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Mentor Public Library



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November 2021



New Photography Club

We've launched a new photography club open to all ages and skill levels.

Our first get-together will be 1 pm on Saturday, Nov. 20, at our Headlands Branch.

Each month features tips and new themes. We'll also have photo walks to local locations and opportunities to display your photos.

RSVP by calling the library or sign up on our event calendar. Bring your own camera. All camera types welcome!

Lecture Series Revisits The Vietnam War

All year, our resident historian Dr. John Foster has traced the tragic history of the wars in Vietnam with a series of lectures. The next talk will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 4, at our Main Branch.

Foster will revisit the period from 1963 to 1968, beginning with the assassinations of Ngo Dinh Diem and John F. Kennedy and ending with the Tet Offensive. He'll also describe the war's profound consequences both in Vietnam and the United States.

Foster's talk is free to attend. Registration is required. All three of Foster's previous lectures on The Vietnam Wars can be viewed at www.mentorpl.org/thevietnamwar.

In addition to being a reference librarian, Foster has a doctorate degree in history. He has taught history at both high school and college levels.

Previously, he has led series on the Battles of World War II, the Cold War, the American Revolution, and US Presidents of the 20th Century at the library.



Back by popular demand! You can once again borrow a **Family Movie Night Kit** from us.

Each kit has a different theme and everything needed for a cozy night in with the kids, including:

- * A DVD of a family-friendly flick
- * Five picture books
- * A bag of microwave popcorn
- * Four packets of hot cocoa.

You can borrow a kit by calling the Children's Department in our Main Branch at (440) 255-8811 ext. 3. The kit can be picked up the same day in the Children's Department.

Movie kits are available while supplies last with a reservation, so please call ahead.

Also, we cannot accommodate specific movie or book requests as part of the kit. Enjoy the element of surprise!



More Open Hours!

Starting Nov. 1, our Lake Branch is open from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday.

We've also added another day at The HUB, so that branch is open from 3 to 8 pm every Monday through Thursday. That means more time to create in the magnificent Makerspace!



**Renew, reserve and research 24/7
online at www.mentorpl.org**

Play Your Way on International Games Day



International Games Day is Saturday, Nov. 13, and there are a couple of ways to get in the game at Mentor Public Library!

Kids can compete in our friendly Mario Kart Tournament at 1 pm at our Main Branch. Young racers (ages six to 12) can play on Switch, Wii U, or even N64 if you like it retro.

We'll also have crafts and games available for you to play between races. Even parents can join in the fun!

Meanwhile, we're playing ROBLOX at 2 p.m. at our Headlands Branch. You can join us in person or online.

The more, the merrier; but we encourage everyone to bring their own devices to play on. In-house computer availability is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is required for both our Mario Kart Tournament and ROBLOX adventure. So either call the library or RSVP on our website.

Starring: Cleveland's Playhouse Square

Discover the history of Cleveland's famed Playhouse Square during a special program with Michael R. Routa at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at our Main Branch.

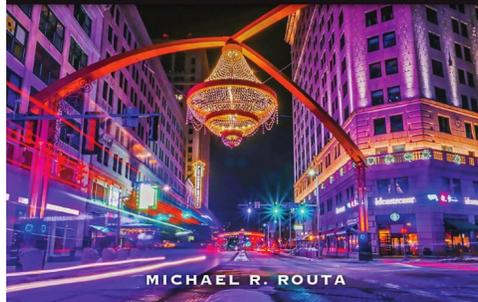
Routa is a Playhouse Square volunteer Redcoat, tour guide, and author who literally wrote the book on the Playhouse Square Center.

The story of Playhouse Square begins a century ago when Cleveland was one of America's largest and most prosperous cities. Since then, the theaters fell on hard times but were rescued from demolition through visionary planning, hard work, and civic pride.

This talk is free and open to all. Registration required. Learn more about this local treasure.



A History of **CLEVELAND'S PLAYHOUSE SQUARE**



MICHAEL R. ROUTA

Learn the Basics of Medicare

Are you new to Medicare? Have you used it for years but still have questions? Either way, you can learn the basics of Medicare from either of two programs that we're hosting this November.

