Job Hunters: Turn to the Library During Your Search for Employment

Looking for a job? Perhaps you're looking for something with higher pay or returning to work now that your children are older.

Do you need help navigating the Internet now that most job applications are online? Turn to the Lorain Public Library System during your job search. All of our resources are free.

Computers and Wi-Fi
Lorain Public Library System libraries offer dozens upon dozens of computers with high-speed Internet access. The computers are equipped with word processing programs for you to type up your resumes and cover letters. When you come in, let our staff know you’re searching for a job. This step is important so we can place you at a suitable workstation where you’ll have ample time to do your work. If you have a laptop or mobile device, bring it in and connect to our free Wi-Fi.

Computer Training
The Lorain Public Library System offers computer training. The small-group size classes include an introduction to computers, Internet and email, and Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Find all computer classes listed in this newsletter.

Resume Help
Just starting to work on your resume? Our staff has free resume samples and employment worksheets to help you in the process. We can even direct you to where you can find templates to follow on the computer.

Resources
Borrow books and DVDs from our collection to get more in-depth help for creating your resumes or cover letters, preparing for and getting ahead in the job interview, or even negotiating your salary.

Find a job resources category on our website, LorainPublicLibrary.org, under the research heading. Browse online resources for resumes and cover letters, and job hunting information. We’re also happy to help you discover resources within the community.

In Summary
Our staff helps patrons with their job search on a basic level, such as learning how to attach their resume to an email or how to find the employment section on a website. We have tools that can help you look for employment, but are happy to refer you to great community organizations that can provide further assistance.

Good luck in your job search!
eLibrary

What digital media interests you? Discover all that’s available at LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary. It’s all free with your Lorain Public Library System library card!

Service Provider
- Axis 360, hoopla, OverDrive
- hoopla, OverDrive
- Axis 360, BookFlix, hoopla, OverDrive
- OverDrive, Zinio
- hoopla, OverDrive
- hoopla
- Gale Courses
- Freegal Music
- BookFlix

We’re sure you’ll find something you will love in our eLibrary, with downloading and streaming services. Try it out on a compatible mobile device or computer - most services offer an app. Plus material with a lending period is returned automatically, so no library fines!

Contact us if you need assistance, or look for instructional classes offered at all of our libraries.

Hear what our staff is saying about our amazing eLibrary on the back cover of this newsletter.

Sign Up for Emails

Always know what’s going on at the Lorain Public Library System. Sign up to have library news delivered to your inbox!

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org. Click into any of the interior pages of the website. In the bottom left column, you’ll find a box where you can enter your email address. This box is now on every page of our website, except the home page.

Don’t miss out on exciting updates, program announcements, contests and more!
January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year’s Day.

Thursday, January 14; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
– Preview open to Friends
Friday, January 15; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Saturday, January 16; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Monday, January 18; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
– Open to public
Tuesday, January 19; 10 a.m. - 3 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 former members may renew their annual 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 from Friday through Tuesday after 2 p.m. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto 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 Jan. 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
HUONE Jamboree
Families with children of all ages, join us for an evening of dinosaur-themed stories, songs and activities. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Family Bingo Night
Join us for a night of fun and prizes playing old-fashioned bingo! For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 27; 6:30 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.

February

Thursday, February 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Minions!
Bring the whole family and come celebrate everyone’s favorite despicable characters: minions! Join us for minion-themed crafts and activities for children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Make And Take Valentines
Valentine’s Day is right around the corner and we have everything you need to create dazzling handmade cards for your family and friends. Make as many cards as you like and take them all home with you at the end of the night! For children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto 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 Jan. 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
HUONE Jamboree
Families with children of all ages, join us for an evening of dinosaur-themed stories, songs and activities. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Toni Morrison Birthday Celebration
Help celebrate Lorain’s Nobel Prize-winning author’s life and accomplishments on her 85th birthday. Watch a slide presentation on the life and literary works of Toni Morrison. Also view a BBC documentary wherein Morrison was interviewed in July 2015. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 24; 6:30 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.

Saturday, February 27; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Winter Vacation At The Library
Come in out of the cold and join us for a vacation getaway at the library. This event will include crafts, food, music and more! Check in at the Main Library in early January for details and to sign up for individual programs.

