**KEY**

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
HD: HEADLANDS BEACH  
STATE PARK  
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HB: THE HUB  
M: MAIN  
L: LAKE  
V: VIRTUAL

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**ADULT**

**V** All Together Now Summer Reading  
From June 1 to July 30  
For every book you read or audiobook that you listen to, you’ll receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our prizes. Visit any branch to sign up or register online at mentorpl.beanstack.org. Last day to earn tickets is Sunday, July 30.

**M** Meet Us in the Garden: Fun with Succulents  
Saturday, July 1, at 10 am  
Discover the possibilities with these versatile plants. A Lake County Master Gardener will show how to make a living wreath or autumnal displays with succulents. RR

**M** Let’s Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns  
Saturday, July 8, at 10 am  
LaDonna Oltmanns of Let’s Cook leads a free cooking demonstration of delicious summer dishes. Let’s Cook is a plant-based mobile school that teaches cooking skills to people of all abilities. RR

**M** Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: The Battle of Gettysburg  
Wednesday, July 12, at noon  
The Union Army of the Potomac and Confederate Army of Northern Virginia battled in Gettysburg for three days. It was the war’s bloodiest battle, its crux, and the high tide of the Confederacy. Discover what happened. Speaker: Ranger Todd Arrington. RR

**M** Northeast Ohio Railways: Volume 3  
Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 pm  
Join local railroad historian and author Dr. Dan Rager on a fun and picturesque journey through Ohio’s interurban past, including photos from the Lake Shore Electric, Southwestern Division, Cleveland & Chagrin Falls, and the Cleveland & Eastern Railway systems. Discover more about one of the best electric railroad systems in the USA. RR

**M** Board Game Saturdays  
Saturday, July 15, 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.

**V** Author Talk with Charles Soule: Writer Daredevil & She-Hulk  
Saturday, July 15, at 2 pm  
Enjoy a free online talk with bestselling author Charles Soule as he discusses his newest book, The Endless Vessel. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. RR

**V** The Voice in our Head: Author Talk with Psychologist Ethan Kross  
Thursday, July 20, at 1 pm  
Join a free online talk with psychologist Ethan Kross who has written a guide to mastering self-talk, Chatter. Learn how to focus your inner voice so it motivates you. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. RR

**M** Crying in the Bathroom: Author Talk with Erika Sánchez  
Tuesday, July 25, at 4 pm  
Join a free online talk with award-winning author Erika Sánchez about her memoir in essays, Crying in the Bathroom. Her essays have all the humor and brutal honesty as a conversation with a best friend. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. RR

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**HB** Kid at Heart Game Night  
Tuesday, July 25, 5 - 7:30 pm  
Adults and teens can play supersized versions of popular games like Jenga and Connect Four. Walk in. No signup required.
**ADULT**

**A Walk to Eleanor Garfield Park**
Wednesday, July 26, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a walk through the library's neighborhoods to Eleanor Garfield Park. The trip is 2.8 miles and will take place rain or shine. Wear suitable shoes and bring. RR

**Holistic Wellness & Yoga**
Thursday, July 27 at 1 pm
Yoga instructor Darlene Kelnach will lead a relaxing yoga session and share tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. RR

**The Supreme Court: Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.**
Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster’s series on the Supreme Court continues with a spotlight on Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of the most consequential justices in American History. Learn about his life and legacy during this free lecture. RR

**TECH**

**Tinker Tuesdays**
Tuesdays, except July 4, at 10 am
For kids and teens! Enrich your summer with STEAM activities and play using our Tinkerlab cart. Follow your creativity! No registration needed, but equipment on the cart will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Tinkerlab Reading Hour**
Thursdays, at 1 pm
For kids entering K-6th grade. Explore science, technology, engineering, and math with a story and STEM activities that emphasize thinking and problem solving. RR

**Cricut Basics**
Wednesday, July 12, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use a Cricut machine to make custom greeting cards and other creative crafts. For teens and adults! RR

**Book Clubs**

**It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, July 5, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. In July, they’ll discuss Jonathan Kellerman’s popular Alex Delaware series. RR

**Men’s Book Club**
Monday, July 17, at 7 pm
This month’s book is Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir. RR

**Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 pm
It’s good reading and good eating! Local chef LaDonna Oltehimans 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 Jamie Oliver’s Ultimate Veg. RR

**Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our July meeting, we’ll discuss Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie. RR

**Teen Book Club**
Tuesday, July 25, At 6:30 pm
Teens (entering grades seven to 12) can discuss a classic at the library. This month’s book is The Alchemist. Borrow a copy from us and join the conversation. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. RR

**Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club**
Saturday, July 29, at 2 pm
Tweens and teens (12-17) explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. Each month, they’ll discuss a different historical fiction graphic novel. In July, they’ll talk about I Am Alfonso Jones. Book club members will also receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group. RR

**An Evening Stroll to the Past: Historical Fiction Book Club**
Monday, July 31, at 7 pm
Teens (entering ninth through 12th grade) can explore historical fiction this summer with our newest book club! In July, we’ll discuss the novel Before We Were Yous by Lisa Wingate, which shares the shocking story of Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children’s Home Society. RR

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Writers entering grades seven to 12 can enter and share a sample of their writing during an open mic night. Planned with assistance from the library’s Teen Advisory Board. RR

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**All Together Now Summer Reading**
**From June 1 to July 30**
For every hour kids read or are read to, they'll receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our prizes. If they read 20 hours, they'll also be entered into our Golden Ticket raffle. Plus, they can earn a bonus prize by completing our community scavenger hunt this summer! Visit any branch to sign up. Last day to earn tickets is Sunday, July 30.

**M Write a Letter to The Rainbow Fish**
**All July**
Kids can write a letter to (or draw a picture for) their favorite storybook characters at the library. We'll share our favorite letters and pictures on our social media.

**L Road Trip Scavenger Hunt**
**All July**
Kids can win a prize when they find all the hidden road signs in the Lake Branch. Visit weekly to search for new signs.

**H All Together Now Quilt**
**All Summer**
Help create a community quilt! All ages can design a paper quilt square. At the end of August, we'll assemble the quilt in the Headlands Branch's story time room for everyone to see.

**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.

**M Mondays in Mentor**
**Mondays, except July 31, at 1 pm**
Join the Children's Department for weekly games, crafts, and projects that tie into our Summer Reading theme, All Together Now. Open to kids of all ages. No registration necessary.

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**M Tinkerlab Reading Hour**
**Thursdays, at 1 pm**
For kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Explore science, technology, engineering, and math with a story and equipment from our Tinkerlab. The STEM activities will emphasize thinking and problem solving. RR

**M Card Sharks**
**Thursdays, at 6 pm**
Kids entering kindergarten through third grade can learn card games like Go Fish and Crazy Eights to play with their friends and family. RR

**H Finger Paint Fridays**
**Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm**
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday.

**L Fundays at Lake**
**Fridays at 11 am**
Kids (3 and older) can celebrate the magic of summer with fun activities, challenges, and crafts that tie into the Summer Reading theme, All Together Now. Some weeks may be messy.

**M LEGO at the Library**
**Saturday, July 1, at 11 am**
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

**H Travel Club**
**Wednesday, July 5, 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, July 5, 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

**H Ribbon Flower Making 101**
**Thursday, July 6, at 2 pm**
Kids (ages seven and older) will learn how to create fabric flowers using thread, needle, and a glue gun. They can adorn headbands, clips, necklaces, bracelets, or canvasses. RR

**M Pixel Perfect Video Game Club**
**Thursday, July 6, 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

**H Headlands Jeopardy**
**Saturday, July 8, 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, July 8, at 2 pm**
Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

**HB Shark Selfies**
**Monday, July 10, 3:30 - 7 pm**
Celebrate Shark Week with a fun photo shoot using the green screen at The HUB. All ages welcome. No registration required.

**HB Reading Rockstars**
**Mondays, July 10 to Aug. 14, At 4 pm**
Kids (K-3rd grade) can strengthen their reading skills with stories, music, games, and more! We'll encourage students to reach their reading goals. This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

**M Community Cookbook**
**Tuesday, July 11, at 1 pm**
Calling all chefs! Kids (6-12) can contribute to our community cookbook. First, enjoy a story time accompanied by a simple recipe that all will make together. Then, bring a recipe to share. We'll have recipe cards that the children can fill out. Finally, the recipe book will be edited and bound together so people can borrow it! RR

**HB Personalized Rainbow Craft**
**Tuesday, July 11 or 18, at 4 pm**
Kids (6-11) can create a crafty, cool and personalized rainbow. RR

**M YOU! Collage Making**
**Wednesday, July 12, at 1 pm**
Kids (7-12) will be given material to create a collage that represents them. Participants will end the program by making Friendship Trail Mix together and sharing their creations with the group. RR

**L Master Builders**
**Wednesday, July 12, at 4 pm**
Kids (5-11) will build with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes. New themes will spur creativity each month.

