Meet Our New Director

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz became the new director of the Lorain Public Library System in the fall. She comes from the Cleveland Public Library where she worked since 2004, first as a librarian to her latest position as director of strategy and innovation.

Vision
Anastasia believes effective libraries have four qualities:

- They are highly intertwined with and responsive to their communities.
- They promote learning.
- They constantly innovate by seeking staff and user input.
- They provide positive, human-to-human library experiences.

Anastasia wants the public to continue to see our library system as a valuable, educational place for everyone.

Community
Anastasia is very eager to get to know our local communities. She says their diversity is promising for the system and is also what attracted her to this position.

“Lorain Public Library System serves everything from rural to urban communities. That’s exciting. There’s so much opportunity.”

She wants to learn all about the library’s current partnerships and involvement in the local communities, and take it further. She’s enthusiastic about celebrating the local cultures and history at the library.

Learning
Lorain Public Library System’s commitment to lifelong learning also appealed to Anastasia.

“The same way people think about libraries for story times and childhood literacy, I’d like for the community to see the library as a place for skill building and adult literacy – whether that’s computer, financial, job searching or other skills.”

Memories
As a first-grader, she loved to read and visit the Rockport Branch of the Cleveland Public Library with her parents and younger brother. She still fondly remembers the librarian who motivated her to read at a higher level – to tackle third-grader books.

“It was that idea that this person is invested in my future. That she recognized that I wanted to learn more.”

Now she wants to provide those same positive library experiences for other children, teens, adults – for everyone who visits the library. She said those positive experiences are transformative.

“You’re never going to connect with someone unless you connect with them emotionally. When people visit the library, that should always be our goal – to make it positive for them.”

Welcome Aboard, Anastasia!
Learn more about Anastasia’s life outside of the library on the next page.
Watch Educational Videos On Demand

Learn to bake with Julia Child, see the best of Europe with Rick Steves, work out with Jeanette Jenkins, and enjoy the Frank Sinatra Show with Bing Crosby and Dean Martin!

Lorain Public Library System is now offering Access Video where you can watch thousands of streaming documentaries, classic and indie films, and educational videos, on a variety of topics such as travel, health, business, science, math, arts, technology, world languages and careers.

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org and click on eLibrary to find Access Video.

With over 25,000 titles and more being added every month, you can learn about America’s ice age, Earth’s most deadly creatures and their venom, the history of language, basic sewing techniques, and how to take stunning photos. Watch a documentary on how and why we reached epidemic levels of diabetes, obesity and even sugar addiction. See a debate on genetically modified food. Even enjoy indie films.

Access these videos inside the library or remotely from any location with internet access, anytime you choose!

Access Video Features

• Over 25,000 videos, including documentaries, classic and indie films, and instructional clips
• Unlimited, simultaneous, 24/7 on demand access inside our libraries or off site
• Closed-captioned selections with interactive transcripts
• Scene selection for long videos
• Optional account setup providing personalized folders

Fun Facts About Our New Director

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz is a proud soccer mom. She and her husband, Emilio, have a 9-year-old daughter named Clementine.

Reading to her daughter is one of her favorite pastimes. They’ve read the How to Train Your Dragon series and she can’t wait to read the Harry Potter series with her.

She prefers to read physical books over eBooks. “There’s just so much distraction when you’re on many devices. With a printed book, you can get lost in it much easier.” She also said there’s one thing we can be certain of: Printed books will always be around! “That’s a future we can all bet on. There’ll still be printed books.”

Her four-legged furry friends include two cats and a rescue dog.

Currently living in Lakewood, she’s looking forward to listening to audiobooks on her commute to work.

She volunteered in AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) in Seattle.

Anastasia hasn’t bought jam in about three years. Why? Because she makes her own! Favorite foods? Cheese, ice cream – all dairy really.

Her favorite sports teams include the Cleveland Cavs.

She’s in tune.
She used to play the saxophone, bassoon and piano. Now her daughter is learning the piano.
Dazzle your mind!

January 1, 2017
Lorain Public Library System Closed

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Tuesday, January 10: noon - 1:30 p.m.
Healthy Weight Loss For A New Year
Come view a variety of documentary films that share recent nutritional research findings about healthy ways to lose weight. Learn about low carbohydrate eating plans. Discover why you eat as important as what you eat. Find out why the low fat, high carbohydrate eating plans from previous decades have not worked and have actually led to high obesity rates and an epidemic of Type 2 diabetes around the world. Be informed about the real food movement that teaches about the hazards of the standard American diet (SAD) and its reliance on processed foods. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, January 12: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Book Sale Preview For Lorain Friends Members
Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening.

Friday, January 13: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, January 14: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, January 16: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, January 17: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Book Sale
The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc.

