



# COVER TO COVER



MARCH 2025



# KEY

**RR:** REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**H:** HEADLANDS

**HB:** THE HUB

**M:** MAIN

**L:** LAKE

**V:** VIRTUAL

# ADULT



## Spring Reading Challenge Starting March 30

Grow your mind with our Spring Reading Challenge — sponsored by Holden Forests & Gardens! Pick up a reading tree from one of our branches. Each book you read adds a leaf to your tree. If you complete your tree by the end of spring (June 20), you'll be entered into a drawing to win a 1-year membership to Holden Forests & Gardens!

## **M** Meet Us in the Garden: Identifying Alternatives to Using Peat Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m.

Lake County Master Gardeners offer more sustainable options to using peat moss as a soil amendment. **RR**

## **H** Come Crack Cold Cases Monday, March 3, 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**

## **M** Pressed Flower Lanterns Tuesday, March 4, at 6 pm

Adults and teens can make their own pressed flower lanterns using recycled Oui jars. **RR**

## **M** Cleveland's Legacy of Art Wednesday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Explore the local and relocated Cleveland artists that helped spark new art forms and create the city's artistic legacy. Presented by the staff of the Cleveland Museum of Art. **RR**

## **HB** Paper and Tile Wednesdays, March 5 or 12

At 5:30 pm  
Transform simple ceramic tiles into a unique set of coasters using decoupage techniques at The HUB. **RR**

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## **L** Early Breweries of Cleveland Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 pm

Local historian Rebecca McFarland explores the history of Cleveland's first breweries and the entrepreneurial brewers who impacted the community. **RR**

## **H** Headlands Crafternoon Thursday, March 6, at 1 pm Tuesday, March 18, at 1 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with us. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

## **HB** Memo Cube Thursdays, March 6 or 13 At 5:30 pm

Make an accessory that's perfect for reminders and motivation! **RR**

## **L** The Basics of Artificial Intelligence Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 pm

This introduction to artificial intelligence will provide a fundamental understanding of its important concepts and offer suggestions on how AI can be used. **RR**

## **L** Poses In Poetry Yoga Friday, March 7, at 2 pm

Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach leads a unique yoga session that pairs poses with words and rhymes from Darlene and famous poets. Participants receive a complementary journal for inspired self expression! Please bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. **RR**

## **M** Monday University: Irishtown Bend Monday, March 10, at 6:30 pm

Doug Kusak from Cleveland Metroparks will share the history of one of Cleveland's most colorful corners. **RR**

## **L** Mentor-on-the-Lake Movie Nights Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Watch **The Giver** — based on the classic Lois Lowry novel. Twelve copies of the graphic novel version of **The Giver** will be raffled off at the conclusion of the movie. **RR**

## **L** Color Me Calm Tuesday, March 11, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

## **HB** The Easter Bunny's Green Screen Portraits

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 — 6:30 pm  
Use The HUB's green screen to make a unique Easter portrait. All ages welcome. No registration required.

## **L** Castaways Wednesdays, March 12 & 26

At 10:30 am  
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

## **M** The Art of Lawnfield Wednesday, March 12, at noon

The Mentor home that Lucretia Garfield lovingly made for her family more than 100 years ago stands fully furnished and restored today as James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Learn about Lucretia's style and the decorative trends of the Victorian Era with the staff of Garfield National Historic Site. **RR**

## **V** The Power of Resetting with Author Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12, at 2 pm  
Dan Heath — the bestselling author of five other business books — discusses his newest title, **Reset: How to Change What's Not Working**. Changes can feel overwhelming, but Heath offers advice for getting unstuck and making changes that matter. Learn more online at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

## **H** Headlands Craft Social Squad Wednesday, March 12, at 6 pm

Crafters and artists of *all ages* and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

## **L** Bad Art Night Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 pm

Adults and teens can make art and get creative without fear of judgment. Best 'Bad Art' wins a trophy at the evening's end. **RR**

## **M** Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Sundried Tomato Pasta

Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 pm  
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. In March, she's using our spice of the month to make a Mediterranean classic. **RR**

## **M** Board Game Saturdays Saturday, March 15, 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 15, 9 am to 4 pm

Bring your supplies for a day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. Bring a snack to share, if you wish. **RR**

## **M** Spice Club: Basil Starting Sunday, March 16

Pick up a free take-home kit from our Main Branch's reference desk with a sample of this month's spice and a suggested recipe to try. One kit per family, while supplies last.

