**ADULT**

**HB** Holiday Photo Shoot

Monday, Dec. 5, 3:30 to 7:30 pm
Celebrate the holidays with a unique photo shoot using The HUB's green screen. Walk-in program. No reservations required.

**L** Crafty Adults: Ugly Sweater Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 pm
Adults can have fun while crafting an Ugly Sweater Ornament to decorate with, use as a gift tag, or give as a present.

**M** Christmas in Cleveland

Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 pm
Revisit the days of Mr. Jingeling, the Sterling-Lindner Christmas trees, and mesmerizing Nela Park light displays during this program with author and local historian Alan Dutka. Discover what Cleveland department store paved the way for today's Black Friday craze in 1881, and learn how celebrities from Bob Hope to Joe Lewis helped make the holidays brighter for Cleveland's neediest families.

**M** Color Me Calm

Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13, at 10 a.m.
Enjoy coloring and relaxing music. We'll provide all of the supplies.

**M** Dunkirk: The Bravest Retreat

Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 10 am
As France collapsed before the Nazi Blitzkrieg, the leaders of the British Expeditionary Force faced a stark decision: be annihilated or retreat to the channel ports and try to find a way back to Britain. What followed was one of the most amazing moments of courage and ingenuity in the 20th century. Dr. John Foster shares the story of how more than 200,000 escaped death or capture and lived to fight another day.

**HB** Grinch Ornaments

Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 5 pm
Adults can use The HUB's laser engraver to create wooden Grinch ornaments and then decorate them with colorful paint, glitter, and twine.

**M** History of Royal Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 pm
Discover various Christmas traditions and customs of the British Royal Family from centuries ago to now. Learn about everything from the first Christmas tree at Windsor Castle to the first Christmas broadcast done over the radio by King George V.

**M** Christmas Music Bingo

Friday, Dec. 9, at 10 am
Adults can enjoy a fun and musical morning celebrating the songs of the season. Snack on cookies and cocoa while playing bingo with a Christmas theme.

**M** 3D-Printed Ornament Painting

Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 pm
Teens and adults can enjoy an afternoon of painting ornaments that were 3D printed at the library. Keep them for your tree or give them as a gift.

**V** All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg

Saturday, Dec. 10, at noon
MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they've been reading and recommend books that you'll enjoy. You can watch on our website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page.

**C** History of Royal Christmas: Encore Presentation

Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 10 am
Discover various Christmas traditions and customs of the British Royal Family from centuries ago to now. Learn about everything from the first Christmas tree at Windsor Castle to the first Christmas broadcast done over the radio by King George V.

**M** Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Christmas Music of the Victorian Era

Wednesday, Dec. 14, at noon
The Victorian era spanned from 1837 to 1901. To get in the holiday spirit, join a sing-along of some of the era’s most beautiful and cherished Christmas songs, including some from the Civil War years. Presenters will be Mary Lintern and Alan Gephardt from James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

**M** From the Heart with Jack Marschall, Former Cleveland Newscaster & Eternal Optimist

Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 pm
Former Cleveland newscaster Jack Marschall presents From the Heart, his collection of poems and stories that depict our common desire to love and be loved. Marschall has won several local Emmy Awards and is a member of the Radio/TV Broadcasters Hall of Fame. His books will be available for sale and signing after this program.

**H** Headlands Photography Club

Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 pm
Join our club that's open to photographers of all ages. Enjoy tips, photo walks to local locations, and opportunities to display your work. Bring your own camera.

**HB** Snowman Lanterns

Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 5 pm
Adults can make an adorable snowman lantern that works as both an ornament and mantel light for the holidays.

**L** Family Christmas Movie Night

Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a special screening of The Muppet Christmas Carol at the library. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be served.

**HB** Hanukkah Lanterns

Thursday, Dec. 22, at 5 pm
Teens and adults can use the makerspace's equipment to decorate a lantern for the Festival of Lights.

**L** Holistic Wellness & Yoga

Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 11 am
Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach will lead a relaxing yoga session and share tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.
December Closures

All of Mentor Public Library's branches will be closed on Friday, Dec. 2, 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 from Dec. 23 - 26 for Christmas and Jan. 1 and 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 access ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, streaming music and video, online classes, and more at any time, you can visit www.mentorpl.org/get-digital.

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. December's book is Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. RR

H End of the World Book Club Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm
Our new book club for teens features the best in YA dystopias. December's book is Girl Minus X by Anne Stone. RR

L Watch What You Read Book Club Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 pm
This club celebrates great reads and their movie adaptations. Enjoy the book, watch the movie, and join friends to discuss both. In December, we'll discuss Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol.

M Senior Center Book Club Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 pm
Join us at the Mentor Senior Center for our monthly book discussion. December's book is Sense & Sensibility by Jane Austen. RR

Making Christmas

Create personal and one-of-a-kind holiday gifts using the equipment at The HUB's makerspace inside Mentor High School.

Make customized stickers, buttons, posters, totes, or T-shirts. Create a personalized picture book with the makerspace's spiral binder or a special video with the green-screen video studio.

The makerspace has a vinyl cutter, heat press, Cricut, large-format printer, button maker, laminator, and more.

You can use any of these machines to make the project of your dreams (with MPL staff supervision, of course.) You don't need to be a student at Mentor High School or even a resident of Mentor. All you need is a CLEVNET card in good standing.

Pricing at the makerspace varies by machine. For more info -- including policies and pricing, as well as how to make a reservation -- you can visit www.mentorpl.org/makerspace.