Tuesday, January 17, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Pokémon Hunt
Do you like Pokémon? Then join us at the library for our first ever Pokémon party and scavenger hunt! After games and snacks, we’ll search the library for your favorite Pokémon pals. Gotta catch ‘em all – they’re everywhere! Ages 8-18. Pre-registration required.

Monday, January 23: 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernie Hernandez, Duelist and organizer, for open play time. He will share his knowledge of the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME. Open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Advanced Format. Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Jan. 23. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, January 24, noon - 1:30 p.m.
Healthy Weight Loss For A New Year
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Tuesday, January 24, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Anime And Manga Club
Hello, otakus! Join your fellow fanatics and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture and more. 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 fans from 13 to 18 years of age. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, January 25; 6 p.m. - 6:45 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. Pre-registration required.

February 1, 2017
Wednesday, February 1; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Parachute Play
Join us for a high-energy, fun-filled evening of movement, music, and songs using our big, colorful parachute! This program is for children ages 3 to 6 with a caregiver. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 4; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Let’s Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language
Do you want to practice your English-speaking skills? Do you want a class that does not cost money? Do you want a class with no homework? If this sounds like what you are looking for, then this is the class for you. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, February 4; 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Three Bodacious Women
Three Bodacious Women is a readers theater written and compiled by Joanne N. Eldridge that captures the essence of three bodacious ladies – Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Shirley Chisholm – who were instrumental in the civil rights movement. It is an interactive presentation with singing and thought-provoking dialogue. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, February 7; 5 p.m.
Tween Tuesdays
Introducing Tween Tuesdays! Join us for fun, gross experiments, as well as games and activities that will make you laugh, squelch and squirm while you learn something new. For all curious children ages 8 to 12. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, February 8; 6 p.m. - 8 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. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, February 14; 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 14; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
LEGO® Batman Night
Follow the Bat-Signal and join us for an evening of simple crafts and activities to celebrate our favorite LEGO® superhero! For families with children of all ages. Pre-registration required.

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Saturday, February 25; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Carnival Day At The Library!
It’s carnival day at the library! Bring the whole family for a day of carnival games, crafts and prizes! Snacks will be provided throughout the day, and community partners will be available to provide health care and educational information, as well as sign-ups for county services. Sponsored by the Bold Beginning Community Engagement Pilot.

Tuesday, February 28; noon - 1:30 p.m.
Healthy Weight Loss For A New Year
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March 1, 2017
Saturday, March 4; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 7; 5 p.m.
Tween Tuesdays
Introducing Tween Tuesdays! Join us for fun, gross experiments, as well as games and activities that will make you laugh, squelch and squirm while you learn something new. For all curious children ages 8 to 12. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, March 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show
Come view a variety of documentary films that share recent nutritional research findings about healthy ways to lose weight. Learn about low carbohydrate eating plans. Discover why you eat as important as what you eat. Find out why the low fat, high carbohydrate eating plans from previous decades have not worked and have actually led to high obesity rates and an epidemic of Type 2 diabetes around the world. Be informed about the real food movement that teaches about the hazards of the standard American diet (SAD) and its reliance on processed foods. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration required.

March 9, 2017
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Tuesday, January 3
Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting
Come to the Friends of the Avon Library meeting and find out what we’re all about. We are always on the lookout for new members to help support our mission.

Wednesday, January 4
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Lunch and Learn: Learn to crochet from the very basics. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going in this two-part series for beginners ages 10 through adult. Bring a size H or I crochet hook.

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6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Teen Author Night
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 confidence through writing practice and listen to our speakers talk about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Sunday, January 8
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Local Author Night
Featured author for the evening will be the editor, publisher and co-founder of The Avon Branch Literary Review. She will discuss the creation, history and scope of the literary magazine and then take questions from the audience. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 9
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Homemade Yeast Bread And French Butter Biscuits
This is a basic class that will cover yeast, different kinds of flour, bread machines and flavored butters. Everyone will get a chance to taste three great breads that are foolproof and easy to make along with yummy flavored butters. Plenty of recipes and tips for the beginning or advanced baker. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Anime Night
If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! We’ll enjoy some anime watching, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 11
5:30 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 smog, take wounds and more. Don’t miss out on these fun STEM experiments that explore the grossness of the human body. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Board Of Trustees Meeting
Lorain Public Library System board of trustees at the Avon Branch.

