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KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SC: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

Adventure Begins Summer Reading

From May 30 to July 27

Visit any branch to sign up or register online at mentorpl.beanstack.org. For every book you read or audiobook you listen to, you'll earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes. Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 27!

M Cleveland Clinic Disaster: Heroes & Heartbreak

Monday, July 1, at 6:30 pm

Local historian Ginnie Jeschelng shares the stories and lessons learned from the worst hospital disaster in US history. A fire in the Cleveland Clinic's basement released a cloud of toxic fumes from smoldering x-ray film on May 15, 1929. More than 100 patients, visitors, and staff died. **RR**

M Meet Us in the Garden: Gardening for Evening Enjoyment

Saturday, July 6, at 10 am

Lake County Master Gardeners explain how to cultivate a garden that's ideal for evening entertaining and enjoyment. **RR**

L Lake County Master Gardeners: Shade Gardening

Monday, July 8, at 6:30 pm

Lake County Master Gardeners share the fundamentals of shade gardening, including what to consider when selecting plants. **RR**

M Aquarama: The Most Elegant Cruise Ship on the Great Lakes

Monday, July 8, at 6:30 pm

Local historian Tom Pappas shares stories from the SS Aquarama, a refitted troop ship that became the most renowned cruise ship on the Great Lakes. It ran between Cleveland and Detroit from the late 1950s until 1962, providing luxury and fun. **RR**

L Color Me Calm

Tuesday, July 9, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music. No registration required.

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L Castaways Knitting Group

Wednesdays, July 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: The Life of Andrew Johnson

Wednesday, July 10, at noon

Speaker Alan Gephardt from James A. Garfield National Historic Site will explore the life, career, and legacy of Andrew Johnson. As a Southern Democrat, Johnson stayed loyal to the US and became vice president during Lincoln's second term. He is, in short, a complicated figure. Learn why. **RR**

HB Grill in Style

Wednesdays, July 10 or 17

At 5:30 pm

Customize an apron for grilling season! **RR**

HB Painted River Rocks

Thursday, July 11, 3:30 — 6:30 pm

All ages can add a touch of beauty to their living space by painting messages and whimsical designs on river rocks.

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Thai Portobello Wraps

Thursday, July 11, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, learn how to make Thai portobello wraps — a vegan version of the popular Thai street food. **RR**

M Holiday Movie Bingo: Christmas in July

Saturday, July 13, at 1:30 pm

For teens and adults! Make watching cheesy holiday movies even better. Catch common tropes and mark them off your bingo card. **RR**

H Studio Headlands

Monday, July 15 at 6:30 pm

A monthly art club for adults of all skill levels! Explore creativity in a judgment-free zone. **RR**

H Headlands Crafternoon

Tuesday, July 16, at 1 pm

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

L Therapeutic Yoga for Aches & Pains

Tuesday, July 16, at 6:30 pm

Experience simple and effective yoga techniques to aid with common aches and pains for your lower back, knees, hips, neck, and shoulders. For all fitness levels. **RR**

M Queen Consorts: Mary of Teck

Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 pm

Learn about Mary of Teck's life, charity work, her role during World War I, and her fierce love for the British monarchy. **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays

Saturday, July 20, 9 am to 4:30 pm

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 Saturday Scrapbooking

Saturday, July 20, 9 am to 4 pm

Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! Each person will have a 6-foot table to use. **RR**

M Amityville: Horror or Hoax

Monday, July 22, at 6:30 pm

Ghost hunter and author James Willis tells the story of one of the most notorious haunted houses in American history. **RR**

H UnBeelievable Quilling

Monday, July 22, at 6:30 pm

Artists from Mul-Wal Creations show how to quill an adorable bee-themed craft. **RR**

M Fun on the Dump: The Great Lakes Expo, 1936-1937

Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 pm

Judy MacKeigan, Cleveland Metroparks historian and archivist, will use photos and stories to share the history of the Great Lakes Expo. For two summers, thousands of visitors thronged the lakefront in downtown Cleveland for the event. **RR**

HB Welcome Summer

Wednesdays, July 24 or 31

At 5:30 pm

Celebrate summer by customizing decor for your front door. **RR**

M Egypt with Kevin Magee

Wednesday, July 24, at 6:30 pm

Explore Egypt — land of ancient history and spectacular monuments — with Kevin Magee as tour guide. Discover Cairo, home of the Great Pyramid and Sphinx. Then travel the Nile to explore temples, royal tombs, and more sights between Luxor and Aswan. **RR**

M A Senior's Guide to Prescription Drug Savings

Thursday, July 25, at 6 pm

Andy Preston will draw upon his decade of experience to help seniors save money on their prescriptions under the Medicare Part D plan. He'll also explain how the government is changing Medicare Part D coverage in the coming years. Bring questions! **RR**

Nature Journaling

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H Bookbinding: An Introduction Wednesday, July 31, at 6 pm

