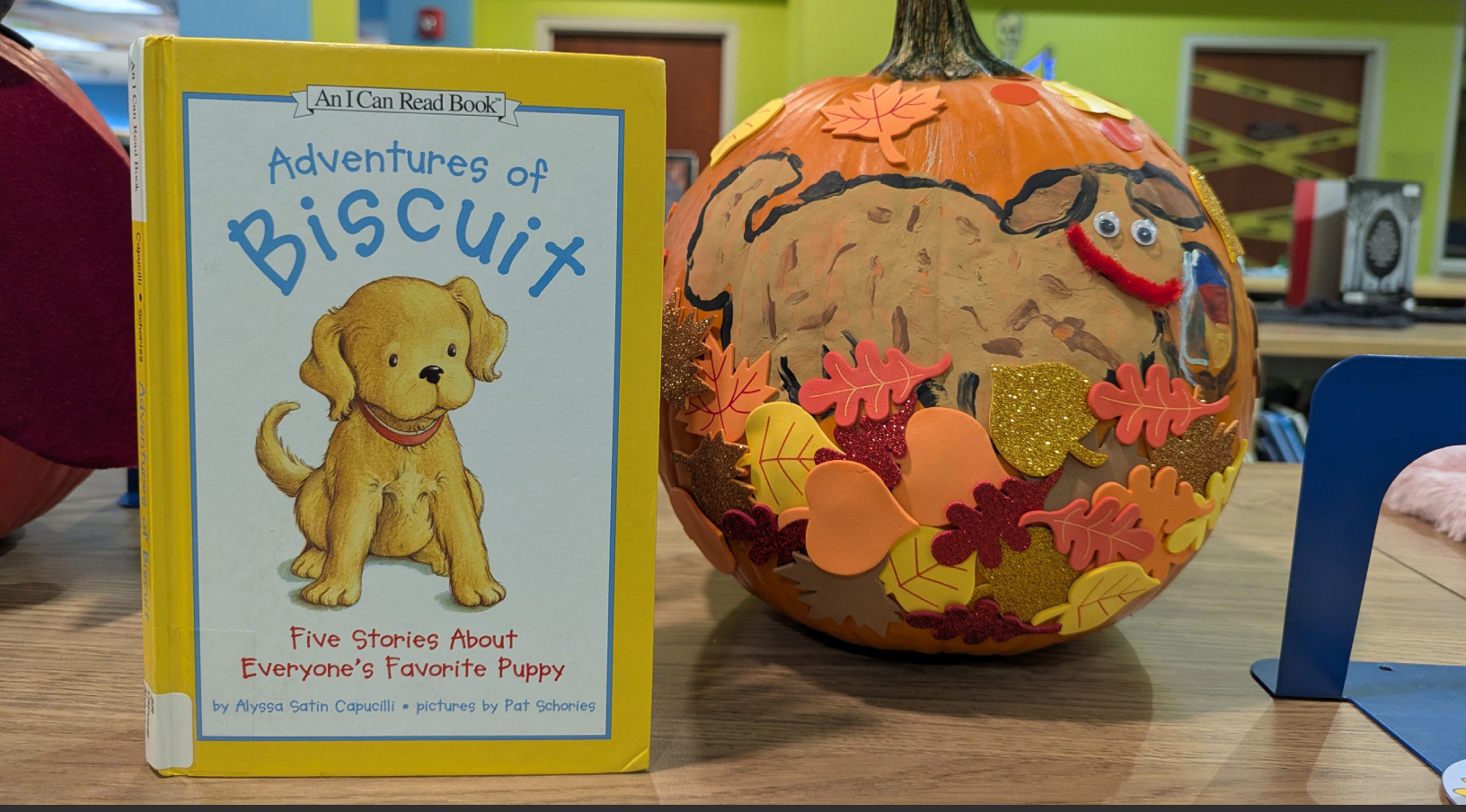

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RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
M: MAIN
L: LAKE
V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

M **Meet Us in the Garden: The Basics of Backyard Composting**
Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10 am
The Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers explain the benefits of composting and share how to do it! RR

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, Nov. 3, at 2 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. RR

M **Cleveland's Short Vincent**
Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 pm
Local historian and author Alan Dutka talks about the famous (and infamous) history of Cleveland's Short Vincent. The street hosted seedy bars and celebrities including Milton Berle, Judy Garland, and Jimmy Durante. Perry Como and Dean Martin launched their careers there. Discover more about this unique Cleveland hotspot. RR

V **Community, Power & the Search for Indigenous Identity with Joseph Lee**
Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 2 pm
Join the award-winning journalist Joseph Lee as he discusses his stirring memoir, **Nothing More of This Land**. Lee starts with the story of his own tribe — which is from the iconic Martha's Vineyard — to tackle questions about Indigenous identity and the stubborn legacy of colonialism. You can join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 1 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

