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KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SC: MENTOR SENIOR 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.

HB Cozy Winter Decor Wednesdays, Jan. 3 or 10 At 5:30 pm

Celebrate the season by creating decor using The HUB's laser engraver and Cricut. **RR**

H Headlands Crafternoon Thursday, Jan. 4, at 1 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 1 pm

Come to the Headlands Branch for an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels and ages welcome.

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns Thursday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns from the Let's Cook mobile cooking school leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. **RR**

L Emergency Readiness & Scam Awareness for Seniors Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 pm

Connie Brocone from Lake County Council on Aging offers advice on how to avoid scams and what to do if you're a victim of one. She will also recommend preparations to take so you're ready during an emergency. **RR**

L Color Me Calm Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

M Vision Boards Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 pm

Adults and teens can create a colorful poster filled with their favorite things and goals for the year. Program offered in partnership with Craft Your Story. **RR**

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L Castaways Knitting Group Wednesdays, Jan. 10 & 24, at 10:30 am

Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

M Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Reelecting Lincoln in 1864 Wednesday, Jan. 10, at noon

Speaker Todd Arrington, site manager at James A. Garfield National Historic Site, revisits the election year of 1864. President Lincoln hoped to win a second term but Democratic candidate George B. McClellan wouldn't make it easy. **RR**

V Embrace Love in the New Year Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 8 pm

Bestseller Rebecca Serle discusses writing epic love stories to span generations. She'll also preview her forthcoming novel, **Expiration Dates**. Sign up for this intimate conversation at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Adult Take & Make Craft: Painted Wood Slice Coasters Starting Sunday, Jan. 14

Adults and teens can pick up a kit to craft Painted Wood Slice Coasters from our Information Desk. One kit per person. **RR**

H Studio Headlands Monday, Jan. 15, 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**

L Try a Craft/Hobby Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 pm

Open to adults and teens (14 and older.) Learn how to crochet. You can practice using our yarn and hooks! **RR**

HB Lunar New Year Pouches Thursday, Jan. 18 or 25 At 5:30 pm

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon by designing a pouch with The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns from Let's Cook demonstrates the versatility and ease of using an air fryer. Learn the basic functions as she shows how to prepare appetizers, dinner, sides, and desserts. Come hungry and ready to sample. **RR**

L Bullet Journaling Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 pm

The team from Craft Your Story teaches the basics of bullet journaling. Discover how to organize your thoughts and life in a fun way! All supplies provided. **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays Saturday, Jan. 20, 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 our collection or bring your own.

M Spice Club: Cayenne Starting Sunday, Jan. 21

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

H We Love Paper Quilling Monday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 pm

Local artists from Mul-Wal Creations teach the basics of quilling — a fun and lovely paper craft. Make an umbrella scene that also serves as a unique Valentine's Day gift. **RR**

V Your Retirement Dream or Disaster: How to Avoid Hidden Traps in Retirement Planning Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 2 pm

Elder law attorney and bestselling writer Rajiv Nagaich, author of **Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster**, explains how to avoid traps in retirement planning. Make sure you don't end up broke, a burden, or forced into institutionalized care. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

H Jackbox Party Night (for Grownups) Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm

Adults can leave the kids at home and play video games. Bring a fully charged mobile device to play fun party games. **RR**

M Monday University: Jane Russell & Cleveland's Forgotten Champions Monday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 pm

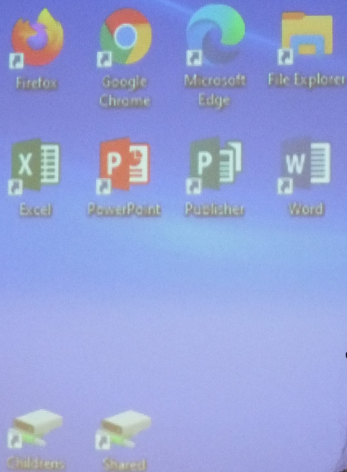
Revisit autumn 1945 with local historian Dennis Sutcliffe. Movie star Jane Russell had moved to Cleveland to be with her husband Bob Waterfield, who was leading the Cleveland Rams to the NFL Championship game. Discover this significant but oft-forgotten moment in Cleveland history. **RR**

V The Lure & Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition & Modern Medicine Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 2 pm

Pediatric neuroendocrinologist and author Dr. Robert Lustig challenges the current healthcare paradigm. He'll offer a plan to help restore people to health and well-being with a diet of real food. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Preserving Your Family History & Photographs Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 pm

Don't lose those moments! Learn the best practices for digitizing and saving your photos with Kari Shick from Building Relationships & Preserving Memories. **RR**



TECH

M eReading: Getting Books for your Tablets & Smartphones Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m.

