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ADULT

Spring Reading Challenge

All April

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!

C Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Tuesday, April 1, at 10 am

Discover the life and legacy of Queen Consort Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Learn about her devotion to King George VI and how she helped save the British Monarchy. Call the Concord Township Community Center to register at 440-639-4650. **RR**

HB Fantasy Directional Signs Tuesdays, April 1 or 8, at 5:30 pm

Create a sign directing guests to your favorite fictional worlds using a laser engraver! **RR**

V Wordsmith & Wonder with Jodi Picoult Wednesday, April 2, at 7 pm

Bestselling author Jodi Picoult (**My Sister's Keeper**) discusses her newest novel, **By Any Other Name**. Join the conversation online at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

H Headlands Crafternoon Thursday, April 3, at 1 pm Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m.

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

M Lake County Council on Aging Thursday, April 3, at 2 pm

Licensed social worker Connie Brocone introduces the Lake County Council on Aging and shares what resources are available. She also shares info on emergency preparedness, how to prevent scams and fraud, and what to do if you're the victim of a scam. **RR**

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HB Reflection Series: Spring Half Apron Thursdays, April 3 or 10, at 5:30 pm

Get garden-ready by decorating an apron with The HUB's Cricut and heat press. Our Reflection Series focuses on easy creations for adults of all skill and experience levels. **RR**

M Meet Us in the Garden: The Varied & Beautiful Landscapes of Japan Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m.

Lake County Master Gardeners offer a virtual guided tour of the many different "gardens" of Japan. **RR**

H Come Crack Cold Cases Monday, April 7, 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**

C Alaska in Three Ports: A Travel Journal Tuesday, April 8, at 10 am

Learn about cruising Alaska's Inside Passage through the travel journal of a recent explorer. Discover Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan through its history, culture, wildlife, and current adaptation to cruising tourists that double and triple town populations during the summer months. Call the Concord Township Community Center to register at 440-639-4650. There will be an **encore presentation** of this program at **6 pm on Thursday, April 24, at our Main Branch**. Registration is also required for the encore presentation. **RR**

V The Stories, Science & History of Trees with Matthew Fleming Tuesday, April 8, at 2 pm

Join the conversation with Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming as he discusses the world of trees revealed in his new book, **The Tree Book: The Stories, Science & History of Trees**. It reveals the anatomy, behaviors, and beauty of these incredible plants in detail. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L Color Me Calm Tuesday, April 8, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to music.

M Plant Swap Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm

Our annual plant swap returns! Pick up an indoor plant, share cuttings of your own, or drop off a plant that you no longer need. **RR**

L Castaways Wednesdays, April 9 & 23, at 10:30 am

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

H Headlands Craft Social Squad Wednesday, April 9, at 6 pm

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

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Tofu Ten Ways Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. In April, she'll show **TEN** different ways to prepare tofu. **RR**

L Poses In Poetry Yoga Friday, April 11, 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**

Annual Community Paper Shred Day
Saturday, April 12, from 7 to 10:30 am
We're partnering with Xpress Shredding of Mentor to host this one-day event. Patrons and Mentor residents are invited to bring up to five boxes or bags of documents for shredding to Xpress Shredding's headquarters at **8001 Moving Way** (off of Tyler Boulevard) in Mentor. Cars must be in line by 10:30am. For the first time ever, electronic scrap items will also be accepted for recycling. That includes computers, computer monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners, phones, cell phones, cords, chargers, CDs, flash drives, and VHS tapes. It does NOT include televisions.

M Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon Saturday, April 12, 9 am to 9 pm

Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! A light dinner will be provided. There is a \$10 fee to cover food expenses to be paid at registration. (Patrons must sign up in person at the Main Branch's Information Desk.) **RR**

M Monday University: Birds of Northeast Ohio Monday, April 14, at 6:30 pm

More than 200 species of birds can be found in NE Ohio throughout a typical year. The Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland offers a closeup look at 100 of the most common residents, migrants, and breeding birds, including where and when to find them. **RR**

HB World Art Day Color Party Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Artists of all ages and skill levels can add some color to their world through a choice of different projects. No registration required. One per person, while supplies last.

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M **The Sinking of the Sultana:
The Civil War Disaster**
Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm
Ginnie Jeschelnic shares the story of the United States' worst maritime tragedy — the April 1865 wreck of the Sultana. Many of those who died were Ohio sons returning home from Confederate prisoner camps. Learn the stories of survivors with local ties... and of those who didn't make it. **RR**

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, April 15, 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, April 16, 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**

H **Beekeeping: A Peek into Honeybee Hives**
Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Jude Kraus from Hey Jude Honey shares this introduction into beekeeping. Discover all about the honeybee's complex society and enjoy Kraus's experiences, including how to catch a swarm of bees! **RR**

M **Instant Pot Demo with LaDonna**
Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Join local chef LaDonna Oltmanns to learn the basics of how to safely use an Instant Pot. Come ready to sample some of Oltmanns' delicious examples. **RR**

L **Yoga for Gardeners**
Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Jennifer Langsdale of Wild Nurturer Wellness shares yoga poses that are perfect for the aches and pains that gardeners feel after a long day toiling in the soil. **RR**

M **The Cold War Presidents:
Dwight Eisenhower**
Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster continues his yearlong examination of Cold War presidents. For this lecture, he spotlights the soldier-statesman Dwight Eisenhower. **RR**

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, April 19, 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.