M **Medicare Basics**
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 2 pm
Shireen Cain from Mutsko Insurance Services will make Medicare easy to understand and answer questions for those who need to register for it. Learn the difference between a Medicare Supplement and a Medicare Advantage Plan. And find out what Parts A, B, C, and D cover and do not over. RR

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L **1940s & World War II Fashion History**
Monday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 pm
Dr. Sarah Hume, curator of the Kent State University Museum, will discuss fashion during the 1940s, including trends during WWII. RR

H **Headlands Thanks-Quilling**
Monday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 pm
Celebrate Thanksgiving and learn paper quilling while making an adorable turkey craft. RR

L **Color Me Calm**
Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 3 pm
Adults can color while listening to relaxing music. Registration encouraged.

M **Zumba for All Bodies**
Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6 pm
Enjoy a free Zumba class at the library! Zumba is a full-body, cardio dance class. Fun for all skill levels. Don't be afraid to try something new. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

M **Garfield's Orbit**
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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 Craft Social Squad**
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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: Creamy Butter Beans & Mushrooms**
Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making something hearty and earthy — perfect for those autumn evenings! RR

L **Wooden Holiday Ornaments**
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V **The Search for Truth & Persistence of Love with Novelist Amanda Peters**
Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 pm
The bestselling author of **The Berry Pickers** talks about her writing, including her short story collection, **Waiting for the Long Night Moon**. You can join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Play games from our collection or bring your own on the third Saturday of every month.

M **Saturday Scrapbooking**
Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 am to 4 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. RR

M **Spice Club: Herbs de Provence**
Starting Sunday, Nov. 16
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.

V **Unlock the Secret Language of Connection with Charles Duhigg**
Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 2 pm
Charles discusses his newest book, **Supercommunicator: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection**. It shares how to communicate and connect with anyone at work, home, and in your personal life. You can join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Mixed Media Patch**
Tuesdays, Nov. 18 or 25
At 5:30 pm
Celebrate the season by using a mix of collage, paint, texture, and layered materials to create a unique pumpkin. RR

ADULT

L Tai Chi for Health
Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 3:15 pm
This class focuses on gentle movements, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. All experience levels welcome. RR

HB Timber Treasures
Wednesdays, Nov. 19 or Dec. 3, At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's laser engraver to create a rustic wooden ornament. RR

M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna
Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 pm
LaDonna Oltmanns demonstrates the versatility of using an air fryer. Learn its basic functions as she shows how to prepare appetizers, entrees, sides, and desserts. RR

H Holiday Greeting Cards
Monday, Nov. 24, at 6 pm
Teens and adults can use stamps, stickers, and more to decorate holiday cards for friends and family. RR

H Bookbinding: An Introduction
Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 2 pm
Adults can learn basic bookbinding techniques and use them to create a sketchbook to take home. All supplies will be provided — some of which are very sharp. RR

TECH

L Word I: Computer Class
Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 2 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create, open, and save documents, as well as select text and change its format. RR

L Basic Email: Computer Class
Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 pm
Learn how to use an email account to send and reply to emails, send attachments, and label and archive emails. RR

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L Word II: Computer Class
Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 2 pm
Learn more advanced techniques in Microsoft Word. RR

L Excel I: Computer Class
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 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

You can also visit **www.mentorpl.org/makerspace** for information about The HUB's makerspace, including how to schedule your one-on-one appointment now!

Book Clubs

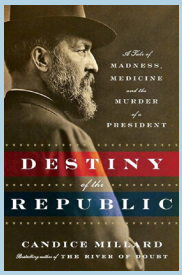
M It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 pm
Discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. November's book is **Lost Man's Lane** by Scott Carson. RR

M Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **The Last Story of Mina Lee** by Nancy Jooyoun Kim. RR

L Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **The Modigliani Scandal** by Ken Follett. RR

M Cookbook Club
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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's books are **The Pioneer Woman Cooks** by Ree Drummond. Please bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

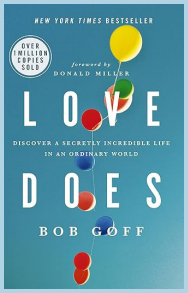
M Men's Book Club
Monday, Nov. 17 At 7 pm
This month's book is **Destiny of the Republic** by Candice Millard. RR



H Thrills & Chills Book Club
Monday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In November, they will read and discuss **A Heart in the Body in the World** by Deb Caletti. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

H Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. We're discussing **The Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller. RR

M Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Nov. 24, 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 **Love Does** by Bob Goff. R



Join the Jane Austen Party

You're invited to Jane Austen's 250th birthday party!

We're throwing a Regency Era-style dance party from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, Nov. 8, at our Main Branch.