The first will be at 6 pm on Thursday, Nov. 11, at our Lake Branch. The second begins at 6 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at our Main Branch. Both programs will be led by a speaker from Pelorus Financial. Registration is required, so sign up to reserve your seat in the room.



Dive into an Underwater Shipwreck Investigation

Follow Kevin Magee, cofounder of the Cleveland Underwater Explorers, down to the murky floor of Lake Erie to investigate the true story of the shipwrecked *Plymouth* at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at our Main Branch.

Magee will share the story behind the *Plymouth* discovery in 1996 and the research that went into identifying the unknown wreck.

He'll also explain how and why the schooner collided into a sidewheel steamer on the night of June 23, 1852.

This isn't the story of a single wreck. This fascinating story combines government, commerce, and tragedy. It demonstrates the early development of transportation in the United States and even involves a president!

Magee's talk is free to attend and open to all. Everyone from history buffs to lake lovers to scuba enthusiasts will enjoy it.

Registration is required. So please call the library or RSVP online to reserve your seat in the room.

Health & Safety Update

Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, we are taking the following precautions:

1. Registration is required for most programs and attendance is limited.
2. Masks are encouraged.
3. Family groups are asked to socially distance from other family groups.

We will continue to adapt to the changing situation. Please feel free to contact us for current safety guidelines.

Ohio Public Libraries have been distributing free at-home Covid-19 rapid tests. Please call to see if we have any tests available before coming to pick one up, as they are very popular and our supplies sometimes run out.

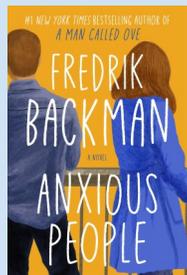
Book Clubs at Mentor Library

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 pm
 This club reads thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. This month, they'll discuss *Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. People can join the discussion in person or via Zoom. **R**

L Colorful Characters Book Club
Friday, Nov. 5, at 10 am
 This club combines good reads, great conversation, and coloring. This month, we're reading *The Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis. **R**

M Men's Book Club
Monday, Nov. 15, at 7 pm
 This month's book is *The Second Founding: How the Civil War & Reconstruction Remade the Constitution* by Eric Foner. **R**

Senior Center Book Club
Wednesday Nov. 17, at 1:30 pm
Mentor Senior Center
 This month's book is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. **R**



H Gathering Moss Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 pm
Mentor Headlands Community Center
 Our book club for nature lovers! This month, we're reading *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds & Shape our Futures* by Merlin Sheldrake. Join us at the Headlands Community Center. **R**

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 pm
 Discuss bestsellers, popular reads and books of interest. This month's book is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman **R**

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Adult Programs

Register online at www.mentorpl.org or call Information Services at 255-8811, ext. 247

M = Main

L = Lake

H = Headlands

 = The HUB

V = Watch virtually online

R = Registration required

M Color Me Calm
Thursdays, Nov. 11 & 18, at 10:30 am
 Adults can enjoy coloring with relaxing music at the library.

Murder Most Foul
Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 10 am
Concord Community Center
 History buffs and true-crime fanatics will love these tales of macabre murder and mistresses presented by the staff of James A. Garfield National Historic Site. To register, call the Concord Township Community Center at 440-639-4650. **R**

 **Thanksgiving Wreaths**
Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 5 pm
 Create a beautiful Thanksgiving wreath at The HUB. **R**



L Back to your Roots Genealogy Group
Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 pm
 Interested in your family history? Share genealogy tips, exchange information, and talk shop with likeminded individuals. All experience levels are welcome. **R**

V Meet Us in the Garden: Holiday Flowers
Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10 am
 Lake County Master Gardeners share their expertise in a series of monthly garden talks. In November, they'll discuss holiday flowers. To sign up, email mgvlakecounty@gmail.com **R**

M Monday University: Native Plants for the Home Landscape
Monday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 pm
 Make your home landscape an oasis for native plants with advice from Natalie Gertz-Young from the Lake Soil and Water Conservation District. Also learn about winter sowing and make a mini-native plant greenhouse to take home. **R**

