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JUNE 2026

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RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
M: MAIN
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ADULT

***America 250* Summer Reading Program**
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H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, June 1, at 6:30 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. RR

M **The History of Barbie**
Monday, June 1, at 6:30 pm
Author Katherine Kerestman explores the history of Barbie — including how Barbie has often been a step ahead of history! RR

HB **Monochromatic Paintings**
Tuesdays, June 2 or 9, at 5:30 pm
Learn the basics of paint mixing by making one-color landscape paintings. RR

V **Your Tickets to the Best State Fair Crafts with Curator Mary Savig**
Wednesday, June 3, at 2 pm
Mary Savig leads a tour of the extraordinary crafts from state and tribal fairs. Enjoy a Dolly Parton crop art portrait, size 96 cowboy boots, butter sculptures, a button quilt, and more vibrant snapshots of American life. Savig is the curator of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery. Discover more during this online program at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Wood & Ember**
Wednesdays, June 3 or 10
At 5:30 pm
Create a beautiful candle holder with recycled glass and rustic tree branches. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, June 4, and Tuesday, June 16, at 1 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project! This group is open to fiber and textile artists, beaders, paper crafters, and more. All skill levels welcome!

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Watering Resources**
Saturday, June 6, at 10 am
Discover how to irrigate a garden with a drip system or rain-barrel collection with the Lake County Master Gardeners. RR

M **Monday University: Lost Put-in-Bay**
Monday, June 8, at 6:30 pm
Explore a Put-in-Bay that only exists in memories, stories, and song with author and investigative historian William G. Krejci. Learn about roller coasters, carousels, an electric railroad, grand hotels, and a cemetery dating back to the War of 1812. RR

H **Headlands Writers' Group**
Monday, June 8, at 7 pm
Join our writers' group! Each meeting begins with a guided prewriting exercise and 30 minutes of free writing, followed by group sharing and constructive criticism. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, June 10 & 24, 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, June 10, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists **of all ages** and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their current projects.

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns**
Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making Thai basil tofu. RR

V **Apocalyptic Mayhem, Lava-Spitting Llamas & One Very Sassy Cat with Matt Dinniman**
Thursday, June 11, at 7 pm
The bestselling author of the Dungeon Crawler Carl series will talk about his newest book, **A Parade of Horribles**. Fans will enjoy the same face-melting humor... but the stakes are higher than ever. Join the free online author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl.** RR

M **Legal Aid Clinic**
Saturday, June 13, from 9 am to 4 pm
Enjoy a brief consultation with an attorney about civil legal problems, including money, housing, family, employment, or other issues. This free clinic is first-come, first-served. No appointments needed. Please bring all important paperwork with you.

L **Paper Quilling: Flower Basket**
Monday, June 15, at 6:30 pm
The artists from Mul-Wal Creations guide participants through the making of a summer flower basket using the traditional art of paper quilling. RR

M **The Office Trivia**
Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 pm
Test your knowledge of this iconic sitcom with our trivia challenge! Play as a group or by yourself for a chance to win a gift card. Open to teens and adults. RR

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 pm
Fiber artists — both teens and adults — can work on projects, share ideas, and learn from each other while you stitch, crochet, knit, and so forth.

L **Tai Chi for Arthritis**
Wednesday, June 17, at 3:15 pm
Libby Hill — a master trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute — leads a free class. It will focus on gentle movements that will help reduce pain, increase strength, and improve balance. All experience levels welcome. Please wear comfortable clothing. RR

M **Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna**
Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use an air fryer to make appetizers, entrees, sides, and even desserts during this free cooking demonstration with local chef LaDonna Oltmanns. RR

V **Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood with Ted Page**
Thursday, June 18, at 2 pm
Ted Page — storyteller, performer, and author — interviewed John Cleese, Tom Brokaw, an NFL player, Air Force general, and more about their experiences as grandfathers for his new book, **Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart.** Join this free online author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Commemorative Art: Love Frame**
Thursdays, June 18 or 25
At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's Cricut to customize a stylish wooden frame that's perfect for a wedding, anniversary, or birthday gift. RR

ADULT

M **Roanoke: The Mystery of the Lost Colony**
Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 pm
Discover the history of Roanoke. The English intended it to be their first permanent colony in North America. However, its settlers vanished by 1590. Reference librarian Traci Hoffman will share the mysterious legend of the lost colony. RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, June 20, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Play games from our collection or bring your own on the third Saturday of every month.