## **HB** Beginner Sublimation Tuesday, March 18, at 5:30 pm

Learn how to use sublimation to customize T-shirts, key chains, tote bags, and more during this introductory session at The HUB's makerspace. **RR**

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**M Margaret Hamilton: From Cleveland to the Land of Oz with Don Billie**  
Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm  
Discover how a kindhearted kindergarten teacher from Cleveland transformed into one of the most terrifying villains in film history! Author Don Billie tells how Hamilton was cast in her defining role as the Wicked Witch and severely burnt while on set. Learn about her remarkable career, love for children, and unwavering dedication to causes close to her heart. Billie's books will be available for sale and signing after his talk. **RR**

**L Tuesday Night Crochet Club**  
Tuesday, March 18, 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, March 19, at 3 pm  
Tai Chi is one of the most effective exercises for a healthy mind and body. This monthly class will focus on a series of 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. Please wear comfortable clothes. **RR**

**M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna**  
Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 pm  
hef 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**

**V How Women's Liberation Transformed America with Clara Bingham**  
Thursday, March 20, at 2 pm  
Enjoy an insightful conversation with journalist Clara Bingham as she discusses her new book, **The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America**. This comprehensive oral history includes interviews with living icons and unsung heroes of the feminist movement. Join the conversation at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

**H Studio Headlands**  
Monday, March 24, 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**

**HB Galaxy Jars**  
Tuesday, March 25  
3:30 to 6:30 pm  
Use The HUB's laser engraver to make your own galaxy jar. All ages welcome. No registration required.

**H Bookbinding: An Introduction**  
Wednesday, March 26, 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 Medicare Basics**  
Wednesday, March 26, at 6 pm  
Laura Mutsko from Mutsko Insurance Services will provide a basic understanding of how Medicare works and how it affects you. Learn what parts A, B, C, and D cover, as well as is not covered. Find out the difference between a Medicare Supplement and a Medicare Advantage Plan. **RR**

**L The Stories Behind the News from 50 Years on Cleveland Television**  
Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.  
Veteran television news reporter Paul Orlousky shares inside tales about how the news is reported. In addition to accruing five decades of journalism experience, he's also the author of **Punched, Kicked, Spat On, and Sometimes Thanked**. **RR**

**V Dreams We Chase with Novelist Jennifer Weiner**  
Wednesday, March 26, at 7 pm  
Enjoy a glimmering conversation with author Jennifer Weiner who wrote the bestsellers **Good in Bed, In Her Shoes, The Breakaway**, and more! She'll also discuss her forthcoming novel **The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits**. Join the conversation at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

**L eBooks and More**  
Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 pm  
Discover free library services for reading and listening to ebooks, audiobooks, music, and more! Find out how to use Libby, Hoopla, PressReader, NewsBank, Freegal, and other library services. **RR**

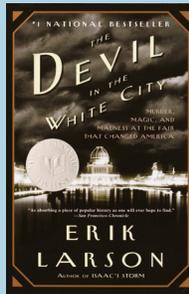
**L Meet Judith Neulander, author of 'Folklore of Lake Erie'**  
Saturday, March 29, at 2 pm  
Dr. Judith Neulander presents on her new book, **Folklore of Lake Erie**. This book explores the deepest secrets, legends, and tall tales from the shallowest (yet most mysterious) of the Great Lakes. Neulander's book will be available for sale and signing after her talk. **RR**

