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SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2025

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**MOTHMAN,
SASQUATCH,
BESSIE, OH MY!**

UNNATURAL OHIO

**CRYPTIDS, GHOSTS, LEGENDS,
AND OTHER MYSTERIES**

BY THE WOODS FESTIVAL

THURS. OCT. 9 & SAT. OCT. 11
6PM-9PM & 4PM-9PM



**AUTHOR
VISIT ERIC
KLINENBERG**
SEPT. 25, 6PM-8PM



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PALACES FOR THE PEOPLE

This fall, the Lorain County Reads county-wide reading initiative will explore how shared spaces are crucial to how people and communities can form a more unified world. Communal gathering areas such as libraries, parks, churches, and schools can be a catalyst for solving some of our most pressing societal challenges, building more equality, and a more united society.

**FREE TICKETS AT
ALPL.ORG/LORAINREADS**

The Lorain County Reads 2025 Author Visit with Eric Klinenberg is brought to you in partnership with Amherst Public Library, Avon Lake Public Library, Community Foundation of Lorain County, Elyria Public Library, Grafton-Midview Public Library, Herrick Memorial Library, Lorain County Metro Parks, Lorain Public Library System, Oberlin Public Library, and Ritter Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Fall Friendly - Annual Membership Drive and Prize Raffle

Mon., Sept. 1-30

Sign up for a Friends membership and enter for a chance to win prizes like an ALPL Friends Basket, BOO by the Woods basket, Amazon Kindle, and gift cards from The Kitchen, Marty's Cycle Center, Old School Pizza, Regal Cinemas, Sam's Supper Club, Sandstone Candle Works, and Speedway.

Friends of ALPL

Fall Outdoor Used Book Sale

Sat., Sept. 13, 9am-5pm

Sun., Sept. 14, 10am-4pm

Save on books and other materials such as best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and more!

Beach Glass Frame Art Class

Ages 16+

Sat., Sept. 13, 10am-12pm

Create a unique piece of art using real Lake Erie beach glass.

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

I'm Possible Game Nights

Wed., Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 6pm-8pm

Drop in for game night for family-friendly fun in a supportive, non-competitive space hosted by I'm Possible Games.

Healthy Living Series: Ask a Doc

**Mon., Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Join Dr. Zolli with the Lorain County Community College for a practical health series. Gain expert tips and ask questions to take  Lorain County Community College charge of your everyday wellness.

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Beaches Kick Glass!

Ages 10+

Tues., Sept. 23, 10am, Thurs., Sept. 25, 6:30pm

Veterans' Memorial Park Beach/Folgers Home 32756 Lake Rd.,

Find out about this relaxing and intriguing hobby, and find hidden treasures along the shores of Lake Erie.

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Bigfoot:

What's the Big Hairy Deal?

Mon., Sept. 29, 6:30pm

Join Bigfoot enthusiast and cofounder of Project Zoobook, Amy Bue, as she discusses Sasquatch research going on across the country.

Unnatural Ohio: A History of Buckeye Cryptids, Ghosts, Legends & Other Mysteries

Tues., Sept. 30, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Explore Ohio's ghosts, cryptids, and UFO legends with authors M. Kristina Smith and Kevin Moore as we explore the unnatural side of Ohio's heritage.

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National Make a Dog's Day

Wed., Oct 22

Bring your leashed, well-behaved dog for a treat at any service desk, and drop off a donation for local homeless pets!

Yoga Nidra and Soundbath

Thurs. Nov. 13, 6:30pm

A calming blend of Yoga Nidra and sound bath to relax the body and quiet the mind.

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Beach Glass Snowman Ornament Class

Ages 10+

Sat., Nov. 22, 10am-11am

Create a unique snowman art piece using real Lake Erie beach glass.

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Beach Glass Christmas Tree Ornament Class

Ages 10+

Sat., Nov. 22, 2pm-3pm

Create a unique Christmas tree art piece using real Lake Erie beach glass.