M **Saturday Scrapbooking**
Saturday, June 20, 9 am to 4 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. RR

V **Sustainable & Delicious Meals with Sana Javeria Kadri & Asha Loupy**
Tuesday, June 23, at 2 pm
Join a renowned recipe writer and the founder of a farm-to-table spice company as they discuss **The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook**. It celebrates simple, seasonal cooking with recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms. Join their free online talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl.** RR

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, June 23, at 6 pm
Forge a deeper connection with yourself and the marvels of nature. Open to **all ages** and skill levels. In June, we'll meet at **Veterans Park** in Mentor. RR

M **Raising a Hero: The Journey from Puppy to Service Dog**
Wednesday, June 24, at 6 pm
Discover how extraordinary puppies in the Canine Companions program grow into life-changing service dogs. Meet the puppies, the dedicated volunteers, and the inspiring individuals who receive these highly trained companions. RR

H **Chess Night**
Wednesday, June 24, at 6 pm
Players of all ages and skill levels can enjoy a casual, open chess meetup. RR

L **Good Bug, Bad Bug**
Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30 pm
The Lake County Master Gardeners explain which insects are beneficial and which are truly pests. RR

H **Lifeline: Helping People, Changing Lives**
Monday, June 29, at 6:30 pm
Learn about the services offered by Lifeline! Its programs include assistance with health, housing, energy costs, and transportation. RR

TECH

HB **Makerspace 101**
Monday, June 1, at 6 pm
Makers of all ages can learn about the incredible machines in The HUB's makerspace, including a laser engraver, T-shirt press, vinyl cutter, green-screen studio, and more. RR

L **Computer Class: Basic Computers & Internet Searching**
Tuesday, June 2, at 2 pm
Our introductory computer class. Learn how to use a computer and search websites. RR

L **Computer Class: Excel I**
Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 pm
Learn basic techniques for using Microsoft Excel, including how to create a basic worksheet, describe a worksheet and its function, and save it. Also learn how to apply simple formulas and formatting. RR

L **Computer Class: Basic Email**
Wednesday, June 3, at 2 pm
Learn how to use your email account, including how to send emails and attachments, as well as how to reply to, label, and archive emails. RR

L **Computer Class: Excel II**
Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm
Learn techniques for using formulas and functions in Microsoft Excel, including how to create and copy them, understand relativity when working with them, and recognize and troubleshoot errors in them. RR

For the cost of supplies, you can enjoy one-on-one assistance from our library staff and the opportunity to make something uniquely yours at The HUB's makerspace.

The makerspace contains a Cricut maker, vinyl cutter, green-screen studio, laser engraver, sublimation printer, heat press, laminator, button maker, and more!

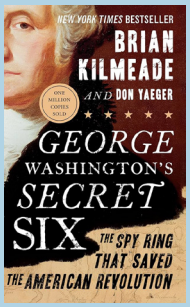
Visit **www.mentorpl.org/makerspace** for information about The HUB's makerspace, including how to schedule your one-on-one appointment now!

Thanks to our Summer Reading sponsors!

- *Huntington Learning Center*
- *Dollar Bank*
- *Cleveland Clinic*
- *Meijer*
- *The Friends of Mentor Public Library*

Book Clubs

M **It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, suspense, true crime, and mystery/detective novels. In June, they will discuss **George Washington's Secret Six** by Brian Kilmeade.



M **Back in Time Book Club**
Tuesday, June 9, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah.