Learn how to use your library card to borrow digital versions of books, magazines, and other materials on your tablet or smartphone. Perfect for anyone who received a new iPad, tablet, or smartphone during the holidays. **RR**

HB Makerspace 101 Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 pm

Learn about the incredible resources in The HUB's makerspace during this informational tour. See examples of what can be made with its laser engraver, Cricut, vinyl cutter, T-shirt press, and more. All ages welcome! **RR**

M One-on-One Tech Appointments Tuesday, Jan. 9

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**

M Basic Computers: Computer Class Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 2 pm

Learn the basic skills needed to use a computer. No experience required! **RR**

M Word 1: Computer Class Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 pm

An introduction to Microsoft Word. Learn how to use the word-processing software to create, open, and save documents, as well as select text and change its formatting. **RR**

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class Wednesday, Jan. 24, 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 Word 2: Computer Class Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm

Learn more techniques for Microsoft Word, including how to use mini toolbars. Find out how to adjust spacing, alignment, margins, and orientation in your documents, as well as how to use spell check, thesaurus, and find-and-replace tools. **RR**

M Learn How to Use your iPhone: Computer Class Thursday, Jan. 25, 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 Microsoft Word — Flyers, Pictures & Drawing Tools: Computer Class Thursday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 pm

Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create flyers, manipulate pictures, and to effectively use its drawing tools. Microsoft Word experience necessary for this class. **RR**

M Cricut Basics Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 pm

Adults (and teens) can discover how to use a Cricut to design unique greeting cards. Learn the basics and leave with the supplies to assemble a customized card. **RR**

Book Clubs

L Watch What You Read Book Club Tuesday, Jan. 9, 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 **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus.

M Cookbook Club Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this 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. **RR**

M Men's Book Club Monday, Jan. 15, at 7 pm

This month's book is **The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams** by Stacy Schiff. **RR**

SC Senior Center Book Club Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1:30 pm

Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. This month's book is **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** by Marianne Cronin. Pick up a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 pm

Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! In January, we're discussing the **New Voices of Science Fiction** anthology. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club Monday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **Stillhouse Lake** by Rachel Caine. **R**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club Monday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can enjoy reading and discussing some of the best graphic novels created. In January, they'll talk about **Paper Girls** by Brian K. Vaughan and Cliff Chiang. Book club members also receive their own graphic-novel journal where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

Our branches will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, in celebration of New Year's Day!



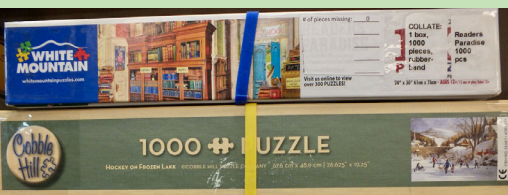
MPL in your Email

The best way to stay informed about everything happening at Mentor Public Library is to sign up for our email newsletters!

We have three:

- **Cover to Cover** shares our programs each month
- **Early Word** highlights our programs and services for kids
- **Tech Bytes** shares the latest on our tech and digital services.

Visit www.mentorpl.org/newsletters to sign up for any and all of them!



Puzzle Swap Day

You're invited to our first ever Jigsaw Puzzle Swap Day!

Everyone is invited to drop off used puzzles at the Front Desk of our Main Branch from Monday, Jan. 29 to Thursday, Feb. 1

The puzzles must be in good condition, at least 300 pieces, and in their original box. No pieces should be missing.

For each puzzle you provide, you'll receive a ticket. Trade each ticket for a new puzzle during our Puzzle Swap from 11 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3, at our Main Branch.

Any puzzles remaining at the end of our Swap Day will be donated to the library.

