

JANUARY-MARCH 2019



CONNECTIONS

PROGRAM GUIDE

There's
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like the library
this winter!
Your guide
of fun things
to do inside!





From the Director

Is there any better way to spend the winter months than curled up with a good book? As librarians, we certainly think diving into a book is a great way to pass the time. On page 28, you will find a list of books hand-picked by our staff. One of the recommended titles, "The Edge of Innocence" is by local author David Maraldi.

If you want to meet new people and talk about books, you will find a range of book discussions hosted at our libraries; check out the special feature on page two.

Over the last year, library staff have been busy renovating and updating the Main Library. Main Library turned 60 in 2017 and we are pleased to reintroduce the public to an old friend with updated technology, meeting rooms, collaborative spaces and more places for youth and adults to enjoy the library.

Lastly, the start of a new year is a great time to get going on the resolutions you have made. Did you resolve to exercise more? Check out Zumba or yoga at our branches.

Did you resolve to learn more? With your library card you can use Lynda.com or take a course through the library, all for free.

Our year is off to a great start. We hope yours will be, too.

We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Diamond-Ontiz

Director, Lorain Public Library System



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Book a Space

Looking for a place to host your next meeting? All of our branches have meeting room space available for public use. Please call your local branch for size, included amenities and availability.

Volunteer

If you've got some spare time and would like to volunteer with a fun group of like-minded library enthusiasts, join your local "Friends of the Library" group! The Friends groups meet a few times a year, host book sale fundraisers and sponsor several programs. For more information call your local branch or go to www.lorainpubliclibrary.org.

Lorain Public Library System Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1 • New Years Day

On the cover: 8 year old Robert C. O'Neill of North Ridgeville shares a story with labradoodle Teddy of Go Team Therapy Dogs during the Browser's Reading Buddies program at the North Ridgeville branch.

'Book' your winter with clubs and discussions

Katie Nix
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Lorain Public Library

No one's ever too old for story time at the Lorain Public Library System.

With a wealth of story times for children and families across the county, LPLS also has a wide variety of book clubs and discussions aimed at adults in each of its six branches.

Taking place at 12:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month, the Literary Lunch Break program at the North Ridgeville Branch gives adults a little midday breather to take in some librarian-read short stories and poetry while eating their lunch.

North Ridgeville Branch library associate Julie Marchand said the program covers a wide variety of genres and topics and the books are typically available at the library following the tasty time.

"What sets the Literary Lunch Break apart from other book discussion groups is that it's a live entertainment," she said. "We've used the Smart Board on occasion if we want to show pictures, maps or even short videos that bring our stories to life or provide a sense of time and place."

Marchand, who also runs the program along with the North Ridgeville Branch's adult librarian, Scot Allyn, said her favorite part is when the patrons really get involved with what she's reading aloud.

"I try to distinguish the different character voices and transport everyone to faraway places," she said. "There is nothing quite like getting the listeners to gasp, laugh or even cry when reading an incredible story aloud and going on this journey together."

At the Main Library in February and March, there will also be a read aloud program for ages 9 and older as library associate Amy Loch reads chapters each week from "Lord Brocktree" by Brian Jacques, a book from the "Redwall" Series.

"We're going to be reading four chapters in progression from a book every week for 8 weeks so if you miss a week or you're not here for the beginning you'll miss stuff," she said. "If students know they have to miss they can, of course, check the book out and catch up on the chapters at home but they'll miss the communal story-telling experience."

Loch said often times read-alouds are focused towards younger children but there is a significant body of research saying reading aloud to older children is also beneficial.

"One of the biggest reasons for this is that a student's decoding ability - that is, their ability to actually read words on paper - is usually lower than their receptive language and vocabulary skills," she said. "So, the average tween doesn't have the ability to decode for themselves the stories that actually interest them. Reading aloud to them helps them to stick with building their reading skill, reassuring them that the good stuff is coming."

Loch said something that sets this program apart is that there is also a separate session during the day for children that are homeschooled and since the "Redwall" book series spends a lot of time talking about food, kids can come in and eat foods from the book while listening to the story.

Another book discussion that takes a crack at cooking is the monthly Cookbook Club at the Domonkas Branch, run by branch manager Marleen Watling.

Watling said the group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and discusses the book and recipes that were tried.

"Most members bring a dish they prepared from the cookbook but that is not necessary," she said. "You do have to come prepared, however, to taste the items that others made. No one knows what anyone will bring, and it is lots of fun, especially when two people bring the same recipe - this rarely happens - and they both taste different," she said. "The discussions about the recipes, the changes that the chef made and sometimes the terrible failures all add to a lively time."

The Columbia Branch also has a similar book club that takes place at 6 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month.

There's also an opportunity for adults 21 and over to get their beer on while discussing various stories at the Avon Branch's Books and Brews program, held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27, at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road.

The Main Library also has a Books and Brews group that meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Speak of the Devil, 201 W. Fifth St., Lorain.

Avon Branch librarian Erika Bobka said this book club doesn't require preregistration ahead of time - just drop by the branch, pick up the book and show up to order some amazing food and drinks along with a great discussion.

"Books and Brews is very informal and laid back, and we sometimes read books that are a little edgier than titles a lot of book groups typically read," she said. "Also, because it takes place in a restaurant/bar, it is definitely a lot louder than your average book discussion, so be prepared to yell or talk loudly."

Bobka said she loves hearing what other people have to say about the books and leading the monthly discussion group is one of her favorite parts about the job.

Columbia Branch library associate Maggie Shullick echoed this, saying even if someone in her Evening Book Discussion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, absolutely hates the book it's interesting to hear the reasons as to why they disliked it.

"When I was little I would make my mom and grandmother read whatever I was reading just so I could talk about it with them," she said. "Throughout my life I've loved hearing other people's interpretations, experiences and impressions of the same book."

The Change of Pace Book Discussion, which takes place on the third Tuesday of the month at the South Lorain Branch, offers readers the opportunity to get outside of their comfort zone by reading and discussing something they wouldn't normally pick out for themselves.

"While the books chosen aren't necessarily controversial or difficult, they all ask their readers to broaden their horizons somewhere and look at things from a different perspective," branch manager Sam Lewis said.

For a full list of book clubs and discussions happening throughout January, February and March, visit LPLS's website at lorainpubliclibrary.org or through the program guides on the following pages. a

Adult

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

Line Dancing

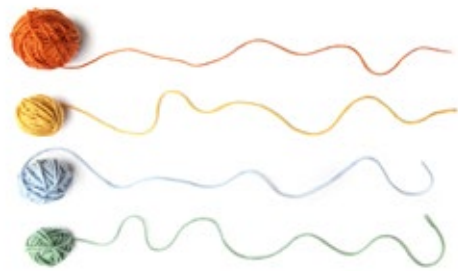
Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
6 to 7 p.m.

Line dancing to R & B and Soul Music, taught by Evelyn Henry, is a casual experience at the Main Library. Come to learn this new skill or practice what you already know and make new friends at the same time. **PRE REG**

Yoga for Beginners

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Adults, join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel.



Yarn Club

Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10 a.m. to Noon

Knitting/crochet instructor Valerie Dillard will teach and review the basic stitches of knitting and crochet. The Yarn Club is open to teens and adults. Beginners as well as those who have come to her previous classes are welcome to join the club. Yarn is provided for practice. Please bring knitting needles (size 9 or 10) or a crochet hook (size G or H). **PRE REG**



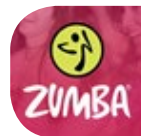
Job Help Mondays

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
2 to 4 p.m.

Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the library's free drop-in sessions. Learn how to compose and assemble your own resume, set up your own email account, attach your resume in an email to a job website, save your resume online, apply for a job online and set up your own account with online job websites. **PRE REG**

Zumba®

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
6 to 7 p.m.



Zumba® makes working out fun and effective! Join the Zumba® workout craze and shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats. **PRE REG**

Sewing Club

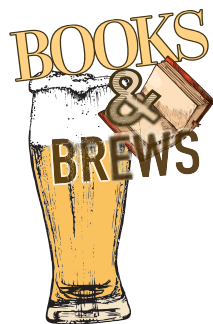
Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26
5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Learn hand sewing and sewing machine skills. A few sewing machines will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own portable machine. Bring your questions and sewing project ideas. Beginners and those with some background in sewing are welcome. **PRE REG**

Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 9; Feb. 13; March 13
1 to 3 p.m.

The Genealogy Club will learn research techniques and explore resources. Members will be encouraged to share their research successes and offer advice to others who are stuck. New and experienced genealogists are welcome. **PRE REG**



Books and Brews Speak of the Devil

Wednesday, Jan. 9
6:30 to 8 p.m.

"The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett

Wednesday, Feb. 13
6:30 to 8 p.m.

"Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah

Wednesday, March 13
6:30 to 8 p.m.

"The Ninth Hour" by Alice McDermott

Come and grab a cold brew and discuss some literature with library staff! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us at Speak of the Devil located at 201 W. Fifth St., Lorain. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. **PRE REG**

Internet for Beginners

Saturday, Jan. 12
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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 REG**

Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 15
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. **PRE REG**



Lorain Public Cinema

Thursday, Jan. 14
Noon - 3 p.m.

"My Man Godfrey"

Thursday, Feb. 14
Noon - 3 p.m.

"The Ghost And Mrs. Muir"

Thursday, March 21
Noon - 3 p.m.

