



ARE YOU READY
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MARCH 2024



KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SC: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

V: VIRTUAL

: FREE ECLIPSE GLASSES


Free Eclipse Glasses from Mentor Library

We're distributing eclipse glasses — while supplies last — so you can safely view the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8!

Starting March 1, you can sign up for them at www.mentorpl.org/eclipse. Receive up to two pairs per family!


You'll need a MPL or CLEVNET card in good standing to sign up, and you can pick up your glasses from the Front Desk at our Main Branch. Glasses must be picked up April 3.

You can also receive eclipse glasses by attending specific programs this March and April at our branches.

You'll know our special eclipse programs from the  picture!

Finally, we're hosting a Science Readathon in March! Kids and teens can receive a pair of eclipse glasses when they check out two science books at our Lake Branch, Headlands Branch, or the Children's Department at our Main Branch.

Families can receive a maximum of two pairs this way for the month until supplies run out.

We know these glasses are going to be in demand. Please be considerate and only take what you need, so we can provide glasses to as many patrons as possible. (You can always share them!) 

ADULT

M March Madness Movie Bracket All March

Vote for your favorite classic movies this March at the Lake Branch.

M Postage Stamp Gardening: Meet Us in the Garden

Saturday, March 2, at 10 am

Grow a great garden without a lot of space! Master Gardeners explain how to reap remarkable results from small plots. Learn the correct companion plants and watch your bounty blossom. **RR**

M Plant Swap Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 pm

Our annual plant swap returns! Pick up an indoor plant, share cuttings of your own, or drop off a plant that you no longer need. New this year — a Lake County Master Gardener will discuss houseplant care. **RR**

L Gentle Yoga Wednesday, March 6, at 10 am

Explore yoga with certified instructor Jennifer Langsdale of Wild Nurturer. All experience levels welcome. Bring a mat or towel. **RR**


V The Power of Friendship with NPR's Nina Totenberg

Wednesday, March 6, at 4 pm

Enjoy an intimate conversation with award-winning journalist Nina Totenberg as she discusses her long friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her new book, **Dinner with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships**. Register to attend her talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Commemorative Solar Eclipse Tote

Wednesdays, March 6 or 13, at 5:30 pm

Make a souvenir tote bag commemorating the upcoming eclipse using The HUB's makerspace. **RR** 


H Headlands Crafternoon Thursday, March 7, at 1 pm

Tuesday, March 19, at 1 pm

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

HB Solar-Viewing Glasses Case Thursdays, March 7 or 14


At 5:30 pm

Customize a case for your eclipse glasses with The HUB's Cricut. **RR** 

M Learn to Crochet Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 pm

Explore the basics of crocheting with the pros at Sew4Service. Learn how to hold the yarn and hook, chain, turn, and single crochet. Bring your own equipment or purchase a beginner's kit for \$5. **RR**

L A Celestial Dance of Light & Shadows Monday, March 11, at 6:30 pm

Mentor-on-the-Lake Star Seekers will talk about the earth, moon, and sun with a focus on the March penumbral lunar eclipse and total solar eclipse on April 8. Weather permitting, our telescope will be set up for star viewing afterward. **Open to all ages.** **RR** 

M Victoria Woodhull: The First Woman to Run for President

Monday, March 11, at 6:30 pm

In celebration of Women's History Month, discover the story of Ohioan Victoria Woodhull. In 1872, she became the first woman to run for president and was involved in a scandal that rocked the nation. Actress Anne McEvoy from Women in History will portray Woodhull. Learn about her abilities, achievements, courage, and dreams. **RR**

L Color Me Calm Tuesday, March 12, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

M Medicare Basics Tuesday, March 12, at 6 pm

Learn how Medicare works from a representative from Pelorus Financial. Bring your questions! **RR**

L Castaways Knitting Group Wednesdays, March 13 & 27 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: Female Spies of the Confederacy

Wednesday, March 13, at noon

Michelle Seddon from James A. Garfield National Historic Site will tell the stories of women who spied for the Confederacy. Discover how they gathered their intelligence, how they shared it with Confederate leaders, and their fates. **RR**

V 20 Years of Dragon-Riding with Bestseller Christopher Paolini

Thursday, March 14, at 4 pm

Internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini returns to the world of Eragon with **Murtagh**, a stunning continuation of his Inheritance Cycle that stars one of the series' popular characters. Join the conversation at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 pm

Eliot Ness served as Cleveland's safety director from 1935 to 1942. In seven years, he made an impact that has lasted for generations. Get the facts from Rebecca McFarland, an expert on all things Ness. **RR**

ADULT

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: The Magic of Mustard

Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 pm

LaDonna Oltmanns, the head chef at Nourish Cafe, leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. This month, discover the versatility of mustard. She'll make sauces, seasonings, and marinades you can use across your cooking. **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays

Saturday, March 16, 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, March 16, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! **RR**

M Spice Club: Ground Mustard

Starting Sunday, March 17

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

H Studio Headlands

Monday, March 18, 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 Bad Art Night

Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 pm

Make art and get creative without fear of criticism. Best "Bad Art" wins a trophy at the end of the evening. **RR**

M In the Shadow of the Moon:

Total Eclipse 2024

Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 pm

The total solar eclipse on April 8 will dazzle spectators. It also offers a chance to perform scientific experiments and observe an act of nature that has inspired, confused, and terrified people. Speaker Kevin Magee will examine the astronomy of eclipses and their cultural impact throughout history. **RR** 🌞

HB Solar Eclipse Slate Coasters

Wednesdays, March 20 or 27

At 5:30 pm

Customize a coaster with the makerspace's equipment. **RR** 🌞

M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna

Wednesday, March 20, 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**

M Queen Consorts: Queen Alexandra of Denmark

Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 pm

Explore the life and legacy of Queen Alexandra. She was the wife of King Edward VII and became queen consort in 1901 after Queen Victoria's death. Learn how this fashionable woman was beloved by her people and laid the foundation for the modern role of queen consort. **RR**

V Retelling Greek Classics with Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 21, at 7 pm

Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *Circe* and *The Song of Achilles*, chats about her stories and the process of transforming Greek classics into modern epics. Register to attend her talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Eclipse T-Shirts

Monday, March 25, from 4 to 7 pm

Bring a cotton T-shirt to The HUB and use the makerspace's Cricut and heat press to customize it for the total solar eclipse. Walk-in program; no registration required. We'll also be giving eclipse glasses to participants, while supplies last. 🌞

M Color Me Calm

Tuesday, March 26, at 10 am

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

V Eclipse of a Lifetime

Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 pm

Geauga Parks District naturalist Chris Mentrek offers tips and techniques for sharing the upcoming total solar eclipse with your family. Program will be hosted via Zoom. Register to receive the link. **RR**

TECH

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class

Tuesday, March 5, at 10 am

Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an Android smartphone. Bring your device. **RR**

M Learn How to Use your iPhone: Computer Class

Thursday, March 7, at 10 am

Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an iPhone. Bring your device to this session. **RR**

M One-on-One Tech Appointments

Tuesday, March 12

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**

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. March's book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. **RR**

L The Tuesday Night Book Club

Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy good reads and great company. In March, we'll discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

M Cookbook Club

Wednesday, March 13, 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's books are *Milk Bar Life* and *Momofuku Milk Bar* by Christina Tosi. **RR**

M Men's Book Club

Monday, March 18, at 7 pm

This month's book is *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard. **RR**

SC Senior Center Book Club

Wednesday, March 20

At 1:30 pm
Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. This month's title is *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth. Grab a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club

Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 pm

Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! In March, we're discussing the *Neuromancer* by William Gibson. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club

Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing *The Year of Living Danishly: Uncovering the Secrets of the World's Happiest Country* by Helen Russell. **R**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can enjoy reading and discussing some of the best graphic novels created. In March, they'll talk about *The Croaking: Volume One* by Megan Grey. Book club members also receive their own graphic-novel journals where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

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M Mini Library Craft for Teens
Wednesday, March 27, at 2 pm
Teens (7th-12th grade) can craft their own lilliputian libraries! We'll provide all the supplies. **RR**

KIDS

Science Readathon
All March, while supplies last
Kids (12 and younger) can receive a free pair of eclipse glasses when they check out two science books from the Lake Branch, Headlands Branch, or the Children's area of our Main Branch. Families can receive a maximum of *two pairs per family* to ensure as many children can participate as possible. 🧐

L St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt
March 1 - 16
Search the Lake Branch for pots of gold. Each contains a coin with a unique symbol. Collect all eight coins and take them to the front desk for a prize. (Scavenger hunt may only be completed once.)

HB Afterschool Literacy Games
Mondays, except March 25
From 4 to 6 pm
Kids in kindergarten through second grade can practice essential reading skills with a variety of board games and other fun activities. No registration required.

H Finger Paint Fridays
Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. The library will provide all the supplies. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff. Signup is not required; but space is limited, so children may need to wait for their turn.

KIDS

M Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss
Friday, March 1, from 9 am to 4:30 pm
Families can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, activities, and crafts inspired by Seuss's stories and characters. No signup required. We'll also host a Seuss-ependous story time at 10:30 am that day.

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, March 2, at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

M Monthly Make a Craft
Monday, March 4,
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.

