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Ritter Friends to host Pirate Fest!

Friends of Ritter Public Library are excited to host the second annual Great Lakes Pirate Fest at the library Saturday, Oct. 16.



Join Capt'n Willie, the famous North Coast pirate, for a whole day of his special brand of "edu-tainment" for all ages.

Learn the value of one of the earth's greatest treasures – the Great Lakes – while having fun in true pirate style. Dress like a pirate, enter the coloring contest, enjoy a treasure hunt and a sing-along.

Be amazed by jugglers and First Mate Zap, the magical pirate. Refreshments will be served as a Friends' fundraiser.

Expanded computer lab open for business

The newly expanded computer lab at Ritter has 26 Internet-access computers available to the public.

Log on with your library card number or use a guest pass. The computers are loaded with Microsoft Office programs including Word '07. Ritter

also offers a continuing schedule of basic computer classes. Start from the very beginning, then build your skills. Learn to use the Internet, Microsoft programs, set up an email address, even make your own Facebook page. Stop in for a class schedule or see the calendar at ritterpubliclibrary.org.

Ritter – at your service!

Your library is ready to assist you with all kinds of office services.

Ritter offers copy machines, both color and black-and-white. Print wirelessly from home or your laptop by clicking on Services on our website. Fax your documents from the library, or receive faxes here and we'll call you when they're ready. Or use our scan-to-email service. For free notary service, please call ahead.

We also loan out laptops and a multi-media projection system for your on-the-road presentations.

Are you ready to bumble?

Break out your dictionary and get r-r-r-ready to bumble! The Friends of Ritter Public Library are already at work planning their second annual Spell Fest, set for Thursday, Nov. 11.



Watch for applications, which will be available at the library next month. Teams of three can compete in the exciting, game-show style competition to see who will win the fabulous "Noah Webster" cup.

Mark your calendar!

•Retool Your Job Search

Lorain County libraries offer a week-long series aimed at helping you maximize your employability. See reverse side for details, beginning Monday, Sept. 13.

•Starting A Small Business

Get tips from an expert from the Small Business Association about how you can start your own small business and be your own boss! Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 pm.

•Fall Storytimes

Call 967-3798 to find the session that's just right for your child beginning the week of Sept. 27.

•Learn to Knit

A series of four basic classes starts Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10 am.

•Create a Shade Garden

Learn from Master Gardener Mary Strayer at a free program on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 pm.

•Children's Book Sale

One free book for every child! Saturday, Nov. 6 from 1 to 3 pm.

Holiday Closings

Labor Day	Sept. 6
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 25

up-to-date details
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RETOOLING



YOUR JOB SEARCH

LIBRARIES IN LORAIN COUNTY CARE

Retooling Yourself

Monday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. 440-647-7170

Herrick Memorial Library, 101 Willard Memorial Square, Wellington

Maureen D. Hess, M.Ed., LSW, a Career Development Specialist in the Employment and Career Services department at Lorain County Community College, practices what she preaches. She has lost her job more than once, most recently in her 50s, and has reinvented herself; now she helps others do the same. Ms. Hess will also address the services LCCC offers to adults in transition.

What Not to Wear for an Interview or New Job

Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System's Main Library, 351 Sixth Street, Lorain

The right clothes do make a difference! Learn how to dress properly and professionally for any type of job. *Dress for Success Cleveland* will present information to help you select the perfect interview outfit on a budget. See how you can use 13 pieces of clothing to combine into 43 outfits and enjoy a 45-minute trunk show. For more information, call the Main Library at 440-244-1192, ext. 245 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 245.

Marketing Your Small Business

Wednesday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. 440-967-3798



Ritter Public Library, 5680 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion

Free and open to small business owners, employees and organizations. Get tips for creative and cost-effective marketing and public relations for your small business, non-profit or organization. Learn the basics, including press releases, working with the media, branding, name recognition, advertising on a budget, communicating a consistent message and more. 440-967-3798

Pump Up Your Resume

Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. 440-775-7490

Oberlin Public Library, 65 South Main Street, Oberlin

Cyndi McCabe, Job Placement Coordinator at LCCC, will present a program about ways to make your resume stand out from the pack. She'll have examples, and take your questions.

Sharpen Your Interview Skills

Thursday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. 440-988-4730

Amherst Public Library, 221 Spring Street, Amherst

Join Amherst Public Library Director, Robin Wood in this dynamic and informative program on improving your interview techniques. Robin will share with you the tips and tricks to make your interview more successful and help you land that job. She has more than 20 years experience in human resource management in the manufacturing, transportation and service industries. Robin is a certified PHR (Professional in Human Resources) and has interviewed hundreds of people throughout her career.

21st Century Job Seeking: Social Networking

Friday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. 440-933-8128

Avon Lake Public Library, 32649 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake

In many fields today, answering job ads and perfecting your paper resume just aren't enough. Professional networking takes place online and all the time. Local social networking guru and business owner Gregg Eldred will introduce you to the worlds of Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and other important sites and services. Librarian Cindy Maxey will demonstrate the Surviving Hard Times website and briefly describe library services for job seekers.

Mock Interviews: Practice Your Interview Skills

Saturday, September 18, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Elyria West River Branch Library, 1194 West River Road North, Elyria

Tips, strategies, recommendations and mock interviews conducted by David James from the *Employment Network*. Attendees will receive hands-on experience to benefit themselves as they begin the interview process in the real world. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling 440-324-2270.

Programs are free and open to the public.