"The Philadelphia Story"

Join us as we examine the effect of economic social and political history on the cinematic treatment of love, romance and couple-hood over three decades of classic film in this series. For adults film lovers ages 18 and up. **PRE REG**

Cozy Book Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 17
6 to 7 p.m.

"The Sign of Four" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Thursday, Feb. 21
6 to 7 p.m.

"Six Four:" A Novel by Hideo Yokoyama

Thursday, March 21
6 to 7 p.m.

"Crocodile on the Sandbank" by Elizabet Peters

Get ready to cozy up to some good mysteries and thrillers with this laid back book discussion. **PRE REG**

eLibrary

Friday, Jan. 18;
1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.



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. Learn how to take online courses for free. Use online resources to learn about light car repairs. Also learn about genealogy databases online. Find out how you can learn to play a music instrument using our online resources. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your devices. **PRE REG**

Selma: How One Dream Changed the World

Monday, Jan. 21
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a showing of Selma, the critically acclaimed film directed by Ava DuVernay, that documents the civil rights movement and the actions of Martin Luther King Jr. All those ages 13 and up are welcome to attend. **PRE REG**

Lorain Historical Society International City Project Oral History Initiative

Thursday, Jan. 24 • 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23 • 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 • 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

LHS is collecting oral histories about the cultural traditions and experiences of the people who live in Lorain. Participants will sit for a 30 to 45 minute interview with LHS staff at the Lorain Library. Please register in advance with LHS Project Coordinator, Jillien Zudell - 440-245-2563.



Introduction To Social Media

Thursday, Feb. 7
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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. **PRE REG**

Email for Beginners

Saturday, Feb. 23
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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 REG**



Underground Railroad - Lorain County Connection

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating Black History Month as Valerie Smith presents a program about Lorain County's connection to the Underground Railroad, which helped enslaved people find freedom. **PRE REG**

Internet for Beginners

Tuesday, March 12
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 REG**

Tech Help

Friday, March 15
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Email for Beginners

Monday, March 18
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 REG**

No Sew Sweater Skirt

Wednesday, March 20
6 to 7 p.m.

Join us in upcycling old sweaters into skirts. No sewing necessary. **PRE REG**

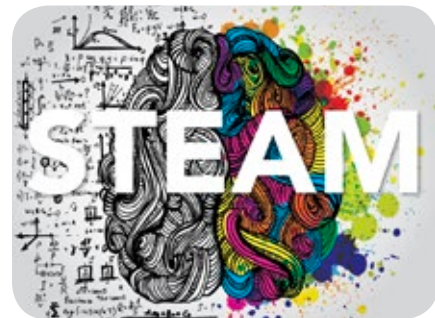
Introduction to Social Media

Friday, March 29
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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. **PRE REG**

Children

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Tuesday, Jan. 1



STEAM Club
Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
4 to 5 p.m.

Get ready for all things STEAM! We'll provide the materials and you provide the creativity as we explore science, technology, engineering, art and mechanics. All skill levels welcome. Intended for children ages ten and up. **PRE REG**

Family Story Time
Mondays, Jan. 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 18, 25
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Families with babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and a craft while developing important early literacy skills. **PRE REG**

Builders Club
Thursdays, Jan. 24; Feb. 21; March 28
6 to 7 p.m.

Use your imagination and see what you can build. We have lots of materials for you to use including magnetic tiles, Duplo and Keva blocks. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 and 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. **PRE REG**

Fourth of July in February
Wednesday, Feb. 20
6 to 7 p.m.

Warm up from the winter season with Fourth of July in February featuring fun crafts and activities! **PRE REG**

Kindergarten Readiness - Colors
Friday, Feb. 22
11 a.m. to Noon

Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands-on activity stations together. Focus on strengthening color knowledge and fine motor skills. For ages 4 and 5 with a caregiver. **PRE REG**

Food and Fun
Saturdays, Feb. 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
11 a.m. to Noon

Children and teens age 18 and under are invited to join us for a fun lunch, games, crafts, and other activities as we explore cooking, new foods, and fun ways to get moving on the weekend. Participants will also bring home a packaged set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their family. Only those who have registered may attend the program. **PRE REG**

Dragon Extravaganza
Tuesday, Feb. 26
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Celebrate the upcoming release of How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World with crafts and activities inspired by this magical beast. All ages welcome. **PRE REG**

Kindergarten Readiness All About Me
Friday, March 22
11 a.m. to Noon

Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school by building self awareness skills and establishing positive routines. Explore hands-on activity stations together and learn while you play. **PRE REG**



Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Tuesday, March 26
6:30 to 7 p.m.

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 Wednesday after 2 p.m. For children of all ages. **PRE REG**

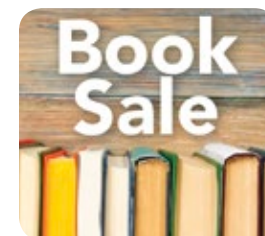
Family

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club
Saturdays, Jan. 5, 19;
Feb. 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30
2 to 5 p.m.



Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions. **PRE REG**



Book Sale Preview for Lorain Friends Members
Thursday, Jan. 10
5 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

Book Sale
Friday, Jan. 11; Saturday, Jan. 12
10 to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14; Tuesday, Jan. 15
10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 - Nickel Day
10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17 - Penny Day
10 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Cocoa and a Craft: Tealight Snowman
Tuesday, Jan. 22
6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us for cocoa and a craft as you make winter themed projects to take home. All ages are welcome, though all children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. **PRE REG**

Make and Take Valentine's Day Craft
Tuesday, Feb. 12
6 to 7 p.m.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and we have everything you need to create a dazzling handmade craft to show your family and friends. All ages welcome. **PRE REG**

Cocoa and a Craft: Sock Snowman
Tuesday, Feb. 19
6 to 7 p.m.

Join us for cocoa and a craft as you make winter themed projects to take home. All ages are welcome, though all children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. **PRE REG**

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Seuss-a-Palooza
Saturday, March 2
10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

What better way to let loose and be merry than to celebrate Seuss down at the library? There will be crafts and activities to stop in and do, and we'll keep them out all day just for you!



Cocoa and a Craft: Polar Bear Cupcakes
Tuesday, March 19
6 to 7 p.m.

Join us for cocoa and a craft as you make winter themed projects to take home. All ages are welcome, though all children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. **PRE REG**

Bubble Lady
Thursday, March 21
6 to 7 p.m.

Come and learn all about bubbles. Watch them multiply, do tricks and maybe even see a child put in a bubble. This entertaining program is for families with children of all ages. **PRE REG**

Teen

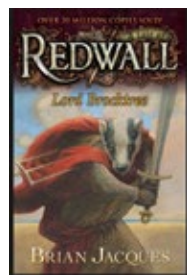


Anime and Manga Club
Mondays, Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 11, 25
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join your fellow fans and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture, asian music 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 all enthusiastic fans from 14 to 18 years of age. **PRE REG**

Redwall Read Aloud for Teens and Tweens - Homeschool Edition
Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;
March 4, 11, 18, 25
1 to 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we read a few chapters each week from the first book in Brian Jacques' acclaimed Redwall Series; "Lord Brocktree." There will be discussion and themed snacks! For those ages 9 and up. **PRE REG**



Redwall Read Aloud for Teens and Tweens
Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;
March 4, 11, 18, 25
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we read a few chapters each week from the first book in Brian Jacques' acclaimed Redwall Series; "Lord Brocktree." There will be discussion and themed snacks! For those ages 9 and up. **PRE REG**



No Sew Sweater Skirt
Wednesday, March 20
6 to 7 p.m.

Join us in upcycling old sweaters into skirts. No sewing necessary. **PRE REG**

Yu-Gi-Oh!



Open Play Time For Children and Teens

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 ages 8 to 18. Advanced Format. Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. **PRE REG**

Thursday, Jan. 24
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Registration opens Dec. 17

Thursday, Feb. 28
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Registration opens Jan. 24

Thursday, March 28
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Registration opens Feb. 28

Adult

Tech Help Appointments

Wednesday, Jan. 2

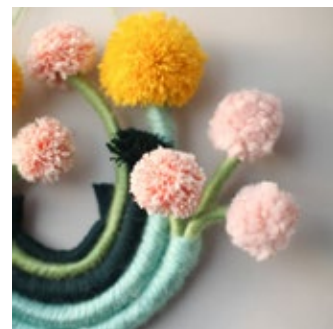
Need help setting up an email account or learning basic computer skills? Want to learn how to use our eLibrary of downloadable movies, books, music and audio books? Call (440) 934-4743 during regular library hours to schedule a one-on-one Tech Help session with library staff.

Friends of the Avon Library Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 3

7 to 8:15 p.m.

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.



Fiber Art Group

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11; Feb. 1, 8; March 1, 8
11 to 1 p.m.

Are you a knitter, crocheter, sewer, quilter, rugger or other type of fiber artist? Join us on the first and second Friday of each month to learn and share with each other. Bring your ideas, tools, and materials. All skill levels welcome.

Basic Crochet

Saturday, Jan. 5
1 to 3 p.m.

Learn to crochet starting from the very basics. Volunteer crocheters from the community will be on hand to help you get things going. Bring a size H or I crochet hook. We will provide yarn, but you can bring your own if preferred. Volunteers wishing to share their skills should call the library for more information. **PRE REG**

Local Bird Photography Display

Tuesday, Jan. 8 to Thursday, Jan. 31

To go along with our Backyard Birding Program, Amber Sooy will be displaying a selection from her beautiful collection of local bird photos. Amber is a Lorain County Resident who enjoys walking Ohio parks and taking pictures of things that capture her attention. Her photos will be on display through the end of January.



