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ADULT

Color Our World **Summer Reading Begins**
From May 30 to July 26
Adults and teens can win raffle tickets for each book read and challenge completed. Visit any branch to sign up or register online at **mentorpl.beanstack.org**. Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 26.

M **'The Big Bang Theory' Trivia**
Tuesday, July 1, at 6:30 pm
Bazinga! If you're a fan of Sheldon, Penny, Leonard, and the rest of the gang, compete in our trivia challenge. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, July 3, at 1 pm
Tuesday, July 15, at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with us. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, July 7, at 2 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. Tea, coffee and pastries will be served, because sleuths need their energy too. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, July 9 & 23, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

H **Headlands Craft Social Squad**
Wednesday, July 9, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists *of all ages* and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Gochujang Potatoes with Chickpeas**
Thursday, July 10, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. Oltmanns specializes in plant-based dishes and, this month, she's making a scrumptious dish that can serve as a side or entree. RR

L **Smash Journal Night**
Thursday, July 10, at 6:30 pm
Explore smash journals! They combine scrapbooking, bullet journaling, and a diary into a low-maintenance and fun activity. Journals and supplies are provided. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Ask an Expert (Live Helpline)**
Saturday, July 12, at 10 am
This is your opportunity to ask the masters! A panel of three master Gardener volunteers will answer questions from the audience. RR

M **Monday University: East 4th Street — The Rise, Decline & Rebirth**
Monday, July 14, at 6:30 pm
Local historian and author Alan Dutka presents the history of one of the most vibrant areas of downtown Cleveland. Once home to the city's opera house, central markets, and five-and-dime stores, Fourth Street fell into disrepair. Learn how the street resurrected as the center of a chic entertainment and residential district. RR

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, July 15, at 6:30 pm
Meet with fellow fiber artists to work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other.

L **Tai Chi for Health**
Wednesday, July 16, at 3:15 pm
This monthly class focuses on slow gentle movements, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. It will be led by Libby Hill, a senior trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute. All experience levels welcome. RR

M **Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna**
Wednesday, July 16, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns teaches the versatility and ease of using an air fryer. Learn the basic functions as she demonstrates how to prepare appetizers, dinner, sides, and desserts. Come ready to sample! RR

M **Saturday Scrapbooking**
Saturday, July 19, 9 am to 4 pm
Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, July 19, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games. Bring your own or play one from our collection.

HB **Patriotic Firecracker**
Tuesdays, July 22 or 29
At 5:30 pm
Create a decorative (meaning non-explosive) wooden firecracker. RR

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, July 22, at 6 pm
Let nature inspire you! Open to **all ages** and skill levels. In July, we'll meet at **Springbrook Garden Park**. RR

HB **Sunglass Sanctuary**
Wednesdays, July 23 or 30
At 5:30 pm
Create a simply and stylish way to store sunglasses with a little help from The HUB's laser engraver. RR

H **Bookbinding: An Introduction**
Wednesday, July 23, at 6 pm
Learn basic bookbinding techniques and create a sketchbook to take home. All supplies will be provided — some of which are very sharp. RR

M **Everything I Need to Know I Learned in the Twilight Zone**
Wednesday, July 23, at 6:30 pm
The Largely Literary Theater Company presents this show on the life lessons, ground rules, inspirational thoughts, cautionary fables, and stirring reminders found in Ron Serling's timeless fantasy series. RR

M **King Edward VIII: A Royal Traitor**
Thursday, July 24, at 6:30 pm
Our in-house royalty expert spotlights the life and legacy of the infamous King Edward VIII. Discover the global consequences of when he abdicated his throne to marry Wallis Simpson. RR

H **Paint Your Pet**
Saturday, July 26, at 2 pm
Immortalize your precious pet by painting their portrait at the library. We provide all of the supplies. RR

H **Studio Headlands**
Monday, July 28, at 6:30 pm
Explore creativity in a judgment-free zone. No instructors; no class; but there will be a variety of art supplies to experiment with. RR

M **Touch Ancient Egypt with the Cleveland Museum of Art**
Tuesday, July 29, at 1:30 pm
Egypt has inspired awe and curiosity for millenia. This program offers you a chance to learn about AND HOLD amazing artifacts from Ancient Egypt. Presented by the Cleveland Museum of Art. RR

M **Medicare Basics**
Wednesday, July 30, at 6 pm
Laura Mutsko from Mutsko Insurance Services explains how Medicare works and affects you. Learn what Parts A, B, C, and D cover and do not cover. Find out the difference between a Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plan. RR

