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MARCH 2026

KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
M: MAIN
L: LAKE
V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

L **Color Me Calm**
Monday, March 2, at 10 am
Adults can color while listening to relaxing music. Registration encouraged.

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, March 2, at 2 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. RR

L **Lawn Care Calendar**
Monday, March 2, at 6:30 pm
Lake County Master Gardeners offer a month-by-month calendar for proper lawn care during the growing season in Ohio. RR

M **Pride of Cleveland: Hometown Rockers from the 60s & Early 70s**
Monday, March 2, at 6:30 pm
Local historian Dennis Sutcliffe shares tales and music from Cleveland's rock 'n' roll history, spotlighting legendary bands and venues. RR

M **As the Stage Turned: A Front Row Theatre Memoir**
Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm
Discover the story behind the Front Row — an iconic theater-in-the-round located in Highland Heights — during an author talk with Jeannie Emser Schultz. She served as the venue's longtime director of marketing. Her memoir, **As the Stage Turned**, shares behind-the-scenes stories, including anecdotes about visiting stars like Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, and Bob Newhart. RR

V **Humor, Heart & Reflective Rural Stories with Michael Perry**
Wednesday, March 4, at 2 pm
Author and humorist Michael Perry has been a lot of things — volunteer firefighter, Wyoming cowboy, roller-skating Snoopy, and a lifelong resident of the rural Midwest — and he has funny stories about all of it. His memoir **Population: 485** made him a bestseller. Join an online conversation as he discusses his debut novel, **Jesus Cow.** Join at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Springtime Tea Towel**
Wednesdays, March 4 or 11, At 5:30 pm
Learn how to make a spring-inspired tea towel with fabric paints, reusable stencils, and The HUB's Cricut Maker and heat press. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 17, 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!

L **Birdsong as the Snow Thaws: Singing Winter Into Spring**
Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 pm
Learn about the birds singing outside of your window with Dr. Lisa Rainsong from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She'll share her field recordings and photos of resident birds while explaining how to listen to and recognize their songs. RR

M **Property Taxes 101**
Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 pm
Hear about the impact that property taxes have on local government and the services they make possible. This program will include a panel discussion with administrators and officials from Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and Concord Township. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Seed Starting**
Saturday, March 7, at 10 am
Lake County Master Gardeners explain how to successfully grow flowers and vegetables from seeds. RR

Winter Bird Walk
Sunday, March 8, at 2 pm
Join the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's naturalist to explore natural areas and see what birds and wildlife are active this time of year. Meet at the **Mentor Marsh Nature Center** for a fun winter outing. **All ages** and experience levels are welcome. RR

L **The Path to Women's Suffrage**
Monday, March 9, at 6:30 pm
Explore the long and determined struggle for women's right to vote — from early advocacy in the 19th century to the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920. Brian Shifflet of North Coast Narratives will highlight key figures, pivotal moments, and the social and political obstacles along the way. RR

H **Headlands Writers' Group**
Monday, March 9, at 7 pm
Join our new 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 **Tracer Tuesdays**
Tuesdays, March 10 and 24
Sessions start at 1 pm and 2 pm
Patrons with genealogy questions can schedule a one-on-one appointment at our Lake Branch. Call us at 440-257-2512 to make an appointment. RR

M **Living with Lake Erie as Your Neighbor: Rain Gardens 101**
Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30
Explore the benefits of a rain garden with the team from the Lake Soil & Water Conservation District. You'll also learn how to construct a rain garden of your own. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, March 11 & 25, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

M **The Last Days of James A. Garfield**
Wednesday, March 11, at noon
A ranger from James A. Garfield National Historic Site will discuss the final days of President Garfield's life, including his shooting, medical care, death, and the aftermath of his passing. RR

H **Headlands Craft Social Squad**
Wednesday, March 11, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists **of all ages** and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

L **M&M Flavor Showdown**
Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 pm
Teens and adults can put their tastebuds to the test. Sample different M&Ms, rate favorites, guess their flavors, and select the best of all! RR

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns**
Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making couscous salad and sumac dressing. RR

