



# COVER TO COVER



MENTOR  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# KEY

**RR:** REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**H:** HEADLANDS

**HB:** THE HUB

**V:** VIRTUAL

**M:** MAIN

**L:** LAKE

**SC:** MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

**C:** CONCORD TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY CENTER

# ADULT

## **L** Favorite Holiday Movie Bracket Challenge Dec. 4 - 20

Come to the Lake Branch to cast your vote for your favorite holiday movie. New head-to-head vote everyday!

## **M** Insights into the Unknown with Ghost Hunter Greg Feketik

Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 pm

Greg Feketik is a retired Twinsburg police officer, volunteer at the historic Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, and founder of the Tri-C Ghost Hunters. He's investigated the paranormal since 1991. His presentation includes photos, video, and audio recordings from his investigations that will educate and entertain. **RR**

## **M** Adult Make & Take Craft: Holiday Coffee Cup Cozies

Starting Sunday, Dec. 3

Adults and teens can pick up a kit to craft a coffee cup cozy from our Information Desk. One craft kit per person. While supplies last.

## **L** Crafty Adults: Holiday Mixed Media

Monday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 pm

Create a craft to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Bring materials that you want to incorporate into your art. We'll provide supplies too, along with an 8-inch square canvas and easel. **RR**

## **C** Prince Philip: The Queen's Consort

Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 10 am

Our in-house royalty expert Traci Hoffman examines the life of Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth II's husband. She'll discuss the unprecedented role that Prince Philip carved for himself in the royal family. Register by calling the community center at 440-639-4650. **RR**

## **M** I've Scene It All

Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 pm

Author Chris Lambert was merely 16 years old when he started interviewing rock royalty like Eric Clapton for the newly formed Scene Magazine. Hear his best stories during this program and in his memoir, **Scene It All**. **RR**

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## **V** Let's Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard

Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

The bestselling author of the **Red Queen** and **Realm Breaker** series discusses YA fiction, world building, and her incredible body of work. Sign up at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

## **HB** Rustic Holiday Decor Wednesday, Dec. 6 or 13

At 5:30 pm

Customize holiday decor using wood planks, paint, twine, and The HUB's Cricut Maker. **RR**

## **H** Headlands Crafternoon Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 1 pm

Come to the Headlands Branch for an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels and ages welcome.

## **HB** Snowflake Wreath Thursday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 pm

Create a snowflake wreath using The HUB's Cricut Maker and glittery embellishments. **RR**

## **M** Deck the Halls Holiday Ornaments Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy painting and decorating ornaments that were 3D printed at the library. Keep them for your tree or give them as a gift. **RR**

## **M** Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10 am

LaDonna Oltmanns of Let's Cook leads a free cooking demonstration of dishes that you can make at home. **RR**

## **V** All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon

MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they've been reading and recommend books that you'll enjoy.

## **M** Adult Make & Take Craft: Melted Peppermint Candy Ornaments Starting Sunday, Dec. 10

Adults and teens can pick up a kit to craft a candy ornament from our Information Desk. One craft kit per person. While supplies last.

## **M** Monday University: Ian Adams' Ohio's Cemeteries & Burial Grounds

Monday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 pm

Photographer and author Ian Adams shares stunning photos from his latest book on Ohio cemeteries. Copies will be available for sale and signing after his talk. **RR**

## **C** Christmas Music Bingo Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 10 am

Adults can enjoy a musical morning celebrating the songs of the season. Fun prizes for winners. Register by calling the community center at 440-639-4650. **RR**

## **V** Motherhood, Hunger & Higher Education with Stephanie Land

Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.

The bestselling author of **Maid** discusses her new memoir, **Class**. Her book paints a heartbreaking portrait of parenthood as it conflicts with personal ambition. Register to attend at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

## **L** Color Me Calm Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 3 pm

Enjoy coloring and relaxing music.

## **M** Merry Ghost Christmas Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 pm

Staff from James A. Garfield National Historic Site discuss ghostly tales that were read by the fireside during the Christmas season. There's more than **A Christmas Carol!** **RR**

## **L** Castaways Knitting Group Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 am

Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

## **M** Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Art Inspired by the Civil War

Wednesday, Dec. 13, at noon

The Civil War impacted all the arts. Mary Lintern, a ranger from James A. Garfield National Historic Site, describes how both art and styles of artwork were affected. **RR**

## **M** Hand Stitch a Bird Ornament Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 pm

Learn how to cut, sew, decorate, and stuff a colorful felt bird. This class will be led by Sew4Service. Basic sewing skills are helpful but not necessary. Nonrefundable \$5 fee for materials to be paid at registration. **RR**

## **M** Board Game Saturdays Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Board > Bored! Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games. Play games from our collection or bring your own.

## **M** Spice Club: Cinnamon Starting Sunday, Dec. 17

Pick up a sample of our featured spice and suggested recipes from the Main Branch's reference desk. One kit per family.

## **H** World of Watercolor Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 pm

Artists of all skill levels can explore watercolor painting. **RR**

## **M** Make Your Own Gift Tags Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 pm

Adults and teens can create unique gift tags that will delight family and friends. This program is hosted in partnership with Craft Your Story. **RR**

# December Closures

All of Mentor Public Library's branches will be closed on **Friday, Dec. 1**, 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** 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](http://www.mentorpl.org/get-digital).



# 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](http://www.mentorpl.org/makerspace).

# Book Clubs

**M** It's a **Mystery Book Club**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. December's book is **Never Saw Me Coming** by Vera Kurian. **RR**

**L** **Watch What You Read Book Club**  
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 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 John Grisham's **Skipping Christmas** and the film **Christmas with the Kranks**.