ADULT

V On the Strangeness and Wonder or our Brains with Pria Anand
Thursday, July 31, at 2 pm
Neurologist and author Pria Anand chats about her new book, **The Mind Electric: A Neurologist on the Strangeness & Wonder of our Brains**. Discover how stories are etched in the very structure of our brains. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

L Dog Training & Behavior Modification
Thursday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m.
A trainer with Sits 'n Wiggles CLE will share the fundamentals of dog training, focusing on how dogs learn and why they behave the way they do. R

Community Art & Craft Supply Swap

Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to our inaugural Community Art & Craft Supply Swap from noon to 2 pm on Saturday, June 19, at our Headlands Branch!

You can drop off new or gently used arts and craft supplies and trade with other community creatives.

Accepted swap items include:
• Art supplies (paints; colored pencils; crayons; markers; brushes in good shape; and other drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpting materials)

• Craft supplies (googly eyes; felt and craft foam; construction paper)

• Jewelry & Beads (jewelry-making tools; cording; costume and vintage jewelry; all types of beads, but must be sorted and contained for consideration)

• Yarn & Fiber Arts (knitting needles and crochet and latch hooks; weaving looms and tools; embroidery hoops; needles; yarn, cord, thread, and embroidery floss)

Materials we cannot accept include:
Any dirty, dusty smoky, or mildewed items; art supplies that are inflammable or toxic; furniture; clothing; magazines or books unless art/craft related.

Call our Headlands Branch at 440-257-2000 with questions.

TECH

HB Makerspace 101
Monday, July 14, at 5 pm
For all ages! Enjoy an informational tour of The HUB's makerspace and see examples of what you can make with a laser engraver, vinyl cutter, T-shirt press, and more. RR

For more tech offerings, visit the state-of-the-art makerspace at The HUB! It offers a Cricut Maker, poster printer, sublimation printer, laser engraver, heat press, laminator, button maker, green-screen studio, and more. They are available for your next project with our staff's assistance.

Go to **www.mentorpl.org/makerspace** for information about The HUB's makerspace, including how to schedule your one-on-one appointment now.

Your MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY card also provides you with 24/7 access to our digital resources, including:

• **Libby** — This app provides access to ebooks, audiobooks, and digital versions of popular magazines on your preferred device.

• **Freegal** lets you stream and even download songs from Sony's enormous catalog — from Jimi Hendrix to Duke Ellington to Miley Cyrus to BTS. (Your card allows you to download five songs per week. Streaming is unlimited.)

• **Kanopy** allows you to enjoy popular movies, film-festival darlings, and spectacular documentaries from all around the world. Don't forget to check out Kanopy Kids, which offers video picture books and the cream of educational shows.

• **Hoopla** offers movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, and even comics! Borrow up to 15 items from its vast catalog every month. (If you're running low on borrows, you can always use a BingePass.)

• **LinkedIn Learning** (formerly known as Lynda.com) provides thousands of video tutorials on a gigantic range of subjects. Perfect for personal or professional growth!

• **PressReader** puts thousands of newspapers and magazines from around the world at your fingertips!

• **NewsBank** lets you research local news (including 20 years of The News-Herald's archives), genealogical information, and the country's most popular news magazines.

• **Niche Academy** offers video tutorials that help you master online resources.

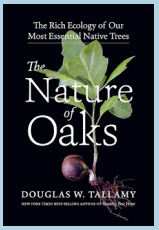
Go to **www.mentorpl.org/get-digital** for info about our online resources.

Book Clubs

HB Quicksilver: Romantasy HUB Club
Tuesday, July 1, at 5:30 pm
Each month, we discuss a romantic fantasy title and make a craft inspired by the book. This month, we're talking about **Quicksilver** by Callie Hart. RR

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including mysteries and true crime. July's book is **How to Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristin Perrin. RR

H Gathering Moss Book Club
Thursday, July 3 at 6 pm
Our book club for nature lovers returns for the summer! This month, we're discussing **The Nature of Oaks** by Douglas Tallamy. RR



M Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, July 8, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. In July, we discuss **A Song of Jade and Lily** by Kristy Manning. RR

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, July 9, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe to share. This month's book is **How to Grill Everything** by Mark Bittman. RR

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, July 16, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In July, we're reading **The Deep Sky** by Yume Kitasei. RR

H Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club
Monday, July 21, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens! In July, the club selected to read and discuss **A Crooked Mark** by Linda Kao. RR

M Men's Book Club
Monday, July 21, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Wager** by David Grann. RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, July 28, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **Maybe Next Time** by Cesca Major. R

TEEN

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From May 30 to July 26
Teens can win raffle tickets for prize drawings for each book read and challenge completed. Visit any branch to sign up or register online at **mentorpl.beanstack.org**. Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 26.

