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MENTOR
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SC: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

V **Genius, Power & Deception on the Eve of WWI with Douglas Brunt**
Wednesday, May 1, at 3 pm
Bestselling author Douglas Brunt will discuss his nonfiction debut. **The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel**. It reveals the hidden history of Diesel — the world-famous inventor of the diesel engine — and his mysterious disappearance on the eve of World War I. Join the talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L **Kent State University on May 4, 1970: Hear from an Eyewitness & Survivor**
Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm
Dr. Roseann Canfora shares her personal account of what occurred on May 4, 1970, at Kent State University when members of the Ohio National Guard fired into a crowd — killing four and wounding nine Kent State students. Canfora was an eyewitness that day and currently chairs the May 4 Commemoration Committee at KSU. **RR**

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, May 2, at 1 pm
Tuesday, May 21, at 1 pm
Come to the Headlands Branch for an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels and ages welcome.

L **Lake Erie N-Scale Society Model Train Display**
Friday, May 3, from noon to 4:30 pm
Saturday, May 4, from 9 am to 4 pm
The Lake Erie N-Scale Society will present a special model train exhibit. Members of LENS will demonstrate the model trains and answer your train questions.

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Lawn Care Calendar**
Saturday, May 4, at 10 am
Lake County Master Gardeners provide an overview of turf grass varieties commonly grown here and conditions that promote a healthy lawn. They'll also share care guidelines for each month of the growing season and suggested pest management practices. **RR**

ADULT

M **What's the Deal with Dead Man's Curve? with Author Jim Sweeney**
Monday, May 6, at 6:30 pm
Jim Sweeney — author of **What's the Deal with Dead Man's Curve and Other Really Good Questions about Cleveland** — comes to Mentor Public Library. He'll explain why Cleveland's hippies are concentrated in Coventry Village, why Browns fans hate the Steelers, and more. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing. **RR**

Color Me Calm
Tuesday, May 7, at 3 pm, at Lake Branch
Tuesday, May 28 at 10 am, at Main Branch
Relax while coloring and listening to music.

L **Castaways Knitting Group**
Wednesdays, May 8 & 22, 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: Protecting Your Civil War Heirlooms**
Wednesday, May 8, at noon
Join Kelsey Voit — a museum curator for the National Park Service — to learn how to properly care for and store precious papers and artifacts from the Civil War that you wish to preserve. **RR**

L **Lost Lake Erie**
Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30 pm
Local historian and author Jennifer Borez Engelking reveals entertaining and heartbreaking stories of lost sites and industries from Lake Erie's past. Her book, **Lost Lake Erie**, will be available for sale and signing after her talk. **RR**

V **A Murder Mystery, Family Story & Love Letter to Strong Women**
Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm
Join author Nina Simon as she discusses her bestselling whodunnit, **Mother-Daughter Murder Night**. Harness your inner detective and sign up for the investigation during this intimate online conversation. Join the talk at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB **Patriotic Luminaries**
Thursdays, May 9 or 16, at 5:30 pm
Light up those summer nights with a patriotic luminary — just in time for Memorial Day! Please only sign up for one session. **RR**

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Fresh Spring Rolls with Peanut Thai Sauce**
Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm
LaDonna Oltmanns, the head chef at Nourish Cafe, leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. This month, learn how to make fresh spring rolls that can serve as an appetizer or main dish. **RR**

M **History of Hough Baking**
Monday, May 13, at 6:30 pm
Hough Bakery was a Cleveland staple for 90 years until its closure in 1992. Discover its history and the ways in which its legacy continues. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society with exclusive photographs and materials from its archives. **RR**

M **One Tank Trips with Kristina**
Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm
Who's ready for an adventure? Kristina Ambrosia describes incredible adventures that await only one tank of gas away. **RR**

L **Gentle Yoga**
Wednesday, May 15, at 10 am
Explore yoga with certified instructor Jennifer Langsdale of Wild Nurturer. All experience levels welcome! **RR**

M **Medicare Basics**
Wednesday, May 15, at 6 pm
Learn how Medicare works from Laura Mutsko of Mutsko Insurance Services. Find out what Parts A, B, C, and D cover and what is not covered. Also learn the difference between a Medicare Supplement and Advantage Plan. **RR**

