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C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 21, at 1 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project! This group is open to fiber and textile artists, beaders, paper crafters, and more. All skill levels welcome!

V **The History of US Women Astronauts with Smithsonian Curator Valerie Neal**
Thursday, April 2, at 2 pm
Explore a slice of US history that's out of this world! Valerie Neal will discuss her book, **On a Mission: The Smithsonian History of US Women Astronauts.** Her book spans 45 years and 61 astronauts! Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **The Dark History of the Mansfield Reformatory**
Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 pm
Kathy Feketik, the paranormal program manager at the Ohio State Reformatory, will discuss the history of one of Ohio's most notorious locales. RR

L **Spring Flower Folding**
Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 pm
Teens and adults can create paper flowers for a beautiful spring bouquet. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Rescuing Your Lawn from Grubs**
Saturday, April 4, at 10 am
Lake County Master Gardeners share their expertise on how to identify a grub infestation and effectively eliminate it. RR

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, April 6, at 2 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. RR

L **Learn About ChatGPT**
Monday, April 6, at 6:30 pm
Learn general information about and practical applications for ChatGPT. Also learn about the controversies surrounding the AI-powered chatbot. RR

C **Book-Themed Decoupage Earrings**
Tuesday, April 7, at 10 am
Create one-of-a-kind earrings by decoupaging upcycled book pages. Make a gift for yourself or your favorite reader! Register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, April 8 & 22, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

M **What If President Garfield Had Lived**
Wednesday, April 8, at noon
What would have happened if President Garfield had survived the assassin's bullet? A ranger from James A. Garfield National Historic Site will use Garfield's words and actions to speculate how the president would have addressed the issues our nation faced after his death. RR

H **Headlands Craft Social Squad**
Wednesday, April 8, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists **of all ages** and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

L **Cleveland: The Car Capitol of the World**
Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm
A speaker from the Western Reserve Historical Society will take you back to the turn of the 20th century when Cleveland was the car capitol of the world! RR

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns**
Thursday, April 9, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making Japchae aka Korean glass noodles. RR

M **Monday University: Return of the Eastern Bluebird**
Monday, April 13, at 6:30 pm
Mike Watson from the Holden Forests & Gardens will discuss bluebird ecology and conservation, including the Arboretum's role in the Eastern Bluebird's resurgence. He'll also offer tips for homeowners on providing safe nesting options for our feathered neighbors. RR

L **The Art of Tea**
Monday, April 13, at 6:30 pm
Learn the history and art of tea from Julie Koenig while enjoying a British tea time. RR

H **Headlands Writers' Group**
Monday, April 13, at 7 pm
Join our new writers' group! Each meeting begins with a guided prewriting exercise and 30 minutes of free writing, followed by group sharing and constructive criticism. RR

C **The Declaration of Independence**
Tuesday, April 14, at 10 am
To celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary, Dr. John Foster will discuss the history of the Declaration of Independence, its importance in that moment, and its meaning for the country now. Register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

V **On Writing Action-Packed & Suspenseful Spycraft with Brad Taylor**
Tuesday, April 14, at 7 pm
Join the acclaimed author of the **Pike Logan** series as he discusses his newest novel! In addition to writing thrillers, Taylor served in the US Army for 20 years, including eight years in Delta Force. Learn more during an his author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna**
Wednesday, April 15, at 3 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns teaches how to use an air fryer to make side dishes, entrees and even dessert. RR

L **Tai Chi for Arthritis**
Wednesday, April 15, at 3:15 pm
This class focuses on gentle movements that will help reduce pain, increase strength, and improve balance. RR

M **Medicare Basics**
Wednesday, April 15, at 6 pm
Laura Mutsko from Mutsko Insurance Services will explain how Medicare works and affects you. Find out what Parts A, B, C, and D cover, as well as the differences between a Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plan. RR