From Princess to Queen
Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10 am
Concord Community Center
 Discover the life of Queen Elizabeth II before she became queen! Learn about the people and events that shaped her life and prepared her to become the beloved monarch she is today. **R**

 **Thanksgiving Platter**
Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 5 pm
 Create a festive Thanksgiving platter using the Makerspace's Cricut. **R**

M Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Lincoln & Garfield - Similarities & Differences
Wednesday, Nov. 10, at noon
 Presidents Abraham Lincoln and James A. Garfield have a lot in common. They're both Republicans. They both lost their parents at an early age. But they didn't always agree. Discover the important similarities and differences between these two leaders. Speaker is Todd Arrington from James A. Garfield National Historic Site. **R**

M Through the Eyes of the Artist: William Bouguereau
Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 pm
 Learn the unforgettable story of William Bouguereau. He was one of the most important and influential artists of his time, but he barely appears in Art History books. Discover why with art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman. **R**



Programs for Adults

All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg
Saturdays, Nov. 13 & 27, at noon

MPL librarians Cailey and Meg recommend and discuss what they've been reading. Their recommendations have a different theme each episode. Watch *All Booked Up* on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

 **Wooden Napkin Rings**
Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 5 pm

Use The HUB's laser engraver to make stunning autumnal napkin rings. Perfect for Thanksgiving! **R**

 **Adult Take & Make Craft: Pet Pendants**
Starting Thursday, Nov. 18

Adults and teens can pick up all the supplies and instructions they need to make a *purr*-fect pet pendant at the reference desk in our Main Branch.

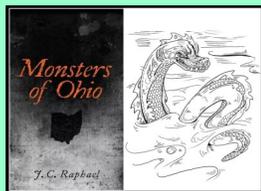
FOR TEENS TOO

 **Life Hacks: Simple Meals**

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:30 pm

Are you a cooking novice and don't know where to begin? Teens and adults can enjoy and learn from this program where our librarians will share tips to help you start making delicious recipes at home. **R**

FOR TEENS TOO



 **Monsters of Ohio with Author J.C. Raphael**

Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 pm

J.C. Raphael will share stories of local monsters, strange creatures, and other unexplainable things. Raphael is the author of *Monsters of Ohio*, a comprehensive guide to Ohio folklore, urban legends, and cryptozoological creatures. His book will be available for sale and signing after his talk. **R**

FOR TEENS TOO

 **Holistic Wellness & Yoga**
Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 2 pm

Yoga teacher Darlene Kelbach will lead an hour-long class that includes a relaxing yoga session and offer tips on holistic therapies. Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. **R**

 **Crafty Adults**
Monday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 pm

Create a new craft each month. We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity. All skill levels are welcome. **R**

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Programs for Kids

 **Headlands Take & Make Crafts**
All November

Kids can grab a craft kit from our Headlands Branch while supplies last. New crafts each week!

 **Homework Help**
Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Kids of any age can get homework help with a certified teacher. No registration required. Availability on a walk-in basis.

 **Fairy Lantern**
Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 5 pm

Kids (5-8) can enjoy magic, whimsy, and glitter when they make fairy lanterns at The HUB. We provide all the supplies, including jars, paint, glitter, decals, and fairy lights. **R**

 **Pinecone Turkey Craft**
Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 5 pm

Kids (5-8) can transform pinecones into crafty turkeys. The perfect centerpiece for the kids' table this Thanksgiving. **R**

 **Wiggle, Giggle & Shake**
Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 am

Children (2-6) and their caregivers can have fun clapping, marching, and moving during this interactive program. **R**

 **DIY Neon Signs**
Thursday, Nov. 11, at 6 pm

FOR TEENS

Teens (seventh through 12th grade) can make a glowing sign for their room or as a crafty, unique gift. We'll share design suggestions but creativity is always welcome! This project involves sharp tools being used under supervision. The sign uses battery-powered EL wire, not actual neon. **R**

 **Headlands Jeopardy**
Saturday, Nov. 13, at noon

Kids can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges on the second Saturday of the month at our Headlands Branch. **R**

 **Studio MPL Art Club**
Monday, Nov. 15, from 3 - 7 pm

Calling all creative kids! Each month, children can enjoy a fun art project and corresponding activity featuring a different famous artist and their work. For kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Walk-in program; no registration required.