You already love books. Now find out how to make one! Learn basic bookbinding techniques and create a sketchbook to take home. All supplies will be provided — some of which are very sharp. **RR**



M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna Wednesday, July 31, 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**

TECH

SC eBooks & More: Tech Tuesdays Tuesday, July 9, at 10 am

Learn how to access audiobooks, ebooks, streaming video, music and more with a MPL card. Sign up by calling the Mentor Senior Center at 440-974-5725. **RR**

M One-on-One Tech Appointments Tuesday, July 9

Sessions start at 2:30 & 3:30 pm

Get personalized answers for your tech troubles. Schedule an appointment with one of our librarians for one-on-one help. **RR**



HB Green Screen Adventures Tuesday, July 23, 3:30 — 7 pm

Use The HUB's green-screen technology to take a snapshot in prehistoric times, a different country, or even another world. All ages welcome. Walk-in program.

HB Green Screen Wizardry Tuesday, July 30, 3:30 — 7 pm

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with some green-screen magic. Grab your broom and fly to The HUB. All ages welcome.

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club Wednesday, July 3, at 6:30 pm

Discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. July's book is **He Started It** by Samantha Downing. **RR**

M Cookbook Club Wednesday, July 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. This month, participants will bring their favorite summer salad, along with a copy of the recipe. **RR**

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

This month's book is **Seven and a Half Lessons about the Brain** by Lisa Feldman Barrett. **RR**

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

Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! In July, we will discuss **In the Watchful City** by S. Qiouyi Lu. **RR**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, July 29, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can discuss some of the best graphic novels created. In July, they'll talk about **Lumberjanes: To The Max Edition Volume One** by Noelle Stevenson and Grace Ellis. Book club members also receive their own graphic-novel journals where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

Summer Online Author Talks

Perhaps you've noticed an absence of online author talks this month. They're actually in the **Teens** and **Kids** sections! The Library Consortium has booked a stupendous slate of children's and YA authors this July.

In the meantime, this is a spectacular opportunity to catch all those author talks you may have missed the first time, including exclusive interviews with John Irving, Joy Harjo, Ruth Ware, Rick Steves, John Stamos, and more!

Visit libraryc.org/mentorpl to watch them all.

TEEN

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M Adventures in Anime: Liz and the Blue Bird

Tuesday, July 9, at 6:30 pm

Teens and young adults can enjoy Japanese snacks and discuss their favorite anime movies and TV shows as they watch **Liz and the Blue Bird**. Cosplay is optional but also awesome. **RR**

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V Learning the Power of Poetry with Bestselling Author Elizabeth Acevedo

Tuesday, July 23, at 2 pm

Learn the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo, the bestselling and National Book Award-winning author of **The Poet X**. Come create out loud with Acevedo! Join us at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

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KIDS

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Kids (those entering 6th grade or younger) can sign up for summer reading at any of our branches. For every hour they read, they'll receive a 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. **Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 27!**

H Headlands Treasures Hunt

All July

Yes, it's a *treasures* hunt! Pick up a map from our Headlands Branch filled with local parks to explore. Visit as many as you can before Aug. 1 for a prize and an opportunity to win a \$25 gift card.

M Summer Scavenger Hunt

All July

Children can search our Lake Branch for summer pictures and spell summertime words with the clues they find.

L Read, Write, Play

Mondays, July 1, 8 & 15, at 3 pm

Kids entering kindergarten through third grade can stave off the summer slide with early literacy games at the Lake Branch. Each week, there will be different games that encourage reading and improve literacy skills. This is a self-led program for families and children to explore, play, and learn at their own pace.

H Finger Paint Fridays

Fridays, from 10 am to 4 pm

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff. Kids may need to wait for their turn.

L Funday Fridays

Fridays, at 11 a.m.

Kids (3 and older) will enjoy fun activities, challenges, and crafts with a different theme each week. No registration required. (Dress for a mess, just in case.) The themes are:

- July 5: Olympics
- July 12: Camping
- July 19: National Parks
- July 26: Backyard Adventures

M Oregon Trail: Choose Your Own Adventure

Tuesday, July 2, at 3 pm

Kids (8-12) will work as a group to tackle different obstacles as they travel west along our Oregon Trail. Don't get typhoid! **RR**

M The Fine Arts Club

Tuesday, July 9, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month's artform is *singing*. **RR**

M Travel Club

Wednesday, July 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, July 3, at 6:30 pm

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

M LEGO at the Library

Saturday, July 6, at 11 am

Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We provide the LEGO. You bring the creativity!

