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NOVEMBER 2026

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

ADULT

H **100 Bird Challenge**
Ohio has 200+ species of birds that migrate here or live in the state all year long. See how many you can find! Pick up a count list from the Headlands Branch. Challenge lasts all year long!

M **A Cop & A Coffee Cup**
Monday, Nov. 2, at 2 pm
University Circle Police Chief Tom Wetzel will discuss the power of community policing and the current state of policing in America. He'll also share best practices to keep you safe at home and when you're out. His book, **A Cop and a Coffee Cup**, will be available for sale and signing after his talk. RR

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. RR

M **Love, Lies & Murder in Northern Ohio**
Monday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 pm
Local author Wendy Koile shares true-crime stories where love and hate intermingled. Discover the story of the Phantom-Flapper Killer who shot her lover after he threatened to expose her infidelity or Max Amerman who killed for the woman of his dreams. RR

V **Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Asha Frost**
Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 2 pm
Join bestselling author and indigenous medicine woman Asha Frost for a discussion of her groundbreaking book, **You Are the Medicine**. Learn how to apply ancient wisdom to your life and release yourself from self-doubt, fear, and disconnection. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Autumn Felt Garland**
Tuesday, Nov. 3 or 10, At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's laser engraver to make autumnal felt garland that adds warmth to any home. RR

M **Cleveland's Naughty Parts: True Tales of Vice, Scandal & Bad Behavior**
Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 pm
Author Jim Sweeney shares tawdry and true tales from his new book, **Cleveland's Naughty Parts**. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing afterward. RR

M **Garfield's Orbit**
Wednesday, Nov. 4, at noon
Discover some of the iconic figures who were friends or associates with President James A. Garfield, including Alexander Graham Bell, Cyrus Field, and Matthew Brady. Explore their ties to Garfield and learn what happened to them after his untimely death. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, Nov. 5, or Tuesday, Nov. 17 At 1 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

HB **Maker's Bag**
Thursday, Nov. 5 or 12, at 5:30 pm
Customize a tote that's totally perfect for the maker on the go! This craft will use The HUB's Cricut Maker and heat press. RR

M **The Fall of Rome: The Fall (and Rise) of the West**
Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster concludes his lecture series on the Roman Empire! He'll trace the dramatic events from the sack of Rome to the deposition of the west's last emperor. He'll also question whether Rome truly *fell* or if it transformed (again) into something new. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Seasonal Greens**
Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10 am
The Lake County Master Gardeners share which seasonal greens make for the best holiday decorations and stay fresh the longest. They'll also explore what shrubs and evergreens look lovely in your landscaping this time of year. RR

H **Thankful Thoughts: DIY Gratitude Journals**
Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 pm
Teens and adults can enjoy a workshop where they'll make gratitude journals. The library will provide notebooks, stickers, decorative paper, and simple prompts to help you get started. No artistic or writing experience required. RR

L **Choosing Your Christmas Tree & Decorating with Greens**
Monday, Nov. 9, at 1:30 pm
The Lake County Master Gardeners offer advice for selecting the right Christmas tree and making easy (and gorgeous) wreaths. RR

M **A More Perfect Union**
Monday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 pm
The Largely Literary Theater Company offers a tribute to the writing and writers who inspired the cause of American independence, including Thomas Paine's Common Sense, The Federalist Papers, Patrick Henry's speeches, and (of course) the Declaration of Independence. RR

H **Headlands Writers' Group**
Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 pm
Join our writers' group! The evening will begin with a guided prewriting exercise and 30 minutes of free writing, followed by group sharing and constructive criticism. RR

V **Can We Settle Mars? with a Scientist and Cartoonist**
Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 2 pm
The Wienersmiths — Dr. Kelly and Zach — lead an online discussion about their new book, **A City on Mars: Can We Settle Space, Should We Settle Space, and Have We Really Thought This Through.** Dr. Kelly Weinersmith is a scientist, Zach Wienersmith is a cartoonist, and together they write bestselling science books. Join the fun at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **DIY Wine Glass Charms**
Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy a fun and creative workshop where you'll design unique charms using beads and other decorative supplies. The charms will add style and personality to any occasion. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, Nov. 11 & 25, at 10 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