H **UFOS Past, Present & Future**
Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 pm
Thomas Wertman, a UFOlogist from MUFON of Ohio, will share stories about his hundreds of investigations in the USA and Canada. He's been chief field investigator for MUFON of Ohio for more than a decade. This program will be held at **Headlands Community Center** (9096 Lake Overlook Drive, Mentor.) **RR**

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, May 18, 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, May 18, 9 am to 4 pm
Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! Bring a snack to share, if you wish. **RR**

H **The Basics of Sports Photography**
Saturday, May 18, at 2 pm
Learn from John H. Reid III — the Cleveland Browns' team photographer for 35 years — how to take better photos of your kids, grandkids, and friends playing sports. Reid has photographed five World Series, four MLB All-Star Games, and more than 800 NFL games, including a Super Bowl. **RR**

H **Studio Headlands**
Monday, May 20, at 6:30 pm
A monthly art club for adults of all skill levels! Explore creativity in a judgment-free zone. **RR**

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Nature Journaling

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M Aromatherapy with Jennifer Langsdale

Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm

Explore how aromatherapy can impact your health and emotions. Langsdale will discuss the basics of aromatherapy and how to safely use essential oils. Each attendee will receive a sample of an essential oil to take home. **RR**

L Bee Friendly with Natives

Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm

Lake County Master Gardeners explain how native plants can provide benefits to both gardeners and local pollinators. **RR**

V Asian-American Representation in Literature with Rebecca F. Kuang

Tuesday, May 21, at 7 pm

Enjoy a thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang, author of the bestselling novel **Yellowface**. Her book is a timely, razor-sharp story of white lies, dark humor, and deadly consequences when one author steals another writer's story and even parts of her identity. Sign up at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Custom Coordinates

Wednesdays, May 22 or 29

At 5:30 pm
Make a unique sign that pinpoints your favorite location. **RR**

H Bookbinding: An Introduction

Wednesday, May 22, at 6 pm

Learn basic bookbinding techniques and create a sketchbook to take home. **RR**

L Living with Lake Erie as Your Neighbor

Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 pm

Lake Soil & Water Conservation District will share landscaping, building, and maintenance choices that benefit coastal ecosystems and properties. They'll also explain resources available to those who live by Lake Erie. **RR**

L WWII Normandy Invasion

Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30 pm

Reenactor Peter Booth portrays a WWII soldier, describing the combat action during the Normandy Invasion. He'll also display military memorabilia for you to see. **RR**

Adventure Begins Summer Reading

From May 30 to July 27

Visit any branch to sign up or register online at mentorpl.beanstack.org. Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 27.

TECH

HB Makerspace 101

Mondays, May 6 or 13, at 5 pm

Learn all about the incredible machines in The HUB's makerspace during this informational tour. See examples of what can be made with a laser engraver, vinyl cutter, T-shirt press, and more. For all ages! **RR**

SC Streaming Movies with your Library Card

Tuesday, May 14, at 10 am

Learn how to use your MPL card to stream movies, documentaries, and television episodes to your preferred smart device without charge. Sign up by calling the Mentor Senior Center at 440-974-5725. **RR**

M One-on-One Tech Appointments

Tuesday, May 14

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**

HB Laser Engraver 101

Monday, May 20, at 5:30 pm

Learn the basics of using The HUB's laser engraver at this informational program. Be inspired for your next project and take home an engraved souvenir. For all ages! **RR**

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class

Tuesday, May 21, at 2 pm

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

M Computer Class: Excel I

Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm

Learn basic techniques for using Microsoft Excel, including how to create a basic worksheet, describe a worksheet and its function, and save it. **RR**

M Learn How to Use your iPhone: Computer Class

Wednesday, May 22, at 2 pm

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

M Computer Class: Excel II

Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 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. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel III

Thursday, May 23, 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. **RR**

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm

Discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. May's book is **Couple at Number 9** by Claire Douglas. **RR**

M Cookbook Club

Wednesday, May 8 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 book is **Michael Symon's 5 in 5**. **RR**

L The Tuesday Night Book Club

Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy good reads and great company. In May, we'll discuss **Our Missing Hearts** by Celeste Ng.