March

Monday, March 14; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto 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 Feb. 15. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Did you ever wonder what your stuffed animals do at night? Bring your favorite stuffed animal to a library sleepover! Begin the night with a bedtime story and activity, and then kiss your animal good night so they can begin their sleepover. Don’t forget to wear your pajamas! Find out what the stuffed animals did when you pick them up the following day. Pickup begins Thursday after 2 p.m. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Pigeon Party
We don’t want to let the Pigeon drive the bus, and we don’t want to let the Pigeon stay up late, but we do want to celebrate our favorite feathered friend! Families with children of all ages, join us for stories, crafts and activities based on the popular Pigeon books by Mo Willems. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
LEGO® Night
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For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org
Main Exercise Programs

Main Story Times

Main Computer Programs

Don't Miss Out on Yarn Club

Main Book Discussion
**January**

**Lorain Public Library System Closed**
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year’s Day.

**Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting**
Friends of the Avon Library business meeting. New members are welcome. For more information, call the Avon Branch at 440-934-4743.

**Tuesday, January 12: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Grossology At The Library**
Study the science of gross things and become a grossologist! School-age children will make slime, take tummy shots and more. Don't miss out on these fun STEAM experiments that explore the grossness of the human body. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 13: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Yoga Basics**
Learn the basics of yoga and get some practice at this free class presented by an instructor from Bisters yoga + fitness. Also hear information about different types of yoga and discover where you can find classes in the area. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, January 14: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Miiverse To Crochet**
Don’t be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that’s sweeping the world. Knitcreepers through third-graders, come and enjoy a night of Minecraft-themed fun and games. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 16: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Sensory Story Time**
Join us for a program specifically designed for special needs children and their families. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. Get ready to have fun at the library! Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, January 19: 2, 9, 16, 23: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Session 1**

**Preschool Story Time**
Talk, sing, read, write 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.

**Tuesday, January 26: 7:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Your Child's Development**
Therapists from Mercy's outpatient rehab team will provide information and fun ways to encourage your baby to 3-year-old in all levels of development – from crawling to walking, talking and fine motor activities. Take advantage of this great opportunity to ask the experts and discover resources available for children delays in any of these areas. Dr. Khalid Akbar board certified in pediatrics, will also be on hand for questions about your child’s special needs and development. Preregistration required.

**February**

**Tuesday, January 26: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Football Reading Buddies**
Early readers can read to one of their favorite Avon High School football stars and have a fun football time playing football-related literacy games and activities. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, January 26: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Wigglewords**
Children designed for special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board certified music therapist from METC. The Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, January 28: 7 p.m. - 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 have occasional surprise projects, contests and prizes! Children ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 30, 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Wigglewords**
Led by a professional dancer from Verb Ballets, Wigglewords pairs movements with each letter of the alphabet. Students bend and stretch their bodies to form the letters of the alphabet while improving knowledge in spelling, phonics rules, identification of vowels and consonants, rhythm and storytelling. This simple method supports early readers – especially kinesthetic learners. Wigglewords keeps children moving and energized with a variety of word and movement games. This program is ideal for preschoolers through second-graders. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 30, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Teen Story Time**
Teens, even those who simply appreciate or dabble in art, join us for a fun and creative night! Learn more about the artist Vincent van Gogh, and create your own original interpretation of his masterpiece, Starry Night. Preregistration required.

**February 2-7: 7-7:45 p.m.**

**Family Engineering Contest - Egg Drop Challenge**
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families will participate in an egg drop challenge. Win an awesome prize if your egg survives! Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, February 17: 7 p.m. - 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 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.

**Saturday, February 20: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Family Story Time**
Join us for a musical story time for families with children of ages 3 through 5 years of age, with or without their families, who are invited to attend. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, February 20: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Toddler Tales Story Time**
Session 1
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Session 1
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Session 2
Session 2
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. - Session 2
Children ages 6 through 24 months old will enjoy the early literacy and parent/child interaction through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, February 20: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Musical Toolbox**
For children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board certified music therapist from METC. The Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, February 20: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Ohio Presidents**
Celebrate Presidents Day with us and learn about the lives, wins and presidencies of the eight U.S. presidents that came from Ohio. Adults and families with older school-age children and teens will enjoy this free program presented by Jim Smith from The Lorain County Historical Society. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, February 22: 6, 12, 19, 26: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Session 1**

**Preschool Story Time**
Talk, sing, read, write 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.

**Tuesday, February 26, 2, 9, 16, 23: 1-11:45 a.m. - Session 1**

**Preschool Story Time**
Talk, sing, read, write 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, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**So You're Thinking About Running a Marathon**
Join us for a panel discussion about the nutrition, training and challenges involved in running a marathon. Runner and blogger Bridget Smith will also talk about her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Art For Kids**
Children in kindergarten through fifth grade, join us to learn about abstract expressionism, the artist Jackson Pollock and his unique style of action painting. Make your own drip paintings in the style of Pollock. Preregistration required.

**Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Language Through Literacy**
Learn techniques to maximize your child's reading experience. Discover how to enhance speech, vocabulary and language abilities through books. This interactive program is presented by speech therapists from Mercy Rehabilitation Services. A free book will be provided for you to take home. For parents of children, 3 through 5 years of age, with special needs. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, February 27, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**I Love Candy! A Candy Land Valentine's Day Party**
If you can't get enough candy, then you won't want to miss this Valentine's Day party! Families of all ages are invited to play a giant version of Candy Land® decorate a candy treat, win candy prizes and make a few valentines for someone special. A perfect party for a sweet tooth! Preregistration required.

**Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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**Family Engineering Contest - Egg Drop Challenge**
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**Wednesday, February 17: 7 p.m. - 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 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.

**Saturday, February 13: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Starry Night**
Join us for a panel discussion about the nutrition, training and challenges involved in running a marathon. Runner and blogger Bridget Smith will also talk about her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. Preregistration required.
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January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year’s Day.

Monday, January 4: 2 p.m. -3 p.m.
Farewell To Downtown Abbey Afternoon Tea
Saying goodbye to Downtown Abbey won’t be easy. You are cordially invited to a delightful afternoon tea to discuss, commiserate and critique — all on the day after the first episode of the show’s very last season airs. Ready yourself for a fine afternoon of tea, refreshments, trivia questions and plenty of conversation with other devoted fans of the show. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 6: 6 p.m. -7 p.m.
Do You Want To Build A Snowman Party
Children ages 4 through 7, enjoy a chilly, fun evening with all things snowman. Play snowman games, listen to snowman stories and make a snowman craft. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Thursday, January 7: 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Book Page Crafts
Adults, join us for an evening of crafting fun. We’ll be recycling old books and making a beautiful new creation. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 11: 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Senior Coffee Hour
We are having 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.

Wednesday, January 13: 6:30 p.m. -7 p.m.
Teen Video Game Night
Teens, grade six and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii U and PlayStation® 4 on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 14: 7 p.m. -8 p.m.
Columbia Writers
Have you ever wanted to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Friday, January 15: 4 p.m. -5 p.m.
LEGO® Club
Bring your imagination once a month to Columbia Branch’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.

Thursday, January 18 through
Wednesday, March 16: regular library hours
Cookie Club - A Children’s Winter Reading Club
Children of all ages, join our Cookie Club by registering for your Cookie Card at the library anytime between Jan. 18 and March 16. Each time you visit the library, get your cookie Card stamped and help decorate our bulletin board by decorating a paper cookie! When you get six stamps on your card, you are invited to our supper on Friday, Feb. 5, for just the Cookie Club party! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

February

Monday, February 1: 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Senior Coffee Hour
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.

Monday, February 1: 6 p.m. -7 p.m.
Columbus Craft Circle
Are you crafty? We’re starting a craft group that will meet monthly. If you’re working on a project or trying to start one, bring it to the library and sit down and chat with other crafters. Knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, quilting — whatever you want to do, bring the materials needed. We’ll provide the meeting space. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 2: 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Coffee And A Classic Film
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.

Saturday, February 6: 10 a.m. -11 a.m.
Toddler Story Time
Reading to your toddlers is one of the most important things you can do to help them become successful readers. Or maybe your child is just starting to talk. Reading to children is one of the most powerful ways we can help. Come enjoy the fun at Toddler Story Time. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Wednesday, February 2: 6 p.m. -7 p.m.
Anti-Valentine’s Day Party
Teens, usher in Valentine’s Day with moody music, grumpy games and spooky snacks. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.
Columbus Computer Programs

Saturday, January 9; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Internet For Beginners

Bring your computer and learn about basic internet, websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful sites for acquiring important 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.

Tuesday, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. File Management

A beginner’s guide to managing files and folders on your computer and other assorted Windows skills. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 16; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of the 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.

Tuesday, January 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 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 do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of ebooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one’s computer or device. Preregistration required.