We'll have a live band playing English dance music and a caller to walk you through the steps of common English country dances.

No experience or dance partner is needed! (Comfortable shoes, however, are recommended.)

You're also welcome (but not required) to dress in Regency Era wear.

This party is possible with the generous support of the Jane Austen Society of North America and the English Country Line Group.

Our party is free to attend and open to all! Registration is required.

RSVP online at www.mentorpl.org or by calling us at 440-255-8811 ext. 1. Registration opens Oct. 25.

Get Crafty with Creativebug

Everybody has an artist inside of them! Cultivate that inner artist with the classes from **Creativebug**, our newest online database.

Creativebug offers videos with step-by-step instructions on how to make all sorts of crafts and artwork. And we mean ALL SORTS — sewing, quilting, crocheting, painting, drawing, embroidery, jewelry work, baking, furniture refinishing, home decor, origami, printmaking, and more!

Whether you're looking for instruction or inspiration, Creativebug has tutorials for all ages and skill levels.

And Creativebug provides more than advice and ideas! You can print out their sewing, knitting, or crocheting patterns, coloring pages, and even recipes.

You can also download SVGs, if you're searching for ideas for your next makerspace project. SVGs are digital images that — when paired with The HUB's Cricut or heat press — can make decals to put on clothing, totes, and water bottles.

You can begin exploring by:
• clicking the Creativebug logo on our homepage at **mentorpl.org**
• or visit **www.creativebug.com/lib/mentorpl** directly**.** All you need is your library card number and PIN.

And don't forget to explore the seasonal craft options! You'll find brilliant ideas for this upcoming holiday season.

Finally, if you want to try knitting, weaving, or crocheting, you can borrow beginner's kits from us! For more info, visit **mentorpl.org/yarn-crafts**.

TEEN

M **VolunTEENS**
Monday, Nov. 3, at 3:30 pm
Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. Contact our Reference Department at 440-255-8811 ext. 1 for more information RR

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M **Mug Meals 101**
Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 pm
Teens (seventh through 12th grade) can learn the magic of making a meal with just a few simple steps. RR

H **Holiday Greeting Cards**
Monday, Nov. 24, at 6 pm
Teens and adults can use stamps, stickers, and more to decorate holiday cards for friends and family. RR

KIDS

M **Native American Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt**
All November
Find all six stations in the Children's Area to learn about Indigenous Americans in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

L **Turkeys in Disguise**
Nov. 3 — 26
Kids of all ages are welcome to disguise a turkey so it can hide this Thanksgiving. Best disguise wins a prize!

H **Finger Paint Fridays**
Fridays, from 10 am to 4 pm
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 **LEGO at the Library**
Saturday, Nov. 1, 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!

M **Electric Hornets LEGO Robots**
Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11:30 am & noon
Kids in third through sixth grade can learn how to build and program a LEGO robot with the Kirtland Robotics Club. We're hosting two sessions — one starting at 11:30 am, the next at noon. RR

M **Book-to-Movie Book Club**
Monday, Nov. 3, 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: **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White. RR

M **The Fine Arts Club**
Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other art forms with fun hands-on experiences. This November, the young artists will explore Native American artwork in honor of Native American Heritage Month. RR

HB **Autumn Glow Jars**
Tuesdays, Nov. 4 or 11, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can paint a mason jar in festive autumn colors, decorate it with fall-themed stickers, and pop in a flameless candle to make it shine. RR

M **Travel Club**
Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) will enjoy crafts, activities, and snack celebrating a different state each month. Kids can also collect a pin from that state. This month, we're visiting Massachusetts — site of the first Thanksgiving celebration. RR

KIDS

HB Woodland Bear
Wednesdays, Nov. 5 or 12, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can make a whimsical wooden bear using The HUB's laser engraver and Cricut Maker. RR

H Paws to Read
Wednesday, Nov. 5
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 Paint a 3D Dinosaur
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 pm
Happy Dinovember! Kids (6-12) can paint a 3D-printed dinosaur and create other dino-rrific crafts. RR

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H Roblox Saturday
Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

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

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

M Me on the Map
Monday, Nov. 10, at 1 pm
Kids (3-5) will enjoy an introduction to basic geography, make a book, and play games that children play in other countries. RR

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Ages 10 and older (including teens and adults) can make wooden ornaments using paint, ribbons, and festive napkins. RR

M Hedgehog Book Friend
Monday, Nov. 17, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) can create a cute little hedgehog friend out of an old book by folding pages and adding accessories. RR

H Bigfoot Bonanza
Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 pm
Meet Julie Ditchburn Patton, author of **Bigfoot Is a Jerk**, for this special program with activities, snacks, and more. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing afterward. RR

M Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Lunch
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 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

In celebration of Thanksgiving, all of our branches will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27. The HUB will also be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Our Headlands, Lake, and Main Branches will all be open from 9 am to 5 pm that Wednesday.