SC Senior Center Book Club

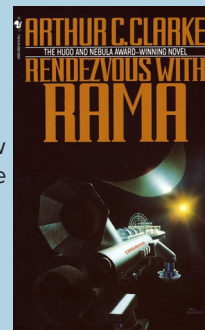
Wednesday, May 15, at 1:30 pm

Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. This month's title is **The Love of My Life** by Rosie Walsh. Grab a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club

Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 pm

Our club celebrates new and timeless speculative fiction! In May, we're discussing the classic **Rendezvous with Rama** by Arthur C. Clarke. **RR**



M Monday Night Book Club

Monday, May 20, at 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge. **R**

M Men's Book Club

Monday, May 20, at 7 pm

This month's book is **Raylan** by Elmore Leonard. **RR**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club

Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can enjoy reading and discussing some of the best graphic novels created. In May, they'll talk about **Seven Secrets** by Tom Taylor, Daniele Di Nicuolo, and Walter Baiamonte. Book club members also receive their own graphic-novel journals where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

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For every book you read or audiobook that you listen to, you'll receive a raffle ticket for one of our fabulous prize drawings. Visit any branch to sign up or register online at mentorpl.beanstack.org. Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 27.

Summer Reading Begins May 30

Summer Reading returns! People of all ages (yes, even adults) can win sensational prizes – just for reading!

Kids (entering 6th grade or younger) can sign up at any of our branches. For every hour they read, they'll receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes. If they read 20 hours, they'll also be entered into our Golden Ticket raffle.

Teens (7th grade or higher) and adults can sign up for our Summer Reading program at our branches, online at mentorpl.beanstack.org or by using the Beanstack app. For every book you read or audiobook you listen to, you'll receive an entry into one of our raffles.

Summer Reading starts May 30. Don't miss our kickoff party with Outback Ray on May 30 at our Main Branch. It'll be wild! The last day to earn raffle tickets is Saturday, July 27. Happy reading!

KIDS

M A Librarian for a Day

All May

For every two nonfiction books they check out, kids (7-12) will receive a raffle ticket to win a chance to be a librarian for a day this summer. Visit the Children's Desk at our Main Branch for more information.

H Finger Paint Fridays

Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff. Space is limited, so children may need to wait for their turn.

M Travel Club

Wednesday, May 1, 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, May 1, 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 Lake Erie N-Scale Society

Model Train Display

Friday, May 3, from noon to 4:30 pm

Saturday, May 4, from 9 am to 4 pm

The Lake Erie N-Scale Society will present a special model train exhibit. Members of LENS will demonstrate the model trains and answer your train questions.

M LEGO at the Library

Saturday, May 4, 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 Star Wars Spelling Bee

Saturday, May 4, at noon

Kids (ages 8-12) can celebrate Star Wars Day with a special spelling bee. Test your spelling and knowledge of Star Wars facts. First, second, and third place will win a prize. **RR**

M Monthly Make a Craft

Monday, May 6

From 9 am - 4:30 pm

Kids can visit our children's area and make a craft, while supplies last. These crafts are designed to be made in the library and not packaged to take home.

M Muffins in the Morning

Tuesday, May 7, at 10 am

Kids (3-6) can bring their mom or other special caregiver for a treat, story, and special handprint flower keepsake. **RR**

M The Fine Arts Club

Tuesday, May 7, at 4 pm

Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month, the young artists will create their own "graffiti tags." **RR**

L Master Builders

Wednesday, May 8, at 4 pm

Kids (5-11) enjoy free play with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes during this monthly program.

