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Games

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MUSIC LESSONS

Guitars and ukuleles available for checkout.

ALPL Ukulele Jammers

Thurs., Jan. 15, Feb. 5, 19, Mar. 5, 19, Apr. 2, 16, 7pm-8pm

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

ALPL Guitar Jam

Thurs., Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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

Adult Beginner Guitar Course

Sat., Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, 10am-11am

A three-session beginner guitar course designed for adults who are new to the instrument or want to refresh their skills.

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Children's Three-Week Guitar Course

Ages 8-12

Thurs., Feb. 12, 19, 26, 4pm-4:45pm

A fun and engaging beginner guitar class designed to teach children the basics of playing guitar through simple songs, melodies, and activities.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Let's Play Chess

All ages; kids under 8 must have a caregiver present

Wed., Jan. 7-Wed., Feb. 25, 7pm-8:30pm

Drop in on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the challenge of the game in a welcoming community setting.

Healthy Living Series: Ask a Doc

Mon., 6:30pm-7:30pm

Jan. 12: Nutrition: A Pillar of Health

Feb. 16: Heart Health

Mar. 16: Diabetes & Its Complications

Apr. 13: Stress

Join Dr. Zolli with the Lorain County Community College for a practical health series.

Gain expert tips, ask questions, and take charge of your wellness.

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I'm Possible Game Nights

Wed., Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, 6pm-8pm

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

Model Railroad Train Display

Sat., Mar. 7, 10am-5pm

Sun., Mar. 8, 1pm-4pm

Join us for this exciting model train display by the National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region Division 4.

Friends of ALPL Used Book Sale

Sat., Mar. 14, 9am-5pm

Sun., Mar. 15, 10am-4pm

Browse gently used treasures from best-sellers and timeless fiction to nonfiction gems, children's favorites, and so much more. You're sure to find your next great read! Come support the Library and score incredible deals.

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Apr. 1-30

All month long, explore poetry that inspires, challenges, and delights. Our special displays highlight the vibrant voices of Ohio poets alongside celebrated national and international writers. Discover new favorites, revisit timeless classics, and let poetry spark your imagination!

BE A LIBRARY HERO! VOLUNTEER TODAY

We're excited to welcome both adult and teen volunteers to our team! Whether you love crafting, organizing, helping at events, or supporting the Friends of ALPL, there's a place for you here. Jump in, make a difference, and be part of something great!

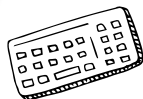
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Tech Help Programs

Tues., 7pm-8pm



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



Jan. 6: Digital ID

Jan. 13: Navigating Today's Internet

Feb. 3: Cutting the Cord & Free TV Offers

Feb. 10: Saving Digital Photos

Mar. 3: Seniors Guide to Google Gmail

Mar. 10: Seniors Guide to Yahoo! Email

Apr. 7: Parent's Guide to Video Games

Apr. 21: Recycling Electronics

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ADULTS

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Fri., Jan. 2-Sat., Feb. 28

As the winter winds howl and the temperatures drop, it's the perfect season to spend your free time curled up in a warm place with a good book, or several of them! Pick up a reading log at the Information desk and start reading. Return your completed entry tickets for a chance to win a gift card or other cozy items.

Discover Your Past

Thurs., Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, 26, 7pm-8pm

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

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Avon Lake Historical Society Presents

Mon., 1pm-2pm

Jan. 12: *Fashion Fatalities and Costume Casualties*

Feb. 9: *Rock & Roll History - The Cleveland Connection*

Mar. 16: *History of Women in Air and Space*

Apr. 13: *The Ohio Underground Railroad*

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

Stitch Niche

Mon., Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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

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Bookin' & Cookin'

Tues., 1pm-2pm

Jan. 13: *Comfort Food*

Feb. 10: *Vintage Recipe From Your Birth Year*

Mar. 10: *Taste of Ireland*

Apr. 14: *Alphabet: Pick two ingredients starting with the letters A,B,C, or D*

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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ALPL Open Mic Night

Tues., Jan. 13, 7pm-8:30pm

Join us for a night of local musical talent. Come to perform or just come to enjoy an evening of live music and community. **Registration required for both performers and attendees.**

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In Context: A Current Events Book Club

Thurs., 7pm-8pm

Jan. 15: *Climate Change*

Feb. 19: *Social Justice*

Mar. 19: *Immigration*

Apr. 16: *Artificial Intelligence*

Join our new book club for readers who enjoy exploring current events. Choose a themed fiction or non-fiction book from the Library's collection and discuss it with the group.

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Life Art for All!

Sat., Jan. 17, 1pm-2:30pm

Learn about the concept and practice of living life as art and how you can use it to enrich your own life. **Via Zoom.**

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Tea Time Book Club

Tues., 2pm-3pm

Jan. 20: *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

Feb. 17: *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen

Mar. 17: *James* by Percival Everett

Apr. 21: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

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

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Nonfiction Readers' Circle

Tues., Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, 7pm-8pm

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

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Lakeshore Writers Group

Mon., Jan. 26, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, 7pm-8:30pm

Writer Tina Bartish welcomes aspiring writers and authors to meet and share work.

