ADULT

**KEY**

**RR**: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**SC**: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

**H**: HEADLANDS

**HB**: THE HUB

**V**: VIRTUAL

**M**: MAIN

**L**: LAKE

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**ADULT**

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**COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK**

**Reading Challenge**

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**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.

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**HB** Tooth Fairy Boxes & Cards
Tuesday, Jan. 3, or Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5 pm
Use The HUB's equipment to make a special gift for a child who's expecting a visit from the tooth fairy. Please only register for one of the two sessions. RR

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**M** The Power of Myth
Monday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 pm
Discover what many of the world's myths have in common! Professors Dr. Natalie Hopper and Anthony Palermo from Lakeland Community College will lead a comparative tour of divine beings, heroes, and great journeys. This program will be hosted online via Zoom. RR

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**V** All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg
Saturday, Jan. 7 & 21, at noon
Every other week, MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they've been reading and recommend books that you'll enjoy. You can watch on our website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page.

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**V** Houseplants by Design
Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 pm
Explore how to make the most of your houseplants with one of the country's best garden writers, Tovah Martin. She'll show how to find the perfect plants for your home, as well as how to display, pair and care for them. This program will be hosted via Zoom. RR

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**L** No More Cable
Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to save money while still getting the entertainment you want. A librarian will help you find which of the many streaming services are worth your money. She'll also introduce you to streaming services that are available for free with your library card. RR

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**HB** Barn Wood Craft
Wednesdays, Jan. 18 or 25, 5 pm
Make inspirational decor with reclaimed barn wood and The HUB's Cricut. Please only register for one of the two sessions. RR

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**M** Let's Cook: Easy Dishes for the New Year
Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 am
LaDonna Oltmanns of Let's Cook leads a free cooking demonstration of how to make easy and tasty dishes you can make this year. For more LaDonna, join our new Cookbook Club that meets on Wednesday, Jan. 18! RR

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**M** Money-Saving Techniques for the New Year
Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 pm
Learn tips for saving money (even during hard times) and making your resources work more efficiently for you. RR

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**HB** Beginning ASL
Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a free introduction to American Sign Language with Dani Prater, a native ASL user with more than 25 years of interpreting and teaching experience. Learn the principles of ASL and strategies for communicating with people who are deaf. RR

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**H** Headlands Photography Club
Saturday, Jan. 21, 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

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**L** Holistic Wellness & Yoga
Thursday, Jan. 26, at 1 pm
Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach will lead a relaxing yoga session and share tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. RR
**TECH**

**M**
One-On-One Tech Appointments  
Tuesday, Jan. 10  
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.  

**M**
Computer Class: Basic Computers  
Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 2 pm  
Learn the basic skills needed to use a computer.  

**M**
Computer Class: Word I  
Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm  
Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create, open, and save documents, as well as how to select text and change its formatting.  

**SC**
Senior Center Book Club  
Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 pm  
Join us at the Mentor Senior Center for our monthly book discussion. January’s book is *The Queen’s Secret* by Karen Harper. If you wish to join us, you can pick up a copy at our Lake Branch.  

**M**
Cookbook Club  
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 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 *Barefoot Contessa: Back to Basics* by Ina Garten. Bon appetit!  

**H**
Science Fiction Book Club  
Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 pm  
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our January meeting, we’ll discuss Cixin Liu’s *The Three Body Problem*.  

**M**
Monday Night Book Club  
Monday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 pm  
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we’ll discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.  

**H**
Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club  
Saturday, Jan. 28, 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 January, they’ll talk about George Takei’s moving memoir about World War II internment camps, *They Called Us Enemy*. Book club members will also receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group.  

**L**
Watch What You Read Book Club  
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 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 January, we’ll discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.  

**M**
Men’s Book Club  
Monday, Jan. 16, at 7 pm  
This month’s book is *Exercise of Power* by Robert Gates.  

**D**
The Do's of Donations  
Due to volunteer and staffing shortages during the holidays, we’re not accepting item donations until Jan. 4. We apologize for any inconvenience.  

We recently adjusted our guidelines for item donations to bring them up to date. We gratefully accept the following items, when they are in good condition:  

- Adult hardcover fiction or nonfiction  
- Kid’s picture books or chapter books  
- Teen chapter books or nonfiction  
- Graphic novels  
- CDs, DVDs & Blu-Rays  
- Gently used puzzles with all their pieces and undamaged boxes  

We regret that we are unable to accept the following items:  

- Any damaged books. That includes books with mold, mildew, smoke or water damage  
- Adult paperbacks  
- Textbooks  
- Any reference books, including encyclopedias  
- Board books  
- Maps or travel books  
- Games & electronic devices  
- VHS, Beta, cassettes, 8-tracks, or vinyl  
- Magazines (but we have magazine exchange racks in our Lake & Main Branches)  

We have a donation box outside of our Main Branch. Please call ahead at 440-255-8811 if your donation is more than one box.

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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](http://www.mentorpl.org/makerspace) for information about The HUB's makerspace, including how to schedule your appointment.
**KIDS**

**Grab a Game & Play at Main**

Grab a board game and play with your family and friends the next time you visit the Children's Department in our Main Branch.