Backyard Birding 101

Tuesday, Jan. 8

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of attracting and identifying birds in your own backyard with Debbie Mohr of the Black River Audubon Society. **PRE REG**

Writers Group

Wednesdays, Jan. 16; Feb. 20; March 20

7 to 8 p.m.

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. **PRE REG**

PowerPoint for Beginners

Monday, Jan. 21

6 to 8 p.m.

Create dynamic presentations for any audience. Learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. **PRE REG**

Adult Book Discussion - Open Read

Tuesday, Jan. 22

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Read a book of your choice and come participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to show the group. New members are always welcome.

Books and Brews - Avon Brewing Company

Wednesdays, Jan. 23; Open Read

Feb. 27; "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande

March 27; "The Sell Out" by Paul Beatty

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a book discussion at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road in Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Read a book of your choice and come participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to show the group.

Senior Movie Matinee

Fridays, Jan. 25; Feb. 22; March 29

Noon

Join us at the library for a free matinee! This program is for adults.

Terry Pluto Talks Cleveland Sports

Tuesday, Jan. 29

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join Terry Pluto, author and sports columnist for the Plain Dealer, for an evening discussion of the good, the bad and the ugly of Cleveland sports. Terry Pluto is a nationally acclaimed author of 23 books, as well as an award-winning sports columnist who has won the Ohio Sports Writer nine times. **PRE REG**



Avon Oral Histories

Wednesday, Jan. 30

6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

What was it like growing up in Avon? Come share your story and listen to others as we discuss the Avon Branch Library's oral histories project. **PRE REG**

Vegan Recipe Swap

Wednesday, Feb. 20

6 to 6:30 p.m.

Do you have a great vegan recipe that you would like to share? Are you looking for new vegan recipe ideas? Come to our recipe swap! Come prepared to discuss a favorite vegan recipe and bring copies of the recipe to distribute. Feel free to bring a sample for tasting, though this is not required. This program is for adults. **PRE REG**



Start Talking! Rx Opioid Abuse

Monday, Feb. 25

7 to 8 p.m.

One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers? Learn how to safeguard your home through properly securing and disposing of medicine, recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse, and knowing how to start talking about the risks of abusing prescription medication. Presented by a Cleveland Clinic Caregiver. Recommended for adults only. **PRE REG**

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 26

"The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood"

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

"Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng"

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Grow Your Side Hustle

Wednesday, Feb. 27

6 to 8 p.m.

Thinking about starting a business? Learn tips and tricks on how to grow your side hustle. Whether you want to have a part time business or grow one to replace your full time job, this workshop will assist you with the tools to get started today. Presented by the Lorain County Community College Small Business Center. **PRE REG**



Project DAWN Training

Thursday, Feb. 28

7 p.m.

Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health. **PRE REG**

Friends of the Avon Library Adult Art Show

Friday, March 1

The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local adult artists. The art will be on display March 1 through March 30 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 4 at 7 p.m.



Friends of the Avon Library Adult Art Show Reception

Monday, March 4

7 to 8 p.m.

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.



Tragedy & Triumph: The 1920 Cleveland Indians

Wednesday, March 6

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It's 1920, the jazz age is in full swing, prohibition is the law of the land and the New York Yankees have just signed Babe Ruth. The Cleveland Indians have set their sights on the World Series title, but to get there they will need to overcome an unspeakable tragedy. Presented by local historian and master storyteller Dennis R. Sutcliffe. **PRE REG**

Book Sale and Preview

Thursday, March 7

5 to 8 p.m.

The book sale preview will run from 5 to 6 p.m. Admission to the preview sale is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens.

Book Sale

Friday, March 8 • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Excel for Beginners

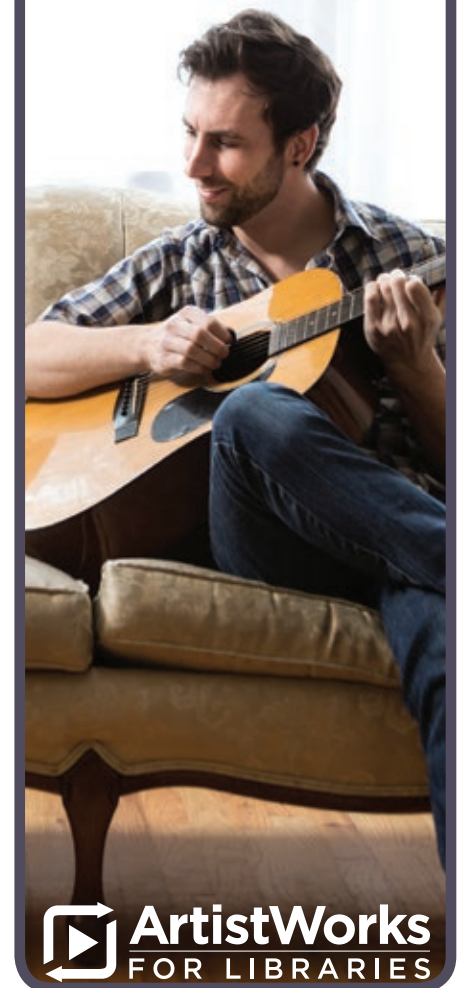
Tuesday, March 26

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Using Microsoft Excel 2016, the instructor will demonstrate creating spreadsheets, data input, simple formulas and layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. **PRE REG**

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Booking it for Fitness Walking Club
Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26;
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
11 a.m.

Looking to get a little bit of exercise and make new friends? Join the library's walking club. This group meets weekly at the library and makes use of the beautiful adjacent walking trail in the Columbia Township Park. Meet in the library's meeting room and grab a water bottle, which will be provided for your walk. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.



Trivia Time at the Library

Monday, Jan. 7; 10 a.m to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 8; 10 a.m to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9; Noon to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10; Noon to 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11; Noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12; 10 am. to 2 p.m.

Stop by the library and take a quiz to see what kind of movie buff you really are!

Waist Watchers

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Join in on our video led fitness activity for beginners. **PRE REG**

Southwest General Health Center Health Topics - Hearing Screening

Tuesday, Jan. 8
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Do you hear what I hear? Southwest General Health Center's Community Outreach nurse will be coming to the library monthly with a new program. Come this month for a hearing screening and get a sneak peek at the programs that are on the horizon. The nurse will have additional information for the services that are available in our area. **PRE REG**

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, • 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 "Behind Her Eyes"
by Sarah Pinborough

Feb. 5 "The Flicker Of Old Dreams"
by Susan Henderson

March 5 "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore"
by Robin Sloan

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. **PRE REG**



Genealogy Club

Thursdays, Jan. 10; Feb. 14; March 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Genealogy Club will learn research techniques and explore resources. Members will be encouraged to share their research successes and offer advice to others who are stuck. New and experienced genealogists are welcome **PRE REG**



Wednesday, January 16; 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
DIY Solar Air Heater

Learn how to make a solar air heater out of aluminum cans with a demonstration on how it comes together. Preregistration Required.

Crafty Adults @ the Library

Thursdays, Jan. 17; Feb. 21; March 21
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you a crafter, or would you like to be one? Join us at the library monthly to try new craft projects and make new friends. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PRE REG**

Introduction to Windows 10

Saturday, Jan. 19
10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. **PRE REG**



Cookbook Discussion

Thursdays, Jan. 24
6 to 7 pm.

Southern Living's Soups, Stews, and Chilis - Comfort food in a bowl by the editors of Southern Living

Feb. 28

America's Test Kitchen's Bread Illustrated- A step-by-step guide to achieving bakery quality results at home by america's test kitchen

March 28

Best Side Dishes Ever - Foolproof recipes for greens, potatoes, beans, rice and more by

Monica Sweeney

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. **PRE REG**

Chair Yoga

Fridays, Jan. 25; Feb. 22; March 22
3 to 4 p.m.

Come and join us for an hour. The first part will be 20-30 minutes of gentle chair yoga and then stay for a "spot of tea". We will be following along with a video during the yoga session. Check with your health care provider before participating in any exercise program. **PRE REG**

Manage Photos and Data in the Cloud

Saturday, Jan. 26
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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. Learn how to use Google Drive to work with and store files. **PRE REG**

Adult Book Discussion

Mondays • 1 p.m.

Jan. 28 "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin

Feb. 25 "The Atomic City Girls" by Janet Beard

March 25 "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. **PRE REG**



It's National Puzzle Day!

Tuesday, Jan. 29
10 a.m to 8 p.m.

Help us put together a puzzle at the library to celebrate National Puzzle Day!

Tech Help

Saturday, Feb. 2
10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. **PRE REG**

Southwest General Health Center Health Topics - Heart Health Month

Tuesday, Feb. 12
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

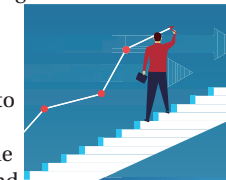
February is Heart Health Month. Know your numbers! Southwest General Health Center's Community outreach nurse will be here to conduct blood pressure and glucose screenings. **PRE REG**



The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 19
6 p.m.

Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.



Excel for Beginners

Saturday, Feb. 23
10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 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. **PRE REG**

Project DAWN Training

Wednesday, Feb. 27
6:30 p.m.

