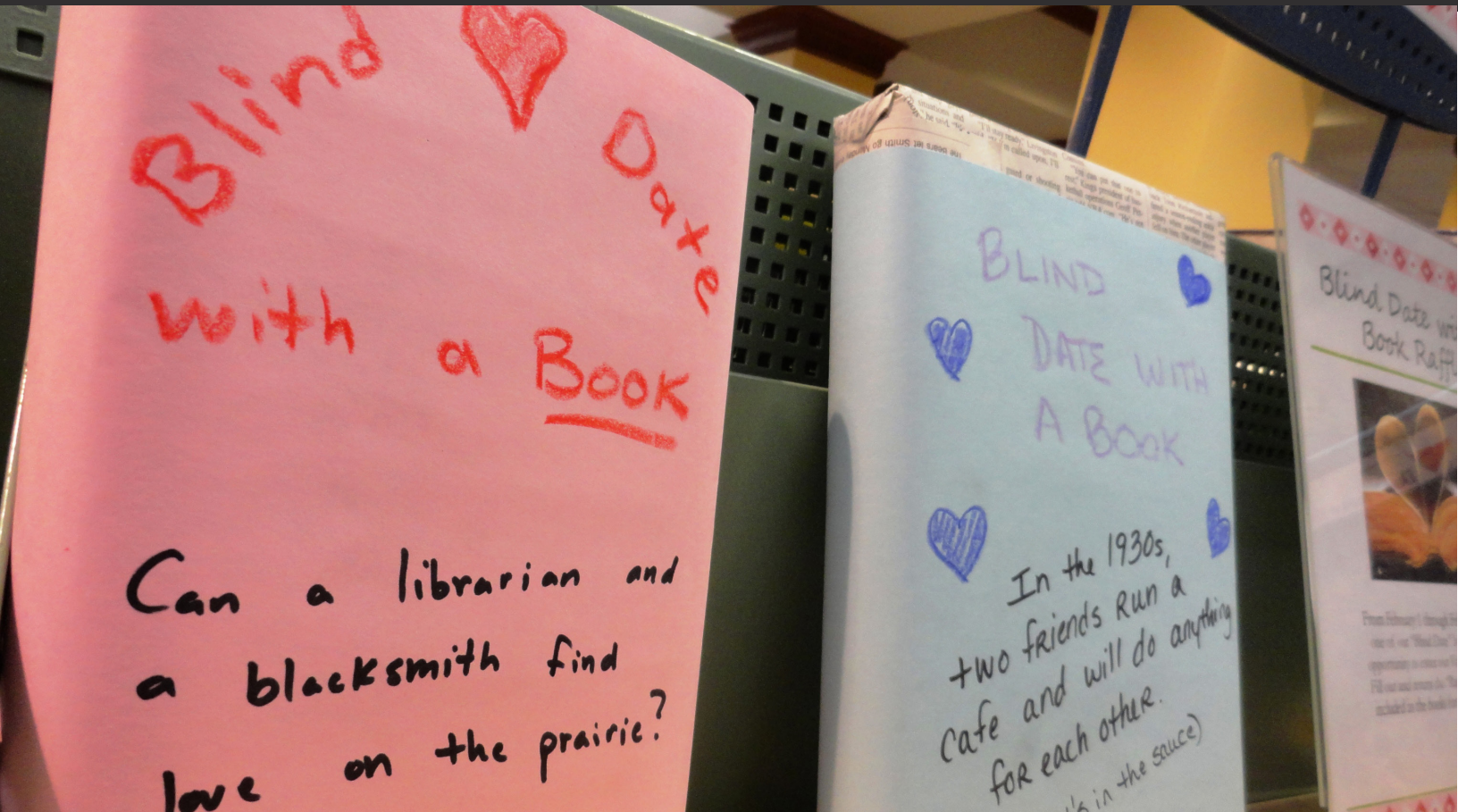




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FEBRUARY 2025



KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY CENTER

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

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

Read 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!

