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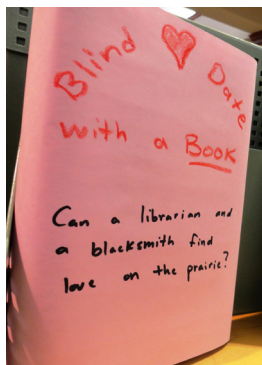
V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

M Winter Reading Challenge

All January & February

Adults and teens (7th grade and up) can read something new and win something too! Pick up a Winter Reading Challenge bingo sheet from our Reference Desk or online at mentorpl.beanstack.org. Earn a raffle ticket for reading books and completing activities like attending our programs. There'll be prize drawings at the end of January and February.



M Blind Date with a Book

All February

Check out our Blind Date books and you could win a prize! They're wrapped so you can see a short description of their stories but not their titles. Fill out the Rate Your Date card inside each book, give it to our

librarians, and you'll be entered into a raffle to win a gift card. Read as many Blind Date books and enter as many Rate Your Date cards as you like!

H Headlands Crafternoon

Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 1 pm

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

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns

Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns, the head chef at Nourish Cafe in Cleveland, leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. This month, She'll make a scrumptious broccoli lentil soup! **RR**

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L Streaming Videos with your Mentor Public Library Card

Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 pm

Cable too expensive? Those streaming services adding up? Learn how to use your library card to stream movies, documentaries, and shows on your preferred device. Discover the streaming services we offer and how to take advantage of them. **RR**

M Jigsaw Puzzle Swap Day

Saturday, Feb. 3, 11 am — 2:30 pm

Swap your jigsaw puzzles for something new! From Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, you can drop off used puzzles at the Front Desk of our Main Branch. The puzzles should be in good condition with no missing pieces, have at least 300 pieces, and be in their original boxes. Donors will receive one ticket for each donated puzzle. The tickets can be redeemed for a new-to-you puzzle during our Swap Day!

L Crafty Adults: Scrabble Tile Art

Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 pm

Use Scrabble tiles to create unique art. We'll provide the canvas, tiles, and other art supplies. The creativity is all yours! **RR**

HB Valentine Wreath

Wednesdays, Feb. 7 or 14

At 5:30 pm

Learn how to make a heart-shaped Valentine wreath using recycled puzzle pieces. **RR**

L Freedom's Journey: Underground Railroad

Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 pm

A speaker from the Lake County Historical Society talks about Lake County's role in the Underground Railroad — both the folk legends and their grains of truth. Learn about some of the people involved in the Underground Railroad and the laws that governed this perilous time in history. **RR**

V Spice, Spirit & Swoon: Happily Ever After with Author Tessa Bailey

Thursday, Feb. 8, at 8 pm

Join New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey as she discusses her newest romantic comedy, **Fangirl Down**. She tells the story of a bad-boy golfer who hires his last remaining fan to be his caddy and resurrect his career. Sign up for this exclusive conversation at library.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Monday University: Carl & Louis Stokes — Projects to Politics

Monday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 pm

Discover how Carl and Louis Stokes, two brothers from Cleveland, reshaped America. Learn their life story as they created pathways, policies, and programs that advanced civil rights, promoted urban issues, and helped make the US more equitable. **RR**

C Pine Cone Bouquet

Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 10 am

Create a gorgeous bouquet of pine cone roses as a gift or conversation piece. Call 440-639-4650 to sign up. **RR**

L Color Me Calm

Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

L Castaways Knitting Group

Wednesdays, Feb. 14 & 28, 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: The Life of Ulysses S. Grant

Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon

Todd Arrington, site manager at James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor, discusses the life and accomplishments of war hero and President Ulysses S. Grant. **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays

Saturday, Feb. 17, 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 Saturday Scrapbooking

Saturday, Feb. 17, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! **RR**

M Spice Club: Ginger

Starting Sunday, Feb. 18

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

H Studio Headlands

Monday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 pm

A monthly art club for adults of all skill levels! Explore creativity in a judgment-free zone. No instructors, no class; but there will be a variety of materials to experiment with, including watercolor, acrylics, and clay. **RR**

