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MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 2025

KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
M: MAIN
L: LAKE
V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

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M **Meet Us in the Garden: Planning a Garden from the Ground Up**
Saturday, Aug. 2, at 10 am
The Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers will explain how to create a nature-friendly landscape within a mostly open yard. Perfect for those facing a blank landscaping slate. RR

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, Aug. 4, 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 donuts will be served, because sleuths need their energy too. RR

V **The Stories, Science & History of Birds with Smithsonian Biologist Jay Falk**
Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 2 pm
Explore the biology, history, and stories we tell about birds with Dr. Jay Falk. You can join the online conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Paint Night**
Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 6 pm
Artist Stephanie Royko will guide adults through the creation of a serene sailboat scene. Space is limited. Register in person at the Main Branch's Information Desk. There is a $20 fee to cover supplies, which must be paid upon registration. RR

HB **Welcome Home**
Wednesdays, Aug. 6 or 13
At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's laser engraver to make an elegantly crafted Welcome Sign. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, Aug. 7, at 1 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with us. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

M **Sea Turtles**
Thursday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 pm
Kevin Magee discusses sea turtles — and how overfishing, pollution, and rapid climate change have affected marine life. RR

H **Dog Days of Summer Adoption Event with Lake Humane Society**
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H **Boredom Busters: Enrichment for Dogs**
Monday, Aug. 11, at 6 pm
The experts from Cold Nose Companions suggest toys and activities that keep your dog healthy, active, and out of trouble. (Please leave the pups at home. This program is for humans only.) RR

L **Iris Paper Folding**
Monday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 pm
Iris folding is a fun paper crafting technique that creates beautiful, layered spiral designs. All materials provided. RR

M **Monday University: History of Woodland Cemetery**
Monday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 pm
Woodland Cemetery was founded in 1853 as part of the rural cemetery movement. Discover its history with Michelle Day of the Woodland Cemetery Foundation. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, Aug. 13 & 27, 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, Aug. 13, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists **of all ages** and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their current projects.

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns: Vegan Pasta Primavera**
Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. Oltmanns specializes in plant-based dishes and, this month, she's making the perfect pasta primavera. RR

L **Ohio's Lost Amusement Parks**
Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6:30 pm
North Coast Narrative's Brian George will talk about the popular parks of yesteryear, including Euclid Beach Park, Crystal Beach Park, Idora Park, and more! It's a thrill ride for your memories. RR

M **Saturday Scrapbooking**
Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 am to 4 pm
Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games. Bring your own or play one from the library's collection.

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, Aug. 19, 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, Aug. 20, 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

HB **Enchanted Luminaria**
Wednesdays, Aug. 20 or 27
At 5:30 pm
Capture the whimsical and wonderful essence of a fairy dwelling with a recycled bottle and The HUB's laser engraver. RR

L **Yoga for Common Aches & Pains**
Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m.
Jennifer Langsdale from Wild Nurturer Wellness of Concord will lead a class filled with simple chair yoga postures and breathwork designed to address common aches and pains. No yoga mat needed. RR

V **Food & Flirty Fun in Fiction with Casey McQuiston**
Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 7 pm
Bestselling author Casey McQuiston discusses her spiciest romantic comedy yet, **The Pairing**. McQuiston's books have topped charts and been adapted into a movie on Amazon Prime. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

L **Introduction to Crystals**
Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m.
A presenter from Peace, Love and Crystal Healing of Willoughby will discuss the usage and appreciation of crystals and minerals. They will explain the formations and history of crystals, as well as cover the basic concepts of metaphysical healing with such stones. RR

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HB Adorable S'mores
Tuesday, Aug. 26, 4 — 6 pm
Use The HUB's Cricut and laser engraver to make an excellent (but inedible) s'more. While supplies last.

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 pm
Let nature inspire you! Open to **all ages** and skill levels. In August, we'll meet at **Veterans Park** in Mentor. All supplies provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. RR

V How to Thrive in Constant Chaos with Dr. Tasha Eurich
Thursday, Aug. 28, at 2 pm
Learn how to master the daily grind in a tumultuous world with key insights by organizational psychologist Dr. Tasha Eurich as she talks about her new book, **Shatterproof: How to Thrive in a World of Constant Chaos.** Sign up at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

TECH

L Getting the Most Out of Facebook
Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 10 am
Learn about privacy settings, events, and Facebook Market Place. Please come to this class with your Facebook login information, including your password. RR

L Excel 1: Computer Class
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 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. RR

L Word 1: Computer Class
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 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 Computers & Internet: Computer Class
Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 10 am
Learn the basics skills needed to use a computer and search the internet. Mouse and typing skills required. RR

L Excel 2: Computer Class
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 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. RR