Columbia BookDiscussions

Adult Book Discussion - The Conjurer’s Riddle By Andrea Cremen

Teen in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to join in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 28; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion - The Sweetness At The Bottom Of The Pie By Alan Bradley


Tuesday, February 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Knack Chinese Cooking: A Step‑By‑Step Recipe By Romina Russell

Enjoy Chinese cuisine? Want to learn a new skill? Join our new cookbook group. Bring copies and share your recipes, this is the group for you. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Grandma’s German Cookbook By Linn Schmidt And Birgilt Hamm

Enjoy reading about a different culture and share recipes, this is the group for you. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 28; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Wright Brother By David McCullough

Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 20; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of the 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, February 26; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

Learn the very basics about these social networking sites and how they can be introduced in different ways. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion - The Keeper Of Lost Causes By Jussi Adler-Olsen


Wednesday, March 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion - The Wrath And The Dawn By Renee Ahdieh

Teen in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to join in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Grandma’s German Cookbook By Linn Schmidt And Birgilt Hamm

Adult Book Discussion - The Monogram Murders By Agatha Christie

Join in to discuss the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Wandering Star By Romina Russell

Teen in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to join in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

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

Teen Book Discussion - Allegiant By Veronica Roth

Teen in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to join in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dazzle your mind! For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org
Domonas Computer Programs

Tuesday, January 5, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tech Help
Patrons, did you just receive a technological device that is giving you the winter blues? Come to the library for an open workshop where you will troubleshoot any issues you have. Also learn how to get the most out of your device using the library website! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 6; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tech Help
Patrons, did you just receive a technological device that is giving you the winter blues? Come to the library for an open workshop where you will troubleshoot any issues you have. Also learn how to get the most out of your device using the library website! Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 7; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tech Help
Patrons, did you just receive a technological device that is giving you the winter blues? Come to the library for an open workshop where you will troubleshoot any issues you have. Also learn how to get the most out of your device using the library website! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 2; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Word Basics
Looking to become more computer savvy? Need a refresher in word processing? Visit the library to learn Microsoft Word basics and new formatting techniques. General computer and mouse skills are required to participate. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Word Basics
Looking to become more computer savvy? Need a refresher in word processing? Visit the library to learn Microsoft Word basics and new formatting techniques. General computer and mouse skills are required to participate. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 4; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Word Basics
Looking to become more computer savvy? Need a refresher in word processing? Visit the library to learn Microsoft Word basics and new formatting techniques. General computer and mouse skills are required to participate. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 1; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Basic Internet Techniques
Adults, learn to explore the World Wide Web. Come to the library and dive right in as we learn about basic Internet techniques, how to search online safely and what to expect with your Internet presence. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Basic Internet Techniques
Adults, learn to explore the World Wide Web. Come to the library and dive right in as we learn about basic Internet techniques, how to search online safely and what to expect with your Internet presence. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion
If you like reading and learning about cooking, you’ll enjoy this adult get-together to explore the world of food. Review the monthly cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Thursday, March 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion
If you like reading and learning about cooking, you’ll enjoy this adult get-together to explore the world of food. Review the monthly cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Monday, March 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
Adults, enjoy a hip, upbeat, thought-provoking discussion of titles suggested by the group and Domonas Branch staff. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!
January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year’s Day.

Friday, January 8
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.

Wednesday, January 13
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Frozen Science Fun
For the first time in forever, there’ll be a great Frozen science party at the library! Kindergartners through fifth-graders will channel Elsa’s powers as they learn how to form ice and even create their own snowflake. PLEASE NOTE: Each child will need to bring a plastic cup for this experiment. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, January 16
1 p.m. - 2 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.

Saturday, January 16
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Size Candy Land®
Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. for your chance to race through the library’s life-size adaptation of Candy Cane Forest. A new game will run every 15 minutes. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Tuesday, January 19
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Teens And Tweens Customized Candy Creation
Fifth-graders through 12th-graders, you don’t need fancy decorating techniques to make unique and creative candies! Learn how to use food coloring to turn your sweet confections into a masterpiece. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21
5 p.m.
Lorain Public Library System Board Of Trustees Meeting
Lorain Public Library System board of trustees meeting at the North Ridgeville Branch Library.

Thursday, January 28
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Preview open to Friends
Friday, January 29
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Open to public
Saturday, January 30
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Open to public
Sunday, January 31
1 p.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 expired on December 31, 2015. Books are 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.