V Exploring Identity & Being Black in America with Author Jason Mott

Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 pm

New York Times bestseller Jason Mott discusses his novel, the National Book Award winner **Hell of a Book**. Issues of family, art, money, and violence follow an author as he goes on a national publicity tour. Join the conversation at library.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Instant Pot Demo with LaDonna

Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns, the head chef at Nourish Cafe, demonstrates the versatility of the Instant Pot and how to use it safely. Come hungry and ready to sample. **RR**

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L Escaping the Moon's Shadow Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6 pm

Learn about the moon and the total solar eclipse happening April 8 — the last one happening in the continental USA until 2044! The Mentor-on-the-Lake Star Seekers will also demonstrate how to use a telescope. After the program, you can even use our telescope to gander at the moon. **Open to all ages.** Each attendee will receive one free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses! **RR**

C Podcasts — What They Are & How to Find Them Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 10 am

A librarian will explain what podcasts are and how to find ones that appeal to your specific interests. Bring your smartphones or tablets to this talk. Call 440-639-4650 to sign up. **RR**

V Be a Great Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: Author Talk with Kim Scott Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 2 pm

Kim Scott, author of **Radical Candor** and **Radical Respect**, explains how to give helpful feedback without being a jerk. Learn how to create a culture of compassionate candor and build a cohesive team. Register to attend her talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

H Book Binding Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6 pm

Make your own books! Learn basic bookbinding techniques and create your own sketchpad to take home with you. **RR**

L Mentor-on-the-Lake History Group Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 pm

Explore the history of Mentor-on-the-Lake. Our group gathers and documents information from the city's past. Reminiscing and sharing is also encouraged. **RR**



Look Up in the Sky!

A total solar eclipse is occurring April 8 over Mentor! Attend select programs to learn about it and receive eclipse glasses from MPL this March.

TECH

M One-on-One Tech Appointments Tuesday, Feb. 13

Sessions start at 2:30 & 3:30 pm

Get personalized answers for your tech troubles. Having a problem with your smartphone or tablet? Want help with software like Word or Excel? Want to learn how to get ebooks, music, and movies online for free with your library card? Schedule an appointment with one of our reference librarians for one-on-one help. **RR**

M Legacy Lab Orientation Wednesdays, Feb. 7 or 21, at 2 pm Thursdays, Feb. 8 or 15, at 6:30 pm

Do you have photos, slides, and negatives you want to digitize and preserve? Learn how with our new Legacy Lab equipment. A librarian will explain how to preserve your memories for future generations. If possible, please bring a SD card with you. All Legacy Lab users must have a valid MPL card in good standing. You'll also need to sign a user agreement before using the equipment. **RR**

M Basic Internet Skills: Computer Class Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 pm

Learn the basics of searching the web. Mouse and typing skills are required. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel I Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 pm

Learn basic techniques for using Microsoft Excel, including how to create a basic worksheet, describe a worksheet and its function, and save it. Also learn how to apply simple formulas and formatting. **RR**

M Basic Email: Computer Class Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 2 pm

Learn how to send, reply to, label, and archive emails, as well as how to send attachments. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel II Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 pm

Learn techniques for using formulas and functions in Microsoft Excel, including how to create and copy them, understand relativity when working with them, and recognize and troubleshoot errors in them. **RR**

M PowerPoint: Computer Class Thursday, Feb. 29, at 2 pm

Learn how to create and run a presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. Find out how to make a basic presentation, provide formatting and background designs, and save it. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel III Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 pm

Learn advanced techniques, including how to hide and freeze columns and rows, use print area and print titles, and how to create and format charts. **RR**

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. February's book is **Diamond Doris** by Doris Payne. **RR**

L The Tuesday Night Book Club Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy good reads and great company. In February, we'll discuss **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Grann.

