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C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY CENTER

SC: MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

VP: VETERANS PARK

H: HEADLANDS

HB: THE HUB

M: MAIN

L: LAKE

V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

H Inktober All October

Join us for a celebration of drawing! We'll have sketchbooks (while supplies last) and a daily list of drawing prompts to help everyone get started at our Headlands Branch. For artists of all ages and skill levels! Then everyone is invited to share their drawings during a gathering on Monday, Nov. 6.

L Crafty Adults: Decorative Book Stacks Monday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 pm

Create a decorative book stack to add whimsy to any room in your home. **RR**

M Art Night with Stephanie Monday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 pm

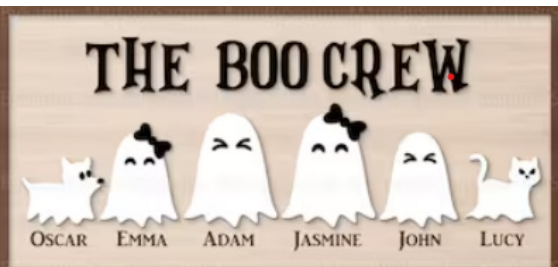
Local artist Stephanie Royko leads this class where you'll paint your own version of **Starry Night** with a Halloween twist. This class has a \$20 fee to cover art supplies that must be paid at registration. **RR**

C Agatha Christie, the Original Gone Girl Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10 am

Agatha Christie — one of the most popular writers ever — disappeared for 11 days after she learned her husband was having an affair. Find out about this fascinating episode! To register, please call Concord Township Community Center at 440-639-4650. **RR**

HB Boo Crew Halloween Decor Tuesdays, Oct. 3 or 10, at 5:30 pm

Adults can make a cute Boo Crew sign for their friends and family with the equipment in The HUB's makerspace. **RR**



ADULT

M 1863: The Year the Civil War Turned, Part I

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 pm

Our Dr. John Foster and Dr. Todd Arrington from James A. Garfield National Historic Site present the first of two programs about the year 1863 in the American Civil War. This first installment explores key developments like the Emancipation Proclamation and the military disaster in Chancellorsville. Discover more about this pivotal year! **RR**

L Mentor-on-the-Lake History Buffs Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 pm

Explore the history of Mentor-on-the-Lake. Our primary goal is to gather and document info pertinent to the city's past. Reminiscing and sharing is also encouraged. **RR**

M Issues of Aging Parents Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 pm

The Society for Financial Awareness offers its expertise to help families with aging parents. They will talk about long-term care, estate planning, and other affairs that are important to have in order. **RR**

M Meet Us in the Garden: Houseplants Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 am

A Lake County Master Gardener will explain how to select, display, and care for houseplants through the seasons. **RR**

M My Life in Rock & Roll in Cleveland: David Spero

Monday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 pm

David Spero has done it all in Rock & Roll! He pioneered rock radio in the 1970s and managed high-profile artists including Michael Stanley, Joe Walsh, and Billy Bob Thornton. Hear his stories during this exclusive author talk and read his book, **A Life in the Wings**, for more **RR**

L Mentor-on-the-Lake Candidates & Issues Forum

Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 pm

Voters who want to learn more about candidates and issues on the November ballot are welcome to attend a pair of forums. They're hosted by The League of Women Voters of Lake County in partnership with the library. This forum will focus on candidates and issues in Mentor-on-the-Lake.

C The Sinking of the Bismarck Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 10 am

Dr. John Foster explores one of WWII's most famous and crucial episodes: The sinking of the German battleship Bismarck. Foster explains both the danger the Bismarck presented and the deadly game of cat-and-mouse that preceded its sinking. To register, please call Concord Township Community Center at 440-639-4650. **RR**

L Color Me Calm

Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 3 pm

Relax while coloring and listening to soothing music. All supplies provided.