HB Beginner Cricut: Kitchen Edition

Monday, Feb. 3, at 5:30 pm

Learn the basics of using The HUB's Cricut and heat press by making a kitchen accessory at this introductory program. **RR**

V How We Create Pandemics with Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts

Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 2 pm

Smithsonian curator Sabrina Sholts talks about how being human increases the species' risk for a pandemic AND gives people the power to save themselves. Sholts drew from dozens of disciplines — including medicine, anthropology, and neuroscience — to write her new book, **The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics. From our**

Bodies to our Beliefs. Discover more online at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Mardi Gras Signs

Tuesdays, Feb. 4 or 11, at 5:30 pm

Let the good times roll! Create a Mardi Gras sign with The HUB's Cricut and laser engraver. **RR**

ADULT

M When Harry Met Sally Movie Showing & Bingo

Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6 pm

Enjoy a free screening of this classic romantic comedy starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan! We'll also have a coinciding bingo game (prizes for winners) and coconut cake with chocolate sauce on the side. Sweet! **RR**

HB My First Laser Engraver Craft

Wednesdays, Feb. 5 or 12

At 5:30 pm

Discover the potential of The HUB's laser engraver by making something and learn what this brilliant technology can do. **RR**

L Learning Sankalpa: Power of Intention through Meditation & Mindfulness

Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6 pm

Discover how to use your mind productively when making changes. This class will use breathing techniques, meditation, and journaling. Presented by Jennifer Langsdale, owner of Wild Nurturer Wellness. **RR**

H Headlands Crafternoon

Thursday, Feb. 6, at 1 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with us. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

HB When Pigs Fly

Thursdays, Feb. 6 or 13

At 5:30 pm

Create a special decoration and remember that anything is possible. **RR**

M Puzzle Swap

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Swap your jigsaw puzzles for something new! From Feb. 3 — 7, anyone can drop off used puzzles at the Front Desk of MPL's 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 on Saturday, Feb. 8.

M Monday University: Ella Fitzgerald, First Lady of Song

Monday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 pm

Discover the life of jazz giant Ella Fitzgerald — as portrayed by actress Debra Rose from Women in History. Her voice was so powerful it could even shatter glass! **RR**

C Cookie Science

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10 am

Enjoy a delicious talk about baking science with our librarian and former pastry chef Stefanie Paganini. There will be an experiment, as well as cookie samples! To register for this sweet program, please call 440-639-4650. **RR**

L Color Me Calm

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

M Ghosts & Legends of Northern Ohio

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 pm

Local author and investigative historian William G. Krejci shares chilling legends from his book **Ghosts and Legends of Northern Ohio**. After the talk, his books will be available for sale and signing. **RR**

V Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective: In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 pm

Enjoy a riveting conversation with Waubgeshig Rice about his newest book **Moon of the Turning Leaves**, the anticipated sequel to his bestseller **Moon of the Crusted Snow**. Join us at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L Castaways

Wednesdays, Feb. 12 & 26, at 10:30 am

Stitch with friends! Bring whatever fiber art project you're working on.

H Headlands Craft Squad Social

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6 pm

Crafters and artists of *all ages* and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Adobo Black Beans

Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration using our spice of the month for February! **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays

Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games.

M Saturday Scrapbooking

Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 am to 4:30 pm

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

M Spice Club: Adobo Seasoning

Starting Sunday, Feb. 16

Pick up a free take-home kit from our Main Branch's reference desk with a sample of this month's spice and a suggested recipe to try. One kit per family, while supplies last.

V I Am Nobody's Slave: Author Talk with Lee Hawkins

Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 2 pm

Pulitzer Prize finalist Lee Hawkins examines his family's legacy and resilience in his riveting memoir, **I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free**. Learn more during this online conversation at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

ADULT

HB Brick Bookend
Tuesdays, Feb. 18 or 25
At 5:30 pm

Adorn your bookshelf with a brick bookend — customized with The HUB's Cricut Maker. **RR**

L Tuesday Night Crochet Club
Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 pm
Meet with fellow fiber artists to work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other.

V The Billy Crystal Story
Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 pm
Hear stupendous stories from Billy Crystal's life and work, and find out about his lifelong friendships with Rob Reiner and Robin Williams. This program will be hosted via Zoom. Register to receive the link. **RR**

L Tai Chi for Health
Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 3 pm
Tai Chi is one of the most effective exercises for a healthy mind and body. This monthly class will focus on a series of slow gentle movements, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. It will be led by Libby Hill, a senior trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute. All experience levels welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes. **RR**

HB Keys to my Heart
Wednesdays, Feb. 19 or 26
At 5:30 pm
Learn how to make a simple, rustic shelf sitter using The HUB's laser engraver. **RR**

L Paper Quilling Craft Program
Monday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 pm
Learn the basics of paper quilling with the local artists from Mul-Wal Creations. Create paper truffula trees in honor of Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday! **RR**

H Studio Headlands
Monday, Feb. 24, 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**