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Meet North Pole Reindeer!

Sat., Nov. 22, 12pm-4pm

Join us for a heartwarming kickoff to the festive season as we welcome real live reindeer straight from the North Pole.



BY THE WOODS FESTIVAL
THURS. OCT. 9 6PM-9PM & SAT. OCT. 11 4PM-9PM
(HAUNTED LIBRARY ONLY)

12 YEARS OF SPOOKY FUN!

For tickets and details, visit AVONLAKE.ORG or contact the City of Avon Lake Parks & Recreation Department.

MUSIC LESSONS

Guitars and ukuleles available for checkout

ALPL Ukulele Jammers

Every Thurs., 7pm-8pm

Bring your ukulele on Thursdays and jam with other ukulele strummers. Open to all players.

ALPL Guitar Jam

Thurs., Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bring your guitar and music stand and jam with Chuck Heindrichs and other guitarists.

Adult Beginner Guitar

Sat., Sept. 13, 10am-11am

Sat., Nov. 15, 10am-11am

This beginner-friendly class is designed for adults who are new to the instrument or want to refresh their skills. **Registration begins Aug. 11.**

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Children's Five-Week Beginning Ukulele Course

Ages 8-11

Tues., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4

5:30pm-6:15pm

Sign your child up for our six-week course with Dee Lovett, and they'll be jamming out in no time. **Registration begins Aug. 11.**

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Teen Five-Week Beginning Guitar Course

Tues., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4,

6:30pm-7:15pm

A five-week beginner guitar course designed for teens to learn the basics.

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Tech Help Programs

Tues., 7pm-8pm



Navigate the world of technology with our IT support technician as he walks you through various topics.

Sept. 23: Smart Home Technologies

Sept. 30: Passwords & Passkeys

Oct. 14: Windows 11 pt. 1

Oct. 21: Windows 11 pt. 2

Nov. 4: Backing Up Your Data

Nov. 18: Cyber Monday Deals & Scams

Dec. 2: Using a Computer pt. 1

Dec. 9: Using a Computer pt. 2

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ADULTS

Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club

Thurs., Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 1pm-2pm

Connect with local garden enthusiasts for diverse programming on a variety of topics.

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Discover Your Past

Thurs., Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23,

Nov. 6, 20, 7pm-8pm

Join us as we explore a variety of genealogical research topics led by professional genealogists. Via Zoom.

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Stitch Niche

Mon., Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bring your knitting, sewing, or crocheting project and enjoy the company of fellow needlework enthusiasts and instructor Valerie Dillard.

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Bookin' & Cookin'

Tues., 1pm-2pm

Sept. 9: Apple & Pumpkin Picking

Oct. 14: Go Fishing

Nov. 11: Giving Thanks Feast

Dec. 9: Multicultural Treats

Select and prepare a themed recipe (8-10 servings) from the Library's cookbook collection and we'll sample our culinary creations and exchange recipes.

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Leave the Leaves: Why Your Yard Can Benefit from Nature's Cycle

Tues., Sept. 9, 7pm-8pm

Learn why not raking your leaves promotes a more sustainable and wildlife-friendly environment.

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Lake Eerie Book Club

Wed., Session 1, 1:30pm-2:30pm; Session 2, 3pm-4pm

Sept. 10: *Stillhouse Lake* by Rachel Caine

Oct. 1: *Crimson Lake* by Candice Fox

Nov. 5: *The House Across the Lake* by Riley Sager

Join us at the Lake House, 32756 Lake Rd., to discuss these eerie titles.

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Talking Gilmore

Thurs., Sept. 11, 7pm-8pm

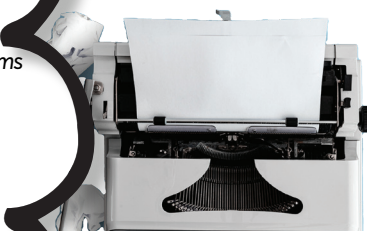
Join local Gilmore Girls fan Peter Lux for a fun discussion of the show while enjoying cups of coffee (decaf).

