. to 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.

- **April 14, 8 p.m. to 9:30 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.

- **April 21, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Music Makers**
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**May**

- **May 2 through Saturday, May 7, regular library hours**
  - **May Craft Stations - Mother's Day**
  - Make a tissue paper bouquet for your mother or a special person in your life.

- **May 4, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Star Wars Day**
  - May the Force be with you on this day of crafts, games and activities for all ages. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters at this great family event. Preregistration required.

- **May 7, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Butterfly Gardening**
  - Families with children of all ages, learn about butterfly habitats and what attracts them. Take home some of the things you will need to cultivate your own butterfly garden. Preregistration required.

- **May 11, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - **Teen Volunteer Night**
  - Sixth through 12th-graders can explore the many volunteer experiences available at the library. Preregistration required.

- **May 12, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
  - **Playdate At The Library**
  - Bring your child to the library for a playdate! Meet up with friends, play and enjoy each other's company while playing with toys, reading books and listening to music in our meeting room. Preregistration required.

- **May 14, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
  - **An Afternoon In Wonderland**
  - Tim Burton’s Alice Through the Looking Glass movie comes out on May 27. Families can gear up for this new adventure by watching a movie and making a Mad Hatter hat. Preregistration required.

- **May 16 through Saturday, May 21, regular library hours**
  - **May Craft Stations - Sipring**
  - Create a spring-themed craft to make your day sunny.

- **May 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Writers Group**
  - Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up writing? Sharon Van Vliet, local author/poet/teacher, will provide an introduction to the writer's group and guidance through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

- **May 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - **Robot Invasion**
  - All ages can come watch as the library is invaded by robots! The Avon High School Tech Club will demonstrate the robots they built this year, and the Robotics Club will demonstrate their competition robot. Join us for this fun and exciting night of technology in action! Preregistration required.
Columbia Branch

Columbia Computer Programs
Saturday, April 16; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 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, April 22; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 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, May 7; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create a presentation for any audience. We will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to save and publish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 14; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tech Help
Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 21; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Facebook For Beginners
Learn the very basics about these social networking websites, including an overview of what they are and how they operate. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 21; noon - 1 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create a presentation for any audience. We will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to save and publish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create a presentation for any audience. We will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to save and publish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Columbia Book Discussions
Tuesday, April 12; 6:30 p.m.
Deep Coves by Hollywa By P.D. James
Sunday, April 17; 6:30 p.m.
Muder On The Orient Express By Agatha Christie
Mystery Book Discussions
Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an ardent sleuth? Join our mystery book discussion group. We will discuss a new or classic mystery novel each month. Participants need to have read the book to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, April 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
LEGOL Live-Action Roleplay
Bring your imagination once a month to build with our LEGO. It is an opportunity for you to build, create and share your creations. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 14; 7 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 a writing group. Participants meet to mad andAid each other, build their skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. This month, we will be exploring research methods and helpful resources for writers. Preregistration required.

Friday, April 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
DIY 3-D Hologram Projector
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Thursday, May 10; 2:30 p.m.
Seniors Afternoon Book Club
We are hosting a monthly senior social hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a different topic of discussion, event or presentation each month. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 12; 7 p.m.
Coffee And A Classic Film
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May 20; 10:30 a.m.
Fancy a relaxing start to your week? Once a month, we'll be featuring a classic film in our meeting room. Sit back with a cup of coffee and enjoy a bit of magic from the silver screen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 25; 10 p.m.
Coffee And A Classic Film
Join us for an adventure of intergalactic proportions as we celebrate Star Wars: The Force Awakens. We'll have games, trivia, snacks and more. May the 4th be with you! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.
April

Dazzle your mind!

Calling All Performers! Do you love to sing and dance? Are you great at telling stories? If you’re in grades five through 12 and have a knack for performing, we’re looking for you! If you have experience in performance or have always dreamed of trying, join a new storytelling troupe at the library. Call if interested.