Streaming the Season's Finest

You can borrow holiday favorites from Mentor Public Library without visiting any of our branches when you use our online services.

Stream your favorite Christmas albums for free from Hoopla and Freegal. Watch holiday specials on your phone, tablet, or Smart TV with Kanopy or Hoopla.

You can also enjoy Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, picture books, and even animated picture books using Libby, Kanopy or (once again) Hoopla.

Unlike other streaming services that you pay for, our online offerings are available 24/7 for no additional charge.

For information on how to use any and all of our digital resources, you can visit www.mentorpl.org/get-digital. You can also call us at 440-255-8811 ext. 1.
**KIDS**

**Escape the North Pole (Escape Room)**
Dec. 1 - Dec. 30 by appointment
Families have only 30 minutes to escape Santa's Workshop before the clock strikes midnight. Groups can include three or more and must be between ages six to 12. (Parents/guardians can participate, as well.) Register for an assigned time by calling our Children's Department at 440-255-8811 ext. 3. **RR**

**Elf on the Library Shelf**
Dec. 1 - Dec. 22
Win a prize if you can find the elf hiding in the Children's Area. No registration required and open to all ages. New hiding spots each day!

**Holiday Gnome Hunt**
Dec. 1 - Dec. 22
Gnome one knows where that forest gnome is hiding! Win a prize if you can find it. Kids can search for its new hiding spot each day.

**Button Club**
All December
Kids can earn buttons by reading a different subject or genre each month.

**Disguise a Gingerbread Man Contest**
Monday, Nov. 28, through Friday, Dec. 9
Kids (K-5th grade) can unleash their creativity by disguising a gingerbread man as a character from a book. Gingerbread characters will be displayed at the Lake Branch where patrons can vote for their favorite. **RR**

**Finger Paint Fridays**
Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday (except Dec. 2 and 23, when we'll be closed.) We provide the supplies. No registration required.

**Yoga Kids**
Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) along with a caretaker are invited to stretch their minds and bodies during this special yoga story time. Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach will lead everyone through breathing and movement exercises. Bring a mat or towel for both adult and child. **RR**

**Pixel Perfect Video Game Club**
Thursday, Dec. 1, at 4 pm
Pixel Perfect combines the best of MPL Arcade and our Minecraft Club! Kids can enjoy age-appropriate games on Switch and Wii U. They're also encouraged to bring a mobile device to play Minecraft on. **RR**

**Postcards to Santa**
Thursdays, Dec. 1 & 8, at 4:30 pm
Children (5-12) can make and decorate a special postcard for Santa using The HUB's Cricut. Please only register for one of the two sessions. **RR**

**Santa's Magic Reindeer Feed**
Wednesdays, Dec. 14 & 21, at 5 pm
Kids (5-8) can have fun making a magical bag of Santa's reindeer feed and decorating it in The HUB's makerspace. We're hosting two sessions to include as many kids as possible. Please only register for one session. **RR**

**BUILD Club**
Thursday, Dec. 15, at 4 pm
Kids (K-5th grade) can enjoy our BUILD Club. We provide the building materials and a different theme or challenge each month. **RR**

**Holiday Photo Shoot**
Monday, Dec. 5, 3:30 to 7:30 pm
Celebrate the holidays with a unique photo shoot using The HUB's green screen. Walk-in program. No reservations required. Bring the whole family for a holiday card like no other! **RR**

**Santa Plate & No-Bake Cookies**
Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13, at 4 pm
Kids (4-12) can make a special cookie plate for Santa using The HUB's Cricut. They'll also make some tasty no-bake cookies. Please only register for one session so we can include as many kids as possible. **RR**

**Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Christmas Tea Party**
Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 pm
A special story time paired with a Christmas tea party! Kids can enjoy listening to Fancy Nancy: Splendiferous Christmas. Then they'll receive a short lesson on fancy manners and dine on cupcakes and juice. They'll also enjoy crafts, coloring, and games. **RR**

**Jr. Pinterest**
Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 4 pm
Each month, kids (2nd-5th grade) can create a new craft inspired by Pinterest. Get creative and have some fun! **RR**

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Family Game Night
Monday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 pm
Spend time with your family and play supersized versions of favorite games like checkers and cards. We’ll have regular-sized games too! RR

Dungeons & Dice Club
Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can join an adventuring party and write their own destiny in our new tabletop gaming club. Become a fierce barbarian or powerful wizard! Take on a premade character to explore dungeons, fight monsters and save kingdoms. We’ll provide game supplies and character sheets. RR

Family Christmas Movie Night
Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a special screening of The Muppet Christmas Carol at the library. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be served. RR

Deck the Halls Story Times
10 am
Thursday, Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 9
Monday, Dec. 12
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Enjoy a special holiday story time full of books, flannels, songs, and a craft. Open to all ages and families.

Holiday Bingo
Thursday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 pm
Kids can enjoy treats while playing holiday bingo for awesome prizes. Holiday attire encouraged but not mandatory. RR

Cooking with Kim
Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 4 pm
Kids (ages 8-12) can learn basic cooking techniques and make tasty and simple no-cook snacks. RR

Happy Noon Year
Saturday, Dec. 31, 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

Jingle All the Way Story Times
10:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 6
Saturday, Dec. 10
Thursday, Dec. 15
Enjoy holiday stories, songs, and crafts. No registration necessary. Open to all ages and families.
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