



# COVER TO COVER



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# KEY

**RR:** REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**H:** HEADLANDS

**HB:** THE HUB

**M:** MAIN

**L:** LAKE

**V:** VIRTUAL

# ADULT

## Spring Reading Challenge

All May

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!

## H Headlands Crafternoon

Thursday, May 1, at 1 pm

Tuesday, May 20, at 1 p.m.

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

## HB Reflection Series: Tulip Decor

Thursday, May 1, at 5:30 pm

Encourage the "May flowers" by adding lettering to a galvanized metal sign with The HUB's Cricut. The library's Reflection Series focuses on easy creations for adults of all skill levels that are perfect gifts or keepsakes. **RR**

## M Cherry Blossom Watercolor:

A Guided Paint Along

Thursday, May 1, at 6 pm

Teens and adults can celebrate spring with this guided art session where patrons follow step-by-step instructions to create a lovely watercolor painting. All supplies provided. **RR**

## M Meet Us in the Garden: Recognizing & Combating the Spotted Lanternfly

Saturday, May 3, at 10 am

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect in the United States. Lake County Master Gardeners explain how to identify the spotted lanternfly, the damage it causes, and what someone should do when they see it. **RR**

## H Come Crack Cold Cases

Monday, May 5, 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**

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## M The Garfield Legacy: US Cavalry

Monday, May 5, at 6:30 pm  
From President James A. Garfield's inauguration to World War I and beyond, several members of the Garfield family have served in the US cavalry and left an impact that deserves to be recognized. This special program will be presented by John R. Garfield, the great-great-great-great grandson of President Garfield and a senior at Shaker Heights High School. **RR**

## HB Puzzle Piece

Tuesdays, May 6 or 13, at 5:30 pm  
Make a Family Puzzle decoration using the equipment at The HUB's makerspace. **RR**

## L Welcome to Medicare with the Lake

County Council on Aging

Tuesday, May 6, at 6 pm

A specialist from the Lake County Council on Aging provides an unbiased look at Medicare basics. Bring questions to this informative and interactive presentation. **RR**

## M Caring for Your Woods: First Steps

Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm  
Join representatives from the Working Woods at Holden Forests & Gardens to discuss where to start when it comes to woodland stewardship. Learn how to assess the state of your forest and set goals based on your values. Take home resources to help you take the first (or next) steps to become a better woodland steward. **RR**

## V How to Use Anxiety to Thrive with Dr.

David H. Rosmarin

Wednesday, May 7, at 2 pm  
David Rosmarin, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and founder of Center for Anxiety, discusses his new book, **Thriving with Anxiety**. He'll discuss rethinking anxiety as a disease and considering it a normal human emotion. He'll also share how to use anxiety to increase self-compassion, enhance emotional intimacy, and accomplish what you truly want in life. Join the conversation online at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

## L Mentor-on-the-Lake History Buffs

Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 pm  
Explore the history of Mentor-on-the-Lake! Our group's primary goal is to gather and document information about the city's past. Reminiscing/sharing is also encouraged. **RR**

## Sunset Walk at Mentor Marsh

Wednesday, May 7, at 7 pm  
Enjoy a sunset walk with Becky Donaldson from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Learn what's growing and living in the marsh, and watch a beautiful sunset across the water. **For all ages!** **RR**

## HB Reflection Series: 'Joy in Little

Things' Woodcraft  
Thursdays, May 8 or 15, at 5:30 pm  
Use The HUB's Cricut and laser engraver to create a woodcraft that reminds you to enjoy simple pleasures. Our Reflection Series focuses on easy creations for adults. **RR**

## M Tea 101

Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 pm  
Learn how one plant can produce six different types of tea. Guests will sample teas from around the world while exploring the history and legends surrounding the production of tea. **RR**

## L Poses In Poetry Yoga

Friday, May 9, at 2 pm  
Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach leads a unique yoga session that pairs poses with words and rhymes from Darlene and famous poets. Please bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. **RR**

## L Gun Safety Awareness

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## M The King of the Moondoggers: Alan

Freed & the Birth of Rock and Roll  
Monday, May 12, at 6:30 pm  
Local historian Dennis Sutcliffe will talk about the life and career of legendary DJ and early rock and roll proponent Alan Freed. Hear stories of Cleveland's important place in the history of American popular music. **RR**

## L Color Me Calm

Tuesday, May 13, at 3 pm  
Relax while coloring and listening to music.