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overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health. **PRE REG**

Murder Mystery Dinner

Thursday, March 7
6 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of mystery and intrigue at the library as we solve a mystery together. Attendees have a chance to play key roles. Dinner provided. This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library Inc. **PRE REG**

Southwest General Health Center Health Topics - Vision Screening & Colon Cancer Awareness

Tuesday, March 12
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Do you see what I see? Southwest General Health Center's Community Outreach nurse will be coming to the library to offer vision screening and will have information available about colon cancer and cancer screening. The nurse will have additional information for the services that are available in our area. **PRE REG**

Word For Beginners

Saturday, March 16
10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

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. **PRE REG**

PowerPoint for Beginners

Saturday, March 23
10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Too Cold to go Outside?

Snuggle up with some **FREE** entertainment from the thousands of choices on **Access Video on Demand!** Access Video on Demand: Master Collection contains thousands of streaming documentaries, classic films and educational videos on a variety of topics such as travel, health and careers. Online at [lorainpubliclibrary.org/elibrary](https://www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/elibrary) then click on Access Video on Demand.



Children



Preschool Story Time

**Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29;
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26**
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with their caregivers. **PRE REG**

Toddler Story Time

**Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22;
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26**
11 to 11:15 a.m.

A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. **PRE REG**



Calling All Superheroes

Tuesday, March 5
11 a.m.

Get here in a flash dressed as your favorite superhero for SUPER fun and games. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PRE REG**

Popcorn & Movie

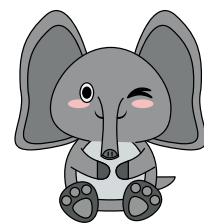
Friday, March 8
11 a.m.

Join us for popcorn and a SUPER flick. **PRE REG**

It's SPRING!

Tuesday, March 19
11 a.m.

Join in the fun of welcoming spring with stories, crafts, fun and games. For ages 2-5. **PRE REG**



Celebrate that Flying Elephant

Tuesday, March 26
11 a.m.

Come one, come all! Step right up for a big top celebration with the world's only flying elephant, Dumbo! For ages 2-5. **PRE REG**

Movie & Block Party

Friday, Feb. 8
3:30 p.m.

LEGO's® and a movie in the library! Enjoy a free build while watching a favorite LEGO® movie. **PRE REG**

Great Lakes Theater Presents: "Treasure Island"

Saturday, Feb. 16
10 a.m. to Noon

Fans of theater and pirate lovers of all ages, come to the library as we welcome Great Lakes Theater as they perform Treasure Island! Enjoy the swashbuckling adventure of Jim Hawkins as he searches the seas for Captain Flint's treasure. Full of action, music, and slapstick moments, Treasure Island is a play for the whole family! Be sure to meet and greet the cast after the production! **PRE REG**



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Saturday, March 2
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

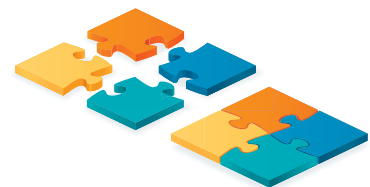
Join us for fun and games to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 115th birthday. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PRE REG**



Happy Birthday A.A. Milne!

Friday, Jan. 18
2 p.m.

Celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday with popcorn and a movie about his son, Christopher Robin and his beloved friends. **PRE REG**



It's National Puzzle Day!

Tuesday, Jan. 29
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Family

Happy Birthday A.A. Milne!

Friday, Jan. 18
2 p.m.

Celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday with popcorn and a movie about his son, Christopher Robin and his beloved friends. **PRE REG**



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, Jan. 21

Stop in during the library's open hours for crafts and activities to celebrate the legacy and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Popcorn & Movie

Friday, March 8
11 a.m.

Join us for popcorn and a SUPER flick. **PRE REG**

Build-A-Fort!

Saturday, March 9; 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Families & children may join us to build a life-size fort out of poles & bed sheets. **PRE REG**



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Teen

Teen CrafterNoon

Tuesday, Jan. 15; Feb. 19; March 19
4 a.m. to 5 p.m.

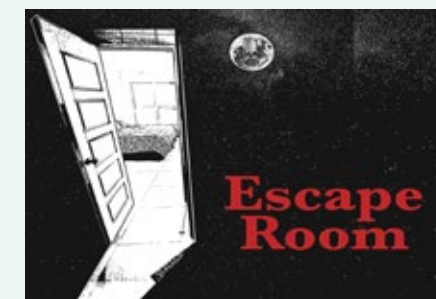
Teens, come to the library and flex your creative muscles by doing various craft activities. You'll get to take home your creations when you're done. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. **PRE REG**



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Tuesdays, Jan. 29
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Help us put together a puzzle at the library to celebrate National Puzzle Day!



Escape Room

Wednesday, Feb. 13
4 to 5 p.m.

Teens, the library Escape Room is back! Put your puzzle solving and code breaking skills to the test as you try to crack the unsolvable and mysterious lockbox. Scenarios and puzzles will be presented and groups will be challenged to solve the puzzles within set time limits. Can you solve the puzzle fast enough? **PRE REG**

Adult

A Month of Service

Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Thursday, Jan. 31
Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

All month the library will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through community service. We will provide open sessions of knitting and crochet, and then, at the end of the month the completed works will be donated to a local charity. Learn a new skill, meet new community members, and do something nice in honor of the holiday! Please call for further information.

Crochet and Knit

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 8, 22; March 8, 22
4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Adults are invited to join this friendly community group to share your crochet and knit time and your expertise. Bring your own project or help with a community endeavor. Exchange of knitting and crochet knowledge is highly encouraged! Some materials will be available for everyone but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Join the fun! **PRE REG**



A History of Medications

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

Medication has come a long way since its humble debut in 1898. Join the library in welcoming Tom Strong, local health educator as he guides us through medical history, discussing not only the evolution of medications, but also their impact in medical treatment and some of the scandal and side effects they have caused. Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



Cookbook Book Club

Tuesdays, Jan. 8; Feb. 5; March 5
6:30 p.m.

If you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Review this month's cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. We will discuss the book, share kitchen experiences and a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome.



Friends meeting with White Elephant Auction and Soup

Tuesday, Jan. 8
6:30 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Domonkas Library and the Cookbook Book Club for a general membership meeting and an evening with homemade soup and a white elephant auction. If you like, bring a wrapped item for the white elephant auction and join us for the fun. Members may renew their membership and new members are welcome to join. No registration required.

Small Business Series

Wednesdays, • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9; How to Start a Business
March 6; Create a Business Plan

Adults, this winter are you looking to start a new adventure in small business? Do you have an idea, but do not know where to begin? Then come to the library and join SCORE, a nonprofit that is dedicated in helping small businesses get their start! In January, learn the overview of how to start a small business, and then come back in March, to create a detailed business plan in order to make your business dreams a reality! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**

Zumba®!

Saturdays, Jan. 12, 19;
Feb. 9, 23; March 9, 23
10 to 11 a.m.

Patrons, are you looking to jazz up your mornings with an infectious dance? Then come to the library to break a sweat with Zumba! Have fun and get fit as we dance to Latin beats! **PRE REG**

Essential Oils 101

Mondays, Jan. 14; March 4; March 11
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Are you new to the world of essential oils and feeling a little overwhelmed? Then come to the library and join local expert Heather Crabtree as she dives in, and explains the properties of oils A through Z! Get an extensive history of plants, and find out what oils work best for you! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**

Guided Meditation

Tuesday, Jan. 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults, unwind from the daily grind and come to the library to learn guided meditation from instructor Deb Suarez. Learn relaxing techniques and come out refreshed and rejuvenated in preparation for the holiday season. **PRE REG**

An Evening of Service

Wednesday, Jan. 16
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Come to the library and help celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by joining in a night of community service. Learn how to knit or crochet, and then work with others on projects that will be donated to a local charity. Knitting and crochet supplies will be provided, but you are allowed to bring your own as well. Invest in the beloved communities of Dr. King's dream, and celebrate with service today. **PRE REG**



A.M. Yoga

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

Adults, are you looking for a way to relax during the fall? Then come to the library and join instructor Deb Suarez as we practice yoga. Learn how to unwind and have fun staying fit with this ancient Indian discipline. Please bring a towel or mat to class. **PRE REG**

Craven the Raven Celebrating Edgar Allan Poe

Saturday, Jan. 19
2 to 3 p.m.

January 19th marks the 210th birthday of America's father of gothic fiction, Edgar Allan Poe. Instead of staying home, reading a volume of forgotten lore, come to the library, nevermore! Learn of Poe's life, his literary influence, and how we celebrate his work of the macabre today. Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



Civil Rights Movie Night

Monday, Jan. 21;
6 to 8 p.m.

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the library with a Civil Rights Movie Night! Come in from the cold, and view an uplifting movie concerning and celebrating the man who brought hope and healing in America, as well as the Civil Rights Movement. Light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**

Adult Book Discussion

Mondays, Jan. 28; Feb. 25; March 25
7 to 8 p.m.