Friday, January 13
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friends Of The Avon Library Annual Meeting
The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local adult artists. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the Library on March 2 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 14
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Playdate At The Library
Bring your child to the library for a playdate! Meet up with other parents and their little ones for a fun time playing with toys, reading books and listening to music in our meeting room. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Sensory Art Studio
Volunteers from Therapy Dogs International along with their animals will join us for a very special story time. Pre-K and school-age children will learn all about the jobs of different therapy and service dogs, take part in a puppy read along and make fun doggy crafts. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 15
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Coping With Scratch
Kids and their parents of all grade and a parent can have fun learning basic coding skills as a creative team. We will use MIT’s Scratch website to learn basic building blocks for computer design and get you started making interactive stories, games and animations. Parent does not need to register, just attend with your child. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, January 18
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Musical Toolbox
 Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is coordinated by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Groupies will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 11
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Families Art Studio
Join us in our art studio designed for children with special needs, ages 7 through 12, where we will focus on sensory integration and make a relaxed and supportive environment. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Monday, February 27
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Local Author Night
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March

Thursday, March 1
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friends Of The Avon Library Adult Art Show Reception
You are cordially invited to a reception for the March art show featuring local adult artists. Artists, patrons and friends are all welcome. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

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Wednesday, March 1
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Coding With Pizza
Pizza is key at this hands-on workshop presented by the Avon Branch Tech Club. Seventh through 12th-graders, learn the basics of Python programming based on ordering pizza. Write your own code and do, and we’ll keep them out all week just for you!

Saturday, March 4
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Saturday Book Sale And Preview
The book sale preview will run from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Admission to the preview is free and reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview, and run through Saturday. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Monday, March 13
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dementia Care Training
This free program presented by the Alzheimer’s Association is for both family and professional caregivers who provide care to those with dementia-related diseases. It provides an overview of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, teaches effective communication techniques, gives ideas on how to engage those with cognitive problems, and provides strategies for managing challenging behavior. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, March 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Be Our Guest: A Rap & The Beast Tea Party
Celebrate the release of the new movie and be our guest at a ballet and the Beast tea party! Pre-K and school children, bring a grown-up to party in our fairy-tale castle. Make an enchanted rose, play magical games and snack on scrumptious tea party treats. Don't forget to arrive dressed in your finest party clothes. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Intro To Beekeeping
Join us for an introduction to beekeeping as a local beekeeper shares his knowledge about the rewarding hobby and shows what he works with, including a hive and some of the honey he cultivates. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Writers Group
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Saturday, March 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Senior Reading Buddies
Granny Wraps, a good book and some homemade cookies - What more could a child want? Local seniors will read to your little ones or listen to young readers read to them. So bring your children in for this cozy morning program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 25; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Rainbow Fairies Party
Join us at the library for an afternoon of fairies, flowers and fun! Enjoy fairy-related games, crafts and some light refreshments. Fun fairy dress up is encouraged! Perfect for children ages 3 to 12. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Excel For Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, 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.

Monday, January 16; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
eMedia
Come learn how to use the library’s access to 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 use online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 6 p.m. - 8 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.

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Friday, February 10; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tech Talk - Getting Started with Social Media
Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet and anything else-technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 10; 2:30 p.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Introduction To Social Media
Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Friday, March 3; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
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Monday, March 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Manage Photos From Cloud
Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Books For Cooks - A Mystery Book Discussion
Adults and teens, pick up your copy of a special mystery book, chosen by library staff, and then join us for an exciting discussion. Books will be available starting Dec. 7.

Tuesday, January 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - Open Read
Read a book of your choice and come to participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to share the group. New members are welcome.

Wednesday, January 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Books For Cooks - A Cookbook Discussion
Join us for an evening of cookbook discussion. Bring a copy of your favorite cookbook and come prepared to tell us all about it. Feel free to bring food samples as well!

Tuesday, February 28; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - The Invention Of Wings
By Sue Monk Kidd
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

Monday, March 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Great Lakes Ladies
Learn about some special ladies. Abigail Becker rescued over four sailors at Long Point, off the north shores of Lake Erie. Fourteen-year-old Millabee Mason saved a man from drowning by the Mamajuda Island Light in the Detroit River. Harriet Colfax manned the Michigan City Lighthouse for more than 40 years. Come enjoy a presentation by Eden Valley Enterprises.

Wednesday, March 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Painting With A Plot
Adults and teens, come to the library for inspiration to make an original artwork. Create a painting based on a poem or short story read by our staff. You are welcome to bring your own art supplies or use what we have, including basic acrylic paints, paintbrushes and canvas paper. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Builders Club
Use your imagination and see what you can build. We will have lots of LEG® blocks for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 7; February 4; March 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sensory Story Time
Join us for a program designed specifically for children with special needs and their families. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. Get ready to have fun at the library! Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, January 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1
Tuesdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2
Preschool Story Time
Tell, 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.

Tuesdays, January 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Session 1
Tuesdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Session 2
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.

Thursdays, January 26; February 2; 9, 16, 23; March 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 1
Thursdays, March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 2
Baby Bounce And Rhyme Story Time
Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, 6 through 23 months old. We will encourage early literacy development and parent-child interaction through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, January 26; February 2; 9, 16, 23; March 2; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 1
Thursdays, March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 2
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 up, pre-readers all while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

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January

**Monday, January 2**
Library, 2nd Floor - System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed on January 2, 2017.