## M Cornelia B. Windiate: Lake Huron

Mystery Ship  
Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm  
Discover the story of a shipwreck that has inspired amazement and speculation since its discovery in 1986. The Cornelia B. Windiate is one of the most pristine shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. One problem: it supposedly sank in Lake Michigan — not where it was found in Lake Huron! **RR**

**L Castaways**  
Wednesdays, May 14 & 28, at 10:30 am  
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

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## **H** Headlands Craft Social Squad Wednesday, May 14, at 6 pm

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

## **V** Writing a Brilliant & Diabolical Thriller with Author Liann Zhang

Wednesday, May 14, at 7 pm

Liann Zhang discusses her explosive debut novel, **Julie Chan Is Dead**. In it, Julie Chan assumes the identity of her late twin sister, popular influencer Chloe Van Huusen, after Chloe dies mysteriously. Julie immediately finds herself immersed in a life of luxury, followers, and sinister forces. Join the conversation at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

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

Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. **RR**

## **M** Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon Saturday, May 17, 9 am to 4 pm

Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! **RR**

## **M** Board Game Saturdays

Saturday, May 17, 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** The Menopause Map: From Symptoms to Solutions

Monday, May 19, at 7 pm

Learn essential information about navigating menopause with confidence from a certified menopause coach. Learn about hormonal changes, self-care strategies, and effective coping techniques. **RR**

## **HB** Beginner Cricut: Memorial Day Edition

Tuesdays, May 20 or 27, at 5:30 pm

Learn the basics of how to use a Cricut by making a Memorial Day plaque. **RR**

## **L** Tuesday Night Crochet Club

Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm

Meet with fellow fiber artists to work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other.

## **V** How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood with Author Rachelle Bergstein

Wednesday, May 21, at 2 pm

Join the conversation with bestselling author Rachelle Bergstein as she discusses her newest book, **The Genius of Judy**. Bergstein takes an expansive look at Judy Blume's life, work and cultural impact. Discover how a housewife became a groundbreaking artist and empowered generations. Join the conversation at [libraryc.org/mentorpl](http://libraryc.org/mentorpl). **RR**

## **L** Tai Chi for Health

Wednesday, May 21, at 3:15 pm

This monthly class focuses on 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. **RR**

## **M** Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna

Wednesday, May 21, at 4 pm

Chef 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**

## **HB** Sea Glass Serenity

Wednesdays, May 21 or 28

At 5:30 pm

Create a rustic set of tea light holders using tumbled glass. **RR**

## **L** Birdsong for Beginners

Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 pm

Learn the basics of identifying birds by song with Dr. Lisa Rainsong, an expert on the music of nature throughout Ohio. Learn how and where to begin, including knowing birds' music and their habitats. No experience necessary. If weather allows, Rainsong will lead the group to Mentor Beach Park for a brief listening exercise. **RR**

## **Nature Journaling**

Tuesday, May 27, at 6 pm

Forge a deeper connection with yourself and the marvels of nature. Open to **all ages** and skill levels. In May, we'll meet at **Headlands Beach State Park**. **RR**

## **H** Bookbinding: An Introduction

Wednesday, May 28, 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** Summer Sober Sips

Wednesday, May 28, at 6 pm

Katie Perdue of SoBern Journey will lead an exploration of refreshing and flavorful beverages that don't rely on alcohol for enjoyment. **RR**

## **Color Our World Summer Reading Begins** From May 30 to July 26

Adults and teens can win raffle prize tickets for each book read and challenge completed. Visit any branch to sign up or register online at [mentorpl.beanstack.org](http://mentorpl.beanstack.org). Last day to earn tickets is Saturday, July 26.

# TECH

## **M** Learn How to Use your iPhone

Thursday, May 1, at 2 pm

Wednesday, May 21, at 2 pm  
Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an iPhone. Bring your device to this session. **RR**

## **M** PowerPoint: Computer Class

Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 pm

Learn how to create and run a presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. A librarian will explain how to create a basic presentation, provide formatting and background designs, and save the presentation. **RR**

## **M** Device Help 101

Monday, May 12, from 3 to 4 pm

Student volunteers in Lakeland Community College's Women in Technology group will be offering free tech help for smartphone, tablet, and laptop users. Please make sure you have any email addresses and passwords needed to log in. Volunteers are unable to troubleshoot or fix malfunctioning devices, replace physical parts on devices, or participate in credit-card transactions. **RR**

## **M** Basic Email

Tuesday, May 20, at 2 pm

Learn how to send and reply to emails, send attachments, and label/archive emails. **RR**

## **M** Computer Class: Excel I

Tuesday, May 20, 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. Also learn how to apply simple formulas and formatting. **RR**

## **M** Computer Class: Excel II

Wednesday, May 21, 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** Learn How to Use your Android Phone

Thursday, May 22, at 2 pm

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

## **M** Computer Class: Excel III

Thursday, May 22, 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 7, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including mysteries and true crime. May's book is **Lost Tomb** by Douglas Preston. **RR**

**M** **Back in Time Book Club**  
Tuesday, May 13, at 2 pm  
Our newest book club! Picks may be fiction or nonfiction, but they always pertain to history. In May, we discuss **The Aviator's Wife** by Melanie Benjamin. **RR**