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! **PRE REG**

Domonkas Writing Group The Lakeview Pen

Wednesdays, Jan. 30; Feb. 20; March 27
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

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. **PRE REG**



Folded Between Pages Adult Valentine Craft

Monday, Feb. 4
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season of love at the library through this heartwarming book folding craft! Create a lovely heart shape through pages of romance novels, making a wonderful Valentine gift, or an adorable piece of decor! Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast. **PRE REG**



How Deep is Your Love? Trivia Night

Monday, Feb. 11
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Do you know the name of the winged cherub that shoots arrows on Valentine's Day? Or who invented the Valentine card in America? Then come to the library and flex your grey matter as we quiz you on all things love related! Gather a team, and compete for a prize that Venus herself would be jealous of! **PRE REG**



I Love Candy! A Chocolate Tasting

Wednesday, Feb. 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library for an event that is sweet as we celebrate all things love and chocolate! Enjoy a variety of cocoa confections, as we explore the history of all things Valentines! Then be prepared to create your own heartfelt Valentines for someone special in your life. Be sure to register early as this event will fill up quick! **PRE REG**

80's Arcade Night

Monday, Feb. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Put on your tube socks and your roller skates and come on down to the library for an old school arcade experience. Try and beat your friends high scores on all the best 80's arcade games! Prizes and light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**

Make Life Cozy with Hygge

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

Are you looking to bring some happiness into your life? Then come to the library as we discuss the ideas of hygge, a Danish word that represents a feeling of being present and cozy. Learn how the Danish incorporate this concept into their lives, why they are considered the happiest people in the world, and how to make your life just a bit more hyggelig! **PRE REG**

Start Talking! Rx Opioid Abuse

Tuesday, Feb. 26
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers? Learn how to safeguard your home through properly securing and disposing of medicine, recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse, and knowing how to start talking about the risks of abusing prescription medication. Presented by a Cleveland Clinic Caregiver. Recommended for adults only. **PRE REG**

Project DAWN Training

Wednesday, Feb. 27
3 p.m.

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Into the Darkness The Science of Serial Killers

Saturday, March 2
2 to 3 p.m.

There are many infamous names of serial killers seared into American history, such as Jeffrey Dahmer and Ed Gein, who remain noteworthy because of their deplorable actions. Come to the library to learn about the science of how these killers were caught, as well as the cultural impact they have left on society as well as the genre of true crime. **PRE REG**



Friends of the Domonkas Public Library Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 12
7 to 8 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System for their general membership meeting. New members are always welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration not required.

Domonkas Friends' March Madness Book Sale

Wednesday, March 13; Noon to 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 14; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, March 15; 2 to 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 16; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System present their March Madness Booksale! The sale is open to the public with items displayed on carts in the library. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and more!

Picture Perfect Adult Spring Craft
Monday, March 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library and capture the ephemeral beauty of spring and upcoming holidays through a permanent lens as we create faux stained glass! Bring your creativity, and come home with a lovely piece of blooming decor that will spruce up any home. Be sure to register early, as this craft will fill up fast! **PRE REG**

There's Something Strange in Ohio
Wednesday, March 20;
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library to explore the strange and unusual side of Ohio. Together, we will explore tales of the mysterious, the odd, and see what historical facts are too strange to be false, and what is just an urban legend. Afterwards, fans of state history can share tales of their own! Find out where the Lake Erie Monster resides, and if the Mansfield Reformatory is really haunted! Light refreshments will be served. **PRE REG**



Health Fair
Saturday, March 23
1 to 4 p.m.

March into health. In collaboration with community health and wellness partners, we are offering a free health fair to foster a healthy lifestyle. This fun and educational event is open to everyone. Visit all the booths and be entered in a drawing to win a prize.



Board Game Night
Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Children

Cold Weather, Hot Wheels
Saturday, Jan. 5
2 to 3 p.m.

Do you like cars, trucks, roads, and racing? Are you into planning and building roads and race tracks? Join us for a program all about Hot Wheels®! Enjoy a craft and a story before you get busy building elaborate Hot Wheels® tracks. This program is for children up to grade 5. **PRE REG**

Toddler Storytime

Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 7; Winter
Jan. 14; Penguins
Jan. 21; Dreams
Jan. 28; Dinosaurs
Feb. 4; Polar Bears
Feb. 11; Valentine's Day
Feb. 18; President's Day
Feb. 25; Nursery Rhymes
March 4; Lions and Lambs
March 11; Leprechauns, Fairies and Gnomes
March 18; Spring
March 25; Birds in My Yard

Children 18 months through 4 years old will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged to participate. **PRE REG**



Hands On! Children's Puppetry Workshop
Tuesday, Jan. 22
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you a fan of Sesame Street and The Muppets? Have you ever wanted to create your own puppet pal? This workshop-style program will provide children in grades K-4 with the materials to design and make a puppet as well as learning basic skills to bring their creation to life! **PRE REG**

Whose Line is it Anyway?
Tuesdays, Jan. 29; Feb. 19; March 26;
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Do you have a passion for performing? Do you freeze up in front of the class? No matter what level of public speaking you're comfortable with, this is the program for you! Through fun and fast paced games and exercises, students aged 8-12 will develop creativity and spontaneity while also learning basic acting concepts such as stage presence, blocking, and character development. Come dressed to move (loose comfortable pants and shirt/shoes that can be secured). **PRE REG**

Passive Program: Turing Tumble
Monday, March 4; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6; Noon to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 7; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 8; 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Create your own marble-powered computer, and solve basic logic problems in a fun and unique way. Work in small groups or on your own to solve the problems and learn the basics of binary and simple coding.

Shamrocked! Children's Irish Celebration

Saturday, March 16;
2 to 3 p.m.

Grab your shillelagh and jig your way to the library for an Irish celebration! Little leprechauns and banshees are welcome as well as Ma and Da. Join in on themed games, stories, treats and more! Recommended for preschoolers through fifth graders. Erin go Bragh! **PRE REG**



Board Game Night
Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Family

Family Fun Night Valentine's Day Party

Tuesday, Feb. 12;
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
School-aged children and their families are invited to this holiday themed storytime where we'll enjoy games, crafts and treats galore! Come celebrate the day of love at the library! **PRE REG**

Great Lakes Theater Presents "Treasure Island"

Saturday, Feb. 16
2 to 3 p.m.
Fans of theater and pirate lovers of all ages, come to the library as we welcome Great Lakes Theater who is performing Treasure Island! Enjoy the swashbuckling adventure of Jim Hawkins as he searches the seas for Captain Flint's treasure. Full of action, music, and slapstick moments, Treasure Island is a play for the whole family! Be sure to meet and greet the cast after the production! **PRE REG**



80's Arcade Night
Monday, Feb. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Put on your tube socks and your roller skates and come on down to the library for an old school arcade experience. Try and beat your friends high scores on all the best 80's arcade games! Prizes and light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**

Pi Day - Pie Harder!

Wednesday, March 13; Annual Pie Bake Off
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Attention all pie lovers! Come to the library to celebrate our annual Pi Day Bake Off! Get your fill of wonderful pie creations that pay tribute to Pi Day, March 14th! Then, judge on a variety of criteria to deem which pie is the best. It is numerically irrational, but well-rounded, delicious fun for everyone! **PRE REG**

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, March 19; The Wacky World of Dr. Seuss
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss with this special family storytime! We'll explore some of his well-known books through stories, games, crafts and more! This program is for school aged children and their families. **PRE REG**

Health Fair

Saturday, March 23
1 to 4 p.m.
March into health. In collaboration with community health and wellness partners, we are offering a free health fair to foster a healthy lifestyle. This fun and educational event is open to everyone. Visit all the booths and be entered in a drawing to win a prize.

Board Game Night

Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Teen

Teen Video Game Night

Thursday, Jan. 10
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Sixth-graders through 12th-graders bring your friends, and let's play video games! Play the Wii-U and Playstation 4 on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, Jan. 17; Feb. 21; March 21
6 to 6:30 p.m.
Sixth through twelfth graders, here is 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. **PRE REG**



Anime Night

Thursdays, Jan. 17; Feb. 21; March 21
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Moshi Moshi! Come 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! **PRE REG**

Teen Hot Chocolate Tasting

Thursday, Jan. 31
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Come to celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day at the library! We will learn about the history of hot chocolate and then taste several varieties of the beloved chocolate beverage. **PRE REG**

Teen Anti-Valentines Day Party

Thursday, Feb. 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hate the mushy gushy day of love? Do you think Cupid is stupid? Come to the library for snarky snacks, gloomy games, and all things Anti-Valentines! Dark clothing is preferred. **PRE REG**

80's Arcade Night

Monday, Feb. 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Put on your tube socks and your roller skates and come on down to the library for an old school arcade experience. Try and beat your friends high scores on all the best 80's arcade games! Prizes and light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**



Magic the Gathering®

Thursday, Feb. 28
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Teens, have a new deck you have been wanting to try? Or, are you new to the mythical game of Magic and want to learn the basics? Then come on in, hang out and play Magic the Gathering in a casual environment! Please bring your own set of dice as well as decks. **PRE REG**

Passive Program: Turing Tumble

Monday, March 4; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6; Noon to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 7; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 8; 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Create your own marble-powered computer, and solve basic logic problems in a fun and unique way. Work in small groups or on your own to solve the problems and learn the basics of binary and simple coding.

Teen Tech: Paper Circuits

Thursday, March 7
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Light up fun paper crafts with LEDs and conductive tape. Learn how to power a basic circuit, learn how it works, and leave with a fun light up craft. **PRE REG**



Board Game Night

Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided. **PRE REG**

Adult

Lorain Public Library System Closed Tuesday, Jan. 1



After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan. 2; Feb. 6; March 6
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title the first Wednesday morning monthly. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. [PRE REG](#)

Coloring for Grown-Ups

Wednesdays, Jan. 2; Feb. 6; March 6
1 to 2:30 p.m.

Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made for adults. Coloring sheets, pencils and markers will be provided. This program is for adults age 18 and older. [PRE REG](#)

A Literary Lunch Break Story Time for Grown-Ups

Thursdays, Jan. 3; Feb. 7; March 7
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. [PRE REG](#)

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

Saturday, Jan 5
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

Saturdays, Jan. 5, 19;
Feb. 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30
1 to 3 p.m.