**M Reading Rockstars**
**Thursdays, July 13 to Aug. 17, At 10:45 am**
Kids (K-3rd grade) can strengthen their reading skills with stories, music, games, and more! We'll encourage students to reach their reading goals. This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

**HD Headlands BeachFest**
**Saturday, July 15, 11 am to 7 pm**
The library will be at the ultimate beach party! Come to Headlands Beach State Park. You can make sand art with us and grab a book or two from our Pop-Up Library. There will also be world champion sand sculptors, food trucks, and all-day entertainment!
**KIDS**

**The Bubble Lady**
Monday, July 17, at 1 pm
You’ll be dazzled by Sue Durante’s indoor bubble show! Laugh-out-loud comedy with acrobatic bubbles, bouncing bubbles, square bubbles, and supersized bubbles. Fun for all ages! RR

**Dungeons & Dice Club**
Tuesday, July 18, at 4 pm
Heroes (8-12) can join the adventuring party and write their own destiny with our tabletop gaming club. We’ll provide game supplies and character sheets. RR

**We Love The Little Mermaid**
Wednesday, July 19, at 1 pm
Kids (ages 4+) can join the party with fun activities, crafts, and snacks — all about The Little Mermaid! RR

**Kids Kindness Apron**
Wednesday, July 19 or 26, At 4:30 pm
Kids (6-11) can make a summer apron with a positive message. RR

**Family Trivia Night: All Together Now**
Tuesday, July 25, at 6 pm
Get the whole gang together for a family-friendly trivia competition. Families can compete as a team to answer various questions. Open to kids (13 and younger) with an adult. Teams limited to six players. RR

**Curious Kids**
Wednesday, July 26, at 6:30 pm
Each month, Curious Kids will exercise their creativity and learn with arts, crafts, and STEM activities in our new club. RR

**Sand Castle Kingdom**
Thursday, July 27, at noon
Visit Headlands Beach for stories, singing, and sand! We’ll work together to create a sandcastle kingdom. Sand-sculpting supplies will be provided but you’re welcome to bring your own. Open to all ages. RR

**Halloween in July**
Wednesday, July 31, at 6:30 pm
Kids (6+) can celebrate Halloween in July! Wear last year's costume or show off a new one, and enjoy a fun evening of games, candy, and spooky stories. RR

**STORYTIMES**

**Walk in the Park: Junior Ranger Story Time**
Mondays, except July 31, 10 am
This special story time starts with a walk from our Main Branch to nearby James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Then families will enjoy a story time themed to accompany Junior Ranger activities, which encourage kids to care for and learn more about National Parks. Please bring along a blanket to sit on. After story time, everyone will walk back to the library together. This story time is open to all ages with a caregiver. Junior ranger activities are aimed at ages four and older.

**Pre-K Pop Party**
Wednesdays, 11 am
High-energy kids love our Pre-K Pop Party! Music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. For kids (3-6) without an adult. RR

**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. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**My Community Story Time**
Thursdays, 10 am
A special story time where we highlight different community helpers each week. Some My Community Story Times will also have guest readers.

**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.

**Prepare for Kindergarten Story Time**
Tuesdays, except July 4, 11 am
A short story time followed by pre-kindergarten activities. Open to children entering kindergarten or wanting to get a jump on necessary skills. Kids are encouraged to participate without a parent.

**Summertime Stories at Lake**
Tuesdays, except July 4, 10:30 am
Kids (0-5) can beat the heat with this seasonal story time. Enjoy stories, music, and crafts. Kids must be with an adult.

**Satuday Family Story Time**
Saturday, July 15, at 10:30 am
All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our new Saturday story time.

**Firefighter Story Time**
Monday, July 24, at 10:30 am
Join Firefighter Gabe for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.
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