Saturday, April 2; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

April Foods: Day at the Factory. What building has the most stories? The library, of course! If you like jokes like that one, then this event is for you! Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to celebrate April Fool’s Day and every funny thing. We’ll be sharing jokes and riddles, funny stories, games, pranks and more. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, April 6; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

April Spring Gardening - Create aluminum foliage. If you have always dreamed of having a well-kept garden, come learn how to create aluminum foliage, and then decorate it with your own flair! Don’t be a late bloomer. Register for this craft early! Pre-registration required.

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

Mondays - Spring Film Series - Calling all young scientists! Earth Day is almost here, and we want to celebrate being environmentally friendly with you! Come in to learn what we can do to help the environment. Discover renewable energy with wind vanes, discuss recycling and more. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 11 through Saturday, April 16; regular library hours

Moviel Classics Club Adult students 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! Pre-registration required.

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

Laws Of Attraction Series - The Power Of Manifestation. Find inspiration to make changes in your life. Explore the laws of attraction in the second session of this two-part series. Discover the power of manifestation, or the idea of focusing your thoughts and energy to create change. Come with an open mind and leave with new ideas! Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, April 27; 6:30 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen. Would you like to try your hand at creative writing but need some inspiration? Come to the library for monthly meetings to share your writing skills and mingle with other writers. Bring drafts of your work and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing. Pre-registration required.

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

Teen Iron Chef - Twinkle Madness Edition. Teens, get ready for a culinary battle! Do you have what it takes to make the most delicious dish? Bring your favorite team and enter the new Teen Iron Chef competition! Then come to the library for an Iron Chef battle and let everyone be the judge. Test your creativity and plating skills, and enjoy your delicious treat! "Alive custard"! Pre-registration required.

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

Soaring Into Summer - A Celebration Of Flight. It’s excited it’s a plane! It’s a bird! It’s an Iron Airplane!6. Join in for an fun and exciting flight week! Learn about the amazing world of airplanes, pilots and all the fun that goes with it. Preregistration required.

May 28

Teen Iron Chef Will be back! This time it’s a culinary battle! Do you have what it takes to make the most delicious dish? Bring your favorite team and enter the Teen Iron Chef competition! Then come to the library for an Iron Chef battle and let everyone be the judge. Test your creativity and plating skills, and enjoy your delicious treat! "Alive custard"! Pre-registration required.
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South Lorain Branch
2121 Homewood Drive
Lorain, OH 44055
440-277-5672

South Lorain Writers Group
Thursdays, April 7, 21; May 5, 19; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
South Lorain Writers Group
Enjoy writing? Join our fiction writing group every Thursday to share your writing and improve your skills. Be prepared to critique as well as receive constructive criticisms. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Chess Club
Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; 4 p.m.
After School Chess Club
Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

South Lorain Story Time
Mondays, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 6 p.m.
Family Fun Time
Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of stories, games and fun! Preregistration required.

South Lorain Exercise Programs
Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25; 6 p.m.
Tai Chi For Arthritis
Are you one of the over 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend this six-week series that will teach you valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises. Preregistration required.

South Lorain Book Discussions
Tuesday, April 19; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Place Book Discussion - Dead Wake: The Last Crossing Of The Lusitania By Erik Larson
As a German U-boat and the Lusitania, a luxury ocean liner, approached Liverpool in May 1915, an army of forces, both grand and small, converged to produce one of the great disasters in history. It is a story that many of us think we know but don’t. Books will be available at the library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

Tuesday, May 17; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Place Book Discussion - Little Lives By Liane Moriarty
The setting is an Australian suburb and the main characters are three women who all have children at the same preschool. Right from the start, we know that someone is going to end up dead – the questions are who and how. Books will be available at the library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

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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, April 22; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
eMedia
Come learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our library services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Please learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

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

Saturday, May 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, May 27; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Saturday, May 28; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 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.