February

Wednesday, February 3
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Twice And Teen Mardi Gras Party
Fifth through 12th-graders are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras early with the library. Teens can decorate masks, try their hand at an assortment of carnival games and sample some festive cuisine. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 6
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Buddies
Browser's® 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.

Wednesday, February 10
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Harry Potter Science
Come join us for some science - Harry Potter science, that is. Kindergartners through fifth-graders, potions class is in session. Broomsticks and foolish wand waving will not be tolerated. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 13
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Minions Party
Minion mania has invaded the library. The whole family is invited to enjoy Minion-themed games and activities. Intended for ages 2 and up. Pre-registration required.

Friday, February 19
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, February 23
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
The Animal Jamboree - A Family Story Time
Families will enjoy toe-tapping books, swinging music and crafts. Intended for ages 2 and up. Pre-registration required.

March

Saturday, March 5
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Buddies
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North Ridgeville Branch Writers Group

North Ridgeville Sunday Series

Sunday, January 17
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Molly Brown Portrayed By Carol Starre-Kmiecik
Come see an entertaining portrayal of this glamorous Victorian era woman who married a man who struck gold and was able to travel the world. Widely known as “The Unsinkable Molly Brown,” she became most famous for surviving the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, January 24
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sears Kit Homes In The Lorain County Area
Between 1903 and 1940, Sears, Roebuck & Co. sold more than 70,000 homes by mail order throughout the United States. Come to the program to hear about some of the houses in the greater Lorain County area that have been identified as Sears homes. Pictures will be shared that show the many styles. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 7
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Civil War Musician And Re-enactor
Troy Knopp extants the life and duties of a Civil War soldier/musician. Enjoy patriotic popular and folk music of the 1860s, performed on historically correct instruments for an authentic period sound. The program is presented in the first person in period costume and expands on Gen. Lee’s statement, “Without music, there could be no army.” Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 14
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The woodland Indian Tribes In Northeast Ohio
John Burke of Medina County will describe the Woodland Indian tribes that lived in Ohio from 1650 to 1843. Many of our current roads are built on old Indian game trails and were once trails used bybuffalo as well. John Burke has been involved with Indian lore since he was an Eagle Scout. He comes dressed in full regalia that he made from the same materials as the Indians. This interactive presentation includes many samples of furs and hunting tools. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 21
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Rosie The Riveter - Working Women During World War II
American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers during World War II, as male military enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. By 1945, nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home. Rosie the Riveter was the star of a government campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for the munitions industry. Join Janet Bird of the educational staff of The Lorain County Historical Society as she shares information and firsthand stories from Lorain County residents. View artifacts from the World War II era. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 28
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
7 Mile Isle Steel Drum Band
All ages will enjoy the warm sounds of Trinidad and Tobago in the midst of Ohio’s winterlike as this popular steel drum band returns to the library to play its unique sound of steel drums and other instruments. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 6
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The 20 No. 1 Hits Of The Beatles
Join Dr. Joel S. Kelter of North Ridgeville for a presentation that will include information on the rise of the British Invasion and the phenomenon of The Beatles. He will talk about each of their 20 U.S. No. 1 hits as determined by Billboard magazine with facts about recording and distribution dates, weeks at No. 1 and more. The songs will be played and lyrics displayed to encourage an audience sing-along. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 13
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Straight-Six Dixie Music Program
Straight-Six DooR performs a variety of Dixieland jazz music in the Louisiana style along with other favorite songs that the audience will recognize. This group encourages the audience to sing along with some of the popular tunes and will provide lively entertainment for everyone in attendance. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, March 20
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Smokin Fez Monkeys Music Program
Aimed with a batch of ihow-who whistles that can hardly be classified as instruments, the Smokin Fez Monkeys are trying to put the fun back into live music. Prepare to clap your hands, stamp your feet, sing along and have a barn of fun as this unique group performs old favorites and originals that will become favorites. The Monkeys are returning for their fourth fun performance at the library. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.
North Ridgeville Story Times

North Ridgeville Book Discussions

Wednesday, January 6; February 3; March 2; 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.

Wednesday, January 13; February 10; March 9; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion

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

Monday, January 18; February 21; 2 p.m. - 3 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.

North Ridgeville Computer Programs

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

Thursday, January 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, March 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 17; 2 p.m. - 3:30 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 do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 21; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 18; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More

Come and learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable and/or streaming magazines, 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 devices. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 28; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 10; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows operating system works. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursdays, January 21, February 11, 28, March 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time

A toe-tappin’ story time to familiarize the little ones 2 to 3 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.