**M World War II Women: The WASP**  
Wednesday, March 31, at 6:30 pm  
Hear stories about the Women's Airforce Service Pilots and their contribution during World War II. Presented by MPL's own Traci Hoffman. **RR**

# Book Clubs

**M It's a Mystery Book Club**  
Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, March's book is **Exiles** by Jane Harper. **RR**

**M Back in Time Book Club**  
Tuesday, March 11, at 2 pm  
Our newest book club! Our selections will include fiction and nonfiction but all will be based on history. For our inaugural meeting, we'll read **Devil in the White City** by Erik Larsen. **RR**



**L Tuesday Night Book Club**  
Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy great reads and even better discussion. This month, we'll be talking about **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman. **RR**

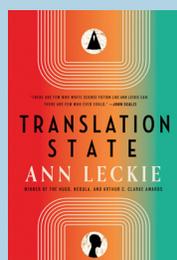
**M Cookbook Club**  
Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 pm  
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe to share with the group. Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and serving spoon for your dish. This month's cookbook is **Vegetables Illustrated**. **RR**



**H Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club**  
Monday, March 17, at 6:30 pm  
Our book club for teens with titles selected by the club's members! In March, they'll read and discuss **Serafina and the Black Cloak** by Robert Beatty. **RR**

**M Men's Book Club**  
Monday, March 17, at 7 pm  
This month's book is **The Art Thief** by Michael Finkel. **RR**

**H Science Fiction Book Club**  
Wednesday, March 19  
At 6:30 pm  
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In March, we're reading **Translation State** by Ann Leckie. **RR**



**M Monday Night Book Club**  
Monday, March 24, at 6:30 pm  
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **The Banned Books Club** by Brenda Novak. **R**

# TEEN

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## M VolunTEENS

Monday, March 3, at 3:30 pm

Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. Contact our librarians for more info at 440-255-8811 ext. 1 **RR**

## HB Spring Break Cups

Tuesday, March 4

3:30 to 6:30 pm

Teens (12-17) can customize a cup using The HUB's Cricut Maker.

## M Pressed Flower Lanterns

Tuesday, March 4, at 6 pm

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## M Craft-Tea Teens

Wednesday, March 19, at 2 pm

Teens (7th-12th grade) can create a mini-garden while sipping on tea or hot cocoa. All supplies will be provided. **RR**

## HB Galaxy Jars

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3:30 to 6:30 pm

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# KIDS

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## 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.

## M LEGO at the Library

Saturday, March 1, at 11 am

Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

## M Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Monday, March 3, 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 3

Kids can enjoy a seasonal craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

## M Book-to-Movie Book Club

Monday, March 3, at 4 pm

Kids (8-12) will read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. In March, we're enjoying **The Wild Robot**. **RR**

## M The Fine Arts Club

Tuesday, March 4, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month, we're exploring haiku — the Japanese poetry form **RR**

## M Travel Club — USA

Wednesday, March 5, 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, March 5

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**

## H Headlands Trivia

Saturday, March 8, at noon

Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia knowledge and learn something new during a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. **RR**

## M National Barbie Day

Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

Kids (6-12) can celebrate the iconic Barbie doll with creativity. Paint a 3D-printed doll chair while watching **Barbie and the Three Musketeers**. Don't forget to bring your favorite doll! **RR**

## H Roblox Saturday

Saturday, March 8, at 2 pm

Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. Our computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but you can also bring your own device. **RR**

## H Next Level Video Game Club

Saturday, March 8, 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, March 10, at 10 am

Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

## HB The Easter Bunny's Green Screen Portraits

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 — 6:30 pm

Use The HUB's green screen to make a unique Easter portrait. All ages welcome. No registration required.

## M Energy Explorers with NOPEC

Friday, March 14, at 1 pm

Kids (K-4th grade) will enjoy hands-on activities to see how energy works. NOPEC will bring its energy bike! Parents must sign a waiver for kids to ride it. **RR**



## M Egg Hatching at the Library

Starting Monday, March 17

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.