**Monday, January 9:**
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**StoryTime + Tea** 6-12 year olds  
Join us for tea and stories with a twist. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 14:**
11 a.m. - noon  
**Family Pizza And Movie Night**  
Join us for a family dinner and a family friendly movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, January 17:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Teen Writing Workshop**  
Have you ever wanted to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen or laptop and type? 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.

**Monday, January 23:**
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Little Artists - Pablo Picasso**  
Bring the whole family to enjoy a painting and create their own Picasso-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, January 25:**
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**DIY - Glass Bead Candleholder**  
Participants must bring their own 8 oz. canning jar. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, January 26:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Family Pizza And Movie Night**  
Bring the whole family to enjoy dinner and a family friendly hit movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

February

**Tuesday, February 7:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Columbia Writers**  
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**Wednesday, February 8:**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Family Pizza And Movie Night**  
Bring the whole family to enjoy dinner and a family friendly hit movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Monday, February 13:**
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Senior Coffee Hour - Trivia Contest**  
We are hosting a monthly senior coffee hour in our meeting room. Join us for coffee, light refreshments and a trivia contest. Each month a different topic of discussion, event or presentation will be chosen. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, February 18:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Coloring For Grown-Ups**  
Enjoy coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Monday, February 20:**
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Lego Club**  
Join us for an interactive game night! Build something new or bring something you’ve made at home! All ages are welcome. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, February 22:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Columbia Writers**  
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**Saturday, February 25:**
11 a.m. - noon  
**Little Artists - Alexander Calder**  
Our little artists will look at the work of Alexander Calder and create their own sculptures to take home. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.

March

**Thursday, March 9:**
6:30 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.

**Wednesday, March 15:**
6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
**Leaping Leprechauns**  
Prepare your leprechaun bait and set the traps as we get ready to catch some leprechauns. For children ages 4 through 8. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, March 21:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Book Page Crafts**  
Adults join us at the library 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, March 27:**
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**DiY - Paint Chip Bookmark**  
Join us for a fun and delicious evening of candy making. All supplies provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, March 29:**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Future Citizens Program**  
Children will learn about the art of Pablo Picasso and then create a Picasso-inspired piece of art. This program is for children ages 5 through 9. Preregistration required.
Computer Programs

Saturday, January 7: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 14: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Excel For Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of using 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.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 3: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Light Between Oceans
By M.L. Stedman
Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23: 1 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - Our Souls At Night
By Kent Haruf
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 24: 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Book Discussion - Salt To The Sea
By Ruha Sepetys
Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to sit in and speak out at our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 28: 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, February 4: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Excel For Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of using 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 11: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Manage Photos From Cloud
Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer, and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Introduction To Excel II
Learn how to summarize data using the LOOKUP function in Microsoft Excel. Learn how to create charts for different categories of data, modify data in a chart, format charts and give charts a professional look. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Prerequisite for this class: Introduction to Excel or equivalent knowledge. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 11: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 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.

Monday, March 27: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 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.

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January

Monday, January 2
Lorain Public Library System Closed
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Monday, January 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
All About Tarot
Meet local tarot reader Victoria Kempton who will teach the basics of tarot. Gain an understanding of an age-old metaphysical practice, including the messages behind the cards and what to expect during a reading. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to register early as this program is sure to fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 7 p.m.
Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting
General membership meeting of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members are always welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale.

Thursday, January 12; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
Sixth through 12th-graders, here’s your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for the community. It’s also a nice addition to your personal resume! Stop in and fill out an application or come to a meeting and check it out.

Thursday, January 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Anime Night
Moshi moshi! Sixth through 12th-graders, join the library and your fellow tomohawks and enjoy anime. Over the course of the series, we will view a variety of shoes while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shojo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Women Of The Civil Rights Movement
In celebration and remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., join the library to learn about the courageous and inspiring women of the civil rights movement! Welcome Joanne Eldridge, former director of the Lorain Public Library System, as she discusses the contributions of women during this important era of American history. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen National Popcorn Day
Teens! It’s National Popcorn Day and we’re going to celebrate by sampling various popcorn treats! We’ll also play popcorn-inspired games and watch cartoons. You may even learn some interesting popcorn facts! Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 21; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mau’s Library Luau
School-age children are invited to bring their ‘ohana (family) to this special tropical party! Mau, the legendary Polynesian demigod, is a here to fishermen and sailors, and especially to a young girl from Midunui Island and her pet rooster and pig. We’ll ignore the bluster outside to party down in our best island wear. Learn to hula, hone your navigation skills and listen to some music straight out of the South Pacific. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Movie Trivia Night
Calling all cinephiles! Visit the library to test your knowledge of memorable movie lines and scenes during our movie trivia night. Gather a team of friends and flex your gray matter to answer questions about all sorts of films, from classics to cult films, and of course big blockbuster hits! The team who wins will receive a cinematically thrilling prize! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night - Percy Jackson And The Heroes Of Domonkas
Join us for a special taste of Camp Half-Blood, the camp for demigod children from the world of Percy Jackson and the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan. Learn about the Greek and Roman mythology in the books, try your hand at some of the skills Percy and his friends possess, and use your own demigod skills to create a craft to take home! Percy has assured us that he will provide the blue treats and ambrosia. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
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 sharpen your writing skills and share ideas with other novice writers. Bring drafts of your work and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing. Preregistration required.