Available games include:
- Ants in the Pants
- Banana Panda Memory Game
- Battleship
- Candy Land
- Chutes & Ladders
- Clue Jr.
- Connect 4
- Don't Spill the Beans
- Game of Life: Super Mario Edition
- Guess in 10: Marvel Edition
- Guess Who
- Hedbanz
- Monopoly Jr
- MonsDRAWsity
- Parcheesi
- Pop-Up Pirate
- Race Across the USA
- Scrabble
- Sorry
- Taco vs. Burrito
- Trouble: Bluey Edition

These games are only for in-library use. But if you want to take a game home, you can borrow one of the dozens in our Library of Things.

Younger kids will love Animal Upon Animal, Monza, and Rhino Hero. Older ones will enjoy Munchkin, Raptor, and Disney's Villainous.

We also have strategy games like Catan, Hive, and Ticket to Ride that teens and adults can borrow.

Visit [www.mentorpl.org/board-games](http://www.mentorpl.org/board-games) for our complete list.

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**TEEN**

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**Jewelry Making for Teens**

Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Teens (7th-12th grade) can make their own necklaces, bracelets, or earrings. Numerous styles to choose from. RR

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**Travel Club**

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 4 pm

Kids (4th-8th grade) can ride the rainbow road. Open to gamers of all skill levels. RR

**LEGO at the Library**

Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11 am

Kids (ages 5-12) can build with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes. New themes will spur creativity each month.

**Master Builders**

Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 4 pm

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

**LEGO at the Library**

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 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. Get your passport stamped! RR

**Pixel Perfect Video Game Club**

Thursday, Jan. 5, at 4 pm

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**Puzzle Packs**

All January

Kids (PreK-3rd grade) can pick up printed puzzles to take home with them. While supplies last. New puzzles every month.

**Cryptid Club**

Thursday, Jan. 12, 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

**Headlands Jeopardy**

Saturday, Jan. 14, at noon

Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. RR

**Roblox Saturday**

Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 pm

Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

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**Headlands Take & Make Craft**

Mondays, except Jan. 2

Pick up supplies for crafts that kids (8 and younger) can make at home. While supplies last. New crafts every Monday.

**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.

**Mario Kart Tournament**

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 4 pm

Kids (4th-8th grade) can ride the rainbow road. Open to gamers of all skill levels. RR

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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

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KIDS

Dungeons & Dice Club  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 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

National Popcorn Day  
Thursday, Jan. 19, from noon to 4 pm  
Children can win a small treat basket if they guess how many kernels are in the jar. They’ll also get a bag of popcorn when they visit our Children’s Desk.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year  
Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1 pm  
Kids (3-10) can learn about the Lunar New Year, an Asian tradition that honors ancestors and welcomes the new year. They’ll enjoy traditional music and crafts. We’ll also ring in the Year of the Rabbit with our resident book bunnies, Hazel and Hopkins.

Signing with your Baby  
Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m.  
Learn basic American Sign Language signs to use with your baby and toddler (birth to 24 months) from Dani Prater, a native ASL user. Babies can communicate simple needs via hand signs earlier than they can speak. Using signs can help both child and parent. RR

Cooking with Kim  
Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 4 pm  
Kids (ages 8-12) can learn basic cooking techniques and make tasty and simple no-cook snacks. RR

Curious Kids  
Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 pm  
Children will give historical portraits a modern makeover using watercolor. Each month, Curious Kids will flex their creativity and learn about their world with arts, crafts, and STEM activities in our new club. RR

Bluey Bash  
Thursday, Jan. 26, at 11 am  
Kids (2-6) can celebrate their favorite show with games like keepy-uppy, fun crafts, and snacks. RR

STORYTIMES

Snappy Little Story Time  
Mondays, 10 am, except Jan. 2  
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  
Kids (birth to 3) with a caregiver will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

Storytime Stars  
Tuesdays, 10:30 am, except Jan. 3  
Kids (birth to 5) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Story Time  
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.

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.

Musical Munchkins  
Thursdays, 10:30 am, except Jan. 5  
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.

Wiggle, Giggle & Shake  
Fridays, 10 am  
Kids and caregivers will have fun clapping, marching, and moving to music together. For ages two to six.

Family Favorites Story Time  
Fridays, 11 am  
All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday Family Story Time  
Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 am  
All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our new Saturday story time. RR

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN BAGS

Is your child getting ready for school? Enjoy fun and educational activities together with our Countdown to Kindergarten Bags!

Each bag comes with three unique activities (along with supplies and instructions.)

The challenges correspond with state educational standards and childhood developmental benchmarks. In other words, they provide a fun way to learn skills that kids need!

Those skills include:
• Counting
• Learning letters
• Adding & subtracting
• Identifying shapes
• Tying your shoes
• Recognizing patterns
• Fine-motor control
• Practicing sight words
• Identifying street signs
• Learning your address & phone number

These bags aren’t just for children preparing to enter kindergarten. They can be helpful to kids from ages three to six.

The bags are for in-library use only and cannot be taken home. Ask for the complete list of bags and activities at the Children’s Department in our Main Branch.

Our branches will be closed from Dec. 23 - 26 for Christmas and Jan. 1 and 2 for New Year’s. We wish you a safe and happy New Year!
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January 18
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March 15
The public is welcome to attend.

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