V **Rethinking Wealth & Greed in Modern Society with Paul Vigna**
Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 2 pm
Veteran journalist and financial expert Paul Vigna discusses his book, **The Almightier: How Money Became God, Greed Became Virtue, and Debt Became Sin**. It tackles the question: how did money go from a tool of commerce into the dominant faith of modern society? Join this exclusive author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

H **Headlands Craft Squad Social**
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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**
Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making black pepper tofu! RR

ADULT

L No Gear in my Size: Becoming One of Ohio's First Female Firefighters
Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 pm
Connie McCullough faced skepticism, resistance, and the challenge of finding gear that fit when she became one of the first certified female firefighters in Ohio. She'll share her firsthand story about the obstacles she faced and overcame. RR

M Spice Club: Black Pepper
Starting Sunday, Nov. 15
Pick up a free take-home kit from our reference desk with a sample of this month's spice and a suggested recipe. One kit per family, while supplies last.

L Cozy Crafts: Friendship Bracelets
Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 pm
Adults can craft friendship bracelets in a cozy atmosphere. RR

M Immune Support Yoga & Aromatherapy
Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6 pm
Jennifer Kovalchik Langsdale shares yoga techniques that improve immune health — paired with aromatherapy oils to enhance the experience. RR

L Tuesday Night Crochet Club
Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 pm
Fiber artists can work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other while they work.

M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 3 pm
Local Chef LaDonna Oltmanns demonstrates how to prepare appetizers, sides, entrees, and even dessert with an air fryer! RR

L Tai Chi for Arthritis
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 3:15 pm
This class focuses on gentle movements that will help reduce pain, increase strength, and improve balance. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. RR

HB Fabric Pumpkins
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4 to 7 pm
Use a laser engraver to transform fabric scraps into a charming pumpkin that can decorate any corner of your home. Open to all ages. Walk-in program, while supplies last.

Congratulations to our Executive Director Cheryl Kuonen for receiving the Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Leader of the Year Award!

H Chess Night
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6 pm
Players of all ages and skill levels can enjoy a casual open chess meetup The stakes are low, but the fun is colossal. RR

L Haunted Put-In-Bay
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 pm
Something haunting lurks behind Put-In-Bay's breathtaking scenery and wild nightlife. Local author and paranormal historian William G. Krejci will share shiver-inducing stories from the island's history. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing afterward. RR

HB Craft Buffet
Thursday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 7 pm
Enjoy an evening of open-ended creativity at The HUB, using leftover craft supplies from past programs and projects. Open to all ages. Walk-in program, while supplies last.

M Grand Prix Puzzle Competition
Thursday, Nov. 19, at 5 pm
Form a team and join a countywide jigsaw puzzle competition! Each team will race to complete the same puzzle, and the winner from each library will advance to the finale on Dec. 3! Teams must have four people and each member must be 18 or older. RR

V Epic Worlds & Celestial Prophecies with Rebecca Roanhorse
Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 pm
Rebecca Roanhorse is a bestselling author who has won Nebula, Hugo, and Locus Awards. During this exclusive online conversation, she'll dive deep into her acclaimed **Between Earth and Sky** trilogy. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M Board Game Saturdays
Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Play games from our collection or bring your own.

M Saturday Scrapbooking
Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 am to 4 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with scrapbooking enthusiasts! RR

M Christmas Wine Bottle Craft
Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 pm
Design a wine bottle craft that is simple to make and absolutely dazzling. RR

L Gentle Yoga with Deep Relaxation
Friday, Nov. 27, at 1:30 pm
Enjoy a gentle yoga session that moves at a slower pace and leads into a guided meditation. This month's class will focus on hip stretching and mobility. Dress for movement and bring a yoga mat or towel RR

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 pm
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, suspense, true crime, and mystery/detective novels. In November, they will discuss **Extinction** by Douglas Preston.

