Have The Need For Seeds?

Did you know that you can pick up free herb, vegetable, and flower seeds for your yard and windowsill gardens from Mentor Public Library?

That's right! You can borrow everything from books to binoculars with your library card, and you can also get seeds. Here's how it works:

Anyone with a CLEVNET card in good standing can check out up to 15 types of seed from our Seed Library per season.

Later after your plants have grown, you can save some of your seeds and return them to us, if you wish.

By the way, any green thumbs should check out the special collection from Holden Forests & Gardens’ Corning Library available at our Main Branch.

Dozens of the collection’s spectacular books on gardening, horticulture, botany, and more are now available to borrow at our Main Branch. Our typical lending rules apply.

**Adult Programming**

**Monday, May 2, 3:30 to 7:30 pm**
**Green Screen Mother's Day Photo**
Mother's Day is just around the corner. Use the green-screen technology at The HUB for your own personal photo shoot. All ages welcome. Walk-in program. No registration required.

**Monday, May 9, 6:30 pm**
**Monday University: Cultural Gardens of Liberty Boulevard**
Local historian Rebecca McFarland discusses the origins of Cleveland’s Cultural Gardens from back when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard was named Liberty Boulevard. The gardens honored the young men who fought and died in World War I. They were planned as a path that represented the many cultures of the world coming together in Cleveland. Discover more during McFarland’s talk.

**Tuesday, May 3, at 5 pm**
**Potholder Sunglasses Case**
Use The HUB’s Crict to personalize a colorful sunglasses case that you’ll make using potholders. We’re hosting two sessions of this craft. Please only sign up for one.

**Tuesday, May 5, at 6 pm**
**Vinyl Record Planter Stencils**
Teens and adults can enjoy an evening of painting on our lawn! Use Cricut stencils to decorate garden planters made from recycled vinyl records. We provide the supplies. Dress for a mess.

**Saturday, May 7, at 10 am**
**Meet Us in the Garden: Annuals & Perennials – What’s New?**
Join the Lake County Master Gardeners in their monthly series of gardening talks. This month, they’ll explore what’s new among annuals and perennials.

**Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m.**
**Tech Tuesdays: Google Tips & Tricks**
Google is everywhere online, and it offers a lot of free services. Learn tips and tricks for using it at the Mentor Senior Center. To register, call the center at 440-974-5725.

**Wednesday, May 11, at noon**
**At the Home Front with Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield**
Ever wondered what took place on the home front while soldiers fought on Civil War battlefields? Join Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield, the future first lady, for family stories about life in Hiram, Ohio, while her husband James A. Garfield and brothers served in the Union Army. Speaker will be Debbie Weinkamer, a volunteer from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

**Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm**
**Cleveland Metroparks History: The Early Years**
Discover how the beloved Emerald Necklace evolved from an idea to reality. Follow the history of the park system as it blossomed in the 1920s, survived the Great Depression and World War II, and met the challenges of the 1950s. Presented by Cleveland Metroparks Historian and Archivist Judy MacKeigan.

**Thursday, May 12, at 10:30 am**
**Color Me Calm**
Adults can enjoy coloring with relaxing music.

**Thursday, May 12, at 6 pm**
**Medicare Basics**
A speaker from Pelorus Financial Group will explain how Medicare works.

**Saturday, May 14 and 28, at noon**
**All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg**
Every other week, MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they’ve been reading and recommend books that you may enjoy. You can watch on our website, YouTube channel or Facebook page.

**Sunday, May 15, starting at 4:30 pm**
**Spice Club: Turmeric**
Spice up your life with our newest club: Spice Club! Each month, pick up a sample of our featured spice and suggested recipes from the reference desk at our Main Branch. One kit per family. May’s spice is turmeric! Share your culinary creations on social media with the hashtag #SpiceUpMentor.
**ADULT**

**L** Protect Yourself from Online Scams & Fraud
Monday, May 16, at 6:30 pm
Sgt. Scott Daubenmire from the Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department will explain how to protect yourself from being victimized online. Learn how to identify suspicious emails and protect your identity (and credit cards) from theft. RR

**L** Holistic Wellness & Yoga
Wednesday, May 18, at 11 am
Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach will lead a relaxing yoga session and share tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. RR

**HB** Moon Phase Wall Art
Wednesday, May 18 & 25, at 5 pm
Use The HUB’s laser engraver to make a wonderful wooden wall hanging that depicts the phases of the moon. We’re hosting two sessions of this craft. Please only register for one session. RR

**M** Becoming the Best Version of You
Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm
Pamela Kurt -- the international bestselling author of five books designed to motivate and empower women -- brings her message to the library. Her newest book, *Becoming an Unstoppable Woman*, provides 25 strategies to help people achieve an unstoppable mindset. Kurt will inspire you to turn your dreams into a reality. After the talk, Kurt will be selling and signing her books. RR