M Cookbook Club Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and a potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe from the same cookbook to share with the group. **RR**

M Men's Book Club Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 pm

This month's book is **Red Team Blues** by Cory Doctorow. **RR**

SC Senior Center Book Club Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 pm

Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. This month's title is **The Woman They Could Not Silence** by Kate Moore. Grab a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 pm

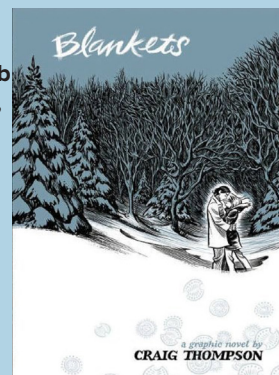
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! In February, we're discussing the **Neverwhere** by Neil Gaiman. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club Monday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig. **R**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club Monday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can enjoy reading and discussing some of the best graphic novels created. In February, they'll talk about **Blankets** by Craig Thompson. Book club members also receive their own graphic-novel journals where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**



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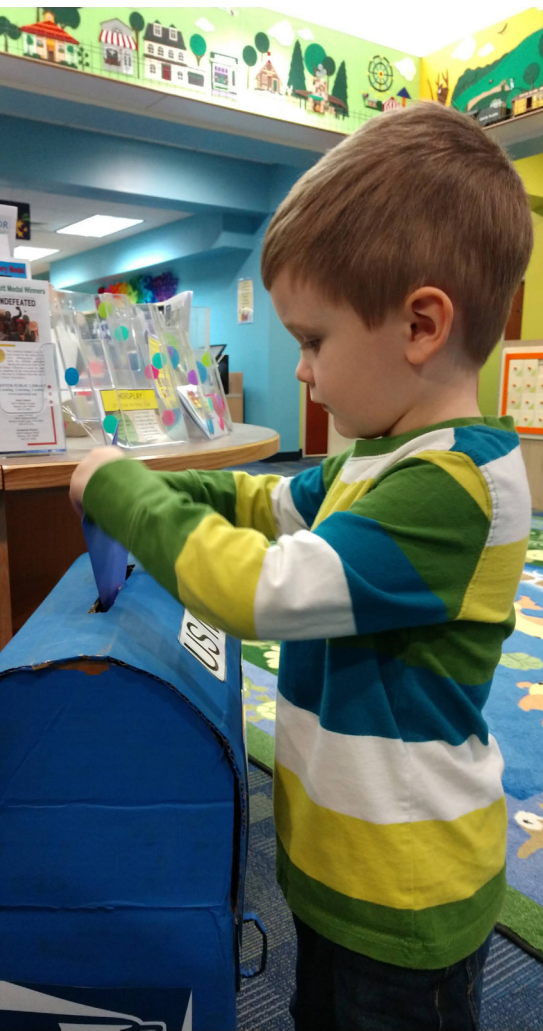
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M Teen Advisory Board Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 pm

If you're in 7th-12th grade, you can help us develop programs for teen and make suggestions for teen spaces. Our Teen Advisory Board meetings also include snacks and a craft. This month, bring a water bottle or notebook to decorate. **RR**

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KIDS

M LEGO Tower Reading Challenge All January & February

Help us build our tower! Whenever kids (12 and younger) check out three books — any three books — they can come to our Children's Desk and receive two LEGO blocks to add to our skyscraper.

L Valentine Scavenger Hunt Feb. 1 - 14

Search for hidden Conversation Hearts hidden around the Lake Branch. Connect the message on each heart with the matching color on your game sheet. Turn in the completed sheet for a prize at our front desk.

HB Afterschool Literacy Games Mondays, except Feb. 19

From 4 to 6 pm
Kids in kindergarten through second grade can practice essential reading skills with a variety of board games and other fun activities. No registration required.

H Reading Rockstars: Early Literacy Thursdays, Dec. 28 - Feb. 1, at 4 pm

Children in kindergarten through second grade can strengthen their beginning reading skills. We'll use stories, music, and games to reinforce these important skills and encourage your child to reach their reading goals! This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant.

H Finger Paint Fridays Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday.

M Yoga Kids Thursday, Feb. 1, 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**

HB No-Sew Heart Pillow Thursdays, Feb. 1 or 8, at 4 pm

Kids can create a cozy pillow with no sewing required. Keep it or give it as a gift. **RR**

M LEGO at the Library Saturday, Feb. 3, at 11 am

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

M Mixed Up Valentine Mailers Monday, Feb. 5, to Friday, Feb. 9

Spread Valentine's Day cheer and get a mystery valentine. Kids can decorate a valentine in our Children's Area, address an envelope to themselves, and put it in our MAGIC MAILBOX without sealing it. Next, we'll switch up the valentines and send them to other kids. Finally, the kids will receive a mystery valentine in the mail.