February

Saturday, February 4; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Snow Dog, Go! - Siberian Huskies And Sled Races
Warm up this winter with a Siberian husky! Everyone is invited to welcome the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland who will present the history of sled dog racing, which includes the heroic story of Balto and the Iditarod race. Also learn Balto’s local connection to Cleveland. Following the presentation, there will be a meet and greet with a husky, as well as a display of sled dog tools and accessories. Be sure to register early as this event will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, February 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
That’s Amore - Romantic Movie Night
February is “Love Your Library Month” and we’re offering to share some joy by showing a romantic film. View a classic story of love on the big screen - with surround sound! Afterwards, create a lovely valentine for that special someone. Be sure to join us for this light-hearted affair to remember. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, February 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Pizza Fest
Hey, teens! Come to the library to sample pizza from various pizzerias and help us determine the most flavorful local pizza! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
A Sweet Treat - Chocolate Tasting
Adults are invited to visit the library to celebrate a day of chocolate and love. There will be various samples of chocolate confections to try. While tasting, you’ll learn about how chocolate is made - from cocoa bean to candy bar! Satisfy your sweet tooth and be sure to register early! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, February 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night - Valentine Celebration
School-age children and their families are invited to listen to stories about all of the different types of love. Children will also enjoy themed activities, games and snacks! Preregistration required.
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Exercise Program

Saturday, January 7, 21; February 4, 18; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Zumba® Fitness And Fun
Jazz up your mornings by visiting the library for an energetic session of Zumba®! Dance and get fit as we sweat to lively Latin beats. Preregistration required.

Computer Program

Individual Technology Help
Call to schedule an individual one hour help session. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here! Call today!

Story Times

Monday, 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Toddler Story Time
Story time for children 18 months through 4 years old. Children will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Preregistration required.

January 9 - Snow People
January 16 - Safari Dreams
January 23 - Penguins To Polar Bears
January 30 - Groundhog Day
February 13 - Valentine's Day
February 20 - Castles And Dragons
February 27 - Birds In My Backyard
March 6 - Dinosaur Fun
March 13 - Green Is Great
March 20 - Tales Of Three
March 27 - Spring

Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 7; 6:30 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 each month’s 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. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
Adults, enjoy an upbeat and thought-provoking discussion of titles suggested by the group and Domonkas Branch staff. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 22; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Grow Your Own Medicinal Herb Garden
Now is the perfect time of year to plant your springtime garden. Visit the library and welcome master herbalist Mary Colvin who will teach the basics of starting a medicinal herb garden. Learn what herbs are best to grow locally and how these herbs can be used medicinally to promote better health. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Anime Night
Moshi moshi! Sixth through 12th-graders, join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime. Over the course of the series, we will view a variety of shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shojo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, March 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tales Of The Local Side - Stories From Lorain County
Adults, visit the library for a night of interesting and mysterious facts regarding Lorain County. Together we will explore tales of the strange and the unusual, and learn which local legends are actually true! Following the presentation, fans of local history and mystery are encouraged to share any stories of their own. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 12; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Pie Time, Excellent! - Pi(e) Day Bake-Off
Patrons of all ages are invited to the library for our third annual Pi Day Bake-Off! Feast on spectacular pie creations that pay tribute to Pi. Day, March 14. Then mark your ballot for the best pie of the day. It is numerically irrational, but well-rounded and delicious fun for everyone! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 14; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15; noon - 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 16; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, March 17; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Domonkas Friends March Madness Book Sale
The March Madness Book Sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. You’ll go mad for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more! Don’t miss it!

Tuesday, March 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night - Pi Day
It’s Pi Day! Here at the library, we love math as much as the next person, but we couldn’t pass up this opportunity to celebrate the other kind of pie as well! School-age children and their families are invited to this tasty celebration where we will sample stories about baking, baking, games, a craft and even a yummy pie treat! Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen St. Paddy’s Day Party
Sixth through 12th-graders, join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime. Over the course of the series, we will view a variety of shows while enjoying some tasty treats. Whether it is shojo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Board Game And Card Night
Teens in sixth through 12th grades, join us while we break out our collection of board games and playing cards! Go head-to-head with other participants to see who is the gaming master! Have a favorite arcade board game? Feel free to bring it in to share with the group. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 4; 4 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Great Lakes Theater Presents The Jabberwocky
Great Lakes Theater presents The Jabberwocky, a play inspired by Lewis Carroll’s poem. Meet Dodgson and Steve, two students who are bullied, but team up and journey to Tulgey Wood where they are asked to fight the fearsome Jabberwocky! This story is full of adventure, music and puppets. Following the presentation, enjoy a meet and greet with the cast! Register early for this family friendly story time with a good message. Preregistration required.

