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C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP

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SC: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

ADULT

M Winter Reading Challenge

All January & February

Adults and teens (7th grade and higher) can read something new and win something too! Use our reading bingo card on the Beanstack app to *Cozy Up With a Good Book*. You can visit mentorpl.beanstack.org to register, if you haven't already. Earn a raffle ticket for every book read and your first completed bingo. The library will have prize drawings at the end of January and February.

L 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. **RR**

M 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 pm screening. Final showing of the day starts at 6 pm.

HB 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. **RR**

V 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.

HB 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!

ADULT

L 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**

C 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. **RR**

M The Great Mounds Club Robbery: Mob Money in Lake & Geauga Counties

Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 pm

Local historian Ginnie Jeschelnic 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. **RR**

L 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.

M 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. **RR**

M Pine Cone Bouquet Craft

Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 pm

Adults and teens can create a gorgeous bouquet of pine cone roses. **RR**

M 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. **RR**

M 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.

M 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. **RR**

HB 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. **RR**

M 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.

H Headlands Photography Club

Saturday, Feb. 18, 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. **RR**

M Spice Club: Smoked Paprika

Starting Sunday, Feb. 19

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

H 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. **RR**

C 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. **RR**

HB Diamond Art Coasters

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6 pm

Craft beautiful mandala coasters with shiny, colorful rhinestones. **RR**

L 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. **RR**

ADULT

M Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon
Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 am to 9 pm
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**

M Color Me Calm
Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 am
Enjoy coloring and relaxing music. The library provides all supplies.

M A Mystery of Mysteries: The Life and Death of Edgar Allan Poe
Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 pm
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.

T E C H

M One-on-One Tech Appointments
Tuesday, Feb. 14
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**

HB Makerspace 101
Monday, Feb. 20, at 6 pm
Learn about the awesome machines in The HUB's makerspace. Enjoy an informative tour and see examples of projects you can make with the laser engraver, heat press, Cricut Maker, and more. **Open to all ages. RR**

M Computer Class: PowerPoint
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 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. Registration begins Feb. 6. **RR**

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M Computer Class: Excel I
Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 pm &
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 2 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. Registration begins Feb. 6. Please only sign up for one session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Facebook Basics
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 10 am
Learn how to use Facebook. Please come to class with your Facebook login information and password. Registration begins Feb. 6. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel II
Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 pm &
Thursday, Feb. 23, at 2 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. Sign up begins Feb. 6. Only register for one session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel III
Thursday, Feb. 23, 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. Registration begins Feb. 6. **RR**



HB Laser Engraver 101
Monday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 pm
Discover how to create custom cut and engraved projects with the makerspace's laser engraver -- complete with a demonstration. **Open to all ages. RR**

For more tech offerings, visit the state-of-the-art makerspace at The HUB inside of Mentor High School. It offers a Cricut Maker, large-format printer, heat press, laminator, button maker, and more. They are available for your next project with our staff's assistance.

Go to www.mentorpl.org/makerspace for information about The HUB's makerspace, including how to schedule your appointment.

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. February's book is **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens. **RR**

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 pm
It's good reading and good eating! Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads our new 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. This month's cookbook is **Dinner In French: My Recipes by Way of France** by Melissa Clark. Bon appetit! **RR**

L Watch What You Read Book Club
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 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 February, we'll discuss **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd.

SC Senior Center Book Club
Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1:30 pm
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**

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our February meeting, we'll discuss John Scalzi's **Old Man's War**. **RR**

M Men's Book Club
Monday, Feb. 20, at 7 pm
This month's book is **Entangled Life** by Merlin Sheldrake. **RR**

H Drawn in To Graphic Novels Book Club
Saturday, Feb. 25, at 2 pm
Tweens and teens (12-17) can explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. Each month, they'll discuss a different historical fiction graphic novel. In February, they'll talk about **March**, a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Book club members will also receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we'll discuss **Oona Out of Order** by Margarita Montimore. **RR**



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Starting Feb. 1, tutors will be available to provide individualized help from 2 pm to midnight every day of the week.

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

Receive assistance on more than 250 subjects including:

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Both English and Spanish-speaking tutors will help students of all ages, from kindergarten to adult learners.

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.)

Tutor.com is available free to all Mentor Public Library cardholders thanks to a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

TEEN

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M Pine Cone Bouquet Craft Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 pm

Teens (and adults) can create a gorgeous bouquet of pine cone roses. **RR**

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. **RR**



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. **RR**

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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.

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. **RR**

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. **RR**

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. **RR**

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. **RR**

M Tutu Workshop Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4 pm

Children (3-5) can celebrate International Tutu Day by creating their own tutu. **RR**

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.

M 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.

HB 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!

HB 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. **RR**

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

M 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. **RR**

M 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. **RR**

H 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. **RR**

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

M 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. **RR**

M 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.

M 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. **RR**

HB Presidents Day Proclamations
Thursdays, Feb. 16 or 23, at 5 pm
 Kids (6-11) can don their spiffiest attire and make their first proclamation as president. We'll help them write their edicst. Then they can record it in The HUB's green-screen studio. Only register for one session. **RR**

M 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](https://www.twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary). After the chicks hatch, they'll stay at the library for about a week before relocating to their forever home.

L 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. **RR**

M 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. **RR**

M 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. **RR**

H 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. **RR**

M 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.

M 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.

L Storytime Stars
Tuesdays, 10:30 am, except Feb. 28
 Kids (birth to 5) can enjoy stories, music, and crafts. Kids must be with an adult.

M Preschool Story Time, except Feb. 28
Tuesdays, 11 am
 Kids (3-6) will love and learn with stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Adults don't need to attend this story time with their child.

M 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.

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

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, 10:30 am
 Kids (birth to 5) can enjoy a musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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

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

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

L 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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March 15

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hosting the program.