April
Monday, April 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Explorations In Art - Fun With Painting
Have you ever wanted to paint on the wall? Join us as we paint in fun and exciting ways, using canvas style to pinpoint balls. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 12; 6 p.m.
How The Steel Mill Came To Lorain
The Johnson Steel Street Rail Company, led by Tait L. Johnson and Arthur J. Moxham, founded the Lorain mill in the late 1900s. Hear the fascinating story of the lives of these individuals and the building of the mill. Eventually becoming one of the largest mills in the world, learn its early history through vintage photos and unique stories. Presented by Matt Weisman of the Lorain Historical Society. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 14; 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
LEGO® Club
Welcome to the LEGO® Club! Build with our collection and have a chance for your creation to be put on display here at the library. We will provide the LEGO® bricks, and you supply the imagination! Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 16; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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Tuesday, April 26; 6 p.m.
The Joy Of Adult Bicycling
Ed Stewart, president and founder of Silver Wheels Cycling Club and author of the book Bicycling. Lorain County, Ohio, will talk about cycling opportunities in Lorain County. Learn about bicycling equipment and safety; social aspects of cycling, benefits and challenges of cycling especially for the older population, and what you will need to get started. Ed will also have information about Silver Wheels Cycling Club and will be available to answer your questions. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 27; 6 p.m.
Middle School Makers - Build A Birdhouse
Do you like to build and create? Join the Middle School Makers to work on cool projects. This month you will build your very own birdhouse. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 28; 6 p.m.
Respect Your Elders - Oaks, Pines And Hickories Too
Plant a tree in recognition of Arbor Day. In this program, children will learn about the importance, benefits and care of trees. Each child will plant a tree in a pot that can be taken home and planted outside. Anyone under 12 needs to be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 30; noon
International Tabletop Day
Celebrate International Tabletop Day! Discover new card games and board games, or play an old favorite. We will have a small variety of games, including family friendly games and board games, or play an old favorite. We will have a small variety of games, including family friendly games. Feel free to bring a game to teach and play. Preregistration required.

May
Tuesday, May 3; 3 p.m.
Change Your Lens, Change Your Story - Photography 101
Mark Novak, president of the Erie Shores Photography Club, will help you become a better photographer. Learn about types of equipment to buy, the best paper to use, benefits of joining a photography club, common mistakes, what makes stunning photos, upcoming competitions and much more. Mark will also be available to answer your photography questions. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 4; 4 p.m.
Star Wars Day
May the 4th be with you! Celebrate Star Wars with a cool craft and Star Wars-themed bingo. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Explorations In Art - Fun With Colors
Watch the colors mix and swirl! Join us to experiment with oil pastels and even create a picture. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, May 17; 5:30 p.m.
Couponing 101
This fun and engaging class will teach techniques that will lower your grocery bill every time you shop. Rachel Krych, blogger at couponingforbeginners.com and host at The Chronicle-Telegram, will cover topics such as where to get coupons, how to organize them, where and how to stock coupons, and how to shop at stores like Giant Eagle and CVS. This class is great for beginners as well as those who have used coupons for years. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 23; 6 p.m.
Princess Tea Party
Put on your best dress and join us for tea, cookies and some fun princess activities. Each participant will get a special princess crown to wear. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 26; 6 p.m.
Middle School Makers - Perler Bead Key Chains
Do you like to build and create? Join the Middle School Makers to work on cool projects. This month you will build your very own Perler bead key chain. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 30
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Memorial Day.

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North Ridgeville Branch

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Dazzle your mind!

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze!

Coloring For Grown-Ups
Library, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch, Inc.

Monday, April 4; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NOTE: Preregistration is required for all attending - children and caregivers. This program
will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 19; 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Upcycle Book Craft For Adults
Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft that will be made from the pages of old books. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 19; 4:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Upboked Book Page Poetry - Tween And Teen Fun
Calling all aspiring tween and teen artists! Help the library celebrate National Poetry Month. Fourth through 12th-graders, learn how to repurpose old book pages into pieces of poetic artwork. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 21; 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Open to Friends
Friday, April 22; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Open to public
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Sunday, April 24; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Open to public
Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Book sale open to the public Friday through Sunday. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Books sold by the bag on Sunday. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Thursday, April 21; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Galaxy In A Jar - Tween And Teen Fun
Come view the North Ridgeville City Schools annual student art exhibition that includes artwork from many grade levels.

