Cozy up with a book during our Winter Reading Challenge

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Starting Jan. 3, pick up a Winter Reading Challenge form from the reference desk at our Main Branch. It has 15 different reading challenges that are designed to introduce you to new authors, genres, and topics. You may even find your new favorite!

Complete at least five of the challenges and bring the form back to the reference desk, and you’ll be entered into a raffle for a gift basket. We’ll have drawings at the end of January and February.

By the way, you can win an additional raffle ticket by participating in one of our Cozy Reading Afternoons on January 18 and 25!

Book Clubs

V Online Book Club
All January
Our Online Book Club is perfect for readers with busy or unpredictable schedules who love books but don’t know when they’ll have free time. The first book will be The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. The conversation starts on Jan. 6, and you can join anytime (at your convenience this January or February. Sign up at www.pbc.guru/mentor! RR

H End of the World Book Club
Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 pm
Our new book club for teens features the best in YA dystopias. Fans of The Hunger Games, Divergent, and Maze Runner book series will love our End of the World Book Club. Join us at the Mentor Headlands Community Center to discuss Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman. RR

L Watch What You Read Book Club
Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 pm
This new club celebrates great reads and their movie adaptations. Enjoy the book, watch the movie, and then join friends for a discussion of how the book and movie differ and complement each other. For our inaugural meeting, we’ll discuss Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. RR

M Men’s Book Club
Monday, Jan. 17, at 7 pm
This month’s book is Mad at the World: A Biography of John Steinbeck by William Souder. RR

M Senior Center Book Club
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 pm
Join us at Mentor Senior Center for a monthly book discussion. January’s book is Miss Benson’s Beetle by Rachel Joyce. RR

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 pm
Our new book club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our first meeting, join us at the Mentor Headlands Community Center to discuss Ursula K. Le Guin’s masterpiece, The Left Hand of Darkness RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we’ll discuss The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley. RR

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RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
V: VIRTUAL
M: MAIN
L: LAKE

ADULT

HB Hawaiian Leis
Tuesdays, Jan. 4 and 11, at 5 pm
We’re beating the winter blues by making beachy keen crafts at The HUB’s makerspace this January. Join us to make a colorful and crafty lei. We’re hosting two sessions of this craft to make room for as many people as possible. Only register for one session. RR

HB Makerspace 101
Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6 pm
Learn all about the incredible machines in The HUB’s makerspace and discover the incredible things you can make with them. Enjoy an informational tour and see examples of projects that can be made with The HUB’s laser engraver, T-shirt press, and more. All ages welcome to attend! RR

M All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg
Saturdays, Jan. 8 and 22, at noon
Every other week, MPL librarians Cailey and Meg recommend and discuss what they’ve been reading. Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.
**ADULT**

**Monday University: Dream Quest**
Monday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 pm
Ever had a strange dream and wondered what, if anything, it meant? Anthony Palermo, an associate professor of humanities at Lakeland Community College, will discuss what our dreams are telling us. Do they predict the future? Solve problems? Alert us to bodily illness? Palermo will discuss these topics and more during his talk, which will be hosted via Zoom. RR

**Big Hoppy Family**
Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 pm
Journey through the history of craft beer’s most beloved style, India Pale Ale! Michael Williams of Great Lake Brewing Company will share an in-depth look at the IPA, including its recommended tasting guideline. This program is for education purposes, and no beer will be served. RR

**Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Hancock the Superb**
Wednesday, Jan. 12, at noon
Learn about the life and experiences of General Winfield Scott Hancock, one of the Union’s greatest commanders. Speaker will be Todd Arrington, site coordinator of James A. Garfield National Historic Site. RR

**Cozy Reading Afternoons**
Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 2 pm
Audiobooks, and more from the library.

**Spice Club: Cinnamon**
Starting Sunday, Jan. 16
Spice up your life with our newest club: Spice Club! Each month, you can pick up a sample of our featured spice and suggested recipes from the Main Branch’s reference desk. One kit per family. January’s spice is cinnamon! Share your culinary creations on social media with the hashtag #SpiceUpMentor.

**How the Weather Affected Your Ancestors**
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 pm
Genealogy professional Ari Wilkins explains how weather events changed your family’s history through death, disease, migration, and more. This program is hosted by our Back to Your Roots Genealogy Group and will be shared online via Zoom. RR

**Computer Class: Basic Computers**
Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 2 pm
Learn the basics of searching the web. Mouse and typing skills are required. Registration begins Jan. 10. RR

**Computer Class: Word I**
Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word, including the following feature: Quick Access & Mini Toolbars; Line/Paragraph Spacing & Alignment; Margins & Orientation; Spelling & Grammar Checks; Find & Replace; Thesaurus; and how to print a document. Registration begins Jan. 10. RR

**Computer Class: Word II**
Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 pm
Discover the potential of using The HUB’s laser engraver. Get inspired for your next project and take home an engraved souvenir. All ages welcome to attend. RR

**Computer Class: Basic Internet Skills**
Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 2 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word, including the following feature: Quick Access & Mini Toolbars; Line/Paragraph Spacing & Alignment; Margins & Orientation; Spelling & Grammar Checks; Find & Replace; Thesaurus; and how to print a document. Registration begins Jan. 10. RR

