



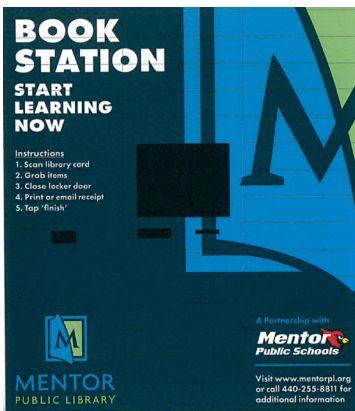
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Pick up Holds at Mentor High

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to get your next book, movie, or anything else you're borrowing.

With that goal in mind, we've installed hold lockers outside of Mentor High School near the entrance to the gymnasium and Fine Arts Center.

You can now request your items be sent to the hold lockers the same way you'd have them delivered to our other branches.

Your holds are completely secure in the lockers. No one will be able to access your holds except you. You'll need to scan your library card or enter your card number to open your locker. The new lockers are perfect for the busy person who wants flexibility.

If an item can't be placed on hold – like the board games, cake pans, or ukuleles from our Library of Things – then they can't be picked up at the hold lockers. Also, some oversized items may not fit in a locker.

Donate to Those in Need

We're collecting donations for our annual food drive from Dec. 1 to Dec. 30 at our Main, Lake, and Headlands Branches.

The donated food all goes to local food pantries that, in turn, give it to families who need it the most. Please give nonperishable food only.

Last year you donated hundreds of pounds of food to your neighbors in need. We look forward to your generosity again this year.

Our Main Branch is also a dropoff location for Toys for Tots donations. You can help a local family have a happier holiday by leaving a new unwrapped toy in one of the Toys for Tots boxes in our building.



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December Closures

All of our branches will be closed on Friday, Dec. 3, for staff in-service training.

We apologize for the inconvenience but continuous training allows us to serve you better.

Also, our branches will be closed Dec. 24 - 26 for Christmas and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2 for New Year's.

Our digital services are still available 24/7, even when our buildings are closed. For more information on how to receive ebooks, audiobooks, streaming music and video, and more any time, visit www.mentorpl.org.

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H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

V: VIRTUAL

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

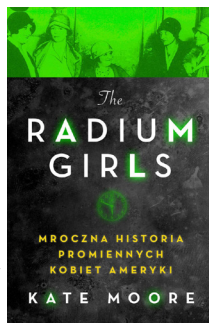
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Book Clubs

L Colorful Characters Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 am

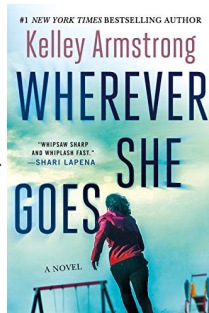
This relaxing club combines good reads, great conversation, and coloring. This month's book is *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. Discover the true story of these forgotten women's fight for rights. **RR**



M It's a Mystery Book Club

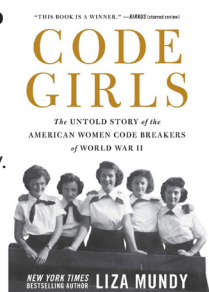
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 pm

This club reads thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. This month, they'll discuss *Wherever She Goes* by Kelley Armstrong. People can join the discussion in person or via Zoom. **RR**



Senior Center Book Club Wednesday Dec. 15, 1:30 pm

Mentor Senior Center
This month's book is *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy. Discover the untold story of the American women code breakers of World War II. **RR**



H Funny Women Book Club

Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 pm

Mentor Headlands Community Center
Join the book club that's reading some of today's funniest ladies! This month, we're discussing the hysterical and satirical guide to beauty and homemaking, *Trixie and Katya's Guide to Modern Womanhood*. **RR**

ADULT

L Mentor-on-the-Lake History Buffs Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 pm

Explore the history of Mentor-on-the-Lake. This group's primary goal is to gather and document information that pertains to the city's past. Reminiscing and sharing is also encouraged. The Mentor-on-the-Lake History Buffs are open to all and meet quarterly. **RR**

M Holiday Craft Party Monday, Dec. 6, at 6 pm

Teens and adults can create four different holiday crafts to take home and share with friends and family. We'll provide all the supplies. You just bring your creativity. **RR**

C Christmas Music Bingo Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 10 am

Celebrate the songs of the season during this fun musical twist on Bingo. Prizes for winners! To register, call the Concord Township Community Center at (440) 639-4650. **RR**

HB Green Screen Holiday Photos Tuesday, Dec. 7, 3:30 to 7 pm

Make a fun, festive, and totally unique holiday photo using the green screen in The HUB's magnificent MakerSpace. All ages welcome!

M Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Wartime Christmas Music Wednesday, Dec. 8, at noon

Christmas songs and carols are a vital part of the holiday's traditions, and this was still the case when the United States was at war -- the Civil War, World Wars, and others. Come join two of the most musically inclined staff from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site for a fun and educational sing-along exploring Christmas tunes from the various wartime periods in American history. **RR**

H Art Journaling Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 pm

Mentor Headlands Community Center
Explore your creative side with a night of Art Journaling. No special skills required; no rules either! Use pictures and words to express yourself. **RR**

M Color Me Calm Thursdays, Dec. 9 and 16, at 10:30 am

Adults can enjoy coloring with relaxing music at the library.

V Beer Styles: A Special Virtual Tasting Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a special BYOB virtual beer tasting with Michael Williams, the education coordinator for Great Lakes Brewing Company. Today's beer consumer has more choices than ever. Discover what delights your taste buds. **RR**

V All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg Saturdays, Dec. 11, at noon

Every other week, MPL librarians Cailey and Meg recommend and discuss what they've been reading. Each week, their recommendations have a different theme.

HB Holiday Pot Holders Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 5 pm

Make festive pot holders using the equipment in The HUB's makerspace. **RR**



V The Making of 'It's a Wonderful Life' Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 pm

Discover the complex backstory of this holiday classic, including trivia and rarely told stories. Hollywood historian Sal St. George will discuss what other actors were considered for the film and where its story originated. (Was it really from a Christmas card?) **RR**

H Headlands Photography Club Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 pm

Join the library's new photography club that's open to shutterbugs of all ages. Enjoy tips, photo walks to local locations, and opportunities to display your work. Bring your own camera, and all camera types are welcome. **RR**

L Holistic Wellness & Yoga Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 2 pm

Yoga teacher Darlene Kelbach will lead an hour-long class that includes a relaxing yoga session and offer tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. **RR**

HB Holiday Aprons Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 5 pm

Use a Cricut Maker to customize an apron for all of your holiday baking. We provide all the supplies, including your new apron. **RR**

L Crafty Adults Monday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 pm

Create a new craft each month. We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity. All skill levels are welcome. **RR**

TEEN

M Take & Make Crafts for Teens & Adults

New crafts available on Dec. 2 & 16

Teens (and adults) can pick up a craft kit from the reference desk at our Main Branch to get all the supplies needed to make a fun and festive holiday craft. No reservation necessary. One craft kit per person.

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L DIY Ugly Christmas Sweater Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (ages 11 to 18) can transform an old sweater or T-shirt into an ugly Christmas sweater -- perfect for any holiday party. We provide all the supplies except for your old sweater or shirt. **RR**

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Don't Just Shop, MAKE

Why buy when you can MAKE?

See what you can create in The HUB's MakerSpace. Etch an ornament using the laser engraver. Customize clothes or a tote bag with its vinyl cutter and T-shirt press. Create a unique holiday card with its Green Screen.

The HUB, which is inside Mentor High School, is open to the public from 3 to 8 pm Monday through Thursday. To make a reservation, visit mentorpl.org/makers/makerspace or call 440-205-6011.

KIDS

H Dear Santa Nov. 29 - Dec. 17

Kids can write a letter to Santa and put it in the magical mailbox. Don't forget to include your return address. Letters will be accepted until Dec. 17, so Santa has enough time to receive the letter before Christmas.

M Elf on the Library Shelf Dec. 1 - Dec. 23

Win a prize if you can find the silly elf hiding in the Children's Area. No registration required and open to all ages. New hiding spots each day!