M Geometry in Motion

Tuesday, July 9, at 1 pm

Dance instructor Tom Evert will integrate movement and geometry using improvisation and dance. For kids, ages six to 10. This program is made possible by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant. **RR**

V A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson & Kate DiCamillo

Tuesday, July 9, at 2 pm

Kids can enjoy an online visit with everyone's favorite adventure-loving pig, Mercy Watson, and the author who brought her to life — Kate DiCamillo. DiCamillo has written more than 30 books for children. Several have been turned into movies and one was even adapted as an opera. Bring your own buttered toast! Join us at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Boho Flower Wall Decor

Tuesdays, July 9 or 16, at 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can use The HUB's makerspace to customize a boho flower wall hanging. **RR**

L Master Builders

Wednesday, July 10, at 4 pm

Kids (5-11) enjoy free play with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes during this monthly program.

H Next Level Video Game Club

Wednesday, July 10, at 6:30 pm

Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

M Adventure Hunt: Colors in Nature

Thursday, July 11, at 1 pm

Kids (6-12) can enjoy an outdoor stroll around the library and collect nature in every color of the rainbow. **RR**

HB Painted River Rocks

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All ages can paint messages and whimsical designs on river rocks.

H Headlands Trivia
Saturday, July 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, July 13, at 2 pm
 Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. The libraries' computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but you can bring your own devices. **RR**

M Adventures in the Outdoors
Monday, July 15, at 1 pm
 Kids (6-12) can enjoy an afternoon of outdoor fun. Make a first-aid kit. Learn about outdoor life and how to (safely) build a campfire! **RR**

V Surviving the Summer with the Last Kids on Earth & Max Brallier
Tuesday, July 16, at 2 pm
 Kids can go behind the scenes of the zombie apocalypse with Max Brallier, the bestselling author of **The Last Kids on Earth**. Brallier will share how he came up with the different monsters and villains, as well as the unique ways that Jack and his friends defeat them. Join us at library.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L The Incredibles Party
Wednesday, July 17, at 1 pm
 Kids (4 and older) can celebrate the 20th anniversary of **The Incredibles** with crafts, snacks, and superhero fun. **RR**

M Worm Races at the Library
Wednesday, July 17, at 2 pm
 Kids (7-12) can borrow a worm from us and race it against others. Celebrate good sportsmanship and wonderfully wormy fun. (Worms will go to a new compost home after the program.) **RR**

M Sensational Sensory Bottles
Thursday, July 18, at 1 pm
 Kids (3-8) will use rice and miniatures to create an *I Spy* sensory bottle. **RR**

M Ozobot: Choose Your Own Adventure
Tuesday, July 23, at 1 pm
 Have fun while exploring the basics of coding. Children (8-12) will learn how to use and manipulate an Ozobot. Then they'll work together to create a bot adventure! **RR**

M Mother Goose Olympics
Wednesday, July 24, at 11 am
 Kids (3-8) can take part in Olympic games inspired by their favorite nursery rhymes. **RR**

M Christmas in July
Thursday, July 25, at 10 am
 Kids (7-12) can celebrate Christmas in the summer with winter games and activities. **RR**

HB Fringe Musical Anklets
Thursdays, July 25 or Aug. 1
At 4 pm
 Kids (6-11) can add some pep in their step by making musical anklets. **RR**

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Sand Castle Kingdom
Wednesday, July 31, at noon
 Families will work together to construct a sand castle kingdom at Headlands Beach! We'll provide sand-sculpting supplies, but feel free to bring your own too. Open to all ages.

V Graphic Novels Are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Dan Santat
Tuesday, July 30, at 2 pm
 Join this year's winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Dan Santat, as he inspires tweens and teens to tell their own stories through graphic novels. His winning book, **A First Time for Everything**, is a graphic memoir based on his own awkward middle school years and the trip to Europe that changed his life. You can join us at library.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Family Adventure Story Time
Mondays, at 10 am, except July 29
 Kids will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development. Geared toward children aged three to six years old, but all ages welcome. Weather permitting, story time will be outside.

M Tiddlywinks
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Except July 30 and 31
 Kids (birth to 3) with a caregiver will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes. Weather permitting, story time will be outside.

M Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays, at 11 am, except July 30
 Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

L Storytime Adventures
Thursdays, at 10:30 am, except July 4
 Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive story time with singing, stories, and rhymes. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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

M A Walk in the Park Story Time
Fridays, at 10 am
 Enjoy a special outdoor story time! Families will meet at our Main Branch and then walk together to the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Each week, our story time will be themed to Junior Ranger activities, which encourage kids to care for and learn more about national parks. Please bring a blanket to sit on. After the story time, we'll return to the library together. This story time is open to children of all ages, along with a caregiver. The Junior Ranger activities are aimed at ages four and older.

L Police Officer Story Time
Monday, July 15, at 10:30 am
 Lieutenant Messenger will share stories, talk to families about being a police officer, and show everyone her police cruiser. No registration required. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.



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

L Firefighter Story Time
Monday, July 22, at 10:30 am
 Firefighters from the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department will share a story, teach about fire safety, and show families their fire engine. No registration required. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.



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July 17 at The HUB
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The public is welcome to attend.

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