Monday, March 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

March 8; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Spring Craft Fun

Kindergartners through fifth-graders, join us for a hopping good time as we make a special spring-inspired craft. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 15; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Teen And Tween Alienplant Party

Have your inner truth and courage tested by Candor and Dauntless, find your inner balance with Amy, nerd out with Erudite, or test into more than one faction – be Divergent! Kindergartners through fifth-graders and up, celebrate the much-anticipated theater release of the third movie with Divergent-themed games and activities. Preregistration required.

Friday, March 18; 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, March 22; 10:30 a.m. - noon

Peeewee Picassos

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Peewee Picassos are invited to help us make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 26; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Minecraft Party

Don’t be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that’s sweeping the world. Kindergartners through fifth-graders, come and enjoy an afternoon of Minecraft-themed fun and games. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Movie And Popcorn

Families are invited to enjoy a recently released and much-anticipated PG or G-rated film. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 31; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

LEGO® Fun Day

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Tune Stompin' Twos - Story Time For 2-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 7:15 a.m. - noon

Wiggin' 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, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 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. Make a part of your Monday night bedtime routine. Children may come dressed in their pajamas ready to enjoy a bedtime story. Children may go into the story room alone or with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7; 6:45 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.

Tuesdays, January 26; February 23; March 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information visit us at: LorainPublicLibrary.org
January

Friday, January 1
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for New Year’s Day.

Monday, January 4; 6 p.m.
Teen Game Night
Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 7; 6 p.m.
Kids Science Night - Owl Pellets
If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and you love science, this is the program for you! Join us as we learn all about owl pellets, and break open a real owl pellet to see what’s inside. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 18; 6 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
With The Body Of Christ Choir
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we will come together and have your spirits lifted by gospel music performed by Lorain’s own Body of Christ choir. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 21; 6 p.m.
Cooks Corner - Stuffed Cabbage
Do you like stuffed cabbage? Join us as we explore how to make authentic Ukrainian holubtsi during this tutorial and sampling session. Preregistration required.

February

Monday, February 1; 6 p.m.
Kids Movie Night
Join us for a showing of a kid-friendly movie at the library. Outside snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Please call for the movie title. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 4; 6 p.m.
Three Bodacious Women - A Black History Month Theatrical Production
Three Bodacious Women is a readers theater program performed by Joane Eibridge. It includes songs, chants and words of wisdom from three African-American women - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Shirley Chisholm. The audience will experience defining moments of the American civil rights movement. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 11; 6 p.m.
Teen Game Night
Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 15; 6 p.m.
Teen Craft Night
Sixth-graders and up are invited to come and make your own sugar scrub and lip gloss. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 18; 6 p.m.
Cooks Corner - Cupcake Decorating
Transform plain cupcakes into beautiful baked goods with these simple, hands-on decorating tips and tricks. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 23; 6 p.m.
African And African-American Art 101
Recognize Black History Month by learning what makes art, Jason Trimmer, the Eric & Jane Nord Family Curator of Education at the Allen Memorial Art Museum in Oberlin, will discuss the importance and significance of African and African-American artwork. Many of the works that Jason will talk about are currently on display in the museum’s permanent collection and temporary exhibition galleries. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 27; 6 p.m.
Dazzle your mind!
Preregistration required.

March

Wednesday, March 2; 6 p.m.
Dr. Seuss Day
Families and kids of all ages are invited to celebrate one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. You will have a marvelous time playing Dr. Seuss-themed games and listening to his stories. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 3; 6 p.m.
Kids Science Night - Goopy Gross Experiments
If you are in kindergarten through fifth grade and you love science, this is the program for you! Join us as we use common ingredients to make slime, goop and bouncy balls. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 8; 6 p.m.
Sheffield’s Railroads And Interurban Trolleys
Dennis Lamont from the Sheffield Village Historical Society will present a history of the growth years of Lorain and Sheffield as seen through waterways, railroads, trolleys and industry. Learn how our city grew from a wooded, mosquito infected spot on the Black River to an industrial giant that produced steel mills, iron furnaces and steel ships. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m.
Trivia Night
Teams will work together to answer trivia questions, win prizes and be crowned South Lorain Branch Library trivia champion. Bring your own team or come alone and join one. Fun for the whole family! Preregistration required.