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Monday, March 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Domonkas Comic-Con
Attention patrons of all ages! Do you have a love of comic books, anime or another geeky fandom? Come to the library where we will celebrate it all with our own mini comic-con! Join in our cosplay contest, eat some nerdy treats and participate in fandom-themed games for excellent prizes! Cosplay encouraged but not required. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, February 18; 7 p.m. - 3 p.m.
A Not-So-Unfortunately Event
Children in grades K through five will explore the world of the popular juvenile fiction series A Series Of Unfortunate Events. Follow in the footsteps of Lemony Snicket and the Baudelaire children and investigate the mysteries of the library through games, crafts and more! Bring your shining shoes but look out for Count Olaf! Preregistration required.

Monday, February 20; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ohio Love Adult Craft
Celebrate your state pride with this unique craft dedicated to Ohio! Using a few simple materials, we will create a lovely string wall hanging that demonstrates your affection for your hometown as well as the Buckeye State! Preregistration required.

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Coloring For Grown-Ups
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze!
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. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 4; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bored Of Winter Board Games
Are you bored of winter? Come play some board games at the library! Drop in anytime between 6:30 and 8 p.m. to have some fun.

Friday, January 6; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Learners
Three 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.

Saturday, January 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser’s® Reading Buddies
Join Browser’s® Reading Buddies as we explore a fun and 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.

Monday, January 9; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Digital Photo Lab
Teens and teens are invited to learn tips and tricks to enhance digital photos and videos. Learn about photo editing with fun apps and websites. Feel free to bring your own cameras and devices. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups
Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. This is the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 14; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Game On - Video Gaming Fun
Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

February

Monday, February 6; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Express Yourself Emojis
Teens and teens, do you love using emojis to express yourself? Join us and make emoji-inspired crafts. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 11; 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Circuit Craft
Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you’d like to remake. Here’s your chance! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Sunday, February 12; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze!
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. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Sunday, February 12; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night
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.

Sunday, February 19; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups
Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

Sunday, February 26; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Game On - Video Gaming Fun
Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

March

Monday, March 6; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups
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March

Saturday, March 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser’s® Reading Buddies
Join Browser’s® Reading Buddies as we explore a fun and 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.

Tuesday, March 7; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Computer Coding
Teens and teens, join us to learn about computer coding! Make your own animations using the programming language called Scratch. Preregistration required.

April

Saturday, April 1; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Pizza & A Book Chat
Join us at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Saturday, April 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups
Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. 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.

Wednesday, April 12; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Sale
Open Box Sale! 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.

Saturday, April 15; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Little Learners
Three 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.

Saturday, April 22; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Digital Photo Lab
Teens and teens are invited to learn tips and tricks to enhance digital photos and videos. Learn about photo editing with fun apps and websites. Feel free to bring your own cameras and devices. Preregistration required.

Thursday, April 27; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lightening Lunch - Game Of Thrones Book Discussion

Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.
Dazzle your mind!

**Computer Programs**

Monday, January 16: 6:30 p.m. - 8 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 free 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.

Monday, January 23: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**For Beginners**  
Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, January 25: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Tech Tips**  
Bring your questions to this informal session about how to use library computer software and apps on your computers, tablets, eReaders or the internet. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with library staff members. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 26: 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**For Beginners**  
Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 30: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Internet For Beginners**  
Learn internet basics, online search tools and pointers for evaluating Web content. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 13: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Facebook And Twitter 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, February 20: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Word 2016 For Beginners**  
Learn the basics about Microsoft Word 2016, including the formatting and editing necessary for creating a basic document. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 27: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Tech Tips**  
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Story Times

**Story Times Sunday Series**

**Sunday, January 15:** 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Clara Barton Portrayed**  
**By Carol Starre-Kmeck**  
Learn little-known details about the life of Clara Barton, a Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross who lived from 1821 to 1912. Carol Starre-Kmeck will perform a special one-woman presentation in period costume that will bring this great personality to life. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

**Sunday, January 22:** 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
**Can't You Play Ball In A Skirt?**  
Produced by Eden Valley Enterprises, this program will tell the story of Alta Weiss who put herself through medical school playing semiprofessional baseball on a men’s team in the early 1900s. Alta was a star pitcher who began her baseball career in Vermilion, Ohio. Her story will be presented by Bette Lou Higgins. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

**Sunday, February 5:** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
**You Can't Play Ball In A Skirt!**  
Learn about jazz artists and their music through the 20th and into the 21st century with Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville. The main focus of this program will be to listen to sensational music from New Orleans to Kansas City. Jazz music was born in America but now has influence worldwide. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Sunday, February 12: 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/or Stream Movies, Magazines Or More**  
Learn how to use the library’s website to access free downloadable and/or streaming magazines, movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. Set 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.