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L Word 2: Computer Class
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 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

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M Finding Your Ancestors: Using Ancestry Library Database
Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 10 am
Explore your family's history with one of the largest genealogy databases — and it's free to use with Mentor Public Library! Learn how to navigate the site and research your family tree. Computer and internet skills are essential. RR

M Basic Email: Computer Class
Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 2 pm
Learn how to send, reply, label, and archive emails, as well as send attachments. RR

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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

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class
Thursday, Aug. 28, 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 Microsoft Word — Flyers, Pictures & Drawing Tools: Computer Class
Thursday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create flyers, manipulate pictures, and to effectively use its drawing tools. Microsoft Word experience necessary for this class. RR

Book Clubs

HB Caraval: Romantasy HUB Club
Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 5:30 pm
Each month, we discuss a romantic fantasy title and make a craft inspired by the book. This month, we're talking about **Caraval** by Stephanie Garber. RR

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 pm
Discuss crime-related genres, including mysteries and true crime. August's book is **Golden Doves** by Martha Hall Kelly. RR

H Gathering Moss Book Club
Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 pm
Our book club for nature lovers returns for the summer! This month, we're discussing **How to Be a Good Creature** by Sy Montgomery. RR

M Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. In August, we discuss **Girls of Atomic City** by Denise Kiernan. RR

M Cookbook Club: Sandwiches
Wednesday, Aug. 13, 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. This month's theme is **sandwiches**. RR

H Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club
Monday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens! In August, the club selected to read and discuss **Their Vicious Games** by Joelle Washington. RR

M Men's Book Club
Monday, Aug. 18, at 7 pm
This month's book is **I Cheerfully Refuse** by Leif Enger. RR

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In August, we're reading **The Ferryman** by Justin Cronin. RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Aug. 25, at 7 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **The Photograph** by Penelope Lively. RR

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STORYTIMES

M Early Intervention Family Story Time
Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

H Dog Tales Story Time
Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 11 am
Preschool-aged kids can enjoy this story time that's all about dogs! RR

KIDS

L Emoji Scavenger Hunt
All August
Find the different emojis hidden throughout the library. A new emoji will be hiding each day.

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, Aug. 2 at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We supply the LEGO; you bring the creativity.

M Book-to-Movie Book Club
Monday, Aug. 4, 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 August, we're discussing **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen. RR

M The Fine Arts Club
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 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 the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy. RR

M Travel Club — USA
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 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 August, we're traveling to West Virginia. RR

H Let's Cook with Kids
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 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, Aug. 7, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time with Darlene Kelbach. RR

L Video Game Party
Thursday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 pm
Tweens can play video games with friends but only one can win the coveted Best Gamer Trophy. Game on! RR

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H Roblox Saturday
Saturday, Aug. 9, 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

L Toddler Playdate
Monday, Aug. 11, at 10 am
Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

HB Welcome Back to School Pencil Pouches
Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 4 pm
Kids can personalize their pencil pouches in The HUB's makerspace. RR

M Perseid Party
Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 6:30 pm
Kids (4-12) can learn about the most plentiful meteor shower of the year through games, snacks, and crafts. RR

M Ozobot Hangout
Thursday, Aug. 14, at 4 pm
Kids can learn about Ozobots while hanging out with peers. Ozobots are small robots that can teach the basics of computer programming through play. RR

HB Welcome Back to School Pencil Boxes
Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 4 pm
Kids can customize their pencil boxes in the makerspace. Please do not schedule your child for both this program and **Welcome Back to School Pencil Pouches**. RR

M Bingo Club
Thursday, Aug. 21, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. The games have a different theme each month! RR

M Family Luau
Saturday, Aug. 23, at 1 pm
Kids (3-12) can enjoy Hawaiian-style fun with stories, songs, games, and crafts. RR

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Thanks for Another Super Summer!

You made masterpieces like Monet and sailed the seas with Moana.

You experienced artifacts from Egypt and got your hands dirty with the Lake County Master Gardeners.

You learned about robots with the Electric Hornets, studied STEM (and stems) with the Holden Arboretum, and created art like Alma Thomas.

And you READ! Thousands of you signed up for our Summer Reading program. The children read tens of thousands of hours! The teens and adults read thousands of books!

In short, it's been a spectacular summer! Don't forget to submit all of your books or hours read by Saturday, July 26.

And you can join us for our Summer Reading Finale Party at 6 pm on Thursday, July 31, at our Main Branch.

Families can enjoy a live DJ, glow-in-the-dark dancing, activities, refreshments, and find out if they won one of our Summer Reading prizes!

The party is free and open to all. No registration is required.

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Aug. 20
Sept. 17
Oct. 15
The public is welcome to attend.

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