**ADULT**

**Winter Reading Challenge**
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**Back to Your Roots Genealogy Group**
Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m.
Interested in your family history? Share genealogy tips, exchange information, and talk shop with like-minded individuals. All experience levels are welcome, and basic computer knowledge is helpful.

**Groundhog Day Showing**
Thursday, Feb. 2, from noon to 8 pm
Teens and adults can enjoy a continuous showing of Bill Murray’s comedy classic *Groundhog Day*. Hot chocolate will be served at 4 p.m. screening. Final showing of the day starts at 6 p.m.

**52 Things About You**
Thursdays, Feb. 2 or 9, at 5 pm
Create a unique Valentine’s Day gift by listing 52 things that remind you of a loved one. Only register for one session.

**All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg**
Saturdays, Feb. 4 & 18, at noon
Every other week, MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they’ve been reading and recommend books that you’ll enjoy. Watch on our website, YouTube, or Facebook.

**Valentine’s Day Green Screen**
Monday, Feb. 6
Walk in from 3:30 to 7:30 pm
Enjoy a Valentine’s photo shoot using The HUB’s green screen. Wish someone a Happy Valentine’s Day from anywhere!

**Crafty Adults: Napkin Luminaries**
Monday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm
Make a luminary using mason jars and paper napkins. Lovely and easy to make! RR

**13 Days: The Cuban Missile Crisis**
Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 10 am
Dr. John Foster revisits 13 days in the autumn of 1962 when the world stood on the brink of catastrophe. The United States and Soviet Union faced off over missiles in Cuba. Learn about one of the most dangerous moments of the Cold War. Register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650.

**The Great Mounds Club Robbery: Mob Money in Lake & Geauga Counties**
Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 pm
Local historian Ginnie Jeschelnig offers the inside story of an infamous robbery. The target: Tommy McGinty’s Mounds Club in Willoughby Hills, popular both with mobsters and Cleveland’s elite. In Sept. 1947, a group of men stole more than $500,000 in cash, jewels, and fur from the mobbed-up club. Discover what happened.

**Castaways Knitting Group**
Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you’re working on. Not a class, but an opportunity to work on a project, get ideas, and learn from each other.

**Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Warrior to the White House - Civil War Vets Who Became Presidents**
Wednesday, Feb. 8, at noon
Learn about the personal and political lives, campaigns, and presidencies of the six men who served in the Civil War and went on to become president of the United States. Speaker: Todd Arrington from James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

**Pine Cone Bouquet Craft**
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 pm
Adults and teens can create a gorgeous bouquet of pine cone roses.

**Let’s Cook: Chickpea Orzo Skillet**
Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 am
LaDonna Oltmanns of Let’s Cook leads a free cooking demonstration of how to make this easy yet delicious one-pan dinner.

**Cozy Reading Afternoons (Part of the Winter Reading Challenge)**
Mondays, Feb. 13 & 20, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm
Teens and adults can earn an extra raffle ticket for our Winter Reading Challenge by coming to the library for some quiet reading time. We’ll provide music and beverages.

**The Underground Railroad in Ohio**
Monday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 pm
Speaker Paul Goebbel will share stories about the underground railroad from the four corners and center of the state. He’ll also highlight Ohio’s connection to the 13th amendment to the US Constitution.

**Mountain Peak Bookends**
Wednesday, Feb. 15 or 22, at 5 pm
Create crafty bookends using reclaimed wood, paint, and The HUB’s laser engraver. Only register for one session.

**Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, Feb. 18, 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 the library’s collection or bring your own. For teens (16 and older) and adults.

**World of Watercolor**
Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 pm
Artists of all skill levels -- including no experience at all -- can explore watercolor painting. Experiment with different techniques and get creative.

**1950s Jeopardy**
Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10 am
Test your knowledge of history with a 1950s-themed version of Jeopardy. Categories will include movies, music, and general trivia from the nifty fifties. Register by calling 440-639-4650.

**Diamond Art Coasters**
Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6 pm
Craft beautiful mandala coasters with shiny, colorful rhinestones.

**James A. Willis Presents UFOs over Ohio**
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 pm
Join author and paranormal researcher James A. Willis as he chronicles Ohio’s most infamous UFO cases -- from odd lights dancing across the skies of southern Ohio to strange crafts seen emerging from Lake Erie. He’ll also discuss whether Ohio has an area where alien technology is being stored.
**Tech Section**

- **Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon**
  - **Date:** Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 am to 9 pm
  - **Details:** Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. A light breakfast will be provided. A $5 nonrefundable fee to cover food expenses must be paid at registration. **RR**

- **Color Me Calm**
  - **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 am
  - **Details:** Enjoy coloring and relaxing music. The library provides all supplies. **RR**

- **A Mystery of Mysteries: The Life and Death of Edgar Allan Poe**
  - **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 pm
  - **Details:** Explore Edgar Allan Poe’s life through the ongoing mystery of his premature death with Poe biographer Mark Dawidziak. Poe had been missing for three days when he was discovered delirious, distressed, and wearing someone else’s clothes. He died soon thereafter. Delve into the enduring mystery of Poe’s death, as well as the many myths and misconceptions about him. **RR**

- **Visit the Tech Section for our computer classes and introductory programs at The HUB’s makerspace. Learn how to use everything from Microsoft Excel to Facebook to a laser engraver at Mentor Public Library.**

**Book Clubs**

- **It’s a Mystery Book Club**
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  - **Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1:30 pm
  - **Details:** Join us at the Mentor Senior Center for our monthly book discussion. February’s book is *The Children’s Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin. If you wish to join us, you can pick up a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

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You can also submit papers (including resumes) and math problems 24/7, and a tutor will review and help you with them!