H **Spring Quilling**
Monday, April 21, at 6:30 pm
Spring into a new hobby with paper quilling. Instruction and supplies will be provided by MulWal Creations. **RR**

HB **Star Wars Mini-Con**
Tuesday, April 22, 4 - 6 pm
We're celebrating Star Wars Day early with a one-of-a-kind craft, green-screen photo opportunity, and a meet and greet! **All ages welcome.** No registration required.

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, April 22, at 6 pm
Forge a deeper connection with yourself and the marvels of nature. Open to all ages and skill levels. In April, we'll meet at **Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve.** **RR**

M **'Where Is the No. 2?' Author Talk & Book Signing with Thomas Adams**
Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 pm
In 1909, the railroad car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2 left Conneaut. It sailed into a winter storm and never returned. Thomas Adams, author of **Where Is the No. 2**, shares his take on one of the enduring mysteries of the Great Lakes. **RR**

HB **Rustic Creations**
Wednesdays, April 23 or 30
At 5:30 pm
Create a decorative piece with pallet wood, tree branches, and The HUB's engraver. **RR**

A Forest of Words: Poetry at the Park
Wednesday, April 23, at 6 pm
In honor of National Poetry Month and Earth Day, celebrate the beauty of the world by writing while immersed in nature at **Headlands Beach State Park.** Supplies and light refreshments will be provided. Open to all ages! **RR**

HB **Reflection Series:
Tulip Decor**
Thursdays, April 24 or May 1, at 5:30 pm
Encourage the "May flowers" by adding lettering to a galvanized metal sign with The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

L **Dog Training & Behavior Modification**
Thursday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m.
A trainer with Sits 'n Wiggles CLE will share the fundamentals of dog training, focusing on how dogs learn and why they behave the way they do. **R**

V **The Thrill of Writing Action with Bestseller Gregg Hurwitz**
Thursday, April 24, at 7 pm
Gregg Hurwitz discusses his life as a writer of suspense storytelling and talks about his bestselling Orphan X series. Join the conversation at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L **Mentor-on-the-Lake Matinee Showing of 'Wicked'**
Saturday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m.
Enjoy a free screening of **Wicked!** Light refreshments will be served. **RR**

H **Studio Headlands**
Monday, April 28, 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 **Flower Bookmarks**
Tuesday, April 29, 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Create a floral bookmark with the help of The HUB's Cricut Maker. One per person, while supplies last. Open to all ages.

L **Zumba for Fun and Fitness**
Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m.
Instructor Ava guides you through a fun, free, and effective Zumba session. Zumba is an aerobic dance exercise that's great for cardiac health and stress relief. Please dress for movement. **RR**

Become a Library Poet Laureate

To celebrate National Poetry Month, writers of all ages can submit original poetry to win the title of Library Poet Laureate 2025! Winners in each age group will receive a \$20 gift card to Half Price Books.

The age groups will be Adult (18 and older), Teen (12 to 17), and Children (11 and younger).

Poems can be submitted by email to branch-headlands@mentorpl.org or in person at any of our branches. Contact details — your name, age, and phone number or email — must be included with your submission. Submit up to two original works!

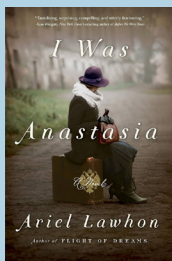
Poems can be written in any style and on any subject. However, anything deemed inappropriate, vulgar, or offensive by library staff will be rejected from consideration.

By entering the contest, you agree to allow Mentor Public Library to publish your poems online and in a printed anthology. You may submit anonymously but, if you do, you forfeit the ability to win any prizes.