HB Pet Leash Holder

Wednesdays, May 8 or 15, at 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can make a leash holder for their furry friend at The HUB. **RR**

H Next Level Video Game Club

Wednesday, May 8, 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**

L Switch Mario Kart Party

Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm

Gamers (ages 9-14) can challenge for our coveted Gamer Cup. Bring your own Switch or use ours. **RR**

H Headlands Jeopardy

Saturday, May 11, at noon

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

M Mommy & Me Spa Day

Saturday, May 11, at 1 pm

Kids (6-12) can treat their mom to a special spa day to celebrate Mother's Day. Make lip gloss and stress balls and enjoy more soothing activities. Children must be at least six years old to participate. **RR**

H Roblox Saturday

Saturday, May 11, 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**

L Oodles of Pool Noodles

Thursday, May 16, at 6 pm

Kids (4-8) can dive into summer by enjoying crafts and activities with pool noodles. **RR**

Nature Journaling

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KIDS

M **Teddy Bear Parade**
Thursday, May 23, at 10:30 am
Kids (2-6) can bring their favorite teddy bear and enjoy the fun! Families will meet at our Main Branch and then parade to Eleanor B. Garfield Park. Once we've reached the park, we'll enjoy a snack and story time.

M **Kids in the Kitchen Club**
Thursday, May 23, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can learn basic culinary skills and make yummy snacks. **RR**

HB **Pool Noodle Unicorns**
Thursdays, May 23 or 30, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can embellish their own unicorn with The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

L **World Turtle Day**
Thursday, May 23, at 6 pm
Kids (6-10) can celebrate World Turtle Day with a craft, games, and an appreciation for all things turtle! **RR**

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M **Outback Ray's Animal Show**
Thursday, May 30, at 6 pm
We're kicking off summer reading with Outback Ray's outstanding animal show! Kids of all ages can learn about critters of all types. No registration required, but you should sign up for Summer Reading while you're here.

STORYTIMES

M **Tiddlywinks**
Wednesday, May 1, at 10 am
Kids (birth to 3) with a caregiver will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

M **PJ Family Story Time**
Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm
Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

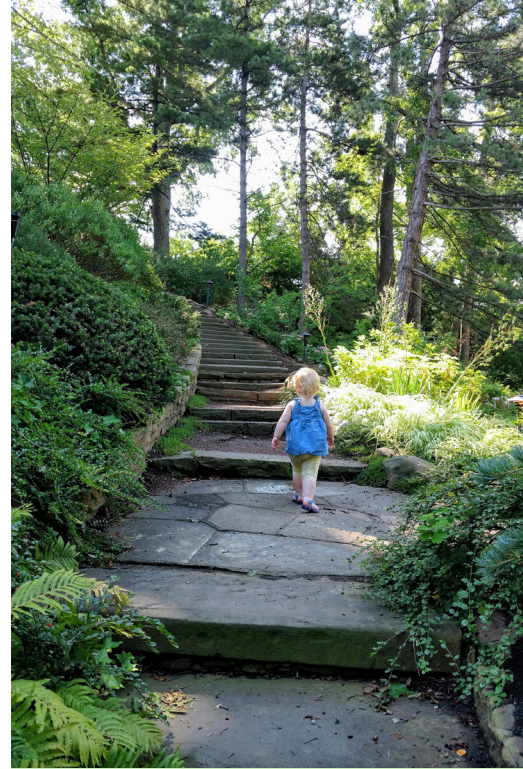
L **Musical Munchkins**
Thursday, May 2, at 10:30 am
Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts.

M **Kindergarten Prep Story Time**
Thursday, May 2, at 11 am
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**
Friday, May 3, at 10 am
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M **Firehouse Friends**
Thursday, May 9, at 10 am
Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips. When you attend this story time, you're also entered into a raffle. The grand prize is lunch with the Mentor firefighters!

L **Firefighter Story Time**
Monday, May 20, at 10:30 am
Enjoy stories and learn about fire safety with Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department.



Borrow Passes from MPL

We want YOU to check out your community with membership passes that you can borrow from us for local landmarks!

Passes are available for:

- **Akron Zoo.** Each pass is good for two adults and four kids
- **Holden Forests & Gardens,** including Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Gardens. Each pass is good for up to six people.
- **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.** Each pass is good for up to two adults and seven youth.
- **Western Reserve Historical Society,** including Hale Farm & Village. Each pass is good for two adults and the children in that household.