M **Teen Art Contest**
All June & July
Teens (entering 7th-12th grade) can enter their artwork into our contest. The theme is **Color Our World**! One digital entry per teen. Any medium of art is acceptable. Entries will be voted on by the public on our social media pages. Winners will be announced after the conclusion of Summer Reading.

HB **Makerspace 101**
Monday, July 14, at 5 pm
For all ages! Enjoy an informational tour of The HUB's makerspace and see examples of what you can make with a laser engraver, vinyl cutter, T-shirt press, and more. **RR**

V **Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu**
Thursday, July 17, at 4 pm
Marie Lu discusses her bestselling **Legend** and **The Young Elites** trilogies during this exclusive online conversation. She'll also challenge readers to think critically about the world around them. Join the chat at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. **RR**

H **Community Art & Craft Supply Swap**
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H **Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club**
Monday, July 21, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens! In July, the club selected to read and discuss **A Crooked Mark** by Linda Kao. **RR**

All Mentor Public Library branches will be closed on the Fourth of July.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

KIDS

Color Our World **Summer Reading**
From May 30 to July 26
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 fabulous prizes. Children can also earn fun rewards along the way. If they read:
• **5 hours,** they'll receive an envelope stuffed with coupons from local businesses.
• **10 hours,** they'll receive a multicolor pen and vote for which one of us will get ***SLIMED*** after Summer Reading ends.
• **15 hours,** they'll receive a Library Champion yard sign or window cling. (One per family.)
• **20 hours,** they'll receive a Golden Ticket for our $50 gift card raffle.
Kids can also earn a bonus prize by completing the Summer Fun Bingo Challenge on the back of their reading logs. The more you read, the better chance you have to win!

M **Summer Reading Coloring Contest**
Through July 26
Kids of all ages may pick up a coloring sheet to enter into our coloring contest.

M **Name That Artist: Scavenger Hunt**
All July
Can you find all 15 artists, dancers, thespians, and musicians hidden around the department?

H **The Dot Project**
All July
Add your dot to our community mural! Inspired by Peter Reynolds' book **The Dot**.

M **Masterpiece Mondays**
Mondays at noon
Young artists (6-12) will learn about a famous artist and enjoy a brief history of their work. Then they'll create a masterpiece of their own in that artist's style. The artists are:
• June 23 — Claude Monet
• June 30 — Dale Chihuly
• July 7 — Medieval Art
• July 14 — Graffiti
• July 21 — Michelangelo **RR**

H **Finger Paint Fridays**
Fridays, from 10 am to 4 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff.

L **Funday Fridays**
Fridays at 11 am
Kids (3 and older) can enjoy fun activities, challenges, and crafts with a different theme each week. Some weeks will be messy.
• June 20 — Shell-a-bration
• June 27 — Colors
• July 11 — Rainbows
• July 18 — Creating Art
• July 25 — Artists

M **Travel Club — USA**
Wednesday, July 2, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) will enjoy crafts, activities, and a snack celebrating a different state each month. Kids can also collect a pin from that state. **RR**

H **Paws to Read**
Wednesday, July 2
Sessions starting at 6 & 6:30 pm
Kids who can read independently are invited to practice with a licensed therapy dog. Perfect for reluctant readers! **RR**

M **LEGO at the Library**
Saturday, July 5 at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We supply the LEGO; you bring the creativity.

M **Dot Day**
Monday, July 7, at 4 pm
Kids (4-6) can explore their creativity with activities inspired by Peter Reynolds' **The Dot**. Bonus points for wearing polka dots! **RR**

M **Ceramics for Kids**
Tuesday, July 8, at 1 pm
Kids (7-12) can learn basic clay techniques to create several art pieces. **RR**

V **Drawing Your World with Raúl the Third**
Tuesday, July 8
En Español at 2 pm
In English at 4 pm
Author and illustrator Raúl the Third discusses his new book **Vamos! Let's Go Read!** This special session will include a draw along, so have drawing supplies ready. There will be two sessions of this online author talk — one in English, one in Spanish. Join whichever you prefer at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. **RR**