Book Clubs

M **It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including mysteries and true crime. April's book is **Dirty Laundry** by Disha Bose. **RR**

M **Back in Time Book Club**
Tuesday, April 8, at 2 pm
Our newest book club! Picks may be fiction or nonfiction, but they always pertain to history. In April, we discuss **I Was Anastasia** by Ariel Lawhon. **RR**



L **Tuesday Night Book Club**
Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads and even better discussion. This month, we'll discuss **Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman. **RR**

M **Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, April 9, 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 inspiration are the cookbooks by Yotam Ottolenghi. **RR**

H **Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. We're reading **Dawn** by Octavia Butler. **RR**

M **Men's Book Club**
Monday, April 21 at 7 pm
This month's book is **Camino Island** by John Grisham. **RR**

M **Monday Night Book Club**
Monday, April 28, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon. **R**

TECH

L **Basic Computers & Internet**
Tuesday, April 1, at 2 pm
Learn the basics skills needed to use a computer and search the Internet. No previous experience necessary. **RR**

L **Word 1**
Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm
An introduction to Microsoft Word. Learn how to use the word-processing software to create, open, and save documents, as well as select text and change its formatting. **RR**

L **Basic Email**
Wednesday, April 2, at 2 pm
Learn how to send and reply to emails, send attachments, and label/archive emails. **RR**

L **Word 2**
Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm
Learn more techniques for Microsoft Word, including how to use mini toolbars. Find out how to adjust spacing, alignment, margins, and orientation in your documents. **RR**

M **No More Cable: How to Cut Cable & Start Streaming**
Monday, April 7, at 2 pm
Learn how to save money while still getting the entertainment you want when you cut cable. A librarian will help you find out which of the many streaming services available are worth the money for you and your family. She'll also introduce you to some of the streaming services that are available for free with your MPL card. **RR**

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M **Learn How to Use your Android Phone**
Wednesday, April 30, 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 **Word 2**
Wednesday, April 30, at 6:30 pm
Learn more techniques for Microsoft Word, including how to use mini toolbars. Find out how to adjust spacing, alignment, margins, and orientation in your documents, as well as how to use spell check, thesaurus, and find-and-replace tools. **RR**

TEEN

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M **VolunTEENS**
Monday, April 7, 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**

H **Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club**
Monday, April 14, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens! In April, they'll read and discuss **Good Omens** by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman. **RR**

HB **World Art Day Color Party**
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M **Crafty Teens: Peeps Diorama**
Monday, April 21, at 2 pm
Teens (7th-12th grade) can make dioramas with Peeps while sipping on tea or hot cocoa. **RR**

HB **Star Wars Mini-Con**
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*In celebration of Easter,
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April 20.*

KIDS

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M Egg Hatching at the Library

March 17 until hatch

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.

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 The Fine Arts Club

Tuesday, April 1, 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 nature art and the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy. **RR**

HB Hop Into Spring Tee

Wednesday, April 2, 4 - 6 pm

Kids (6-11) can learn to make an adorable spring-themed shirt with The HUB's Cricut and Heat Press. No registration required. While supplies last.

M Travel Club — USA

Wednesday, April 2, 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 Let's Cook with Kids

Wednesday, April 2, 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**

M Yoga Kids

Thursday, April 3, at 1 pm

Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. **RR**

M Egg-cellent Facts

Thursday, April 3, at 4:30 pm

We're hatching chickens this spring! Jess Nestor from Meyer Hatchery will discuss the process of hatching. Bring your questions. She *may* also have some chicks with her. **RR**

M LEGO at the Library

Saturday, April 5, 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 Adopt A Chick

Saturday, April 5, at 1 pm

Bird is the word! Kids (5-12) can adopt a pet chick toy and make it a home. **RR**

M Book-to-Movie Book Club

Monday, April 7, 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 April, we're discussing Louis Sachar's **Holes**. **RR**

L Video Game Party

Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm

Tweens can play video games and compete for the coveted Best Gamer Trophy. **RR**

L Toddler Playdate

Monday, April 14, at 10 am

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

M Book Bunnies

Monday, April 14, at 4 pm

Reluctant readers in up to fifth grade can schedule a 15-minute reading slot with the Book Bunnies! A friendly face — particularly one with a wiggle nose — can help ease reading jitters and build confidence. **RR**

HB DIY Hair Ribbons

Thursday, April 17, 3:30 — 7 pm

Kids (up to age 11) can make ponytail holders with their choice of beautiful pastel ribbons, while supplies last.

M Bingo Club

Thursday, April 17, at 4 pm

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

L Kids Craft: Sand Art

Monday, April 21, 11 am — 4 pm

Kids (5-12) can enjoy sand-art crafts, while supplies last.

L Disney Music Bingo

Wednesday, April 23, at 6 pm

Play bingo with a musical twist! Each space will be a Disney tune. Listen and sing along to your favorite Disney songs. Fun prizes for winners! Disney-themed attire may not be required, but it *is* supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. **RR**



STORYTIMES

M Family Story Time

Mondays, 10 am

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

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

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

M Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11 am

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

Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

L Musical Munchkins

Thursdays, 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

Fridays, 10 am

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

M Firehouse Friends

Thursday, April 10, at 10 am

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

M Tree Tale Tellers

Tuesday, April 15, at 11 am

Kids can learn about plants and nature during this special story time with a Tree Tale Teller from Holden Forests & Gardens. **RR**



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