History Writing Conference

Sat., Sept. 13, 9am-5pm

Join local history writers to learn about the craft and hear the authors discuss their books.

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What's Under the Hood?

Sat., Sept. 13, 11am-12:30pm

Learn basic car care in this hands-on class held in the Library parking lot.

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Avon Lake Historical Society Presents

Mon., Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 15, 1pm-2pm

Local historians present a variety of engaging programs to enlighten our past.

Lakeshore Writers Group

Mon., Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 7pm-8:30pm

Whether you're just getting started or deep into your next novel, join a supportive group of local creatives to write, share, and get inspired.

Tea Time Book Club

Tues., 2pm-3pm

Sept. 16: *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood

Oct. 21: *The Confession Club* by Elizabeth Berg

Nov. 18: *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of tea, cookies, and a friendly book discussion.

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Nonfiction Readers' Circle

Tues., Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 7pm-8pm

Bring a couple of your favorite nonfiction books to share with the group.

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Navigating School Avoidance

Thurs., Sept. 18, 6:30pm-8pm

Learn how to support your child through better communication, stress management, and collaboration with school staff with experts Rob Adams, PsyD, and Rebekah Bryson, LISW.

SIGN UP AT CONNECTINGFORKIDS.ORG

Saturday Morning Brews and Books

Sat., 10am-11am

Sept. 20: *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Nov. 8: *The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers* by Samuel Burr

Join us Saturday mornings at the Library for a relaxed, no-pressure chat over great books and fresh brews.

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Cuppas and Coppers

Wed., 1:45pm-2:45pm or 3pm-4pm

Sept. 24: *The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers* by Samuel Burr

Oct. 29: *Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough

Nov. 19: *The Last Days of Kira Mullan* by Nicci French
Enjoy a "cuppa" while discussing mystery books by British authors. (**Emilie's Coffee House and Wine Bar, 457 Avon Belden Rd.**)

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Cleveland Cavaliers Season Preview

Wed., Sept. 24, 7pm-8pm

Cleveland Cavaliers announcer Tim Alcorn presents a season preview of the NBA team.

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Take and Make Kitchen Projects

Week of Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

Each food kit includes ingredients, tools, and instructions. Just add a few items from your kitchen!

Take and Make Paper Crafts

Week of Oct. 21: Happy HalloThanksMas

Pop-up card

Week of Dec. 16: Book-Folded Card Holder

Pick up instructions and supplies for take and make at the Information desk.

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Exploring the Tarot

Tues., Oct. 21, 7pm-8pm

Rev. Anthony Makar explores the spiritual journey of the soul through Tarot cards.

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Tragedy and Triumph: Ray Chapman and the 1920 Cleveland Indians

Wed., Oct. 22, 7pm-8pm

Local history speaker Dennis R. Sutcliffe recounts this unforgettable chapter in baseball history.

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An Evening with Paul Orlousky

Thurs., Oct. 23, 7pm-8pm

Enjoy the riveting stories from local news anchor Paul Orlousky's decades-long career.

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Grave Matters: Just Creeping it Real

Mon., Oct. 27, 7pm-8pm

Join local storyteller Sherry Spenser for a virtual journey through eerie history, graveyards, and dark humor.

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An Evening with Katharine Wright

Tues., Nov. 4, 7pm-8pm

Historical re-enactor Stephanie Kramer portrays Katharine Wright, teacher, suffragist, and sister of the Wright brothers.

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Plan Ahead: Beyond Retirement

Wed., Nov. 5, 11:30am-1pm

Join local experts for lunch to discuss non-medical home care, elder law, hospice, funeral planning, and financial advising services.

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The Art of Charcuterie Boards

Ages 20+

Thurs., Nov. 6, 7pm-8pm

Join Chef Amee and learn how to create festive holiday charcuterie boards (\$10 fee). Registration begins Oct. 9 and closes Oct. 23.