HB **Potting Plants**
Tuesday, July 8 or 15, at 4 pm
Kids (4-11) can plant a seed and use the makerspace's Cricut to decorate their pot. **RR**

HB **Fun in the Sun**
Wednesday, July 9 or 16, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can use The HUB's Cricut and heat press to customize a tote bag. **RR**

M **Sand Art for Tots**
Thursday, July 10, at 10 am
Kids can create sand art using different techniques. This session is only for children, ages two to five. There will be a session for 6- to 12-year-olds later that day. **RR**

M **Sand Art Extravaganza**
Thursday, July 10, at 1 pm
Kids can create sand art using different techniques. Dress for a mess. This session is only for kids, ages six to 12. There will be a session for younger kids earlier that day. **RR**

KIDS

L **Play-Doh Playdate**
Saturday, July 12, at 10:30 am
Kids (3-7) can stretch their creativity with Play-Doh. Create unique creatures and complete fun challenges! **RR**

M **Color Our World Summer Reading Movie Bingo**
Saturday, July 12, at noon
Enjoy a movie while playing along with a game of bingo. We'll provide popcorn and you're welcome to bring a lunch.

H **Headlands Trivia**
Saturday, July 12, 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 12, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. **RR**

H **Next Level Video Game Club**
Saturday, July 12, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

L **Toddler Playdate**
Monday, July 14, at 10 am
Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

M **Art of Money**
Monday, July 14, at 4 pm
Kids (entering 3rd-5th grade) can explore what money looks like all around the world and create their own currency designs. **RR**

L **Blake's Comedy Variety Show**
Tuesday, July 15, at 2 pm
Entertainer Blake Bailey's stupendous show features magic, juggling, and his trusty sidekick, Sealo the Seal puppet. This show is for kids, accompanied by their adults. **RR**

M **Life-Sized Candyland**
Wednesday, July 16
Kids of all ages can transport themselves into a supersized game of Candyland. Participants may earn prizes by playing.

M **Money Mania for Kids**
Wednesday, July 16, at 1 pm
Kids (2nd-6th grade) can learn about money matters through activities and games with our Summer Reading sponsor Dollar Bank. **RR**

M **Bingo Club**
Thursday, July 17, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. The games have a different theme each month! **RR**

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L **Kids Paint Night**
Tuesday, July 22, at 6:30 pm
Kids (6-12) will create their own masterpieces. We provide all the supplies! **RR**

L **Fuse Bead Fun**
Wednesday, July 23, at 1:30 pm
Kids (8-12) can make Perler bead creations using patterns or by designing their own original pieces. **RR**

V **Illuminating Hope & Grace in the Face of Hardship with Rex Ogle**
Wednesday, July 23, at 4 pm
Award-winning author Rex Ogle talks about his struggles navigating 6th grade, which he wrote about in his book **Free Lunch**. It covers everything from handmade Halloween costumes to the embarrassment of being a poor kid in a wealthy school district. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. **RR**

M **Watercolor for Kids**
Thursday, July 24, at 1 pm
Kids (7-12) can learn basic watercolor skills to create several mini paintings. **RR**

M **Balloon Blast**
Wednesday, July 30, at 1 pm
Kids (6-12) can make balloon sculptures, play a dartless balloon game, and see if they can run our balloon obstacle course without bursting a balloon. **RR**

M **Glow-Tastic Dance Party Reading Finale**
Thursday, July 31, at 6 pm
Families can celebrate the conclusion of another stupendous Summer Reading with our party — complete with activities, refreshments, and a live DJ. Prize winners will also be announced! **RR**

STORYTIMES

M **Family Story Time**
Mondays, at 10 am, except July 28
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. Weather permitting, story time will be outside.

M **Tiddlywinks**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Except July 29 & 30
Kids (0-3) with a caregiver will love this 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 29
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

L **Summer Story Time**
Thursdays, at 10:30 am, except July 31
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
Families will meet at our Main Branch and 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 learn more about national parks. Please bring a blanket. Afterward, we 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 **Firefighter Storytime**
Monday, July 7, at 10:30 am
Families can learn about fire safety and have a chance to explore the fire engine during a special story time with Firefighter Josh from the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department.

H **Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime**
Thursday, July 10, at 11 am
Kids can bring their favorite teddy bear to the library for a fun picnic story time. **RR**

L **Police Officer Storytime**
Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 am
Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Lt. Messinger will share stories about being a police officer and show kids her cruiser during this special story time.

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Register online at www.mentorpl.org or via phone by calling the library branch that is hosting the program.

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