H **Headlands Crockpot Club**
Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm
It's a potluck at the library! Bring a dish to share, its recipe and ingredients list. RR

L **Lake County Council on Aging: Emergency Preparedness & Senior Scam Awareness**
Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Learn what LCCOA does to serve and support seniors. Also find out how to prepare for emergencies and avoid common scams and frauds. RR

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Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Design unique trucker hats using bold patches, vibrant markers, and unique fabric decoupage. All materials provided. **RR**

M **Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon**
Saturday, April 18, 9 am to 9 pm
Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! A light dinner will be provided. There is a $10 nonrefundable fee to cover food expenses to be paid at registration. **RR**

L **Retracing the Lake Shore Electric Railway**
Monday, April 20, at 6:30 pm
Discover the history of the "greatest electric interurban in the country." The Lake Shore Electric Railway operated from 1901 to 1938 between Cleveland and Toledo. It influenced transportation, recreation, development, and the economy. You'll also learn where its remnants can still be found. **RR**

M **How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft**
Tuesday, April 21, at 2 pm
Benjamin Simerly, a certified financial planner, will discuss specific ways in which thieves steal identities and access financial accounts and private information. Most importantly, he'll share ways to protect your self from scammers, including new Artificial Intelligence-based scams. **RR**

HB **Stained Glass Suncatchers**
Tuesdays, April 21 or 28, At 5:30 pm
Create a faux stained-glass suncatcher using The HUB's laser engraver. **RR**

M **Plant Swap**
Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 pm
Our annual plant swap returns! Pick up an indoor plant, share cuttings of your own, or drop off a plant that you no longer need. **RR**

V **Lush Lyricism & Intimate Confessions with Miranda Cowley Heller**
Wednesday, April 22, at 2 pm
In celebration of National Poetry Month, Miranda Cowley Heller will discuss her new collection, **What the Deep Water Knows**. It's an intimate journey through the life stages of women. Join her free online author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. **RR**

HB **Miniature Keepsake Box**
Wednesdays, April 22 or 29, At 5:30 pm
Learn how to personalize a miniature wooden keepsake box using paints, stencils, and the HUB's laser engraver. **RR**

M **A Novel Twist: Book Folding Fun**
Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 pm
Give new life to old pages! Upcycle discarded books into one-of-a-kind art through the craft of book folding. No experience needed. **RR**

HB **Whimsical Wind Chimes**
Thursdays, April 23 or 30, At 5:30 pm
Celebrate the return of spring with a colorful, customized wind chime for your home or garden — complete with a message engraved by The HUB's laser engraver. **RR**

L **No Rules, Just Art**
Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 pm
For adults and teens. Make the artwork of your choice. We provide the supplies; you bring the creativity! **RR**

Annual Community Paper Shred Day
Saturday, April 25, from 7 to 10:30 am
We're partnering with Xpress Shredding of Mentor to host this one-day event. Patrons and Mentor residents are invited to bring up to five boxes or bags of documents for shredding to Xpress Shredding's headquarters at **8001 Moving Way** (off of Tyler Boulevard) in Mentor. Cars must be in line by 10:30am. Electronic scrap items will also be accepted for recycling. That includes computers, computer monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners, phones, cell phones, cords, chargers, CDs, flash drives, and VHS tapes. It does NOT include televisions.

H **Headlands Branch Is for the Birds**
Saturday, April 25, at 1 pm
We're making the Headlands Branch safer for birds — and you can help. This program begins with a screening of **Building for Birds**. Then there will be a hands-on demonstration of how to apply bird-safe tape to the windows of our Headlands Branch. **RR**

L **Garden As We Age**
Monday, April 27, at 2 pm
Lake County Master Gardeners explain techniques and share advice for gardening as you age. **RR**

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 pm
Fiber artists **of all ages** can work on projects, share ideas, and learn from each other while you stitch, crochet, knit, and so forth.