## M Bluey Bash

Monday, March 17, at 11 am

Kids (2-6) can celebrate everything Bluey with crafts, activities, and even snacks inspired by the Heeler family and their friends! **RR**

# KIDS

## M Sew Much Fun

Tuesday, March 18, at 2 pm

Kids (8-12) can have fun learning how to sew and make a cool beginner-level craft to take home! **RR**

## HB Silly Bunny

Wednesdays, March 19 or 26

At 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can make a simple Wood Bunny with help from The HUB's laser engraver. **RR**

## M Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

Thursday, March 20, at noon

This 2-part seminar will be hosted by Sylvan Learning Center and the library's Children's Staff. During the first half hour, Sylvan staff will talk with caregivers to help them understand what it means for a child to be kindergarten ready. Meanwhile, library staff will have activities for the kids. For the second half, kids and caregivers will come together for more practical tips and fun activities. For kids (3-5), along with their grownups. **RR**

## M Bingo Club

Thursday, March 20, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. The game will have a different theme each month! **RR**

## HB Spring Flower Handprints

Thursdays, March 20 or 27

At 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can create a cherished keepsake with their hands and a canvas. **RR**

## L Elephant & Piggie Party

Friday, March 21, at 1 pm

Kids (4-8) can celebrate Elephant and Piggie with stories, games, crafts, and a snack inspired by Mo Willems' popular book series. **RR**



## M Superhero Party — Good Manners

Saturday, March 22, at 11 am

You don't need to be Superman to have super manners! Kids (4-8) can don their finest superhero attire while learning about polite words and dining manners from Miss Kimberlee of the Ohio Etiquette Factory. **RR**

## HB Galaxy Jars

Tuesday, March 25

3:30 to 6:30 pm

Use The HUB's laser engraver to make your own galaxy jar. All ages welcome. No registration required.

## M Taylor Swift Party

Saturday, March 29, at 2 pm

It's a day for Tay! Kids (8-12) can enjoy a Taylor Swift party with crafts, singalongs, and friendship bracelets. **RR**

# STORYTIMES

## M Family Story Time

Mondays, 10 am, starting March 10

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 11

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 11

Kids (6 months to 5 years) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft.

## M Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11 am

Starting March 11

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 12

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 13

Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts.

## H Itty Bitty Bookworms Storytime

Thursdays, 11:30 am

Enjoy a fun morning of stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Perfect for PreK crowd! **RR**

## M Wiggle, Giggle & Shake

Fridays, 10 am, starting March 14

Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

## M Dr. Seuss Family Story Time

Monday, March 3, at 10 am

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a Seuss-pondous story time!

## M Firehouse Friends

Thursday, March 13, at 10 am

Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe.



## Make a Date with the Makerspace

You're invited to explore the makerspace at The HUB!

The makerspace is filled with state-of-the-art equipment, including a green-screen recording studio, laser engraver, heat press, Cricut Maker, poster printer, vinyl cutter, button maker, comb binder, and laminator.

The HUB is also staffed with professionals who are ready to help you make the project of your dreams. And it's available for one-on-one appointments!

For the cost of supplies, you can enjoy individualized assistance from our staff and the opportunity to make something that is uniquely yours.

Don't be a customer. *Be a customizer!*

There are so many potential projects you can create at the Makerspace: one-of-a-kind clothes, totes, cards, frames, mugs, jewelry, sketch pads, buttons, pencil boxes, kitchen accoutrements, and more.

The HUB is located inside of Mentor High School. However, you don't need to be a student at Mentor High or even a resident of Mentor to make an appointment. All you need is a CLEVNET card in good standing. Mentor Public Library is part of the CLEVNET consortium.

To learn more (including pricing information) or to make a reservation, visit [www.mentorpl.org/makerspace](http://www.mentorpl.org/makerspace). You can also call The HUB at 440-205-6011 during its regular hours from 3 - 8 pm Monday through Thursday.



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March 19 at our Main Branch  
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May 21 at our Lake Branch  
The public is welcome to attend.

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