V **Book Portals & Journeys of Literary Magic with Kate Quinn**
Thursday, March 12, at 7 pm
Kate Quinn — the acclaimed author of **The Alice Network** and **The Huntress** — dives into magical realism with her latest novel, **The Astral Library**. Learn all about it during a free author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

Nature Journaling
Saturday, March 14, at 9 am
Explore different journaling techniques across a variety of mediums. **Open to all ages** and skill levels. Join other nature journalers and venture into **Mentor Marsh**! (Park at the corner of Woodridge and Forest Roads.) RR

ADULT

M **Spice Club: Sumac**
Starting Sunday, March 15
Pick up a free take-home kit from our reference desk with a sample of this month's spice and a suggested recipe. One kit per family, while supplies last.

M **Spring Equinox Yoga & Aromatherapy**
Tuesday, March 17, at 6 pm
Wake your body up with a special program that pairs yoga and aromatherapy. It'll be led by Jennifer Kovalchik Langsdale — certified yoga therapist, aromatherapist, and owner of the Wild Nurturer. RR

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 pm
Fiber artists **of all ages** can work on projects, share ideas, and learn from each other while you stitch, crochet, knit, and so forth.

M **Instant Pot Demo with LaDonna**
Wednesday, March 18, at 3 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns teaches how to use an instant pot in a safe way to make versatile meals that everyone will enjoy. RR

L **Tai Chi for Arthritis**
Wednesday, March 18, at 3:15 pm
This class will be led by Libby Hill, a master trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute. It focuses on gentle movements that will help reduce pain, increase strength, and improve balance. All experience levels welcome. RR

HB **Hello Spring Signs**
Wednesdays, March 18 or 25
At 5:30 pm
Make a charming door hanger with help from The HUB's Cricut Maker. RR

HB **Picture It Poetic**
Thursdays, March 19 or 26
At 5:30 pm
Create a collage poem and customize a frame for it with The HUB's laser engraver. RR

L **Newspapers, eBooks & More**
Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm
Discover how to enjoy your favorite newspapers and magazines online FOR FREE using your MPL card. RR

M **Shelf Control:**
Creating a Reading Journal
Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm
Find out how to create a reading journal. Discover a fun way to track your reading and reflect on what you've read! We'll even supply the journal to help you get started. RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, March 21, 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, March 21, 9 am to 4 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. RR

V **America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis with Shoshana Walter**
Tuesday, March 24, at 2 pm
Award-winning journalist Shoshana Walter and bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver discuss Walter's newest book, **Rehab: An American Scandal**. Walter exposes the country's failed response to the opioid crisis and the malfeasance, corruption, and snake oil that blight the drug-rehab industry. Learn more at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Exploring Your Options for a Quality Retirement**
Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 pm
Certified Financial Planner Benjamin Simerly will share specific retirement planning strategies, different ways to create retirement income, retirement tax planning, and the most important steps to take when preparing for retirement. Bring questions. RR

L **Gentle Yoga with Deep Relaxation**
Wednesday, March 25, at 2 pm
Enjoy gentle yoga that moves at a slower pace and leads into a guided meditation, so the participant can experience deep relaxation through yoga nidra. RR

L **Old Crimes of Old Times**
Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 pm
Mandy Spencer from the Lake County Historical Society will share infamous stories from the county's past. Discover why party girl Velma West slayed her husband and if the mafia was really involved with the Mounds Club robbery. RR

M **James Madison: The Forgotten Founder**
Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 pm
Explore the life and legacy of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States. He played a crucial role in the creation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. RR

L **Paper Quilling: Spring Bunny**
Monday, March 30, at 6:30 pm
Create a spring bunny design using the traditional art of paper quilling. This program will be led by the artists from MulWal Creations. RR

M **Cleveland Sports with Terry Pluto**
Tuesday, March 31, at 6:30 pm
Few voices have capture the heartbreak, hope, and hard-earned triumph of Cleveland sports quite like Terry Pluto. He's visiting your library to discuss his new book, **Why Can't This Team Just Find a Quarterback? And Other Thoughts on Life in Browns Town**. RR

Book Clubs

M **It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 pm
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, suspense, true crime, and mystery/detective novels. In March, they will discuss **Most Agreeable Murder** by Julie Seales.