**HB** Felt Succulents
Thursdays, May 19 and 26, at 5 pm
Spruce up your garden with a succulent made from felt. All of the charm; none of the watering. We’re hosting two sessions of this craft. Please only register for one. RR

**M** Proctored Northstar Computer Assessments
Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm
Building your resume? Need a certificate demonstrating your computer skills? Take a proctored computer assessment. Registration is recommended but walk-ins are welcome. RR

**H** Headlands Photography Club
Saturday, May 21, at 1 pm
Join our photography club that’s open to shutterbugs of all ages. Enjoy tips, photo walks to local locations, and opportunities to display your work. Bring your own camera, and all camera types are welcome. RR

**M** Let’s Cook: Lemon Turmeric Rice & Golden Milk Latte
Saturday, May 21, at 2 pm
LaDonna Oltmanns of Let’s Cook leads a free cooking demonstration and tasting with two very different recipes using our spice of the month, turmeric! LaDonna will show how to make a delicious and easy stir fry with lemon turmeric rice and a golden milk latte that can be served warm or cold. Let’s Cook is a plant-based, mobile cooking school that teaches cooking skills to children and adults of all abilities. RR

**H** World Turtle Day
Monday, May 23, All Day
Celebrate World Turtle Day at the library’s Headlands Branch! Meet two live turtles and learn about their care. Make a turtle-themed craft. No registration required.

**M** Nurseries in Lake County
Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm
At its peak, more than 200 plant nurseries filled minuscule Lake County. A speaker from the Lake County History Center will revisit the era when Mentor was the Rose Capital of the Nation and Lake County was Nursery Capital of the World. Hear stories from the county’s past, including those of men who stole to start their business and a rose that starred in cinema. RR

**V** From England to Cleveland: A Gardening Journey
Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 pm
Caroline Tait leads a virtual tour of the English and American gardens that inspired and influenced her own horticultural journey, including Great Dixter, Longwood, Coton Manor Garden, and more. This program will be hosted on Zoom. Register to receive the Zoom link. RR

**V** John Wayne: American Hero
Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 pm
Hollywood historian Sal St. George discusses the life and career of Marion Robert Morrison, better known as *The Duke* and best known as *John Wayne*! Wayne was an actor and filmmaker who became an icon through his starring roles during Hollywood’s Golden Age, especially westerns and war films. His talk will be hosted online via Zoom. Register to get the link. RR

**V** Online Book Club
All May
Our Online Book Club is perfect for readers with busy or unpredictable schedules who love books but don’t know when they’ll have free time. Our book is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Sign up to join the conversation at www.pbc.guru/mentor!

**M** It’s a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday May 4, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. May’s book is *The Attempted Murder of Teddy Roosevelt* by Burt Solomon. RR

**V** Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our April meeting, join us at the Mentor Headlands Community Center to discuss Mary Doria Russell’s superb *The Sparrow*. RR

**M** Senior Center Book Club
Wednesday May 18, at 1:30 pm
Join us at Mentor Senior Center for a monthly book discussion. May’s book is *The Sweeney Sisters* by Lian Dolan. RR

**M** Men’s Book Club
Monday, May 16, at 7 pm
This month’s book is *The Art of Invisibility* by Kevin Mitnick. RR

**M** Watch What You Read Book Club
Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 pm
This new club celebrates great reads and their movie adaptations. Enjoy the book, watch the movie, and then join friends for a discussion of how the book and movie differ and complement each other. For our May meeting, we’ll discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. RR

**H** End of the World Book Club
Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm
Our new book club for teens features the best in YA dystopias. This month’s book is *Matched* by Ally Condie. Participants are encouraged to keep a writing or art journal so they can create a world of their own. RR

**M** Monday Night Book Club
Monday, May 23, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we’ll discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. RR
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- K indicates a kids-friendly event.

### Libraries
- Headlands Community Center
- Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch
- Studio MPL
- The HUB
The Party Starts At The Library

Throwing a birthday bash, graduation party, or barbecue any time soon?

Start your party planning at the library! You can borrow a bluetooth turntable and even a karaoke machine to keep the tunes playing. For free! (Which is a lot cheaper than buying or renting one.)

We also have enormous versions of party games that are perfect for the lawn on a sunny day. You can borrow a colossal Connect Four or mammoth checkers. Personally, our favorite is the gigantic Jenga set, because it's not really a party until a tower of blocks falls on your dad.

We also have a bocce ball set that you can borrow. It may not be supersized, but it's still super fun!

Finally, you can borrow character cake pans from us, in case you need to bake a dessert in the shape of a dinosaur, crown, pony, butterfly, Spider-Man, Elmo, Lightning McQueen, or jack-o-lantern.

All these items can be borrowed for up to two weeks. No renewals. Visit our Main Branch or call us at 440-255-8811 for details.
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Register online at www.mentorpl.org or via phone by calling the library branch that is hosting the program.