Interested in meeting other writers to hone your writing skills but need motivation? Then, join us to read, critique and learn the craft of writing in general. [PRE REG](#)

Book Buddies Adult Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan. 9;
"The American Spirit: Who We are and What We Stand For" by David McCullough

Feb. 13; "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

March 13; "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Gran

1 to 2 p.m.

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. [PRE REG](#)

UPCYCLE

Uppcycle Book Craft for Adults

Tuesdays, Jan. 15; Feb. 19; March 19
1 to 2:30 p.m.

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft using pages from old books. [PRE REG](#)



The Butler Did it Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan. 16; Feb. 20; March 20
7 to 8 p.m.

Copies of the mystery book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. [PRE REG](#)

Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

Tuesdays, Jan. 22; Feb. 26; March 26
1 to 2 p.m.

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon monthly. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. [PRE REG](#)



Project DAWN Training

Monday, Feb. 25
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health. [PRE REG](#)

Start Talking! Rx Opioid Abuse

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

One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers. Learn how to safeguard your home through properly securing and disposing of medicine, recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse, and knowing how to start talking about the risks of abusing prescription medications. Presented by a Cleveland Clinic caregiver. Recommended for adults only. [PRE REG](#)

Children

Little Learners

Fridays, Jan. 4; Feb. 1; March 1
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.



Browser's® Reading Buddies

Saturdays, Jan. 5; Feb. 2; March 2
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders sit and read with a certified therapy dog volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.



Baby and Me Story Time

Mondays, Jan. 14, 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31;
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7
10:15 to 10:35 a.m.

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 23 months and their caregivers. [PRE REG](#)

Tales for Twos Story Time

Mondays, Jan. 14, 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to Noon

Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31;
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. [PRE REG](#)

Family Fun Story Time

Mondays, Jan. 14, 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4
1 to 1:30 p.m.

A fun story time for families with children ages 2 to 6. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories, songs and crafts. [PRE REG](#)

Primetime Preschool Story Time

Mondays, Jan. 14, 21, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4
6:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2 to 6-year-olds. Make us 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. [PRE REG](#)

Thrilling Threes Story Time for 3-Year-Olds

Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29;
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5
10:30 to 11 a.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. [PRE REG](#)

Fabulous Fours and Fives Story Time for 4 and 5-Year-Olds

Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29;
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5
11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31;
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7
1:30 to 2 p.m.

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 4 and 5-year-olds. [PRE REG](#)



Coding Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 16; Feb. 20; March 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Explore computer programming and a little bit of electronics in a fun, collaborative environment! Coding club is intended for students in third through sixth grade, whether they have experience with coding or are brand new. [PRE REG](#)

Lego® Fun Day

Friday, Jan. 18
11 to 2 p.m.

The library will provide the Legos bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Drop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to participate. Intended for ages 5 and up. [PRE REG](#)

Little Sew and Sews

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

Kids can learn to sew by hand to create a small take-home project. Bring 1/2 yard of cotton blend fabric (prewashed and dried) and matching thread. We will provide sewing needles, other tools to work with, ideas and expertise. Intended for second grade and up. [PRE REG](#)

Craft Closet

Saturdays, Jan. 26; Feb. 23; March 23
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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.

Valentine Pop-Up Cards

Wednesday, Feb. 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library to see what's popping and create a special pop-up Valentine card for a friend or loved one. Children will need to be able to cut with scissors and follow directions to create a one-of-a-kind card. Intended for kindergarten through 5th graders. [PRE REG](#)



Lego® Fun Night

Thursday, Feb. 21; March 21
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The library will provide the Legos® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. [PRE REG](#)

"How to Train Your Dragon" Party

Wednesday, Feb. 27
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Do you like dragons? Come to the library and enjoy "How to Train Your Dragon" themed games, crafts and activities for ages 2 and up. [PRE REG](#)



Preschool Paint Box

Wednesday, March 27
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Leave the mess to us and bring your preschoolers to try different painting activities at the library. We will have brushes, sponges and paint for your preschooler to enjoy. Children should dress in clothes that can get paint on them even though we will provide smocks. Intended for children ages 3 to 5. [PRE REG](#)

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Family



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Appreciation Celebration**

Monday, Jan. 21
3 to 3:45 p.m.

Please join us at the library to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Families will learn about his vision and his significance in history. There will be stories, short videos, games and a craft. Open to all ages. **PRE REG**

Book Sale Preview

Thursday, Jan. 24 • 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Book Sale

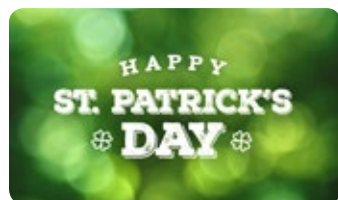
Friday, Jan. 25 • 10 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26 • 10 to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27 • 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by the The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

**Black History Month
Interactive Exhibit**

Friday, Feb. 1

Stop by the library during all open hours to celebrate Black History Month. We will be highlighting prominent figures in Black History with giveaways, activities and crafts from February 1 through February 28. All ages welcome.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 16
2 to 3 p.m.

It is your lucky day! The library is hosting a St. Patrick's Day party for families to celebrate together! There will be St. Patrick's Day-themed games, crafts and activities for all ages. **PRE REG**

Teen

Spa Night for Tweens and Teens

Wednesday, Jan. 9
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

If school has you stressed and winter is getting you down, enjoy a break at the library with DIY bath items, nail polish, breathing exercises and yoga poses. **PRE REG**



Love is All You Need

Wednesday, Feb. 6;
A Valentine's Party for Tweens and Teens
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Tweens and teens enjoy a blind date with a book, delicious seasonal chocolates and Valentine's Day crafts. **PRE REG**



Tacos for Tween and Teens

Wednesday, March 6
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

"Taco-bout" a good time! Tweens and teens, make salsa and guacamole, feast on delicious tacos and enjoy games and a piñata during our fiesta. **PRE REG**

Planning Your Spring Break?

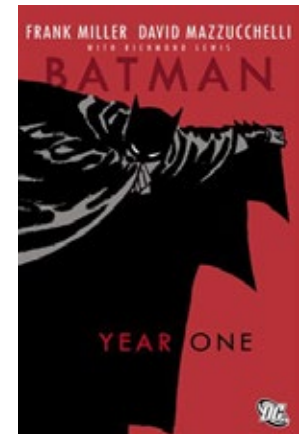
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Adult

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

South Lorain Chess Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
4 p.m.

Open play chess sessions are for all levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for chess players to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game. This chess club is registered with the United States Chess Federation.

Yoga for Beginners

Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
5:30 p.m.

Adults, join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. **PRE REG**

How to Start a Blog

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

Learn how to write posts, enter graphics and customize your blog using wordpress.com. Includes plenty of tips, tricks, and helpful hints to starting a successful blog. **PRE REG**



Tai-Chi for Arthritis

Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26;
March 5, 12, 19, 26
11 a.m.

Are you one of the over 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend these Tuesday morning sessions to learn valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Start your day off right and join us. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises. **PRE REG**

Travel Secrets and Great Winter Getaways

Tuesday, Jan. 8
6 p.m.

Let the travel experts from As You Wish Luxury Travel Agency make your next winter vacation the trip of a lifetime. Topics to be covered will include, great cruises, fantastic destinations that nobody is talking about, where to get the most value for your dollar, and much more. And of course, they will be able to answer all your travel related questions. Save time and money by attending this program before booking that winter getaway. **PRE REG**

Writers Group

Thursdays, Jan. 10; Feb. 14; March 14
6:30 p.m.

Are you a writer? Are you interested in writing? Whether you've been writing for years or are a total beginner, this pressure-free creative writing workshop is perfect for you. You'll have the chance to meet other local writers, learn about the craft of writing, and to share your work with others in read and critique sessions if you are so inclined. **PRE REG**

Change of Pace Book Club The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home by Denise Kiernan

Tuesday, Jan. 15
6:30 p.m.

The story of Biltmore House spans World Wars, the Jazz Age, the Depression and generations of the famous Vanderbilt family and features a captivating cast of real-life characters including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Edith Wharton and Teddy Roosevelt. The Last Castle is the unique American story of how the largest house in America flourished, faltered, and ultimately endured to this day. Read the book and join our discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

Get It While It's Hot

Friday, Jan. 18
3 to 4 p.m.

Be one of the first in line for the newest books, movies, and music by learning where to find release dates months in advance and how to navigate the library's catalog to place holds yourself!



STOP Underage Drinking

Tuesday, Jan. 22
6 p.m.



Presented by a representative from the Young Adult Alcohol and Drug Awareness Coalition's STOP Underage Drinking project, this program will cover some of the dangers of underage drinking. Parents will learn information about underage drinking in Lorain County as well as some skills to help prevent their kids from drinking. **PRE REG**

A History of Medication

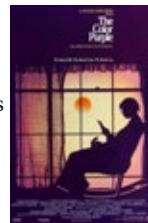
Tuesday, Jan. 29
6 p.m.

We have come a long way from the development of the first pharmaceutical drug in 1898: Bayer Aspirin. Bayer was the accessible, over-the-counter remedy everyone knew. Tom Strong, health educator and patient advocate, will take us from these humble beginnings through the evolution of drugs over the past one hundred years. Strong will cover not only how medication has dramatically changed the treatment of disease, but also the dark side of prescription medications, their side effects, costs, scandals and outright quackery. **PRE REG**

Black History Month Film Series The Color Purple (1985)

Friday, Feb. 1
1 to 3:45 p.m.