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Mentor Public Library Programs for Kids



Pumpkin Pie Playdough

Thursday, Nov. 16, at 4 pm

Kids (5-12) can make pumpkin pie-scented playdough. **R**



Alphabet Express

Thursday, Nov. 18, at 10 am

Kids (3-5) can hop aboard the Alphabet Express and journey through their ABCs with books, songs, activities and printable resources that families can take home. **R**



Family Game Night: Big Games

Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 pm

Family game night? THINK BIGGER! You and your families can enjoy supersized versions of Jenga, Connect 4, Battleship, and even Scrabble. Open to family groups with kids ages 13 and younger with an adult. **R**



Tiny Food Party

Monday, Nov. 22, at 4:30 pm

Tweens (9-13) can enjoy some bite-sized dishes for all the meals of the day during our Tiny Food Party. An ingredient list will be available for those concerned about food allergies. **R**



Holiday Movie & Craft

Monday, Nov. 29, at 2 pm

Families can kick off the holidays by making crafts while watching a fun and family-friendly film at the Lake Branch. The holidays can be so busy. Why go crazy when you can get crafty instead? **R**



THE TRADITION RETURNS!

Enjoy a holiday classic while eating a lunch that Chef Snoopy would be proud of during our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Lunch at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at our Main Branch.

The screening is open to all, but the lunch is for kids only. Those younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Our branches close at 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and are closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving. We reopen on Friday.

And you know what's a really great Black Friday deal? Borrowing something for free from the library.



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November 17

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The public is welcome to attend. All meetings are in person at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

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Your Destination for Information

Story Times This November!

This story time session concludes on Friday, Nov. 19. We'll return with holiday story times in December! Our Story Times are in person and indoors this autumn. Registration is required, unless otherwise indicated. With our story times (and with all of our in-person programs,) it is up to you to determine your level of comfort. If you are concerned about public gatherings, you don't need to attend.

M **Snappy Little Story Time** **10 am on Mondays, through Nov. 15**

Kids from birth to five years old can enjoy a story time that combines songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories – all geared to the little listener. This story time doesn't include a craft. **R**

M **Tiddlywinks** **10 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, through Nov. 17**

Children from birth to three years old accompanied by their adults will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes. **R**

L **Storytime Stars** **10:30 am on Tuesdays, through Nov. 16**

Kids (ages five and younger) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

M **Preschool Story Time** **11 am on Tuesdays, through Nov. 16**

Kids (3-6) will love and learn with stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Adults don't need to attend this story time along with their child. **R**

M **Pre-K Pop Party** **11 am on Wednesdays, through Nov. 17**

Does your little one have energy to burn? Then they'll love our Pre-K Pop Party. Each week, we throw a party full of music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. Open to kids (3 - 5) without an adult. **R**

M **PJ Family Story Time** **6:30 pm on Wednesdays, through Nov. 17**

Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. All ages welcome. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. **R**

L **Musical Munchkins** **10:30 am on Thursdays, through Nov. 18**

Kids (five and younger) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with music, singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

M **Mother Goose on the Loose** **10 am on Fridays**

This 4-week interactive program is perfect for kids from birth to 30 months old. It uses rhymes, songs, puppets, and more to stimulate learning. Registration is required and begins Oct. 8. Second session begins Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 12. **R**

M **Family Favorites Story Time** **11 am on Fridays, through Nov. 19**

All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **R**

M **Saturday Stories** **11 am on Saturday, Nov. 13**

Families can enjoy stories, rhymes, and fingerplays at the library. **R**

*Register at www.mentorpl.org or call 440-255-8811, ext. 220/221.
See our online calendar for all story times and clubs at all branches.*