M Sew Much Fun: Solar Eclipse Glasses Holder
Monday, March 4, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can sew a case for their eclipse glasses. **RR** 🧐

M The Fine Arts Club
Tuesday, March 5, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month, children explore rhythm and tempo. **RR**

M Travel Club
Wednesday, March 6, 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, March 6, 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**

L Smash Bros. Party
Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm
Kids (9-14) will battle in Smash Bros. for the coveted Gamer Cup. Gamers can bring their own Switch or use the library's. **RR**

M Geometry in Motion
Thursday, March 7, at 4 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 from the Ohio Department of Education. **RR**

M Thumbelina's Fairy Garden
Friday, March 8, at 1 pm
Kids (4-6) can listen to the story of Thumbelina and create a fairy garden. **RR**

H Headlands Jeopardy
Saturday, March 9, 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, March 9, 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 Connie Schultz Reads 'Lola and the Troll'
Sunday, March 10, at 2 pm
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Connie Schultz reads her debut picture book, **Lola and the Troll**. Meet Lola who decides to be brave and stand up to her bully. Books will be available for sale and signing afterward. **RR**

L Master Builders
Wednesday, March 13, 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, March 13, 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 Moonbear's Shadow: Eclipse Time
Friday, March 15, at 11 am
Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade can learn all about the eclipse with some help from Moonbear! **RR** 🧐

L Dog Man Saves the Day
Friday, March 15, at 1 pm
Kids (7-11) can celebrate all things Dog Man. Play Dog Man bingo, take a personality quiz to see which Dog Man Character you are, and each child who attends will receive a free **Dog Man** graphic novel to keep. **RR**

HB Eclipse Path of Totality Wooden Wall Decor
Thursdays, March 21 or 28, at 4 pm
Kids can use the makerspace's Cricut to create special wall decor that commemorates the upcoming eclipse. **RR** 🧐

M Egg Hatching at the Library
Starting Monday, March 25
Catch the hatch! Visit the chicken eggs that will be hatching in our Children's Area. Follow the chicks' progress at [twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary](https://www.twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary). After the chicks hatch, they'll stay at the library for about a week before relocating to their forever home.



STORYTIMES

KIDS

L Feather, Fur & Scales
Monday, March 25, at 1 pm
Kids can meet feathered, furred, and scaly friends from Lake Metroparks' Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center. Discover where these animals live, their favorites foods, their hunting techniques, and more facts about Ohio's native wildlife. **RR**

M Book Bunnies
Monday, March 25, from 4 to 5:30 pm
The Book Bunnies Hazel and Hopkins (and bunny friend Trick) return to the library so kids can read to them! This program is perfect for reluctant readers in up to fifth grade. Sign up for a 15-minute reading slot. **RR**

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L COSI Connects Learning Lunchbox Water Kits
Tuesday, March 26, at 1 pm
Kids (7-12) can explore water and discover how precious it is with a COSI Connects Water Kit. The children will use one of the kit's activities at the library and take the rest home for continued exploration. **RR**

M Reading Buddies Program
Tuesday, March 26, at 4 pm
Kids (K-3rd grade) can improve their reading skills with specially designed games and activities. They'll also receive a reading buddy to take home with them. **RR**

L Creation Station
Wednesday, March 27, from 1 - 5 pm
Kids of all ages can walk in and craft. We provide the supplies. You bring the imagination!

M Build a Peeps House
Wednesday, March 27, at 1 pm
Kids (ages 7-12) can create a cute Peeps house with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. **RR**

M Mr. Zap's Thrill Show
Thursday, March 28, at 11 am
Mr. Zap will thrill children with juggling, magic, comedy and puppets! **RR**

M Kids in the Kitchen Club
Thursday, March 28, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can learn basic culinary skills and make yummy snacks. **RR**

L Solar Science Crafts
Friday, March 29, at 1 pm
Celebrate solar science! Kids (6-10) can create crafts that will teach them about the sun and solar system. **RR** 🧐

M Science Saturdays: Be Eclipse Smart
Saturday, March 30, at 1 pm
Kids (6-12) can learn what an eclipse is and why it's so special. They will also learn how to observe an eclipse safely. **RR** 🧐

H Solar Art Soiree
Saturday, March 30, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can discover what an eclipse is and how to watch one safely. They'll also make art with the sun's help! **RR** 🧐

M Family Story Time
Mondays, 10 am, starting March 11
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 March 12
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 March 12
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 March 12
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 March 13
Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, 10:30 am, starting March 14
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, March 14 & 18
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 March 15
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M Firehouse Friends
Thursday, March 14, at 10 am
Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

L Saturday Family Story Time
Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 am
All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our monthly Saturday story time.

M Leapin' Literature
Thursday, March 21, at 10 & 11 am
Willoughby Fine Arts Center leads a story time that explores favorite children's books through music and art experiences. For kids, birth to six. Made possible by a Libraries Accelerating Learning Grant. **RR**



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March 20 at our Main Branch
April 17 at our Main Branch
May 15 at our Lake Branch
The public is welcome to attend.

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