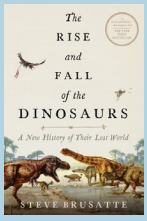
M Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **Code Girls** by Liza Mundy. RR

L Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **Destiny of the Republic** by Candice Millard. RR

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 pm
Local 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, the club's book is **Cook Eat Repeat** by Nigella Lawson. Please bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

H Thrills & Chills Book Club
Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In November, they will read and discuss **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

M Men's Book Club
Monday, Nov. 16
At 7 pm
In November, we're discussing **The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World** by Steve Brusatte.



H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In November, we're discussing **The Sirens of Titan** by Kurt Vonnegut. RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're reading and talking about **The Measure** by Nikki Erlick. R

TEEN

H **Thrills & Chills Book Club**
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H **K-Pop Photocard Decoration Night**
Monday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 pm
K-Pop fans (ages 10-17) can hang out, enjoy music videos by their favorite idols, and customize their own photocard toploader. RR

In celebration of Thanksgiving, all of our branches will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26. The HUB will also be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Our Headlands, Lake, and Main Branches will all be open from 9 am to 5 pm that Wednesday.

KIDS

M **Build Our Book Wall**
Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade can write a brief review of their favorite book and display it in the Children's Area of our Main Branch! Plus, everyone who submits a review will be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Visit the Children's Desk at our Main Branch for more info.

H **100 Bird Challenge**
Ohio has 200+ species of birds that migrate here or live in the state all year long. Pick up a count list from the Headlands Branch. When you spot 100 different species, bring your list back for a commemorative reward. Challenge lasts all year long!

H **Finger Paint Fridays**
Fridays, from 10 am to noon
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff. Kids may need to wait for their turn.

M **Book-to-Movie Book Club**
Monday, Nov. 2, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. This month, we're spotlighting Kate DiCamillo's **Because of Winn-Dixie**. RR

M **The Fine Arts Club**
Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other art forms with fun hands-on experiences. In November, they'll learn about improv. RR

M **Travel Club — USA**
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 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

HB **Twinkle Tail Turkey**
Wednesday, Nov. 4 or 11, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can transform simple jars into Turkey Lanterns using colorful leaves made with The HUB's Cricut Maker. RR

H **Paws to Read**
Wednesday, Nov. 4
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

M **LEGO at the Library**
Saturday, Nov. 7, 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!

L **Tea-Rex Party**
Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1:30 pm
Happy Dino-vember! Kids (4-8) can enjoy a story, snacks, and dinosaur fun! Come dressed in your favorite fancy tea-party outfit, as a dinosaur, or as a fancy dinosaur. RR

M **The Story of America Club**
Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can explore a different chapter in the story of the United States each month with crafts, activities, and a snack that relates to that period in history. This month, we're learning about the space race and moon landing. RR

M **Dinosaur Movie Day**
Saturday, Nov. 14, at noon
Families can celebrate Dino-vember with a dinosaur-themed children's movie. We'll provide the popcorn! You're welcome to bring your own snacks and/or lunch. RR

H **Roblox Saturday**
Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. In-house computer use will be on a first-come, first-served basis but you can still join in with your phone, computer, or tablet. RR

H **Next Level Video Game Club**
Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. RR

HB **Pop-Up Pumpkins**
Tuesday, Nov. 17 or 24, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can paint and assemble festive pop-up pumpkins with help from The HUB's laser engraver. RR

M **American Girl in America**
Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can celebrate 250 years of American history through the American Girl doll! Each month, the group will celebrate a different girl and explore a different moment in the country's history. Kids may bring their doll with them. In November, they'll be meeting Courtney. RR

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KIDS

M **Stroller Strides**
Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10 am
It's a workout for the grownups and fun for the kids! Adults can experience total-body conditioning while the children (three and younger) remain in the stroller and are entertained with songs, activities, and more fun. Class led by Zerina Hutchinson. **RR**