**Computer Class: Basic Email**
Thursday, Jan. 27, at 2 pm
Learn how to send, reply to, label, and archive emails, as well as how to send attachments. Registration begins Jan. 10. RR

**Computer Class: Facebook Basics**
Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use Facebook. This free, hands-on class will demonstrate basic Facebook features. Please come to class with your Facebook login information and password. Registration begins Jan. 10. RR

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**Early Bird Registration**
The registration process for all programs begins Jan. 6.
**TEEN**

**M‘Cozy Up to a Good Book’ Winter Reading Challenge**
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**KIDS**

**HB Silly Sand Art Buddy**
Wednesday, Jan. 5 & 12, at 5 pm
We’re beating the winter blues by making beachy keen crafts at The HUB’s makerspace this January. Kids (5-8) can color sand and make Silly Sand Art Buddies. We’re hosting two sessions of this craft to make room for as many people as possible. Only register for one session. RR

**H Headlands Jeopardy**
Saturday, Jan. 8, at noon
Kids can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. RR

**HB Roblox Saturday**
Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 pm
Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

**H Magic for Muggles**
Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 pm
Our Headlands Branch is transforming into Hogwarts! Each month, kids will enjoy a different magic class. In January, the young wizards will make their own wand, case, spell books, and other supplies they’ll need for a year of magic. RR

**HB Rubber Ducky Day**
Thursday, Jan. 13, all day
Kids should keep an eye out for little rubber duckies hiding in the children’s area. If they find one, they can take it home. One ducky per child, while supplies last.

**M Tiny Art Show**
Thursday, Jan. 13, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) can contribute to a Tiny Art Exhibit that will be displayed in the Children’s Area for everyone to view. Each young artist will receive a small canvas and easel to create their miniature masterpiece. Open to all skill levels. Dress for a mess. RR

**TECH**

**HB Makerspace 101**
Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6 pm
Learn all about the incredible machines in The HUB’s makerspace and discover the incredible things you can make with them. All ages welcome to attend! RR

**M No More Cable**
Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6 pm
We’ll help you find out which of the many streaming services are worth the money for you. We’ll also introduce you to some streaming services that are available for free with your library card. RR

**HB Laser Engraver Basics**
Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 pm
Discover inspired for your next project and take home an engraved souvenir. All ages welcome. RR

We’re hosting ten computer classes this January, including introductions to Microsoft Word, Facebook, email, the Internet, and computers, in general. All of these classes are free but registration is required. Check out our Adult program pages for a complete list.
**STORYTIMES**

**Snappy Little Story Time**  
10 am on Mondays, starting Jan. 10  
Kids from birth to five years old can enjoy a story time that combines songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories -- all geared to the little listener. This story time doesn’t include a craft. RR

**Tiddlywinks**  
10 am on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Starting Jan. 11  
Children from birth to three years old accompanied by their adults will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes. RR

**Storytime Stars**  
10:30 am on Tuesdays, starting Jan. 4  
Kids (ages five and younger) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**Preschool Story Time**  
11 am on Tuesdays, starting Jan. 11  
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. RR

**Pre-K Pop Party**  
11 am on Wednesdays, starting Jan. 12  
Does your little one have energy to burn? Then they’ll love our Pre-K Pop Party. We throw a party full of music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. Open to kids (3-5) without an adult. RR

**PJ Family Story Time**  
6:30 pm Wednesdays, starting Jan. 12  
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. RR

**Musical Munchkins**  
10:30 am on Thursdays, starting Jan. 6  
Kids (five and younger) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**  
10 am on Fridays, starting Jan. 14  
This 4-week interactive program is perfect for kids from birth to 30 months old. It uses rhymes, songs, puppets, and more to stimulate learning. Registration is required and begins Dec. 31. RR

**Family Favorites Story Time**  
11 am on Fridays, starting Jan. 14  
All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. RR

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**Win a COSI Learning Lunchbox Kit**

Kids (up through sixth grade) can earn a chance to win a COSI Learning Lunchbox Kit by soaking up some science!

We’ll raffle off three kits at the end of January. To earn a ticket, first, check out a science book from Mentor Public Library. Then, bring the receipt to the Children’s Area of our Main Branch and get a ticket for each science book borrowed.

It can be anything science related: whether they want to dig into dinosaurs, study the stars, or feel like some physics.

At the end of the month, we’ll draw three names at random to receive a COSI Learning Lunchbox Kit. The kits include fun and educational hands-on science activities and experiments.

You can stop by to see the kits in the Children’s Area of our Main Branch this January.

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**Borrow puzzles from the library**

You can now borrow jigsaw puzzles at our Main Branch! It’s the perfect ingredient for a piece-ful evening.

The puzzles in our collection range from 300 to 1,500 pieces and include picturesque landscapes, animals, Christmas motifs, and cozy home scenes.

Any adult with a valid CLEVNET card can check out up to two puzzles at a time. The puzzles are due in three weeks and can be renewed once.

Browse our puzzle collection at our Main Branch. They’re on display next to our Board Games. (You can borrow board games from us too.)

You can also borrow traffic cones, character cake pans, hotspots, a turntable, ukuleles, a light-therapy lamp, binoculars, telescopes, crafting equipment, and other unique items from our Library of Things. For more info, visit mentorpl.org/reserbeathing.
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