Wednesday, May 4 through Saturday, May 21; regular library hours
May Art Show
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Saturday, May 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Book Sale & Preview
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. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 7; 7:2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Browser® Buddies

North Ridgeville Writers

Saturday, April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
North Ridgeville Writers
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 the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

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North Ridgeville Computer Programs

Monday, April 18: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks
Participants will learn about the library’s OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will go over the basics of how to use the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one’s computer or device. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 21: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
PowerPoint 2016 For Beginners
Learn the very basics about these popular social networking websites, including an overview of what they consist of, how to create accounts, and how to keep yourself and children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

Monday, April 25: 6 p.m.
Excel 2016 For Beginners
Learn the very basics about this popular spreadsheet program. Participants will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

Monday, May 16: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/ Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More
Hoopla and Freegal will teach participants how to use the library’s websites to access free downloadable and/or streaming movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. Get an overview of what hoopla, Freegal and Zinio are, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your device. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 19: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tech Help
Join us to discuss the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Stop in anytime between 2 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with staff members. Preregistration required.

Thursday, May 23: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Excel 2016 For Beginners
This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

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North Ridgeville Story Times

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9: 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Sittin’ And Scootin’ - Story Time For Babies
Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 17 months old along with their caregivers. Babies between the ages of 18 months and 23 months old may also attend with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Wigglin’ And Waddlin’ - Story Time For Babies
A noisy, interactive story program recommended for active babies from 18 months to 23 months old together with their caregivers. Active babies between the ages of 12 months and 17 months may also attend along with their caregivers. Babies and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Preregistration required.

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9: 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time
A toe-tappin’ story time for families with children ages 2 to 6 years old. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories with a beat, exciting tunes and jazz crafts. Preregistration required.

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9: 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Prime Time Preschool Story Time
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3 to 5-year-olds. Preregistration recommended.

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More
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North Ridgeville Book Discussions

Wednesday, April 6: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion
Adults enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the first Wednesday morning each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 12: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Divine Bell And The Butterfly By Jean-Dominique Bauby
Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, April 20: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion
Copies of the mystery book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, April 26: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Adult Afternoon Book Discussion
Adults enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 11: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - White Teeth By Zadie Smith
Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, May 18: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion
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Top 2015 Checkouts

ADULT FICTION
- *Hope to Die* by James Patterson
- *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
- *The Escape* by David Baldacci
- *Private India: City on Fire* by James Patterson and Ashwin Sanghi
- *Burn* by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge

ADULT NONFICTION
- *Finding Me: A Decade of Darkness, a Life Reclaimed: A Memoir of the Cleveland Kidnappings* by Michelle Knight
- *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *Hope: A Memoir of Survival in Cleveland* by Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus
- *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown
- *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

DVDS & BLU-RAYS
- *22 Jump Street*
- *The Boxtrolls*
- *The Interview*
- *Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For*
- *Hercules*

OVERDRIVE
- *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- *OK! Magazine*
- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- *Star (Magazine)*
- *Eyes on You* by Kate White

AXIS 360 EBOOKS
- *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- *The Death Cure* by James Dashner
- *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner
- *Invisible* by James Patterson and David Ellis
- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

HOOPLA
- *In the Lonely Hour* by Sam Smith
- *A Goofy Movie*
- *Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 54*
- *Fifty Shades of Grey (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)*

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Fine Forgiveness

Whether you’re returning overdue items or you’ve been carrying a fine on your library card, this is your chance to have half of all fines and fees forgiven.

In April only, visit any Lorain Public Library System location and pay only 50 percent of what you owe. We’ll waive the other half of your balance.

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