Join in person or via Zoom.

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Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club

Thurs., Feb. 5, Mar. 5, 1pm-2pm

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

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Cuppas and Coppers

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

Feb. 11: *The Midnight Feast* by Lucy Foley

Mar. 11: *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin

Apr. 15: *The Couple at Number 9* by Claire Douglas

Enjoy a "cuppa" with us while discussing mystery books by British authors featuring a variety of "coppers". Meetings are held at **Emilie's Coffee House & Wine Bar, 457 Avon Belden Rd.**

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Take and Make Kitchen & Garden Projects

Weeks of Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20

Each kit includes ingredients and/or tools, along with instructions (you'll need to add a few items from your kitchen or garden shed).

Take and Make Paper Crafts

Week of:

Feb. 16: *St. Patrick's Day pop-up card*

Mar. 16: *Diamonds are Forever book folding*

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

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Bingocize

Wed. and Fri., Feb. 18-Apr. 24, 10am-11am

A 10-week health promotion program sponsored by Fairhill Partners that combines the game of Bingo with fall prevention exercise and content on nutrition. **Register once for all 20 sessions.**

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Spirits with a Twist

Wed., 2:30pm-3:30pm or 4pm-5pm

Feb. 25: *Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman

Mar. 25: *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Apr. 29: *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben

Join us at **Buffalo Wild Wings, 32914 Walker Rd.**, to discuss these titles with a surprise "twist". Spirits will be available to purchase.

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Simple Lawn Care . . . Naturally

Tues., Mar. 3, 7pm-8pm

Mel Hauser of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care discusses how to improve your lawn naturally and economically.

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Ceramic Flower Making with Firelands Association for the Visual Arts

Thurs., Mar. 12, 7pm-8pm

Make a ceramic flower in this beginner-friendly ceramic hand-building class.

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Maple Sugaring

Sun., Mar. 15, 2pm-3pm

Discover the sweet secret of how tree sap becomes delicious maple syrup.

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A Tour Of Cleveland Restaurants In 30 Minutes—More Or Less!

Tues., Mar. 31, 7pm-8pm

Travel back in time to these long-gone eateries and savor the food and atmosphere that made them popular in their heyday.

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Name That Tune

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

Calling all 50's and 60's music lovers! Test your music skills with *Name That Tune* bingo and fun facts.

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T(W)EENS

Hibernate with a Good Book

Fri., Jan. 2–Sat., Feb. 28

When it's freezing outside, there's no better plan than chilling indoors with an awesome book (or a whole stack!). Grab a reading log from the Information Desk or online and start tracking what you read. Turn in your completed entries for a chance to win a gift card or other super-cozy prizes. Get comfy, get reading, and let winter fly by!

Teen Take and Make

Week of Mon., Jan. 12

Make your own mug of delicious spiced cider. Pick up one of our take-and-make bags. One per person, while supplies last.

Calling All Chocolate Lovers!

Ages 11–14

Fri., Feb. 13, 11am–12:30pm

Join Chef Amee on your day off for a culinary exploration into the world of chocolate. We'll have a chocolate tasting, make chocolate and strawberry waffle sandwiches, and create a chocolate dessert or two.

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No Sew, No Problem!

Ages 10–14

Mon., Feb. 16, 7pm–8pm

Join Julie and Nicole to make an adorable NO SEW avocado pillow to add to your room decor!

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Acrylic Painting with Firelands Association for the Visual Arts

Ages 10–14

Sat., Mar. 14, 11am–12pm

Explore basic acrylic painting techniques and embrace your creativity.

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You Are Getting Your Driver's License, BUT What's Under the Hood?

Ages 15–17

Sat., Apr. 18, 11am–12pm

Learn how to replace wiper fluid, check tire pressure, jump a dead battery, and much more in this hands-on class that will be conducted in the Library parking lot.

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DISCOVERYWORKS

Brown Bag Science

Ages 3–5, 6–7, 8–11

Sat., Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11

Stop by DiscoveryWorks and pick up materials for hands-on science and art activities you can do at home. General supplies like glue, tape, and scissors may be needed. No registration required. One per child, while supplies last.

Tinker Time

All ages

Fri., Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, 11am–3pm

Drop in The Lab to take on our makerspace challenge of the day! Use a variety of tools and materials to think, design, and invent. No registration required.

DW Jr. Explorers

Ages 6–7 on their own.

Tues., Apr. 21, 4pm–4:45pm

Come experiment, explore, and create! Join us for 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

Wed., Apr. 22, 4pm–4:45pm

Come experiment, explore, and create! Join us for 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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CHILDREN

Hibernate with a Good Book

Ages 0–12

Fri., Jan. 2–Sat., Feb. 28

Visit the Children's department beginning Jan. 2 to pick up a reading log. After reading for 10 days, bring the log to the Library to collect a sticker. Complete 40 days of reading to receive your very own adorable stuffed toy. One per person, while supplies last.