L Rudolph & Friends Hide & Seek Dec. 1 - Dec. 23

Rudolph and his friends are playing reindeer games. Win a prize if you can find them. New hiding spots every day!

H Reindeer Scavenger Hunt Dec. 1 - Dec. 23

Rudolph and the gang have gone missing. Come to the Headlands Branch and find one of the missing reindeer. For assisting Santa, you'll enter a raffle to win a special gift directly from Santa.

M Family Holiday Trees Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7 pm

Families can decorate a tree that we'll be displayed in the library! Join us for a special story time with hot cocoa and cookies. Then take home a tree to beautify in your own unique way. Finally, bring it back and we'll display it in our Children's Area. **RR**

M Yoga Kids Thursday, Dec. 2, at 11 am

Kids (3-6) and their grownups are invited to stretch their minds and bodies during our yoga story time. Please bring a yoga mat or towel for both child and adult. **RR**

L Holiday Party Monday, Dec. 6, at 4 pm

Kids (K - 5th grade) can enjoy holiday games, treats, and crafts, while celebrating and learning about the different holidays this time of year. **RR**

HB Santa's Magical Reindeer Food Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 5 pm

Kids (5-8) will make a special bag of reindeer food to sprinkle on their lawns. **RR**

M Wiggle, Giggle & Shake Thursday, Dec. 9, at 11 am

Kids (2-6) and their caregivers can have fun clapping, marching, and moving during this interactive program. **RR**

V Treats & Tales Thursdays, Dec. 9, at 7 pm

Get cozy with good stories and a tasty mug cake treat. Families can sign up their kids (4-8) and then pick up their cake ingredients from our Main Branch. Finally, join us on Zoom to enjoy some stories and make your cake. **RR**

H Headlands Jeopardy Saturday, Dec. 11, at noon

Kids can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. **RR**

H Roblox Saturday Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 pm

Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. **RR**

HB Homework Help Mondays, Dec. 13, 20 & 27 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Kids of any age can get homework help with a certified teacher. No registration required.

HB Sticks & Stones Reindeer Craft Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5 pm

Kids (5-8) can make a festive rock reindeer craft. We provide all the supplies! **RR**

H An Evening on the Polar Express Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 pm

Kids can put on their jammies and enjoy a holiday singalong, hot chocolate, cookies, and a special reading of "The Polar Express" at the Headlands Community Center.

L Elf School Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11 am

Do you have what it takes to be one of Santa's elves? Kids (3-11) can try their hands at cookie making, tree decorating, sleigh packing, and more! **RR**

L Studio MPL Art Club Monday, Dec. 20, from 3-7 pm

Calling all creative kids! Enjoy a fun art project and corresponding activity featuring a famous artist and their work. Walk-in program for kids (K - 5th grade).

M Holiday Bingo Monday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 pm

Families can enjoy holiday treats while playing festive bingo for prizes. Holiday attire is encouraged! **RR**

HB Fun Felt Snowballs Thursday, Dec. 21, 4 pm

Are you ready for an indoor snowball fight? Kids (5-12) can make fun felt snowballs. **RR**

KIDS

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Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 11 to 18) can transform an old sweater or T-shirt into an ugly Christmas sweater -- perfect for any holiday party. We provide all the supplies except for your old sweater or shirt. **RR**

L **String Art**
Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 1 pm
Kids (1st - 5th grade) can make string-art masterpieces using cardboard and thumbtacks. Adult supervision required. **RR**

M **Happy Noon Year**
Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11:15 am
Kids (3-11) don't have to stay up late to celebrate! They can get dressed in their best attire and enjoy music, games, dancing, snacks and (of course) a balloon drop. **RR**

STORYTIMES

M **Deck the Halls Story Times**
10 am
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 10
Thursday, Dec. 16
Monday, Dec. 20
Enjoy a special holiday story time full of books, flannels, songs, and a craft. Open to all ages and families.

L **Jingle All the Way Story Times**
10:30 am
Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14, and 21
Enjoy holiday stories, songs, and crafts. No registration necessary.

M **Saturday Stories**
Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 am
Families can enjoy stories, rhymes, and fingerplays at the library. **RR**





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