M Trivia Night
Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 pm
Adults and teens (16 and older) can compete at our Trivia Night. Prizes for winners! **RR**

V Kent State: An American Tragedy with Author Brian VanDeMark
Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 pm
Join author and historian Brian VanDeMark as he discusses his new book, **Kent State: An American Tragedy**. It reckons with the Kent State protests, shootings, and aftermath from all sides. This program will be hosted via Zoom. Register to receive the link. **RR**

L Mentor-on-the-Lake Movie Night
Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a free screening of the 2014 film **The Giver**. It tells the story of a young man who learns the history of his totalitarian society from a mysterious figure known as The Giver. Twelve copies of Lois Lowry's graphic novel, **The Giver**, will be raffled off at the conclusion of the movie. This film is rated PG-13. **RR**

M The Cold War Presidents: Harry Truman
Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster begins his yearlong lecture series on Cold War-era presidents by spotlighting Harry Truman. Truman was the president who led the United States into the Cold War. Follow Truman's rise from Missouri farm boy to the country's highest office. **RR**

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, February's book is **All That Is Mine I Carry with Me** by William Landay. **RR**

L Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads and better discussion. This month, we'll be talking about **The Love of My Life** by Rosie Walsh. **RR**

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. This month, we're using cookbooks by Julia Turshen. **RR**

H Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club
Monday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens with titles selected by the club's members! In February, they'll read and discuss **Heartstopper Vol. 1 & 2** by Alice Oseman. **RR**

M Men's Book Club
Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Clementine Complex** by Bob Mortimer. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 pm
This month, we're reading **The Mountain in the Sea** by Ray Nayler. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 pm
This month, we're discussing **Chain Gang All-Stars** by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah. **R**



TECH

C Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class
Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 10 am
Learn basic info about mobile devices with specific advice on how to use an Android smartphone. Bring your phone to this session. Register by calling the Concord Township Community Center at 440-639-4650. **RR**

L Streaming Videos with your MPL Card
Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use your MPL card to stream movies and shows for free at home, and discover different streaming services offered by your library. **RR**

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class
Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2 pm
Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an Android smartphone. Bring your device to this session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel I
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 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. 26, 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. 26, 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 Learn How to Use your iPhone: Computer Class
Thursday, Feb. 27, at 2 pm
Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an iPhone. Bring your device to this session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel III
Thursday, Feb. 27, 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**



Borrow Passes from MPL

We're adding more local landmarks to our popular Membership Pass Program! So check out your community — and make your first stop the Mentor Public Library.

Starting some time in February, you'll be able to borrow passes from the:

- **Cleveland Museum of Art.** Each pass is good for two adults and any children in the household younger than 18.
- **Akron Museum of Art.** This pass is also good for two adults and any children younger than 18 in the household.
- **Cleveland Museum of Natural History.** This pass is good for up to six individuals in a household.

This is in addition to the passes that you can already borrow from us:

- **Akron Zoo.** Each pass is good for two adults and four kids
- **Holden Forests & Gardens,** including Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Gardens. Each pass is good for up to six people.
- **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.** Each pass is good for up to two adults and seven youth.
- **Western Reserve Historical Society,** including Hale Farm & Village. Each pass is good for two adults and the children in that household.

Passes can be checked out for up to seven days. They must be checked out and returned at our Main Branch.

A household may only check out one pass at a time and can only check out each pass up to two times per year.

If a pass is overdue, the late fee is \$5 per day. Visit www.mentorpl.org/passes for more information or to reserve a pass!

TEEN

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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 VolunTEENS Monday, Feb. 3, at 3:30 pm

Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. Contact our librarians for more info at 440-255-8811 ext. 1 **RR**

L February Teen Art Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm

Teens and tweens (ages nine to 15) can make a cute Valentine's Day garland or hanging heart decor. **RR**

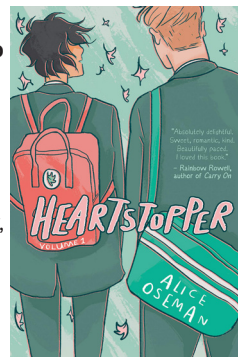
HB Conference Night at Mentor High Thursday, Feb. 13, 5 — 8 pm

Visit our table during the Parent-Teacher conferences at Mentor High School and learn about all the spectacular services provided at The HUB. No registration required.

H Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club

Monday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 pm

Our book club for teens with titles selected by the club's members! In February, they'll read and discuss **Heartstopper Vol. 1 & 2** by Alice Oseman. **RR**



M Teen Advisory Board Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 pm

If you're in 7th-12th grade, you can help us develop programs for teens and make suggestions for teen spaces. There are snacks too. **RR**

KIDS

M Black History Month Scavenger Hunt All February

Grab a sheet from the Children's Desk and follow clues to locate and learn about important Black historical figures hidden around the department.

H Finger Paint Fridays Fridays, from 10 am to 4 pm Except Feb. 28

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff.

M Take Your Child to the Library Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 am to 4:30 pm
Learn what we have to offer with a fun craft and scavenger hunt. Kids of all ages can win a small prize when they complete the scavenger hunt!

M LEGO at the Library Saturday, Feb. 1, 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. 3, to Sunday, 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, each kid who participates will receive a mystery valentine in the mail.

M Book-to-Movie Book Club Monday, Feb. 3, at 4 pm

Kids (8-12) will read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. This month: **How to Eat Fried Worms**. **RR**

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

Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month, we're exploring the artist Wayne Thiebaud and acrylic painting. **RR**

M Travel Club — USA Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 4 pm

Kids (6-12) will enjoy crafts, activities, and a snack celebrating a different state each month. Kids can also collect a pin from that state. Our travels begin in sunny Florida! **RR**

H Let's Cook with Kids Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns from Let's Cook -- a plant-based mobile cooking school -- will lead a cooking class for kids (8 and older.) **RR**

KIDS

M Yoga Kids

Thursday, Feb. 6, at 1 pm

Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. **RR**

L February Teen Art

Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm

Teens and tweens (ages nine to 15) can make a cute Valentine's Day decor. **RR**

H Headlands Trivia

Saturday, Feb. 8, at noon

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

H Roblox Saturday

Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 pm

Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. **RR**

H Next Level Video Game Club

Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 pm

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

L Toddler Playdate

Monday, Feb. 10, at 10 am

Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

M Create a Creature

Monday, Feb. 10, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) can have fun creating creatures together and dreaming up a story. **RR**

M We Love Chocolate

Friday, Feb. 14, at 2 pm

Kids (6-12) can enjoy some sweet fun with crafts and activities involving chocolate. **RR**

L Kids Craft: Dinosaurs

Monday, Feb. 17, 11 am — 4 pm

Kids (5-12) can enjoy stupendo-saurus walk-in crafts, while supplies last.

M Lunch & A Movie: The Wild Robot

Monday, Feb. 17, at noon

Families can enjoy the day off from school with a free movie screening. Bring your lunch. We'll provide the movie and the popcorn! **RR**

M Bingo Club

Monday, Feb. 20, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. A different theme each month! **RR**

HB Dr. Seuss Tote Bags

Thursdays, Feb. 20 or 27

At 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can celebrate Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday by customizing a tote bag in his honor using The HUB's makerspace. **RR**

STORYTIMES

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 (6 months to 5 years) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft.

M Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 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.

H Itty Bitty Bookworms Storytime

Thursdays, 11:30 am

Enjoy a fun morning of stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Perfect for PreK crowd! **RR**

M Wiggle, Giggle & Shake

Fridays, 10 am, except Feb. 28

Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M Firehouse Friends

Thursday, Feb. 13, at 10 am

Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe.

M Sing and Swing Story Time

Thursday, Feb. 13, at 10 & 11 am

Children (five and younger) along with a parent or caregiver can enjoy a musical story time hosted by Jen Woda from Sing and Swing. There will be two sessions. Please only sign up for one session. **RR**



Dealing with Bullying & Truancy

Receive expert advice from experienced educators during a free series from the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve. It will be hosted this February at MPL's Main Branch.

The first will discuss **Bullying** on Thursday, Feb. 13. Learn the tools to address and prevent bullying. Find out what warning signs to look for, how to handle the situation if your child experiences or contributes to bullying, and how to talk to your child's school about bullying.

During this session, the Educational Service Center will be joined by special guests Sandra Tenkku from the Lake County ADAMHS Board and Tricia Zeedrich, the family support and engagement coordinator for Mentor Schools.

The second program will focus on **Chronic Absenteeism**. Learn what it is and how parents and caregivers can support school attendance.

Both programs are open to the public and are designed to strengthen the partnership between schools and families.

Each session provides valuable tools and strategies to support student success.

These sessions are free to attend. Due to limited space, registration is required. You can sign up on our online event calendar or by calling us at 440-255-8811.



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Feb. 19

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