Paws to Read

Grades K and up

Tues., Jan. 6, 6:30pm–7:30pm

Thurs., Feb. 5, 6:30pm–7:30pm

Sat., Mar. 14, 10am–11am

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

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Pokemon Open Play

All ages

Wed., Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 4pm–6pm

Bring your cards to play or trade with other Poke-enthusiasts. No registration.

Let's Play Chess

All ages; kids under 8 must have a caregiver present

Wed., Jan. 7–Wed., Feb. 25, 7pm–8:30pm

Drop in on Wednesday evenings and find a partner to play chess with.

Winter Wonderland Week!

Week of Jan. 12 (while supplies last)

A winter-themed preschool craft will be available in the Children's department.

Lego Imagineers

Ages 4+ with a caregiver

Thurs., Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, 3:30pm–5pm

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

Yoga Stories

Ages 2–5 with a caregiver

Wed., Jan. 14, Apr. 15, 10:30am

Join kids' yoga instructor Kate Matos for some movement and poses coordinated with stories and music. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Yoga Buddies

Ages 2–5 with a caregiver

Sat., Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, 10am–10:30am

Join kids' yoga instructor Kate Matos for some movement and poses to help you bend, stretch, bond, and breathe with your little one! **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Baby & Me Yoga

Ages 6 weeks to crawling babies with a caregiver

Sat., Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, 10am-10:45am

Join certified yoga instructor Jennifer Hanson-Smith for a class focusing on strengthening the emotional and physical bond between you and baby. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Valentine Make-N-Take Craft

All Ages

Fri., Feb. 6-Sun., Feb. 8

Drop in to make a paper valentine for your sweetie. One per person, while supplies last.

Chicken Squad Book Discussion

Grades 2-3

Mon., Feb. 9, 7pm-8pm

Can the Chicken Squad defeat what is lurking beyond the coop? Read *The Chicken Squad* at home, then bring it to program and go on an adventure of your own.

Registration begins Jan. 9. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Desk.

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Family Fort Night FUN!

All ages

Thurs., Feb. 12, 7pm-8:30pm

Celebrate the Presidents' Day school holiday with some old-fashioned fort building. **Registration begins Jan. 29.**

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Wiggle & Giggle: A Sing-Along Adventure!

All ages

Sat., Feb. 21, 11am-11:45am

Get ready to jump, wiggle, and dance all around to sing-along music with Miss Misty and her guitar.

Sensory Creations

All ages, with a caregiver

Fri., Mar. 6, 10am-12pm

Drop in to make an age-appropriate sensory toy. One toy per child while supplies last.

Baby Time

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

Sat., Mar. 21, Apr. 18, 9:30am-10am

Join us for bubbles, lap bounces, movement songs, and instrument play perfect for cuddly babies. Open play opportunity at the end of the session. **No siblings. Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Toddler Time

Walkers up to 36 months with an adult

Sat., Mar. 21, Apr. 18, 10:30am-11am

Join us for an active movement time full of bubbles, songs, instrument play, and parachute fun perfect for on-the-move toddlers. Open play opportunity at the end of the session. **No siblings. Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Crafty Kids

Grades K-5

Mon., Mar. 30, 4pm-4:45pm

Let's get crafty! Join our staff for a fun after-school craft.

Tada the Magician

All ages, with a caregiver

Tues., Apr. 7, 10:30am

Tada's show is packed with fun, family-friendly magic that keeps everyone engaged from start to finish! Expect high-energy crowd participation, exciting games, and dancing.

Balloon Vibe Workshop

Ages 3+ with a caregiver

Thurs., Apr. 9, 10:30am

Join Brad "The Balloon Vibe" Thompson in learning how to twist balloons into fun shapes. **Registration begins Mar. 26.**

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Beginning Reader Book Club

Grades K-1

Tues., Apr. 14, 7pm-7:45pm

New to reading? There's a book club just for you! Read *Kiwi Cannot Reach* by Jason Tharp at home, then bring it to the program and join in the fun! **Registration begins Mar. 17. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Desk.**

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Super Mario Bros. Bash

Ages 6-9

Sat., Apr. 25, 10am-11am

Let's celebrate the release of the new Super Mario movie with games and activities based on Mario & Luigi and their friends! **Registration begins Apr. 11.**

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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

Tues., Jan. 20-Wed., Mar. 25

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

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

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

Join the Children's staff for stories, songs, movement activities, and crafts. **30 minutes.**

Step-Up Club

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

Thurs., Jan. 22 -Thurs., Mar. 26, 10am and 1:30pm

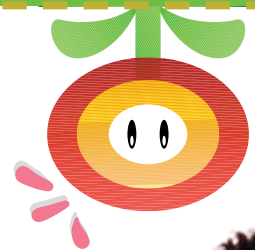
Older preschool and Kindergarten students enjoy the chance to go into story time on their own. **45 minutes.**

Music & Movement

All ages with a participating adult

Sat., Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, 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:

Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Thurs., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Wed., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Thurs., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Mon., Jan. 19	MLK Day
Sun., Apr. 5	Easter Sunday

Phone Numbers

Information Desk	440.933.8127
Circulation Desk	440.933.8128
Children's Desk	440.933.8917
DiscoveryWorks	440.933.7848



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