**L** **Tuesday Night Book Club**  
Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy great reads and even better discussion. This month, we'll discuss **The Dead Key** by D.M. Pulley. **RR**

**M** **Cookbook Club**  
Wednesday, May 14, 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. Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and serving spoon for your dish. This month's theme is Pizza Party! **RR**

**H** **Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club**  
Monday, May 19, at 6:30 pm  
Our book club for teens! In May, they'll read and discuss **A Love Story Starring My Dead Best Friend** by Emily Horner. **RR**

**M** **Monday Night Book Club**  
Monday, May 19, at 6:30 pm  
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **Go as a River** by Shelley Read. **R**

**M** **Men's Book Club**  
Monday, May 19, at 7 pm  
This month's book is **Bunker Hill** by Nathaniel Philbrick. **RR**

**H** **Science Fiction Book Club**  
Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm  
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. This month, we're reading **The Book of Elsewhere** by Keanu Reeves and China Mieville. **RR**

*Our branches  
will be closed on  
Monday, May 26,  
to commemorate  
Memorial Day*

# TEEN

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**M** **Free Comic Book Day**  
Saturday, May 3  
Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by taking a free comic from our Teen Area.

**M** **VolunTEENS**  
Monday, May 5, at 3:30 pm  
Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. For more info, call 440-255-8811 ext. 1. **RR**

**L** **Teen Paint Night**  
Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 pm  
Tweens and teens (ages 11 to 17) can enjoy painting in whatever medium they prefer. Paint-by-numbers, canvases, and coloring pages will all be available to pick from. **RR**

**L** **Gun Safety Awareness**  
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# KIDS

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**M** **Lego Graffiti Wall**  
All May  
Kids of all ages can grab some blocks and create a design on our Lego Graffiti Wall.

**L** **Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt**  
All May  
Win a prize by finding the "ice cream scoops" hidden around the library.

**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, May 3, at 11 am  
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We provide the LEGO, you supply the imagination.

**M** **Book-to-Movie Book Club**  
Monday, May 5, 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 May, we're discussing **The Wizard of Oz**. **RR**

**M** **The Fine Arts Club**  
Tuesday, May 6, 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 color theory. **RR**

**HB** **Buzzy Bee Oasis**  
Wednesday, May 7 or 14, at 4 pm  
Kids (6-11) can make a simple Bee Watering Station with a little help from The HUB's Cricut Maker. **RR**

**M** **Travel Club — USA**  
Wednesday, May 7, 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. In May, we're visiting Colorado. **RR**

**H** **Paws to Read**  
Wednesday, May 7  
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**

## Sunset Walk at Mentor Marsh

Wednesday, May 7, at 7 pm

Enjoy a sunset walk with Becky Donaldson from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Learn what's growing and living in the marsh, and watch a beautiful sunset across the water. **For all ages!** **RR**

## Ozobot Hangout

Thursday, May 8, at 4 pm

Kids (8-12) can learn Ozobot basics while hanging out with other children. Ozobots are robots that teach the basics of computer programming through play. **RR**

## Headlands Trivia

Saturday, May 10, at noon

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

## Roblox Saturday

Saturday, May 10, 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**

## Next Level Video Game Club

Saturday, May 10, at 2 pm

Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

## Toddler Playdate

Monday, May 12, at 10 am

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

## Bingo Club

Thursday, May 15, at 4 pm

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

## Jigsaw Puzzle Saturday

Saturday, May 17, 9 am to 4:30 pm

**All ages** can solve jigsaw puzzles together.

## Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

Tuesday, May 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 (3-6), along with their grownups. **RR**

## Gift for Teacher

Thursday, May 22, at 4 pm

Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can create a present for their teacher. **RR**

## HB Garden Helpers Bucket

Thursdays, May 22 or 29, at 4 pm

Kids (6-11) can personalize this summertime essential — either for the beach or garden — with The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

## Color Our World Summer Reading

From May 30 to July 26

Kids (those entering 6th grade or younger) can sign up for summer reading 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.

## M Wonderful World of Bubbles

Saturday, May 31, at 11 am

We're kicking off summer reading with a visit from the Bubble Lady as she takes bubbles and science to a new level of fun! This program is open to kids of all ages. **RR**

## L Musical Munchkins

Thursday, May 1, at 10:30 am

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

## M Wiggle, Giggle & Shake

Friday, May 2, 10 am

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

## M Firehouse Friends

Thursday, May 8, at 10 am

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

## L Firefighter Storytime

Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 am

Families can join Firefighter Josh from the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department for a special story time. Learn about fire safety and firefighter's equipment. Then get a chance to explore the fire engine!





### **MPL Cover to Cover**

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May 21 at our Lake Branch  
June 18 at our Main Branch  
July 16 at The HUB  
The public is welcome to attend.

### **Friends of the Library**

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