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T(W)EENS

Calling All Pasta Lovers

Ages 11-14

Sat., Sept. 6, 11am-12:30pm

Join Chef Amee to learn how to make your very own homemade pasta and sauce (\$10 fee). Registration begins Aug. 9 and closes Aug. 23.

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Nosferatu in the Afternoon

Ages 14-17

Wed., Oct. 15, 4pm-6pm

Pizza, trivia/prizes, and a showing of the original Nosferatu (1922).

Sleuths on the Loose

Ages 9-12

Mon., Nov. 3, 7pm-8pm

Calling all aspiring detectives: detect truths from lies, take your own fingerprints, make various invisible ink recipes, and more!

PAWS and Paint

Ages 10+

Thurs., Dec. 4, 3pm-4:30pm

Stop in after school for pizza, painting, and petting our visiting therapy dogs.

Gingerbread Architects

Ages 11-17

Sat., Dec. 6, 2pm-3:30pm

Create a unique holiday masterpiece using candy, glue guns, and more in this fun gingerbread house workshop just for teens!

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

DISCOVERYWORKS

Brown Bag Science

Ages 3-5, 6-7, 8-11

Sat., Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

Stop by DiscoveryWorks and pick up materials for hands-on science and art activities you can do at home. One per child, while supplies last.

Wee STEM

Ages 3-5

Fri., Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, 9:30am-10am

Join us in The Lab for a hands-on science program geared to let your 3-5-year-old explore and ask questions. **Numbered tickets are available beginning at 9:15 am.**

Tickets are picked up on a first-come, first-served basis. You may only take tickets for your own child(ren).

BECOME A DISCOVERYWORKS AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Training Aug. 14, Aug. 26, Sept. 4, Sept. 8

Ambassador volunteers offer a special opportunity to enhance our visitor experiences for DiscoveryWorks at Avon Lake Public Library. If this is something you are interested in, fill out our online application!

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/VOLUNTEER

DW Jr. Explorers

Ages 6-7

Tues., Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 4pm-4:45pm

Come experiment, explore, and create with an hour of hands-on science and art activities in The Lab. **Registration required beginning one week prior to each program.**

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DW Explorers

Ages 8-11

Thurs., Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, 4pm-4:45pm

Come experiment, explore, and create with an hour of hands-on science and art activities in The Lab. **Registration required beginning one week prior to each program.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

Pokemon Open Play

All ages

Wed., Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 3:30pm-6pm

Bring your cards to play or trade with other Poke-enthusiasts.

Baby & Me Yoga

Ages 6 weeks to crawling babies with a caregiver

Sat., Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 10am-10:45am

Join certified instructor Jennifer Hanson-Smith for a yoga class that strengthens the emotional and physical bond with your baby. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Sasquatches, Yetis, and Lake Erie Monsters, Oh My!

Mon., Sept. 8

Get ready to hunt cryptids at the Avon Lake Public Library this fall by picking up a craft to do at home! One per person, while supplies last.

Harvest Helpers

All ages with a caregiver

Tues., Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 4pm-7pm

Drop in to pull weeds and take home veggies from Mary's Children's Garden. Extra produce will be given to CRS.



Yoga Stories

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver

Wed., Sept. 10, Dec. 3, 10:30am

Join kids' yoga instructor Kate Matos for fun poses and movements inspired by stories and music. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Baby Time

Non-walking infants ages 5 months and older with a participating adult

Sat., Sept. 13, Nov. 22, 9:30am

Join Miss Chloe for 20 minutes of bubbles, lap bounces, movement songs, and instrument play perfect for cuddly babies. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Toddler Time

Walkers up to 36 months with a participating adult, no siblings please.

Sat., Sept. 13, Nov. 22, 10:30am

Can't sit still? Join Miss Chloe for an active movement time full of bubbles, songs, instrument play, and parachute fun perfect for on-the-move toddlers. **No siblings, please. Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Lego Imagineers

Ages 4 and up with a caregiver

Thurs., Sept. 18, Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18 3:30pm-5pm

Use your creativity and imagination to complete a new Lego challenge each month! Legos provided, drop in anytime. Built creations remain at the Library.