Sunday, February 19: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Excel 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.

**Sunday, March 5:** 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**How to Buy Money on your grocery bill?**  
Rachel Krych, columnist with The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, will share tips and techniques on how to save money on your grocery bill. Preregistration required.

**Sunday, March 12:** 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
**The History Of Jazz Music**  
Learn about jazz artists and their music through the 20th and into the 21st century with Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville. The main focus of this program will be to listen to sensational music from New Orleans to Kansas City. Jazz music was born in America but now has influence worldwide. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

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Story Times

Monday, January 16, 23, 30: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6: 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.  
**Sittin' And Scootin' - Story Time For Babies**  
Stories, music and finger plays ideally 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.

Monday, January 23, 30: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6: 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.

Monday, January 16, 23, 30: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6: 11:30 a.m. - noon  
**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.

Monday, January 16, 23, 30: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6: 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time**  
A toe-tapping 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 jazzy crafts. Preregistration required.

Monday, January 16, 23, 30: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6: 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 us 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.

Tuesday, January 17, 24, 31: February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds**  
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 17, 24, 31: February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7: 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
**Fabulous Fours And Fives - Story Time For 4 And 5-Year-Olds**  
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 4 and 5-year-olds. Preregistration required.
January

Sunday, January 1 through Monday, January 2
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed on New Year’s Day and Monday, Jan. 2. All libraries will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Thursday, January 5; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Movie Night
Adults, join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. Liz Guikley of Pat Catan’s craft center will present this session. All materials will be provided. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 6 p.m.
Adult Winter Craft
Adults, join us for a kid-friendly movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages permitted. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, January 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Art Project - Peace Rocks
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A’s message of peace and love as a community by stopping in to paint a peace rock for us to display in the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Family Game Night
Families and kids of all ages, welcome to a gamer’s paradise! Come play a variety of family friendly games. Preregistration required.

Thursday, January 24; 6:30 p.m.
DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101 - What Makes Film Art?
Let’s watch and talk about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion. Preregistration required.

February

Monday, February 6; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Family Fun Time - Music Makers
Families and kids of all ages, join us for a fun-filled evening of crafting and playing your own musical instruments. Preregistration required.

Monday, February 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Family Fun Time - Cabin Fever
Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening exploring the past with a presentation from The Lorain County Historical Society about frontier living, then stay to do a frontier-themed craft. Preregistration required.

Monday, March 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Family Fun Time - Spring Fling
Families and kids of all ages, join us as we celebrate the return of spring with flower-themed activities. Preregistration required.

March

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5; 6 p.m.
Introduction To Meditation
Do you live in a fast-paced, stressful environment? Come see how meditation can help you achieve peace, joy and clarity in your life. Join instructor Masha Moor for this six-week group meditation series. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you’d like to meditate on the floor, please bring your own pillow, blanket or mat. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Adult Paint Night
Adults, painting experience not be necessary at this simple, stress-free session. Artist and Branch Librarian Supervisor Cheryl Grizzell will guide you in replicating the featured painting. Canvas, paints and brushes, as well as light refreshments, will be provided. Artists will take home their masterpieces. Wear appropriate clothing. Preregistration required.

Thursday, March 9; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mini Makers - Sew Cute
Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of crafting to sew your own felt stuffed animal. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 11; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Exercise Program

Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; 5:30 p.m.
Yoga For Beginners
Join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Preregistration required.

Computer Programs

Saturday, January 7; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Computers For Beginners
Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

Saturday, January 14; 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, January 21; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Manage Photos From Cloud
Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer, and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 18; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Individual Technology Help
Call to schedule one-on-one help during this two-hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

Friday, February 24; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Introduction To Windows 10
Learn to use Microsoft’s newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 11; 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. Preregistration required.

Saturday, March 18; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Individual Technology Help
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Saturday, March 25; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Word For Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 17; 6:30 p.m.
A masterfully recounted true story of danger, determination and discovery in the jungles of New Guinea during the final days of World War II. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.

Tuesday, February 21; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - The End Of The Affair By Graham Greene
In this classic set in London during and just after World War II, Greene examines the differences and similarities between love of self, love of another and love of God. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.

Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 p.m.
Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Evicted: Poverty And Profit In The American City By Matthew Desmond
Eviction is a cycle that hurts all parties involved including landlord, tenant and city. In this brilliant, heartbreaking book, Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the stories of eight families on the edge and, at the same time, illustrates a problem that is affecting cities across America. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.

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So You Want To Be A Writer

You can do it. It's not easy, but it's not as difficult as catching a unicorn either. When you’re struggling with whether or not you can be a “real writer,” just remember everyone has to start somewhere. It's not about getting published or having an overnight best-seller, and it's not about the big bucks you’re going to make as soon as your book hits the market. If you’re focusing on those things, you have a long and uncertain road ahead of you, and you might as well just try to catch a unicorn.