Monday, March 14; 6 p.m.
Cooks Corner - Pi Day
Math enthusiasts all over the world celebrate pi on this numerical holiday. Join us for a pi-cknik-style celebration of sweet and savory pies.

Sunday, March 27
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for the Easter holiday.

Monday, March 28; 6 p.m.
Teen Game Night
Join us for our monthly game night where you can explore new games and play classic favorites. Preregistration required.

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South Lorain Exercise Programs

Tuesdays, January 5, 19; February 2, 16:
March 1, 15, 29; 6 p.m.
Zumba
Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to hot beats.

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27:
February 3, 10, 17, 24; 5:30 p.m.
Yoga
Join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Pre-registration required.

Volvo Rinpoche. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

Breakfast With Buddha

South Lorain Chess Club

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24;
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4 p.m.
After School Chess Club
Eating all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Pre-registration required.

Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to hot beats.

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South Lorain Computer Programs

Saturday, January 9; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
eMedia
Come learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Pre-registration required.

Friday, January 15; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, January 23; 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. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 6; 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. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 20; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
eMedia
Come learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 27; 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. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, March 5; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Introduction To Social Media
Learn to use Facebook and Twitter. Discover how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, March 12; 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. Pre-registration required.

Friday, March 18; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
eMedia
Come learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Pre-registration required.

South Lorain Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 19; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Murder On The Orient Express By Agatha Christie
In this classic, detective Hercule Poirot solves the crime in which an American is found dead in his compartment on the famous passenger train, stabbed a dozen times with his door locked from the inside. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

Tuesday, February 16; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, And The Search For A Legendary Pirate Ship By Robert Kurson
Fast paced and filled with suspense, fascinating characters, history and adventure, Pirate Hunters is an unpulldownable story that goes deep to discover the Golden Fleece, the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Barnister. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

Tuesday, March 15; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Pace Book Discussion - Breakfast With Buddha By Roland Merullo
In this humorous, poignant, breezy and affecting novel, confirmed skeptic Otto Ringeling finds himself traveling cross-country with Siberian monk Volvo Rinpoche. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library’s circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.

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Avon Branch Library Now Offering Special Needs Programming

Lorain Public Library System’s Avon Branch will now provide programs specifically designed for children with special needs and their families. Starting this winter are sensory story times, engaging music programs and informational sessions.

“We want everyone in Avon to feel like they belong at their library,” said Avon Branch Librarian Supervisor Donna Kelly.

Parents told us their children with special needs often feel overwhelmed at the regularly occurring library story times. There may be too many children or too much stimuli. They would like to see programs specifically geared to their children’s needs. They’d like programs where their kids can feel comfortable and flourish.

Christine Phelps, Avon Branch library associate, will lead Sensory Story Time once a month. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. The special needs story times are set up for a smaller group size so each child may receive personalized care.

Working with special needs children is rewarding and Phelps is looking forward to it.

“You get this great experience with the kids, and they are so wonderful,” Phelps said. “The children are so happy and have fantastic attitudes. They love to see you and are so excited,” she said, referring to her previous experience with special needs programming at a summer camp.

Each story program will finish with social time for parents to play with their kids, and for parents to connect with other parents and share resources.

“We want parents to know this is a comfortable place to bring their children,” Phelps said. “This is a good way to introduce their children to story time without worrying about what other parents are thinking or what other kids are doing.”

In addition to story times, here’s what you can expect this winter.

• Musical Toolbox is a fun and engaging monthly music program presented by a board certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center.

• Speech therapists from Mercy Rehabilitation Services will share techniques to maximize your child’s reading experience. Intended for the parents of children 3 through 5 years of age, the session will cover how to enhance speech and language abilities, and vocabulary through books.

• Therapists from Mercy’s outpatient rehab team will guide you in the fun ways to encourage your child, from birth to 3 years old, in all levels of development - from crawling to walking, talking and fine motor activities.

See the dates and times of the special needs programming in this newsletter. Preregistration for these programs is required online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Avon Branch at 440-934-4743.
Staff Praise for Our eLibrary

The eLibrary is awesome when you’re stuck in a waiting room. You can find a great title on Axis 360, download it on the spot and start reading immediately. I was also really happy when I helped a high school student who was looking for a book he needed that night. I showed him how he could download it right that minute, free on his phone.”
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– Lynda Burkhardt, Columbia Branch Library Assistant

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See a breakdown of the eLibrary on the inside front cover of this newsletter.