**ADULT**

**Mother's Day Photo Shoot**
- **Monday, May 1, 3:30 - 7 pm**
- Celebrate Mother's Day with a fun photo shoot. Choose from a variety of backgrounds using The HUB's green-screen technology. All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Castaways Knitting Group**
- **Wednesday, May 10, at 10:30 am**
- Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you’re working on. Not a class, but an opportunity to work on a project, get ideas, and learn from each other.

**Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: American Foreign Policy 1861 - 1865**
- **Wednesday, May 10, at noon**
- While most think of the Civil War as a domestic issue, the United States still needed to conduct foreign policy during that period. Discover how the war affected and altered foreign policy and diplomacy up through America's next military conflict, the Spanish-American War. Speaker: Ranger Alan Gephartd from James A. Garfield National Historic Site. RR

**Meet Us in the Garden: Companion Planting**
- **Saturday, May 6, at 10 am**
- Lake County Master Gardeners discuss companion planting, which is when gardeners plant complementary vegetables, herbs, or flowers together. Explore how (with a bit of planning) you can increase biodiversity, reduce the need for pesticides, save space, and improve your garden’s soil health. RR

**Medicare 101**
- **Wednesday, May 10, at 6 pm**
- Learn the details of how Medicare works with a representative from Pelorus Financial. Bring your questions. RR

**Not Funny: Author Talk with Academy Award-nominated Jena Friedman**
- **Wednesday, May 10, at 8 pm**
- Jena Friedman has worked on The Daily Show with John Stewart and was nominated for an Oscar for her work on Borat: Subsequent Moviefilm. Her debut collection, Not Funny, takes on the third rails of modern life in her bold and subversive style with essays that explore cancel culture, sexism, work, and celebrity worship. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. RR

**Native Plants for the Home Landscape**
- **Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 pm**
- Most common landscaping plants are non-native and provide little benefit to local wildlife. Natalie Gertz-Young from the Lake Soil and Water Conservation District will explain how to turn your home landscape into a native plant oasis. RR

**World of Watercolor**
- **Monday, May 15, at 6:30 pm**
- Artists of all skill levels can explore watercolor painting. RR

**Romancing Lake Erie & Local Lore**
- **Tuesday, May 16, at 7 pm**
- Shipwreck explorers and local authors Georgann and Mike Wachter will share stories of romance and intrigue from Lake Erie's history, including tales of rum runners and more. RR

**Floral Sachets**
- **Saturdays, May 13 & 27, at noon**
- Make your own floral sachets using fabric and dried flowers. Projects will include sachets for clothing, scarves, and sachets to keep your car smelling fresh. There is a suggested donation of $5. All ages welcome. No registration required. RR

**Board Game Saturdays**
- **Saturday, May 20, 9 am to 4:30 pm**
- Board games! Join us from 9 am to 4:30 pm this Saturday to play a variety of games. Bring your own. RR
Ohio Rocks: Geology of the Buckeye State
Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 pm
Ohio has some very surprising (and old) geology that spans almost the entire Paleozoic Era. Its rocks depict a story of ancient seas filled with strange creatures and a world very different from today. This talk discusses the type of rocks found in Ohio, how they were formed, the fossils found with them, and how Ohio evolved through this ancient time. RR

American Sign Language Series: Communicating with Deaf Individuals
at Work
Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm
Learn the fundamentals of American Sign Language and nonverbal communication with Dani Prater, who has more than 25 years of interpreting and teaching experience. Explore how to communicate with deaf customers or coworkers and introduce conversation strategies that can help you support these individuals and reduce frustration. RR

Holistic Wellness & Yoga
Thursday, May 25, at 1 pm
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

The Supreme Court: John M. Harlan
Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster's series on important Supreme Court justices continues with a focus on John M. Harlan, known as "the great dissenter." From his service in the Union Army to his 33 years as an associate justice on the Court, Harlan's life and work reflect the fundamental changes that occurred in our nation and its laws in the aftermath of the Civil War. RR

PT Barnum: Greatest Showman?
Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 pm
PT Barnum's career trafficked in curiosities, including how to schedule your appointment. RR

Ebooks & More: Tech Tuesdays at Mentor Senior Center
Tuesday, May 9, at 10 am
Librarians will demonstrate how to enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, streaming music and movies, and more with your library card. To register, call 440-974-5725. RR

Computer Class: PowerPoint
Tuesday, May 16, at 2 pm
Learn how to create a presentation on PowerPoint, how to use basic formatting and background designs. Registration begins May 1. RR