STORYTIMES

M Family Story Time
Mondays, at 10 am, except Nov. 24
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 Story Time
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Except Nov. 25 & 26
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, except Nov. 25
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
Except Nov. 25 & 26
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

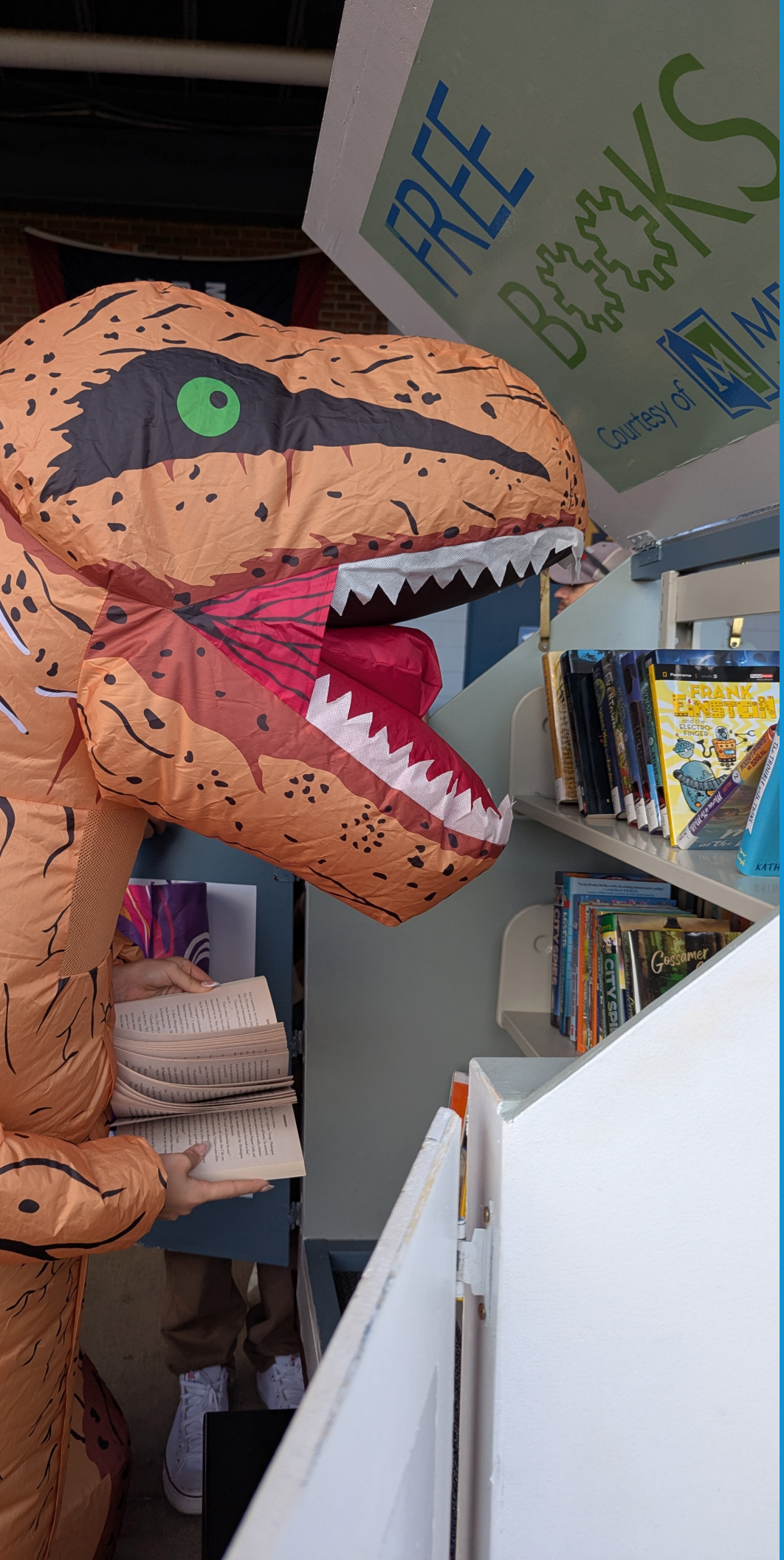
M Pajama Story Time
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Except Nov. 26
Kids can wear their pajamas while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

L Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, at 10:30 am, except Nov. 27
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, except Nov. 28
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together..

M Early Intervention Family Story Time
Monday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

M Firehouse Friends Story Time
Thursday, Nov. 13, at 10 am
Fireman Dan will read stories about firefighters and offer tips on staying safe. Open to all ages and no registration required. Receive a raffle ticket for each Firehouse Friends Story Time you attend for a chance to win a pizza lunch with the firefighters in December.



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