M **Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, June 10, 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 with the group. This month's theme is **Egg Roll Wrappers.** Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

H **Thrills & Chills Book Club**
Monday, June 15, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its members! In June, they will read and discuss **Me: Moth** by Amber McBride. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

M **Men's Book Club**
Monday, June 15, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents** by Robert Harris.

H **Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In June, we're reading **The Dream Hotel** by Laila Lalami. We'll be meeting at Headlands Community Center (9096 Lake Overlook Drive, Mentor.) RR

H **Romancing the Book Club**
Monday, June 22, at 6 pm
This month, we're reading **To Love a Texas Ranger** by Linda Broday. We'll meet at the **Headlands Community Center.** RR

M **Monday Night Book Club**
Monday, June 22, at 6:30 pm
This month's book is **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

TEEN

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M **Candy Sushi**
Tuesday, June 2, at 2 pm
Teens can learn how to make three different types of candy sushi with a variety of sweet snacks. RR

M **Eraser Art: DIY Stamp Workshop**
Thursday, June 11, at 2 pm
Design, carve, and create! Turn ordinary pink erasers into custom stamps that show off your unique style. All supplies provided. RR

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L **Summer Tassel Wreath**
Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 pm
Kids and teens (10-17) can create a red, white, and blue tassel wreath. RR

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KIDS

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From May 28 to July 25
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 a folder stuffed with coupons from local businesses.
- **10 hours,** they'll receive a package of Wikki Stix.
- **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 earn a bonus prize by completing the Bingo Challenge on the back of their reading cards. The more they read, the better chance they have of winning!

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L **Star-Spangled Search**
June 1 - 27
Find the eagle, star, or America's 250th birthday cake in our branch and win a prize! Hiding spots change daily.

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M **Majestic Mondays**
Mondays at noon
Young explorers (those entering 1st-6th grade) can learn about a different national park each week. The parks are:
- June 1 — the Everglades.
- June 8 — Olympic National Park.
- June 15 — Yellowstone.
- June 22 — New River Gorge.
- June 29 — Cuyahoga National Valley. RR

H **Finger Paint Fridays**
Fridays, from 10 am to noon
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. If it's busy, children may need to wait for their turn.

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 5 — Rocks & Gemstones.
- June 12 — The Great American Carnival.
- June 19 — Colonial Games & Toys.
- June 26 — Dinosaurs.

L **Grab-N-Go Seasonal Crafts**
Starting Monday, June 1
Enjoy a seasonal children's craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

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M **Travel Club — USA**
Wednesday, June 3, 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 **Let's Cook with Kids**
Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a cooking class for kids (8 and older.) RR

M **Yoga Kids**
Thursday, June 4, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during a special yoga story time. RR

M **Boston Tea Party**
Thursday, June 4, at 1 pm
Kids can reenact the Boston Tea Party with the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution! They'll also see (and even get a chance to ring) the Ohio bicentennial bell. This program is for kids entering first through sixth grade. No younger siblings, please. RR

HB **Leaf Print Treasure Bags**
Thursdays, June 4 or 11
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can decorate their own crossbody pouch using summer time leaves and The HUB's Cricut. RR

M **LEGO at the Library**
Saturday, June 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!

KIDS

M **Magic Tree House America**
Wednesday, June 10, at 1 pm
Kids (5-12) can explore American history through fun activities and the popular Magic Tree House series. RR

M **Watercolor: Paint Lawnfield**
Thursday, June 11, at 1 pm
Kids (8-12) can learn basic watercolor techniques while painting President James A. Garfield's Mentor home. RR

M **The Story of America Club**
Thursday, June 11, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can explore a different chapter in the story of the United States each month with crafts, activities, and a snack that relates to that period in history. RR

L **DIY Tie-Dye!**
Saturday, June 13, at 1 & 2 pm
Kids (6-12) can bring one item — a T-shirt, tote, or something similar — to tie-dye with our supplies. We're hosting two sessions of this program to include as many children as possible. Please only sign up for one session and dress for a mess. RR