Computer Class: Excel I
Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 pm & Wednesday, May 17, at 2 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. Registration begins May 1. Please only sign up for one session. RR

Computer Class: Excel II
Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 pm & Thursday, May 18, at 2 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. Sign up begins May 1. Only register for one session. RR

Computer Class: Excel III
Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm
Learn advanced techniques, including how to hide and freeze columns and rows, use print area and print titles, and how to create and format charts. Registration begins May 1. RR

Cricut Basics
Saturday, May 27, at 2 pm
Learn how to use a Cricut machine to make custom greeting cards and other creative crafts. For teens and adults! RR

Computer Class: Facebook Basics
Wednesday, May 17, at 10 am
Learn how to use Facebook. Please come to class with your Facebook login information and password. Registration begins May 1. RR

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Senior Center Book Club
Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 pm
Join us at the Mentor Senior Center for our monthly book discussion. May's book is The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. If you wish to join us, you can pick up a copy at our Lake Branch. RR

Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! For our May meeting, we'll discuss Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir. RR

Monday Night Book Club
Monday, May 22, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we'll discuss Confessions of a Bookseller by Shaun Bythell. RR

Cookbook Club
Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm
It's good reading and good eating! Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads our new 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 cookbooks are by Pati Jinich. Bon appetit! RR

Drawn In To Graphic Novels
Book Club
Saturday, May 27, at 2 pm
Tweens and teens (12-17) can explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. Each month, they'll discuss a different historical fiction graphic novel, In May, they'll read Derf BackDerf's Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio. Book club members will also receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group. RR
TEEN

HB Personalized Name Keychain
Tuesdays, May 2 or 9, 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Tweens and teens (12-17) can make a personalized name keychain using the equipment in The HUB’s makerspace.

V Author Talk with Courtney Summers
Saturday, May 20, at 2 pm
Courtney Summers is the YA author behind the 2018 breakout hit Sadie. She returns with I’m the Girl in which 16-year-old Georgia Avis investigates the murder of a barely teenaged girl. Her search uncovers a world of unimaginable privilege and wealth without conscience or consequence. You can sign up to attend this free author talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl.

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M Drawn In To Graphic Novels

KIDS

M Write a Letter to Pete the Cat
All May
Groovy! Kids can write a letter to (or draw a picture for) Pete the Cat. We’ll share our favorites on our social media.

H Headlines Take & Make Craft
Mondays
Pick up supplies for crafts that kids (8 and younger) can make at home. While supplies last. New crafts every Monday.

H Finger Paint Fridays
Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday.

HB Mother’s Day Photo Shoot
Monday, May 1, 3:30 - 7 pm
Celebrate Mother’s Day with a fun photo shoot. Choose from a variety of backgrounds using The HUB’s green-screen technology. All ages welcome. No registration required.

M Travel Club
Wednesday, May 3, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) can make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities dedicated to a different country each month. RR

HB Mother’s Day Mugs
Wednesdays, May 3 or 10, at 5 pm
Kids (6-11) can use The HUB’s Cricut to make a personalized Mother’s Day gift. RR

M May the Fourth Be With You
Thursday, May 4, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can celebrate Star Wars Day with Jedi training. Dress as your favorite character! Registration required. RR

H May the Fourth Be With You

STORY TIMES

M 1-2-3: Count With Me
Thursday, May 5, at 10 am
Toddlers will love this introduction to numeracy and have fun using rhymes, songs, books, and active play.

M My First Story Time
Friday, May 5, at 10 am
Tuesdays, May 1, at 10 am
Monday, May 15, at 10 am
Tuesday, May 23, at 10 am
This story time will enthrall children and teach adults how to make the most of reading with their kids. Learn story-time tips from the masters at Mentor Public Library.

L Firefighter Story Time
Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 am
Join Firefighter Gabe for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

M The Firefighter Story Time

H Let’s Cook with Kids
Wednesday, May 31, at 4 pm
LaDonna Oltmanns from Let’s Cook -- a plant-based mobile cooking school -- will lead cooking classes for kids (8 and older). RR
Start the Party with MPL

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

Start your party planning at the library! Borrow a bluetooth turntable or a karaoke machine to keep the tunes playing. For free!

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, gigantic Jenga or mammoth checkers.

We also have bocce and croquet sets. They may not be supersized, but they’re 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.

You can borrow the outdoor games for up to one week. The other items are loaned for up to two weeks. No renewals.

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