**SC** **Mentor Senior Center**  
Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 pm  
Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. December's book is **The Woman in the Library** by Sulari Gentill. **RR**

**H** **Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club**  
Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2 pm  
Tweens and teens (12-17) can explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. In December, they'll discuss **Paying the Land** by Joe Sacco. Book club members also receive their own journal where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

# TEEN

**M** **Deck the Halls Holiday Ornaments**  
Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy painting and decorating ornaments that were 3D printed at the library. Keep them for your tree or give them as a gift. **RR**

**HB** **Grinchy Tee**  
Wednesday, Dec. 20,  
From 3:30 - 6:30 pm  
Teens (12-17) can bring a T-shirt and customize it with a Grinchy design using The HUB's Cricut Maker and heat press. **RR**

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# Home Viewing for the Holidays

Cinematic works to celebrate the season.



# 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](http://www.mentorpl.org/get-digital). You can also call us at 440-255-8811 ext. 1.



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## **M** Escape Room: Escape to Candyland Dec. 4 - Dec. 29 by appointment

Families have only 45 minutes to find the key and enter the party at Chillymint Mansion. 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**



## **M** Elf on the Library Shelf Dec. 2 - 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!

## **L** Rudolph & Friends Scavenger Hunt Dec. 2 - Dec. 22

It's time for some reindeer games! Kids can search for Rudolph and his friends at the Lake Branch. Open to all ages. New hiding spots each day.

## **H** Finger Paint Fridays Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm, except Dec. 1

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.

## **M** LEGO at the Library Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 am

Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

## **M** Monthly Make a Craft Monday, Dec. 4, from 9 am - 4:30 pm

Make one of our crafts, while supplies last. The crafts are designed to be made in the library, not packaged to take home.

## **HB** Custom Snowman Ornaments Tuesdays, Dec. 5 & 12, at 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can decorate a pair of adorable snowman ornaments using the equipment in The HUB's makerspace. **RR**

## **M** The Fine Arts Club Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 4 pm

Using history and hands-on experience, kids (7-12) will learn about dance, theatre, poetry, painting, and other forms of art. This month, we're learning about ballet. **RR**

## **M** Travel Club Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 4 pm

Kids (6-12) can make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities dedicated to a different country each month. **RR**

## **H** Paws to Read Wednesday, Dec. 6, Sessions starting at 6 & 6:30 pm

Kids who can read independently are invited to practice their reading skills in these 30-minute sessions with a licensed therapy dog. Perfect for reluctant readers! **RR**



## **M** Yoga Kids Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1 pm

Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel for both child and adult. **RR**



## **M** Gingerbread House Decorating Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4 pm

Kid (6-12) can decorate a graham cracker house at the library. **RR**

## **H** Headlands Jeopardy Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon

Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia knowledge and learn something new during a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. **RR**

## **M** Interactive Polar Express Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 pm

Get *into* the movie! Children can do more than watch the holiday classic, **The Polar Express**. They can participate. Open to kids of all ages with an adult. **RR**

## **H** Roblox Saturday Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 pm

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

## **M** Disguise a Gingerbread Person Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 4 pm

Kids (5-10) can disguise a gingerbread cutout so it won't be eaten. This fun program will also include a story and treat. **RR**

## **L** Master Builders Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 4 pm

Kids (5-11) will build with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes. New themes will spur creativity each month.

## **H** Next Level Video Game Club Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 pm

Kids (8 and older) can play games like **Smash Bros** on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**



# KIDS

**HB Feathered Friends Celebration**  
Thursdays, Dec. 14 or 21, at 4 pm  
Children (6-11) can create a bird ornament with The HUB's laser engraver and bird treats to hang outside their windows. **RR**

**L Crafty Kids: Winter Fuse Bead Design**  
Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 pm  
Kids (8-12) can use fuse beads to make fun winter designs! **RR**

**M Holiday Bingo**  
Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 pm  
Get in the seasonal spirit with holiday bingo. Enjoy treats while playing for awesome prizes. Holiday attire encouraged but not mandatory. **RR**

**H Reading Rockstars: Early Literacy**  
Thursdays, Dec. 28 - Feb. 1, at 4 pm  
Kids (K-2) can attend this early literacy series that strengthens beginning reading skills. Through the use of stories, music, games, and more, library staff will reinforce these important skills and encourage students to reach their reading goals. This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant. **RR**



**M Happy Noon Year**  
Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11:15 am  
Kids (3-10) 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**

**H Happy Birthday to You**  
Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11:30 am  
Have a birthday in October, November, or December? Celebrate with us! All ages can enjoy party games, a homemade card, special gift, and a cupcake. **RR**



## STORYTIMES

**L Holly Jolly Family Storytime**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 pm  
Families can enjoy a special Christmas storytime with holiday stories, a craft, and sweet treat. **RR**

**L Jingle All the Way Story Times**  
10:30 am  
Thursday, Dec. 7  
Tuesday, Dec. 12  
Saturday, Dec. 16  
Enjoy holiday stories, songs, and crafts. No registration necessary. Open to all ages and families.

**M Deck the Halls Story Times**  
10 am  
Friday, Dec. 8  
Monday, Dec. 11  
Wednesday, Dec. 13  
Tuesday, Dec. 19  
Thursday, Dec. 21  
Enjoy a special holiday story time full of books, flannels, songs, and a craft. Open to all ages and families.

**M Fun with Fairy Tales & Fables**  
Friday, Dec. 8, at 1 pm  
Kids (4-6) will learn that reading is fun with a story and activities inspired by fairy tales and fables. This month's story is The Fir Tree. Children will also create a bird feeder to take home with them. **RR**



**M Firehouse Friends**  
Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 am  
Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.







## **MPL Cover to Cover**

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December 20

January 17

February 21

The public is welcome to attend.

## **Friends of the Library**

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