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HB Tinker Tuesdays Tuesdays, 3:30 - 7:30 pm

Starting Jan. 9

Teens (12-17) can de-stress by creating with a variety of art and craft supplies. Walk-in program; no registration required. Supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

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M ACT Prep Sessions Saturdays, Jan. 13 & 20

From 10 am - 1 pm

Prepare for the ACT by working through sample problems, discussing strategies for taking the test, and doing a sample test section. These sessions will be led by Dr. John Foster who has taught at both the high school and college level. These sessions are funded by a Libraries Accelerating Learning Grant from the Ohio Department of Education. **RR**

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KIDS

M LEGO Tower Reading Challenge All January & February

Help us build our tower! Whenever kids (12 and younger) check out three books — any three books — they can come to our Children's Desk and receive two LEGO blocks to add to our skyscraper.

H Reading Rockstars: Early Literacy Thursdays, Dec. 28 - Feb. 1, at 4 pm

Children in kindergarten through second grade can attend this early literacy series that strengthens beginning reading skills. Through the use of stories, music, games, and more, we'll reinforce these important skills and encourage your student to reach their reading goals! This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

H Finger Paint Fridays Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday.

M The Fine Arts Club Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 4 pm

Using history and hands-on experience, kids (7-12) will learn about dance, theatre, poetry, painting, and other forms of art. **RR**

M Travel Club Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 4 pm

Kids (6-12) can make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities dedicated to a different country each month. **RR**

H Let's Cook with Kids Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 pm

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

HB Polar Bears & Baby Penguins Thursdays, Jan. 4 or 11, at 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can use The HUB's Cricut to make these two cool animals. **RR**

M LEGO at the Library Saturday, Jan. 6, at 11 am

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

M Disney Princesses 101 Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1 pm

Kids (ages 6-12) can celebrate 101 years of Disney princesses with activities, snacks, and crafts. Children can dress as their favorite Disney character (including non-royalty.) **RR**

M Monthly Make a Craft Monday, Jan. 8, from 9 am - 4:30 pm

Make one of our crafts, while supplies last. The crafts are designed to be made in the library, not packaged to take home.



KIDS

M January Gems Jewelry
Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 4 pm
Kids (ages 6-12) can make unique jewelry. Get crafty with beads, twine, and gems! **RR**

L Master Builders
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 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, Jan. 10, at 6:30 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games like on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

H Headlands Jeopardy
Saturday, Jan. 13, at noon
Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia knowledge and learn something new during a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. **RR**

H Roblox Saturday
Saturday, Jan. 13, at 2 pm
Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. **RR**

L Creation Station
Monday, Jan. 15, from 1 - 5 pm
Kids of all ages can walk in and craft. We provide the supplies. You bring the imagination!

M Mini Golf at the Library
Monday, Jan. 15, from 1 - 8 pm
Families with kids aged 12 and younger can enjoy a round of mini golf at the library! The winner from each round can have their picture added to our Wall of Fame.

HB Perler Bead Pets
Wednesdays, Jan. 24 or 31
At 4:30 pm
Kids (6-11) can create a perler bead pet — the perfect way to customize a keychain or backpack. **RR**

M Kids in the Kitchen Club
Thursday, Jan. 25, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can learn basic culinary skills and make yummy snacks. **RR**

M Frozen Sing Along
Saturday, Jan. 27, at noon
Can't let *Let It Go* go? You don't have to! Sing along with Anna and Elsa at the library! Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring along a lunch or snacks. **RR**

M Cryptogram Puzzles
Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 4 pm
Children (6-12) can solve puzzles and crack codes at our cryptogram program. Puzzles are a fun way to improve math skills, logic, and reasoning abilities. **RR**

STORYTIMES

M Family Story Time
Mondays, 10 am, starting Jan. 8
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
Starting Jan. 9
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, starting Jan. 9
Kids (0-5) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Kids must be with an adult.

M Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays, 11 am, starting Jan. 9
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, starting Jan. 17
Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, 10:30 am, starting Jan. 11
Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts.

M Kindergarten Prep Story Time
Thursdays, 11 am, starting Jan. 11
A short story time followed by pre-kindergarten activities. Open to children entering kindergarten or wanting to get a jump on necessary skills.

M Wiggle, Giggle & Shake
Fridays, 10 am, starting Jan. 12
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M Firehouse Friends
Thursday, Jan. 11, at 10 am
Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

L Saturday Family Story Time
Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 am
All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our monthly Saturday story time.





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Jan. 17

Feb. 21

March 20

The public is welcome to attend.

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library branch that is
hosting the program.**