M **Back in Time Book Club**
Tuesday, March 10, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly.

L **Tuesday Night Book Club**
Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon. RR

M **Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 pm
Local 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 book is **Blue Zones Kitchen: One Pot Meals** by Dan Buettner. Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

H **Thrills & Chills Book Club**
Monday, March 16, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In March, they will read and discuss **Late to the Party** by Kelly Quindlen. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

M **Men's Book Club**
Monday, March 16, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Vaster Wilds** by Lauren Groff.

H **Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. This month, we're reading **The City in Glass** by Nghi Vo. RR

H **Romancing the Book Club**
Monday, March 23, at 6 pm
Join our new book club for romance readers! This month, we're reading **The Art of a Lie** by Laura Shepherd-Robinson. We'll meet at the **Headlands Community Center** (9096 Lake Overlook Drive, Mentor.) RR

M **Monday Night Book Club**
Monday, March 23, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're reading and talking about **Rulebreaker: The Life & Times of Barbara Walters** by Susan Page.

TECH

L Basic Email: Computer Class
Tuesday, March 3, at 2 pm
Learn how to use email, including how to:
• send and reply to emails
• send attachments
• label and archive emails. RR

L Word 1: Computer Class
Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word, including how to:
• create and open existing documents
• save a document that you're working on
• select text and change its formatting. RR

L Basic Computer & Internet Searching: Computer Class
Wednesday, March 4, at 2 pm
Learn the basics of how to use a computer and how to search web sites. Mouse and typing skills required. RR

L Word 2: Computer Class
Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 pm
Learn more advanced techniques for Microsoft Word. This class will cover:
• Quick access and mini toolbars
• Line/paragraph spacing and alignment
• Margins and orientation
• Spell and grammar check. RR

M One-on-One Tech Appointments
Wednesday, March 11
Sessions start at 2:30 & 3:30 pm
Schedule an appointment with our reference librarians for one-on-one help with your tech troubles. RR

TEEN

L Teen Art Night: Spring Tassel Wreath
Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 10 to 17) can celebrate spring by making an adorable tassel wreath. RR

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M Name That Song
Thursday, March 19, at 2 pm
Teens (7th-12th grade) can play Name That Song! (Snacks provided.) RR

M Shelf Control: Creating a Reading Journal
Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm
Teens (and adults) can learn how to create a reading journal. We'll even supply the journal to help you get started. RR

KIDS

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.

M Egg Hatching at the Library
Starting Monday, Feb. 23
Catch the hatch! Visit the chicken eggs that will be hatching in our Children's Area. Follow the chicks' progress at **twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary**. After the chicks hatch, they'll stay at the library for about a week before relocating to their forever home.

M Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss
Monday, March 2, 9 am — 4:30 pm
Families can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, activities, and crafts inspired by his books and characters.

L Grab-n-Go Seasonal Crafts
Monday, March 2
Kids can enjoy a seasonal craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

M Book-to-Movie Book Club
Monday, March 2, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, this month's book is T**he Lorax!** RR

M The Fine Arts Club
Tuesday, March 3, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) learn about different art forms with fun hands-on experiences. In March, they'll paint with oil pastels. RR

M Travel Club
Wednesday, March 4, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) will enjoy crafts, activities, and a snack celebrating a different state each month. RR

H Paws to Read
Wednesday, March 4
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

HB Playful Fish Mobile
Thursdays, March 5 or 12
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a mobile that features some "red fish, blue fish." RR

M Pokemon Palooza
Friday, March 6
At 5:30 pm
Children (1st-6th grade) can celebrate 30 years of Pokemon during this special afterhours program. They'll paint 3D printed Pokemon and enjoy a Pokemon-themed scavenger hunt. There will also be snacks. (Please leave your cards at home.) Any kids younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. RR