M Monthly Make a Craft Monday, Feb. 5, 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.

M The Fine Arts Club Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) will learn about dance, theatre, poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experience. **RR**

M Travel Club Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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, Feb. 7, 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**

H Headlands Jeopardy Saturday, Feb. 10, at noon

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

M We Love American Girl Saturday, Feb. 10, at 1 pm

Kids (ages 6-12) can bring their favorite American Girl doll (or other 12-inch doll) for an afternoon of crafts and activities dedicated to the historical American girl dolls. **RR**

H Roblox Saturday Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 pm

Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. The libraries' computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but you can bring your own devices. **RR**

M Mardi Gras Mayhem Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 4 pm

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Kids (ages 6-12) can celebrate Mardi Gras by making a mask, necklace and a special snack mix. **RR**

L Master Builders
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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, Feb. 14, at 6:30 pm
 Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

M Name That President
Monday, Feb. 19, All Day
 Celebrate Presidents Day at the library! Find and name all 15 presidents hidden in the Children's Area of our Main Branch to win a prize. No registration required.

L Creation Station
Monday, Feb. 19, from 1 - 5 pm
 Kids of all ages can walk in and craft. We provide the supplies. You bring the imagination!

M Space-Themed Trading Cards
Monday, Feb. 19, at 1 pm
 Kids (ages 7-12) can use watercolor paints to create four trading cards that are out of this world! **RR**

HB Artwork Display
Wednesdays, Feb. 21 or 28
At 4:30 pm
 Kids (6-11) can create artwork displays that are the perfect way to share their drawings and paintings in any room of the home. **RR**

L Family Minute-to-Win-It
Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 pm
 Families can compete as a team in a series of silly contests. But be quick — you only have a minute to win it. Participants must be at least eight years old. When you sign up, please register your family as a single team. **RR**

HB Spring Handprints
Thursdays, Feb. 22 or 29
At 4 pm
 Kids (ages 0-5) can use their handprints and embellishments from the makerspace's Cricut to create a spring-themed canvas. **RR**

M Saturday Family Movie: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile
Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1 pm
 Enjoy a screening of *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* — the fun movie based on the classic books. Open to children of all ages. Kids eight and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

M Leap into the New Year
Thursday, Feb. 29, at 11:30 am
 Kids (3-6) can celebrate Leap Year with jumping songs and activities. There will also be crafts and a snack. **RR**

M Kids in the Kitchen Club
Thursday, Feb. 29, at 4 pm
 Kids (8-12) can learn basic culinary skills and make yummy snacks. To celebrate Leap Year, the young chefs will make hoppin' treats including Fruit Frogs and Frog Toast. Sounds delicious... and fun! **RR**

M Family Story Time
Mondays, 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.

M Tiddlywinks
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 am
 Kids (birth to 3) with a caregiver will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

L Storytime Stars
Tuesdays, 10:30 am
 Kids (0-5) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Kids must be with an adult.

M Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays, 11 am
 Kids (3-6) can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Adults don't attend this story time.

M PJ Family Story Time
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
 Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, 10:30 am
 Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts.

M Kindergarten Prep Story Time
Thursdays, 11 am, except Feb. 22
 A short story time followed by pre-kindergarten activities. Open to children entering kindergarten or wanting to get a jump on necessary skills.

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

M Firehouse Friends
Thursday, Feb. 8, at 10 am
 Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

L Saturday Family Story Time
Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 am
 All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our monthly Saturday story time.

M Leapin' Literature
Thursday, Feb. 22, at 10 & 11 am
 Willoughby Fine Arts Center will lead a special story time that explores favorite children's books through music and art experiences. For kids, birth to six. Two sessions will be held. Please only sign up for one. Made possible by a Libraries Accelerating Learning Grant. **RR**





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Feb. 21

March 20

April 17

The public is welcome to attend.

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