L **Gentle Yoga with Deep Relaxation**
Wednesday, April 29, at 2 pm
Enjoy gentle yoga that moves at a slower pace and leads into a guided meditation, so the participant can experience deep relaxation through yoga nidra. **RR**

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L **Mother's Day Crafting & Creating Aromatherapy Gifts**
Thursday, April 30, at 6 pm
Certified aromatherapist Jennifer Langsdale will lead a class where you can create three aromatherapy gifts — either for yourself or a loved one. You'll make a calming salve, aromatherapy roller ball, and foot or bath salt. This program is for teens and adults. There's a $10 nonrefundable cash fee to cover program expenses when you register. **RR**

Are You The Next Library Laureate?

To celebrate America's 250th anniversary and National Poetry Month, we're hosting a special version of our annual poetry contest!

Teens and adults can submit original poetry to win the title of Library Poet Laureate 2026! The poems can be about America or inspired by an American poet or piece of American poetry.

Poems can be written in any style and on any subject. And while you may seek inspiration anywhere — for copyright reasons, you cannot quote another poem unless it's in the public domain.

Winners in each age group will receive a $25 gift card to Half Price Books. The age groups will be Adult (18 and older) and Tween/Teen (12 to 17.)

Poems can be submitted by email to **branch-headlands@mentorpl.org** or in person at any of our branches. Contact details — your name, age, and phone number or email — must be included. Submit up to two original works!
You may submit anonymously but, if you do, you forfeit the ability to win any prizes.

For more information and to read last year's poetry submissions, you can visit **mentorpl.org/poetryanthology**.

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, suspense, true crime, and mystery/detective novels. In April, they will discuss **Busybody Book Club** by Freya Sampson.

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe to share with the group. This month's book is **So Easy So Good** by Kylie Sakaida Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

M Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, April 14, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **The Children's Blizzard** by Melanie Benjamin.

L Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **Twice** by Mitch Albom. RR

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. This month, we're reading **Sea of Tranquility** by Emily St. John Mandel. We'll be meeting at Headlands Community Center (9096 Lake Overlook Drive, Mentor.) RR

H Thrills & Chills Book Club
Monday, April 20, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its members! In April, they will read and discuss **Night** by Elie Wiesel. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

M Men's Book Club
Monday, April 20, at 7 pm
This month's book is **Misquoting Jesus** by Bart Ehrman.

H Romancing the Book Club
Monday, April 27, at 6 pm
This month, we're reading **For Whom the Belle Tolls** by Jaysea Lynn. We'll meet at the **Headlands Community Center.** RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, April 27, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're reading and talking about **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult.

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H Finger Paint Fridays
Fridays, from 10 am to noon
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. If it's busy, children may need to wait for their turn.

M Travel Club
Wednesday, April 1, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) will enjoy crafts, activities, and a snack celebrating a different state each month. They'll also receive a pin for each state that they visit! RR

H Let's Cook with Kids
Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns will lead a cooking class for kids (8 and older.) RR

M Yoga Kids
Thursday, April 2, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. The staff from our Children's Department and yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach will help families act out a picture book using yoga poses RR

M K-Pop Demon Hunters Save the World
Friday, April 3, at 1 pm
Kids (5-12) can enjoy a program with craft, activities, and snacks all inspired by the hit movie **KPop Demon Hunters**. It's going to be golden! The kids will decorate microphones, paint patterns on their arms, and style their hair with clip-in strands. And, of course, there will be couch snacks! RR

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, April 4, at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We provide the LEGO. You bring the creativity!

H Who Were the Vikings?
Saturday, April 4, at 1 pm
Kids (6-12) can learn about the Vikings during a program that's fun, fascinating, and free. Jessy Harper, director of the Ohio Viking Festival, will teach about the raiders, traders, and farmers who explored vast distances and left behind astonishing artifacts. RR

KIDS

M **Super Mario Galaxy Movie Party**
Monday, April 6
From 9 am to 4:30 pm
Kids can celebrate their day off from school with a Mario party! Play games on the Switch and enjoy snacks, games, and crafts all themed around Mario. We're screening **The Super Mario Bros Movie** at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm in the story time room.