A black Southern woman struggles to find her identity after suffering abuse from her father and others over four decades. Based on the novel by Alice Walker, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Whoopi Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover. The film was nominated for 11 Academy Awards, is 2 hours and 34 minutes in length and has a rating of PG 13 for sexual situations, violence and language.



3D Modeling and Printing

Saturday, Feb. 2
3 to 4 p.m.

Learn the basics of 3D printing and create your very own unique cookie cutter. No 3D printer experience necessary. **PRE REG**



Lorain Historical Society International City Project; Oral History Initiative

Thursday, Jan. 24 • 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, Feb. 23 • 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, March. 23 • 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

LHS is collecting oral histories about the cultural traditions and experiences of the people who live in Lorain. Participants will sit for a 30 to 45 minute interview with LHS staff at the Main Branch of the Lorain Public Library. Please register in advance with LHS Project Coordinator, Jillien Zudell - 440-245-2563.



Valentine Cookie Workshop

Tuesday, Feb. 5
6 p.m.

Adult cookie enthusiasts join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with a special cookie decorating workshop. Participants will learn how to decorate sugar cookies with royal icing. Participants must also bring their own cookie sheet to transport all cookies as they will be wet and cannot be stacked. This workshop is for adults only. **PRE REG**

Black History Month Film Series A Raisin in the Sun (1961)

Saturday, Feb. 9
2 to 4:15 p.m.

The Younger family are a working class black family with three generations, five people, living in a cramped apartment. However, it appears their fortunes are about to change as grandmother Younger is about to receive a large insurance payout. However, there is considerable disagreement within the household on how the money will be spent, resulting in friction within the Younger family. Written by Lorraine Hansberry and starring Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee, the film is 2 hours and 8 minutes in length and is not rated.

Black History Month Film Series Moonlight (2016)

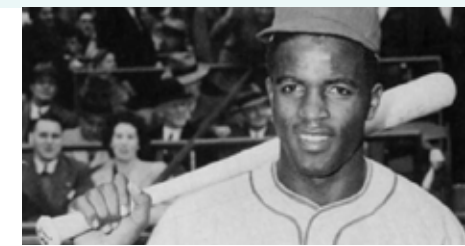
Monday, Feb. 11
Noon - 2 p.m.

A chronicle of the childhood, adolescence and burgeoning adulthood of a young, African-American, gay man growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. The film won 2 Academy Awards including best picture, is 1 hour and 51 minutes in length and is rated R for sexual situations, drug use, language and violence.

Black History Month Film Series Malcolm X (1992)

Friday, Feb. 15
Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Biographical epic of the controversial and influential Black Nationalist leader, from his early life and career as a small-time gangster, to his ministry as a member of the Nation of Islam. Written by Alex Haley, directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington and Angela Bassett. The film is 3 hours and 22 minutes in length, was nominated for 2 Academy Awards and is rated PG 13 for violence, drug use and language.



Black History Month Film Series Hotel Rwanda (2004)

Saturday, Feb. 23
1 to 3:15 p.m.

The story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsi refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda. The film was nominated for 3 Academy Awards, is 2 hours in length and stars Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo and Joaquin Phoenix. Rated PG 13 for violence and language.

Black History Month Film Series 42: The Jackie Robinson Story (2013)

Monday, Feb. 18
Noon - 2:15 p.m.

In 1946, Jackie Robinson is a Negro League baseball player who never takes racism lying down. Branch Rickey is a Major League team executive with a bold idea. To that end, Rickey recruits Robinson to break the unspoken color line as the first modern African American Major League player. As both anticipate, this proves a major challenge for Robinson and his family as they endure unrelenting racist hostility on and off the field, from player and fan alike. As Jackie struggles against his nature to endure such abuse without complaint, he finds allies and hope where he least expects it. The film is 2 hours and 8 minutes in length and is rated PG 13 for adult themes and language.

Change Of Pace Book Club Warlight by Michael Ondaatje

Tuesday, Feb. 19
6:30 p.m.

In a narrative as beguiling and mysterious as memory itself, we read the story of 14 year-old Nathaniel and his sister Rachel. In 1945 just after World War II, they stay behind in London when their parents move to Singapore, leaving them in the care of a mysterious figure named the Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal and they both grow more convinced and less concerned as they come to know his eccentric crew of friends, all who seem determined to protect and educate Rachel and Nathaniel. But are they really who they claim to be? Read the book and join our discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.



Black History Month Film Series Killer Of Sheep (1978)

Wednesday, Feb. 20
2 to 3:30 p.m.

Set in the Watts area of Los Angeles, a slaughterhouse worker must suspend his emotions to continue working at a job he finds repugnant, and then he finds he has little sensitivity for the family he works so hard to support. Written and directed by Charles Burnett. The film is 1 hour and 20 minutes in length, was released in 1978, and has a content advisory for language and violence.

Black History Month Film Series In the Heat of the Night (1967)

Monday, Feb. 25
2 to 4 p.m.

Detective Virgil Tibbs is caught up in the racial tension of the US South when he is arrested after the murder of a prominent businessman. Tibbs was simply waiting for his next train at the station in Sparta, Mississippi and the confusion is soon resolved but when local police chief Gillespie learns that Tibbs is the Philadelphia PD's number one homicide expert, he reluctantly asks for his assistance. The murdered man, Mr. Colbert, had come to Sparta from the North to build a new factory and his wife and business associates immediately point the finger at Endicott, the most powerful man in the county and the one who had the most to lose if a major new employer comes to the area. Tibbs' life is clearly in danger but he perseveres in a highly charged and racially explosive environment until the killer is found. Directed by Norman Jewison and starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, the film won 5 Academy Awards including best picture and best actor, is 1 hour and 50 minutes in length and is rated PG 13 for adult themes.

Start Talking! Rx Opioid Abuse

Tuesday, Feb. 26
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

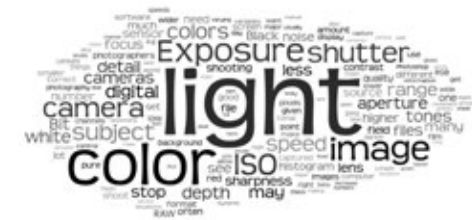
One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers? Learn how to safeguard your home through properly securing and disposing of medicine, recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse, and knowing how to start talking about the risks of abusing prescription medication. Presented by a Cleveland Clinic Caregiver. Recommended for adults only. **PRE REG**



Project DAWN Training

Thursday, Feb. 28
2 to 3 p.m.

Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health. **PRE REG**



Change Your Lens, Change Your Story: Photography Basics

Thursday, Feb. 28
6 p.m.

Mark Nowak, president of the Erie Shores Photography Club, will help you become a better photographer. Learn about types of equipment to buy, the best paper to use, benefits of joining a photography club, common mistakes, what makes stunning photos, portrait photography, upcoming competitions and much more. Mark will also be available to answer your photography questions. **PRE REG**

Intro to Graphic Design

Saturday, March 2
3 to 4 p.m.

Do you DIY gifts, birthday invitations, or make your own flyers? Learn the basics of graphic design - from color theory to kerning. This program focuses on using free resources to make amazing designs. **PRE REG**



South Lorain Branch Portrait Photography Contest

Monday, March 11- Saturday, March 23

Send us your portrait photographs and possibly win a prize. Entries will be accepted from March 11 through March 23. Email your photos as a JPEG file to mpeters@lpls.info. All photographs will be displayed at the South Lorain Branch Library from March 26 through April 15. During this time, library patrons can vote for their favorites. Each participant is limited to 5 photographs. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Spring Craft For Adults

Tuesday, March 12
6 p.m.

Join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. All materials will be provided and you will be able to take your finished project home to display. This program is for adults only. **PRE REG**

Change Of Pace Book Club Calypso by David Sedaris

Tuesday, March 19
6:30 p.m.

With Calypso, Sedaris sets his formidable powers of observation toward middle age and mortality. Make no mistake: these stories are very, very funny; it's a book that can make you laugh 'til you snort, the way only family can. Read the book and join our discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.



The Story Of Steel And The City Of Lorain

Tuesday, March 26
6 p.m.

The Johnson Steel Street Rail Company, led by Tom L. Johnson and Arthur J. Moxham, founded the first Lorain steel mill in the late 1800s, eventually becoming one of the largest mills in the world and employing thousands of workers. Hear the fascinating story of the lives of these individuals and the building of the Lorain mill through vintage photographs and unique stories. Presented by Matt Weisman and Al Doane of the Lorain Historical Society. **PRE REG**

Lorain Historical Society International City Project

Saturday, March 30; Oral History Initiative
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Lorain Historical Society is collecting oral histories about the cultural traditions and experiences of the people who live in Lorain. Participants will sit for a 30 to 45 minute interview with LHS staff. Please call Jillien Zudell at 440-245-2563 to register.



Let's Make a Podcast

Saturday, March 30
3 to 5 p.m.

Learn how to script, record, and edit content for a podcast. This is a hands-on workshop where we will get in front of the microphone and create fun and engaging content. All participants must have a signed photo/media release form. **PRE REG**



Children

Penguin Party

Wednesday, Jan. 9
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can join us for some winter fun with penguin themed stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! **PRE REG**



STEAM Kids Candy Chemistry

Monday, Jan. 14
6 p.m.

Families and kids of all ages, join us for an evening of edible science experiments. Play with your food and learn about chemical reactions! **PRE REG**

Kids Art Studio - Clay Play

Saturday, Jan. 19
2 p.m.