PAWS to Read

Grades K+

Thurs., Sept. 25, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wed., Oct. 22, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sat., Nov. 8, 10am-11am

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read with a furry friend. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Yoga Buddies

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver

Sat., Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 27 10am-10:30am

Join kids' yoga instructor Kate Matos for yoga with your little one! **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS



Cryptid Explorers Book Club

Grades 2-3

Mon., Sept. 29, 7pm-8pm

Are you curious about cryptids? Pick up *Bigfoot & Nessie: The Art of Getting Noticed* at the Children's desk, read it at home, then come back and explore the world of these magical creatures. **Registration begins Aug. 29.**

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Pixie Party

Ages 4-9, on their own

Sat., Oct. 18, 10am-11am

Join Fairy Rose in listening to stories of enchanted forests, making fairy wands and bracelets, and moving through yoga and dance. Costumes encouraged! **Registration begins Oct. 4.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Garden Clean-Up

All ages with a caregiver

Sat., Oct. 25, 11am-12pm

Rain Date: Tues., Oct. 28, 4pm-5pm

Drop in to help clear the garden beds and take home any remaining produce. Extra produce will be given to CRS.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Dropoff: Thurs., Nov. 13, 2pm-5pm

Pickup: Fri., Nov. 14, 2pm-5pm

or Sat., Nov. 15, 9am-5pm

Drop off your favorite stuffed animal at the Library for a stuffed animals-only sleepover. **Registration begins Oct. 30.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

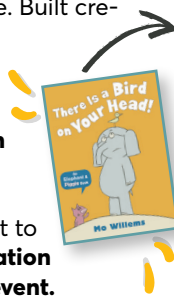
Beginning Reader Book Club

Grades K-1

Tues., Dec. 2, 7pm-7:45pm

New to reading? Join our beginner book club! Pick up *There's a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems at the Children's desk, read it at home, then come back to chat and enjoy some Elephant and Piggie fun. **Registration begins Nov. 2.**

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Arctic Adventures

Ages 2+ with a caregiver

Sat., Dec. 6, 10am-12pm

Join us on a Saturday morning journey to the northernmost region of the Earth to learn about snow, arctic animals, and more through fun STEAM activities. **Registration begins Nov. 22.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Winter Drop-In Crafts

Mon., Dec. 15-Tues., Dec. 23

Decorate the Children's department by crafting a paper ornament for our tree or making a card to share with a friend. One per person, while supplies last.

STORY TIMES

A limited number of tickets are available at the Children's desk, beginning 15 minutes before each scheduled time. Tickets are picked up on a first-come, first-served basis each week. You may only take tickets for yourself and your child(ren). Please attend only one session per week.

Family Story Time

Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with participating adult

Mon., Sept. 15-Wed., Nov. 19

Mon.: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am

Tues.: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 7pm

Wed.: 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am

Enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and crafts with the Children's Department staff. 30 minutes.

Step-Up Club

4, 5, and 6 year-olds on their own

Thurs., Sept. 18-Nov. 20, 10am & 1:30pm

Older preschool and Kindergarten students enjoy the chance to go into story time on their own. **45 minutes.**

Music & Movement

All ages with a participating adult

Sat., Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 10:30am

Join us for an interactive program designed to get little ones moving and grooving with singing, dancing, and playing with rhythm instruments.



ALPL Hours

Monday-Thursday	9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm
Sunday	(Closed Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day)

DiscoveryWorks Hours

Monday-Thursday	10am-9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm
Sunday	(Closed Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day)

ALPL Will Be Closed On:

Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sat., Oct. 11	BOO by the Woods Festival
Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Thurs., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Wed., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Thurs., Jan. 1	New Year's Day

Phone Numbers

Information Desk	440.933.8127
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