M **Book-to-Movie Book Club**
Monday, April 6, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. This month's book is **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**. Yum! RR

M **Kids' Banking with Cardinal Community Credit Union**
Monday, April 6, at 6 pm
Kids (K-6th grade) can learn about the value of money through activities and games with the Cardinal Community Credit Union. RR

M **The Fine Arts Club**
Tuesday, April 7, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) learn about different art forms with fun hands-on experiences. In April, the young artists will explore the art of stained glass. RR

HB **Pop-Up Flowers**
Tuesdays, April 7 or 14
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can decorate and assemble a wooden pop-up flower using The HUB's laser engraver. RR

HB **Spring Birdhouse**
Wednesdays, April 8 or 15
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can learn how to craft a birdhouse with a little help from The HUB's Cricut Maker. RR

M **The Story of America Club**
Thursday, April 9, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can explore a different chapter in the story of the United States each month with crafts, activities, and a snack that relates to that period in history. RR

HB **Butterfly Suncatchers**
Thursdays, April 9 or 16
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can make a butterfly-shaped suncatcher with wax paper, crayon shavings, and The HUB's heat press. RR

M **Miss Spider's Tea Party**
Saturday, April 11, at noon
Kids (4-8) are invited to Miss Spider's Tea Party! Dress as your favorite bug. Enjoy listening to the picture book by David Kirk while having tea and treats. RR

H **Roblox Saturday**
Saturday, April 11, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

H **Next Level Video Game Club**
Saturday, April 11, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. RR

M **Parent & Me Mat Pilates**
Friday, April 17, at 11:30 am
Kids (3-8) along with their grownup can enjoy a gentle workout with Melissa Bogo from Rooted & Rising Pilates. RR

M **Superman Day**
Saturday, April 18
From 9 am to 4:30 pm
Kids of all ages can celebrate the iconic superhero that was created in Cleveland!

M **American Candy Taste Test**
Monday, April 20, at 4 pm
Kids (2nd-5th grade) will sample different candies made in America. RR

M **American Girl in America**
Wednesday, April 22, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can celebrate 250 years of American history through the American Girl doll! Each month, the group will celebrate a different girl and explore a different moment in the country's history. Kids may bring their doll with them. This month, we're revisiting the pioneer era with Kirsten! RR

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In celebration of Easter, all of our branches will be closed on Sunday, April 5.

STORYTIMES

M **Family Story Time**
Mondays, at 10 am
Bring your kids and enjoy stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development. Geared toward ages two to six but all ages welcome. Each story time ends with a parade!

M **Tiddlywinks Story Time**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Kids (0-3) with a caregiver will love this story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

L **Storytime Stars**
Tuesdays, at 10:30 am
Kids (6 months to five years old) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

M **Preschool Story Time**
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 11 am
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

M **Pajama Story Time**
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Kids can wear their pajamas while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

L **Musical Munchkins**
Thursdays, at 10:30 am
Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive story time with singing, stories, and rhymes. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

M **Wiggle, Giggle & Shake Story Time**
Fridays, at 10 am
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping, marching, and moving to music together.

M **Firehouse Friends**
Thursday, April 9, at 10 am
Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories about firefighters and offers tips on staying safe.

M **Early Intervention Family Story Time**
Monday, April 13, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

M **Girl Scout Story Time**
Thursday, April 16, at 6 pm
Scouts of all ages can enjoy stories, songs, a craft, and snack. RR

M **Holden Tree Tale Tellers Story Time**
Tuesday, April 21, at 11 am
Kids can learn about plants and nature during this special story time with a Tree Tale Teller from Holden Forests & Gardens. RR

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May 13
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