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, March 7, 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 'The Lorax' Movie Day
Saturday, March 7, at noon
Families with kids of all ages can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by enjoying a special screening of **The Lorax**! We'll provide the popcorn. You're welcome to pack a lunch or snack. RR

M Egg-cellent Facts
Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30 pm
We're hatching chickens this spring! Jess Nestor from Meyer Hatchery will discuss the process of hatching. Bring your questions. She *may* also have some chicks with her. RR

M The Story of America Club
Thursday, March 12, 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. In March, we're traveling back to the Revolutionary War. RR

M Taylor Swift Party
Saturday, March 14, at 1 pm
Swifties rejoice! Kids (8-12) can celebrate all things Taylor with singalongs, crafts, and by making friendship bracelets. RR

KIDS

H Roblox Saturday
Saturday, March 14, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

H Next Level Video Game Club
Saturday, March 14, 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 DIY Squishies
Tuesday, March 17, at 3 pm
Kids (4-10) can make their very own squishies! All supplies will be provided. We'll be painting, so dress for a mess. RR

M Stroller Strides
Thursday, March 19, at 10 am
It's a workout for the grownups and fun for the kids! Adults can experience total-body conditioning while the children (three and younger) remain in the stroller and are entertained with songs, activities, and more fun. Class led by Zerina Hutchinson. RR

L Jewelry Making Fun: Kids Craft
Friday, March 20, from 11 am to 4 pm
Kids (5-12) can have fun making jewelry, while supplies last. No registration required.

M Picnic with Frog & Toad
Friday, March 20, at noon
Kids (3-8) can welcome spring with crafts, activities, and snacks inspired by the adventures of Frog and Toad. RR

M American Girl in America
Wednesday, March 25, 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. Kids may bring their doll with them. In March, the club will meet Cecile, Marie-Grace, and Addy. RR

M First Ladies Tea
Saturday, March 28, at 1 pm
Kids (6-12) can attend a special afternoon tea with Mentor's own first lady — Lucretia Garfield, as portrayed by Debbie Weinkamer from We Made History. This program is part of our year-long celebration of America's 250th anniversary! RR

M Book Bunnies
Monday, March 30, at 4 pm
Reluctant readers in up to fifth grade can schedule a 15-minute reading slot with the Book Bunnies! A friendly face — particularly one with a wiggle nose — can help ease reading jitters and build confidence. RR

STORYTIMES

M Family Story Time
Mondays, at 10 am, starting March 9
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. Each story time ends with a parade!

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

L Storytime Stars
Tuesdays, at 10:30 am
Starting March 10
Kids (6 months to five years old) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

M Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 11 am
Starting March 10
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

M Pajama Story Time
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Starting March 11
Kids can wear their pajamas while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, at 10:30 am
Starting March 12
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, starting March 13
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M Dr. Seuss Family Story Time
Monday, March 2, at 10 am
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a Seuss-pendous story time!

M Early Intervention Family Story Time
Monday, March 9, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

M Firehouse Friends
Thursday, March 12, at 10 am
Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe.

From Shelf to Chef with your MPL Card

Sometimes you need more than the recipe... That's why we're launching Shelf to Chef!

You can always find cookbooks on our shelves. But starting March 1, you'll be able to borrow **Shelf to Chef kits** from our Main Branch.

The kits will contain a cookbook *and* specialized equipment you'll need to make some of the recipes inside.

But that's not all! The kits will include a QR code that links to a video tutorial where our own Chef Stef will walk you through a recipe!

(Of course, we have a former chef working here. Mentor Public Library is filled with double threats, because library people are always curious.)

Learn how to cook paella or bake *pain de mie*, carrot cake quickbread, a hearty quiche, madeleines, or a strawberry creme fraiche tart from a professional chef!

During her videos, Chef Stef also sprinkles in *bon mots* about where vanilla comes from, the origin of paella, and how yeast works.

You'll be able to borrow the kits from the Front Desk at our Main Branch for up to two weeks at a time. (No renewals.) You need to be an adult to borrow our Shelf to Chef kits.

By the way, if you just want to watch our Shelf to Chef videos, you can find them on our YouTube channel: **youtube.com/mentorpubliclib**.

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