Here Are Some Tips To Help You As You Begin Your Writing Journey

1. Stop worrying about what it means to be a “real writer.”
   If you write, you’re a writer. This doesn’t mean, “I’ll be a real writer when I can quit my day job,” or, “I’m not a real writer because I haven’t made any money.” If you write and you do so regularly, you are a writer. Period.

2. To be a writer, you must actually write.
   Stop talking about how one day you’re going to write. Stop wishing you could do it, and just do it already. Put your butt in your chair and put words to paper. Lots and lots of words.

3. Don’t worry about the quality of your words … at least not yet.
   One day when you’re done with your draft, you will have to worry about this a lot, but right now is the time for fun and creativity. When you’re in the process of completing a rough draft, you need to aim for quantity. Do not work on a single sentence for an hour because it doesn’t sound pretty. That is the best way to never finish your story.

4. Silence your inner critic.
   You know that little voice in your head that tells you you’re not good enough, or you’re wasting your time, or that no one’s ever going to want to read this junk anyway … tell it to buzz off. The only little voices you should be listening to belong to your characters. They know what they’re talking about and they want you to finish your story even more than you do.

5. Treat your writing time as critical to your survival.
   You’re busy. Work, school, family, chores … the list never ends. But you must find time to write if you want to be a writer. For some that’s two hours straight, for others it’s a couple 15-minute segments throughout the day. Finding time may mean you have to give up two hours of The Big Bang Theory reruns every night, but if you’re serious about writing, you need to realize the importance of this one.

6. Don’t wait for inspiration.
   That muse you’ve heard of – the one who whispers in your ear and turns your ideas into perfectly formed sentences – forget about her. She’s busy. Inspiration is great, but most of the time you’re not going to feel inspired. And it doesn’t matter. The planets rarely align. You still have to put words on paper, even when you don’t feel like it.

7. Finish.
   You have to be relentless. Put words to paper every day if you can. When you have a finished story – and if you keep piling words on your page, it will happen – then the fun begins. Then you have something to work with, something you can polish and refine and share with the world.

Now go forth and write. I mean it. Stop what you’re doing and put some words on paper. I’d like to read them when you’re done.

Cheryl Grizzell, the author of this article, has been leading the writing group at the South Lorain Branch Library over the past six years. Find her writers group schedule along with other writing events throughout the system in this newsletter.
New Library eCard For Online Materials

Do you prefer getting your library materials online? Don’t have a library card yet? If this sounds like you, Lorain Public Library System’s new eCard is the way to go!

Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) is now offering an eCard — a library card for accessing online-only materials. Apply for your eCard online at LorainPublicLibrary.org.

From eBooks, electronic audiobooks, digital magazines, streaming movies and downloadable music to online classes, and exclusive information and research databases, LPLS offers many free materials and services online. Find materials for kids, teens and adults at LorainPublicLibrary.org using your computer, laptop, tablet or other mobile device.

Ready to get an eCard? It’s really a number — a bar code — that gives you access to LPLS’s online resources. No need to come into the library to apply for a physical card — apply for the eCard online. Your eCard number will be emailed to you.

To get an eCard, you must either live in Ohio, own property in Ohio, live in Ohio while attending school, or work in Ohio. You will also need a valid email address.

You do not need an eCard if you have a standard LPLS library card. Your standard card grants you all of the benefits of an eCard — and more!

FAQs

How long does it take to get an eCard?
You will receive an email with your eCard number within 72 hours.

What cannot be done with an eCard?
In order to do the following, you must upgrade to a standard library card:

- Check out physical items from the collection, such as books, DVDs and CDs
- Request items to be held for pickup using the online catalog

How do I upgrade to a standard library card?
You must apply in person at the library for a standard library card by providing:

- Your eCard number
- Valid photo identification
- Current, permanent address
- Date of birth

Can I have a standard library card and an eCard?
A standard library card will serve the same function as an eCard. A patron is only permitted either a standard card or an eCard. Online eCard applications will not be processed if you are already on file as a standard library card holder with LPLS or any other CLEVNET library.

How do I update my account information?
Contact the circulation department at your local LPLS library to update your account information.

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Lorain Public Library System
Locations/Hours

Main Library
351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ
M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avon Branch
37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011
440-934-4743
M, Tu, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Columbia Branch
13824 W. River Road North
Columbia Station, OH 44028
440-236-8751
M, Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; W, Th Noon-8 p.m.
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Domonkas Branch
4125 E. Lake Road
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
440-949-7410
M, Tu, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch
35700 Bainbridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039
440-327-8326
M, Tu, Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
(* Closed Sundays from May through September)

South Lorain Branch
2121 Homewood Drive
Lorain, OH 44055
440-277-5672
M, Tu, Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
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