Kids, join us to get messy and create with clay. **PRE REG**

Birthday Party

Wednesday, Jan. 23
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can join us for birthday themed stories, songs, crafts, and cake! **PRE REG**

Black History Month Stop & Go Party

Wednesday, Feb. 6
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can join us to celebrate the inventor of the traffic light, Garret Morgan, with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! **PRE REG**

Family Fun Time - LEGO Night

Monday, Feb. 11
6 p.m.

Families and children of all ages, join us for an evening of LEGO®-building fun! **PRE REG**

Kids Art Studio - Chocolate Art

Saturday, Feb. 16
2 p.m.

Join us to experiment with edible art and create a tasty chocolate treat. **PRE REG**

Fairy Tale Festival

Monday, Feb. 18
5 p.m.

Families and children of all ages join us for a magical evening celebrating our favorite fairy tales. Participants are encouraged to dress up! **PRE REG**

Teddy Bear Party

Wednesday, Feb. 20
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can bring their favorite teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) to the library for stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! **PRE REG**



STEAM Kids - DIY Dragons

Monday, Feb. 25 • 6 p.m.

Calling all dragon enthusiasts! Join us for an evening of crafting dragons. Recommended for children with the ability to use scissors and hot glue. **PRE REG**



Lions and Lambs Party

Wednesday, March 6
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can celebrate the month of March with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks all about lions and lambs! **PRE REG**

Family Fun Time Rainbow Unicorn Gala

Monday, March 11
6 p.m.

Do you love unicorns and rainbows? Join us for a special party with unicorn-themed snacks and activities. **PRE REG**

Family Fun Time Hot Wheels Free Play

Monday, March 18
6 p.m.

Families and children of all ages join us for a night of Hot Wheels fun. Construct a track or race your friends for a wheely fun time. We provide the Hot Wheels cars and track for you to play with.



Superhero Party

Wednesday, March 20
10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-6 can celebrate their favorite superhero with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! **PRE REG**

STEAM Kids - Slime Time

Monday, March 25
6 p.m.

Families and children join us for an evening creating squishy, icky slime projects. **PRE REG**



Family



Family Fun Time - Peace Rocks

Monday, Jan. 21
5 to 7 p.m.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of peace and love by stopping in and painting a

peace rock to take home. **PRE REG**

Family Fun Time - Disney Trivia

Monday, Jan. 28
6 p.m.

Families team up and join us for a night of snacks and Disney trivia. **PRE REG**

Black History Month Film Series Lilies of the Field (1963)

Wednesday, Feb. 6
2 to 3:45 p.m.

Homer Smith, an unemployed construction worker heading out west, stops at a remote farm in the desert to get water when his car overheats. The farm is being worked by a group of East European Catholic nuns, headed by the strict Mother Maria, who believes that Homer has been sent by God to build a much-needed church in the desert. Starring Sidney Poitier who won an Oscar for his performance. The film is 1 hour and 34 minutes in length and is not rated.



Black History Month Film Series Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People (2014)

Wednesday, Feb. 13
1 to 2:30 p.m.

A film that explores how African American communities have used the camera as a tool for social change from the invention of photography to the present. This epic tale poetically moves between the present and the past, through contemporary photographers and artists whose images and stories seek to reconcile legacies of pride and shame while giving voice to images long suppressed, forgotten, and hidden from sight. The film was directed by Thomas Allen Harris, is 1 hour and 30 in length and is not rated.

Black History Month Film Series To Sir with Love (1967)

Wednesday, Feb. 27
1 to 3 p.m.

Engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach a totally undisciplined class at an East End school. Still hoping for a good engineering job, he's hopeful that he won't be there long. He starts implementing his own brand of classroom discipline: forcing the pupils to treat each other with respect. Inevitably he begins getting involved in the students' personal lives, and must avoid the advances of an amorous student while winning over the class tough. What will he decide when the engineering job comes through? The film is 1 hour and 45 minutes in length, stars Sidney Poitier and is not rated.

ATC Maker Workshop

Saturday, March 16
2 p.m.

All ages are welcome to join us at this special workshop. Learn the history of Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) and some tips for creating your own miniature pieces of artwork. This workshop is open to all skill levels and abilities. Art supplies and cards will be provided. **PRE REG**

Teen

Oreo Taste Test

Thursday, Jan. 17
6 p.m.

Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can test their Oreo knowledge by guessing the different flavors of America's favorite cookie! **PRE REG**



Teen & Tween Paint Night

Thursday, Jan. 31
6 p.m.

Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can join us to create their very own masterpiece! Light refreshments will be provided. **PRE REG**

Black History Month- Potato Chip Taste Test

Thursday, Feb. 7

Tweens and Teens can celebrate the inventor of the potato chip, George Crum, by testing their knowledge of different kinds of potato chips! **PRE REG**

Erupting Slime

Thursday, Feb. 21
6 p.m.

Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their own slime and then watch it erupt! **PRE REG**

Intro to Graphic Design

Saturday, March 2
3 to 4 p.m.

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Melted Crayon Art

Thursday, March 7
6 p.m.

Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their own art with just crayons and an iron! **PRE REG**

No Sew Sock Donut

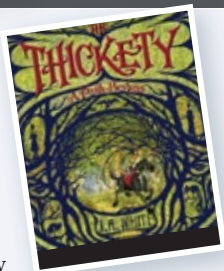
Thursday, March 21
6 p.m.

Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their very own donut with a sock! Do-nut worry, there will be donuts to snack on! **PRE REG**

The Thickety series by J.A. White

When Kara Westfall was five years old, her mother was convicted of witchcraft. Years later, Kara and her little brother are still shunned by the people of their village, who believe that nothing is more evil than magic...except, perhaps, the mysterious forest that covers nearly the entire island called the Thickety. When an unusual bird lures Kara into the forbidden forest, she discovers a strange book with unspeakable powers. A book that might have belonged to her mother. And that is just the beginning of the story.

Amy Loch, Library Associate I, Main branch



Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Pena, illustrated by Christian Robinson

When Carmela wakes up on her birthday, her wish has already come true - she's finally old enough to join her big brother as he does the family errands. Together, they travel through their neighborhood until they arrive at the Laundromat, where Carmela finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. But before she can blow its white fluff away, her brother tells her she has to make a wish. If only she can think of just the right wish to make...

Dawn Woodward, Youth Services Librarian, Main branch



Nevernight by Jay Kristoff

Daughter of an executed traitor, Mia Corvere is barely able to escape her father's failed rebellion with her life. Alone and friendless, she hides but her gift for speaking with the shadows leads her to the door of a retired killer and a future she never imagined. Now, a 16-year-old Mia is apprenticed to the deadliest flock of assassins in the entire Republic - the Red Church. If she survives to initiation, she will be inducted among the chosen of the Lady of Blessed Murder, and one step closer to the only thing she desires.

Victoria Yakubik, Library Associate II, Domonkas branch



Angry Candy by Harlan Ellison

This collection of short stories from 1988 comes from a Cleveland-area native, who died in June, and focuses on death and the many forms it takes.

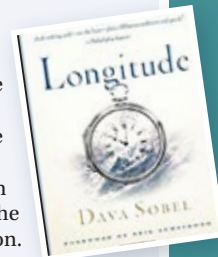
Scot Allyn, Adult Librarian, North Ridgeville branch



Longitude by Dava Sobel

Anyone alive in the eighteenth century would have known that "the longitude problem" was the thorniest scientific dilemma of the day-and had been for centuries. Lacking the ability to measure their longitude, sailors throughout the great ages of exploration had been literally lost at sea as soon as they lost sight of land. Thousands of lives and the increasing fortunes of nations hung on a resolution. One man, John Harrison, in complete opposition to the scientific community, dared to imagine a mechanical solution - a clock that would keep precise time at sea.

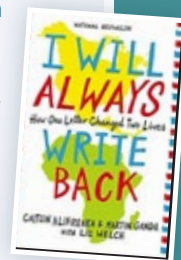
Margaret Urban, Library Assistant, Columbia branch



I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends - and better people - through their long-distance exchange.

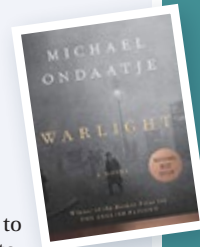
Kim Bacisin, Library Associate I, North Ridgeville branch



Warlight by Michael Ondaatje

In 1945, just after World War II, 14-year-old Nathaniel and his sister, Rachel, stay behind in London when their parents move to Singapore, leaving them in the care of a mysterious figure named The Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal but become less concerned as they come to know his eccentric friends who seem determined to protect and educate Rachel and Nathaniel. But what does it mean when their mother returns after months of silence without their father, explaining nothing? A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all that he didn't know and understand in that time.

Erika Bobka, Librarian, Avon branch



The Edge of Innocence: The Trial of Casper Bennett by David P. Miraldi

Based on the 1964 murder trial of Casper Bennett, a Lorain man accused of drowning his wife in a bathtub, Miraldi's book focuses on Bennett's sensational trial, which pitted a county prosecutor against the author's father, a civil trial attorney who had never before defended anyone for murder. Forty years later and long after his father's death, the author found the Bennett file in the bottom of his mother's closet. From the moment he began reading the papers, the long-forgotten drama cast a spell on him and as he uncovered more and more of the facts, the story he had known as a child disappeared, replaced by one far different.

Donna Kelly Sprinkle, Manager, Avon branch