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M **No Sew Fleece Scarf**
Saturday, Nov. 21, at 1 pm
Kids in first through sixth grade can make a cozy no-sew scarf that's perfect for both wearing and gifting this winter. **RR**

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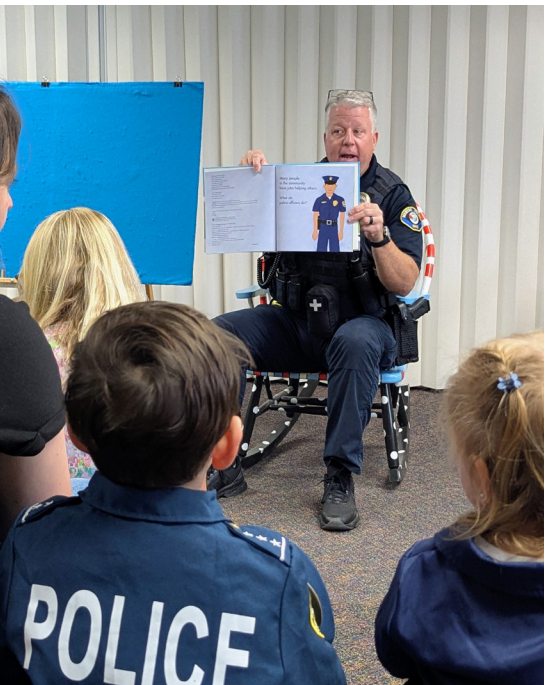
M **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Lunch**
Wednesday, Nov. 25, at noon
Enjoy a holiday classic while eating a special lunch that Chef Snoopy would approve of! Lunch will be served to children 12 and younger. Kids younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. **RR**

M **Mystery, Magic & Illusion with Tada, The Magic Man**
Monday, Nov. 30, at noon
Families with kids of all ages will love Tada, The Magic Man! This free show is packed with hilarious routines, audience participation, impressive magic, and more. **RR**



STORYTIMES

M **Family Story Time**
Mondays, at 10 am, through Nov. 16
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. Each story time ends with a parade!

M **Tiddlywinks Story Time**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Through Nov. 18
Kids (0-3) with a caregiver will love this story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

L **Storytime Stars**
Tuesdays, at 10:30 am, through Nov. 17
Kids (6 months to five years old) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

M **Preschool Story Time**
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 11 am
Through Nov. 18
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

M **Pajama Story Time**
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Through Nov. 18
Kids can wear their pajamas while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

L **Musical Munchkins**
Thursdays, at 10:30 am, through Nov. 19
Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive story time with singing, stories, and rhymes. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

M **Wiggle, Giggle & Shake Story Time**
Fridays, at 10 am, through Nov. 20
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M **Firehouse Friends Story Time**
Thursday, Nov. 12, at 10 am
Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe. You'll receive a raffle ticket for each Firehouse Friends story time you attend. The winner will enjoy a pizza lunch with the firemen in December!

M **Police Pals Story Time**
Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 am
Learn safety tips and what it's like to be a police officer during this monthly story time with Mentor Police Department. Each time you attend, you'll receive a raffle ticket for a free pizza lunch with the police!

Building the Future

Behind construction walls — some of them beautifully painted — our Main Branch has begun it's transformation.

We're creating the foundation (literally) for your expanded library. It will feature:
- a larger children's story time and craft room
- a dedicated space for teens
- soundproofed study rooms
- more space for our passport and makerspace services.

Meanwhile, outside of the building, we're building a garage that will also serve as a work space for our Facilities staff, as well a shelter for our popular outdoor programming.

To see all the upcoming changes, visit **mentorpl.org/mainbranchmasterplanfaq**.

Our transformation has sometimes been noisy. (It's difficult to cut concrete or weld at typical library volumes.) And some of our collection needed to move to accommodate the construction. (If you need help finding anything, ask one of our staff and we'll be happy to help.)

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the construction, but the transformation will be worth it.

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Nov. 18
Dec. 16
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