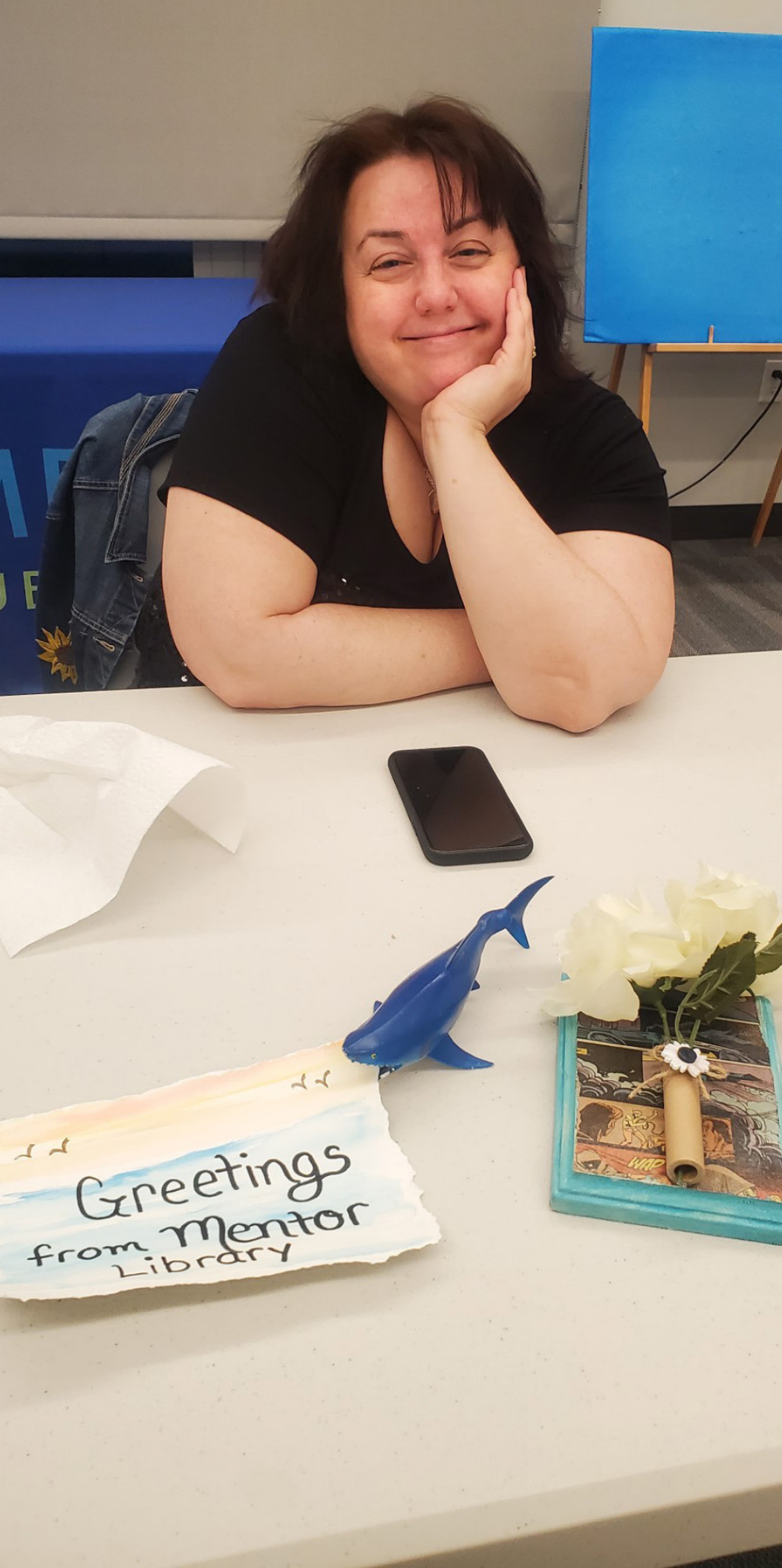
Passes can be checked out for up to seven days. They must be checked out and returned at our Main Branch.

A household may only check out one pass at a time and can only check out each pass up to two times per year.

If a pass is overdue, the late fee is \$5 per day.

Visit www.mentorpl.org/passes for more information or to reserve a pass!





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May 15 at our Lake Branch
June 19 at our Main Branch
July 17 at The HUB
The public is welcome to attend.

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Main Library

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