H **Roblox Saturday**
Saturday, June 13, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

H **Next Level Video Game Club**
Saturday, June 13, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. RR

M **Life-Sized Battleship (Water Balloon Style)**
Tuesday, June 16, at 2 pm
Kids (7-12) will play a super-sized game of Battleship. They'll fill in as ships and fling water balloons back and forth to "sink" each other. Children WILL GET WET during the game, so please dress accordingly and bring a towel. RR

HB **Trinket Tins**
Tuesdays, June 16 or 23, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can use The HUB's Cricut to decorate their own trinket tin. RR

HB **Sweet Dreams Night Light**
Wednesdays, June 17 or 24
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can use The HUB's Cricut to customize a night light. RR

L **Summer Tassel Wreath**
Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 pm
Kids and teens (10-17) can create a red, white, and blue tassel wreath. RR

M **Parent & Me Mat Pilates**
Friday, June 19, at 11:30 am
Kids (3-8) along with their grownup can enjoy a gentle workout with Melissa Bogo from Rooted & Rising Pilates. Please bring your own mats. RR

L **Tin Foil Stained Glass**
Monday, June 22, at 2 pm
Kids (8-12) can create their own "stained glass" artwork using tin foil and permanent markers. RR

L **Toy Story 5 Party**
Tuesday, June 23, at 1 pm
Kids (4 and older) can celebrate the newest Toy Story movie with crafts and snacks themed after the film series. RR

M **American Girl in America**
Wednesday, June 24, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can celebrate 250 years of American history through the American Girl doll! Each month, the group will celebrate a different girl and explore a different moment in the country's history. RR

H **Chess Night**
Wednesday, June 24, at 6 pm
Players of all ages and skill levels can enjoy a casual, open chess meetup. RR

M **Pop & Play Bubble Day**
Thursday, June 25, at 10 am
Kids (1-5) will learn about bubbles through activities, art, and snacks. RR

M **Celebrate the Statue of Liberty**
Thursday, June 25, at 4 pm
Kids (entering 2nd-5th grade) can celebrate and learn about the Statue of Liberty with activities, games, and snacks. RR

M **Family Trivia Night**
Monday, June 29, at 6 pm
Assemble the whole family for a fun trivia contest! Families compete as a team to answer questions. Open to kids (13 and younger) along with an adult. Teams limited to six players. RR

L **Ohio Wildlife: Reptiles & Amphibians**
Tuesday, June 30, at 12:30 pm
Meet and learn about the scaly and slimy animals that live in Ohio! Touch and observe eggs, skeletons, and more. Discover the roles these animals play in our environment. Presented by the North Chagrin Reservation. RR

M **Hamilton**
Tuesday, June 30, at 1 pm
Kids (9-12) can discover how Alexander Hamilton went from a young immigrant to a founding father through stories, activities, and crafts. RR

STORYTIMES

M **Family Story Time**
Mondays, at 10 am
Kids will enjoy stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development. Geared toward children ages two to six, but all ages welcome. Plus, story time always ends with a parade!

M **Tiddlywinks**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Kids (0-3) with a caregiver will love this story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

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

M **Tuggles Tales Preschool Story Time**
Wednesdays, June 10 & 24, at 11 am
A special story time for kids in preschool and early elementary school. Join Tuggles and his friends in learning how to manage feelings, make good decisions, resist peer pressure, and practice other essential skills in fun, playful stories. Adults attend this story time with children.

M **Junior Ranger Story Time**
Thursdays, 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 **Summer Story Time**
Thursdays, at 10:30 am
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 Story Time**
Fridays, at 10 am
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M **Firehouse Friends**
Thursday, June 11, at 10 am
Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe. You'll receive a raffle ticket for each Firehouse Friends story time you attend. The winner will enjoy a pizza lunch with the firemen in December!

M **Donuts with Dad**
Saturday, June 20, at 10 am
A story time with donuts to celebrate Fathers Day. For kids (3-6) and their pops. RR

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