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Connecting with a tutor is easy. You just need your Mentor Public Library card, PIN, and an Internet connection. Visit www.tutor.com/mentorpl to get started. (And you can call us at 440-255-8811, if you don’t know your PIN already.)

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L Valentine Hot Cocoa Bombs
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 pm
Teens (7th grade and higher) can make hot cocoa bombs personalized with special toppings and a tasty no-bake treat.

H Headlands Take & Make Craft Mondays
Pick up supplies for crafts that kids (8 and younger) can make at home. While supplies last. New crafts every Monday.

H Finger Paint Fridays
Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. We provide the supplies. No registration required.

M Travel Club
Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) can travel the world without a plane. Make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities dedicated to a different country each month. This February, we’re visiting Japan and making sushi.

HB Wood Valentine Craft
Wednesday, Feb. 1 or 8, at 5 pm
Kids (6-11) can use paint and the equipment at The HUB’s makerspace to design and create a wooden valentine. Only register for one session.

H Groundhog Day Story Time
Thursday, Feb. 2, at 11 am
Celebrate Groundhog Day with a story time and craft focusing on the famous rodent.

M Pixel Perfect Video Game Club
Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can enjoy age-appropriate games on Switch and Wii U. They’re also encouraged to bring along mobile devices to play Minecraft on.

M Tutu Workshop
Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4 pm
Children (3-5) can celebrate International Tutu Day by creating their own tutu.

M Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 am to 4 pm
Enjoy a special scavenger hunt and craft while learning what your library has to offer.

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, Feb. 4, at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

KIDS

M Nonfiction Reading Challenge for Kids
All January & February
Kids can learn something new and win prizes when they borrow nonfiction books from us! When kids (sixth grade and younger) borrow at least three nonfiction books from our Main Branch, they can bring the receipt to our Children’s Department. For every three books they borrow, they’ll spin our prize wheel and receive a raffle ticket. The raffle winner will receive a gift card to Barnes & Noble.

L Pine Cone Bouquet Craft
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 pm
Teens (and adults) can create a gorgeous bouquet of pine cone roses.

M Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m.
We want your help! We’re forming a board of teenagers (grades seven to 12) to discuss teen services at the library. Help develop teen programs and make suggestions for the teen space at our Main Branch! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Participants will also receive volunteer hours.

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**Mixed Up Valentine Mailers**  
Monday, Feb. 6, to Friday, Feb. 10  
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.

**Presidents Day Scavenger Hunt**  
Monday, Feb. 13, to Monday, Feb. 20  
Kids of all ages can celebrate Presidents Day by completing a historically awesome scavenger hunt for a prize.

**Activity:**  
Mystery valentine in the mail.

**Valentine’s Day Green Screen**  
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**Hugs & Cookies**  
Tuesdays, Feb. 7 or 14, at 4 pm  
Kids (4-12) can decorate delicious cookies and make an adorable felt hug with a kind message attached. Perfect for Valentine’s Day! Only register for one session.

**Crafty Kids: Heart Baskets**  
Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 pm  
Kids (8-12) can weave a heart basket with felt and fill it with notes for their loved ones.

**Yoga Kids**  
Thursday, Feb. 9, 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.

**Cryptid Club**  
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 4 pm  
Children (8-12) can discover the story behind America’s shiest creatures. Each month, we’ll explore a different state’s most famous cryptid and enjoy activities about them.

**Headlands Jeopardy**  
Saturday, Feb. 11, at noon  
Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges.

**Roblox Saturday**  
Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 pm  
Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month.

**Cooking with Kim**  
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 4 pm  
Kids (ages 8-12) can learn basic cooking techniques and make tasty and simple no-cook snacks.

**Curious Kids**  
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 pm  
Each month, Curious Kids will flex their creativity and learn with arts, crafts, and STEM activities in our new club.

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### STORYTIMES

**Valentine Pee Wee Promenade**  
Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1 pm  
Kids (3-6) can dress to impress and then dance, play, and craft to their hearts’ content. Snacks will also be served.

**Preschool Dance Party: Snow Ball**  
Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 pm  
Kids (2-6) can get this snow ball rolling and dance the afternoon away. Move, dance, and groove to some cool tunes. Then make a craft to take home.

**Egg Hatching at the Library**  
Starting Monday, Feb. 20  
Catch the hatch! Beginning Monday, Feb. 20, visit the chicken eggs that will be hatching in our Children’s Area. You can also follow the chicks’ progress at twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary. After the chicks hatch, they’ll stay at the library for about a week before relocating to their forever home.

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**Dungeons & Dice Club**  
Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 4 pm  
Heroes (8-12) can join the adventuring party and write their own destiny with our 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.

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**Snappy Little Story Time**  
Mondays, 10 am, except Feb. 27  
Kids (birth to 5) can enjoy a story time that combines songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories — all geared to the little listener. This story time does not include a craft.

**Tiddlywinks**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 am, Except Feb. 28  
Kids (birth to 3) with a caregiver will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

**Musical Munchkins**  
Thursdays, 10:30 am, except Feb. 28  
Kids (birth to 5) can enjoy stories, music, and crafts. Kids must be with an adult.

**Pre-K Pop Party Story Time**  
Wednesdays, 11 am  
High-energy kids will love our Pre-K Pop Party. We throw a party full of music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. Open to kids (3-6) without an adult.

**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. All ages welcome. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Family Favorites Story Time**  
Fridays, 11 am  
All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Kids must be with an adult.

**Firehouse Friends**  
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 am  
Join Mentor Firefighter Rollin for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

**Saturday Family Story Time**  
Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 am  
All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our new Saturday story time.
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