V European Travel Tips & Tools with Guidebook Author Rick Steves

Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 4 pm

Join author and TV host Rick Steves as he shares the latest in European travel. He'll teach the secrets of safe, smart, inexpensive travel — low on stress and high on fun! Learn how to plan an efficient itinerary, eat and sleep well, and avoid crowds. Sign up at library.org/mentorpl. **RR**

L Castaways Knitting Group

Wednesdays, Oct. 11 & 25, at 10:30 am

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

M Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: The Wounds of War

Wednesday, Oct. 11, at noon

Ranger Allison Powell from James A. Garfield National Historic Site will discuss the scars Civil War soldiers brought home — the physical, mental, and emotional. **RR**

M Autumn & Halloween Tote Bags Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 pm

Adults (and teens) can make custom tote bags with fun fall iron-ons. **RR**

L Quack Medicine

Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 pm

Librarian Mollie Burns explores the extreme quack cures of the 19th century. Hear the history of these salesman with their colorful bottles, proprietary concoctions, flamboyant showmanship, and dubious claims. **RR**

M Mentor, Mentor Schools & Concord Township Candidates & Issues Forum

Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 pm

Voters who want to learn more about candidates and issues on the November ballot are welcome to attend a pair of forums. They're hosted by The League of Women Voters of Lake County in partnership with the library. This forum will focus on candidates and issues in Mentor, Concord Township, and Mentor Exempted Village School District.

M Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns Saturday, Oct. 14, at 10 am

LaDonna Oltmanns of Let's Cook leads a free cooking demonstration of dishes that you can make at home. **RR**

V All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg Saturday, Oct. 14, at noon

MPL librarians Cailey and Meg discuss what they've been reading and recommend books that you'll enjoy.

ADULT

L Author Reading with Genevieve Gornichec

Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2 pm

Genevieve Gornichec will share a special reading of her new novel, **The Weaver and the Witch Queen**, at our Lake Branch. Discover a spellbinding story of sisterhood and power — inspired by Norse myth and Icelandic sagas. Her books will be available for sale and signing afterward. **RR**

H World of Watercolor

Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 pm

Artists of all skill levels can explore watercolor painting. Experiment with different techniques and get creative. **RR**

H Headlands Crafternoon

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 1 pm

Come to the Headlands Branch for an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels and ages welcome.

L Aromatherapy 101

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 pm

Explore the affects of aromatherapy on your health and mood. Holistic aromatherapist Jennifer Langsdale will introduce the basics of aromatherapy. Each attendee will take home an essential oil sample. **RR**

M 'Wicked Cleveland' Author Talk

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Award-winning true crime author Jane Ann Turzillo discusses the gangsters, robbers, shady politicians, and other nogoodniks from Cleveland's rowdy past. **RR**

V Master of Suspense: An Author Talk with Ruth Ware

Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 2 pm

Enjoy an author talk with Ruth Ware! The mind behind **The Woman in Cabin 10** and **The It Girl** will discuss her newest novel, **Zero Days**. Sign up at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

HB Spooktacular Decor

Wednesdays, Oct. 18 or 25,

At 5:30 pm

Use The HUB's laser engraver to make a spooky sign. **RR**

HB Football Season Pot Holders

Thursdays, Oct. 19 or 26,

At 5:30 pm

Use The HUB's Cricut to make customized pot holders. **RR**

L Understanding the Moon

Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 pm

Join the Mentor-on-the-Lake Star Seekers to learn more about our lunar neighbor. Discover what you can see with both a telescope and your naked eye. All ages welcome. **RR**

M The Supreme Court: Earl Warren

Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 pm

Dr. John Foster concludes his year-long lecture series on extraordinary Supreme Court justices with a spotlight on the life and legacy of Earl Warren. During his 16 years as Chief Justice, Warren caused the Nixon administration no end of annoyance by forging his own judicial path, especially on questions of criminal justice. **RR**

M Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon

Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 am to 9 pm

Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. A light breakfast will be provided. A \$10 nonrefundable fee to cover food expenses must be paid at registration. **RR**

M Board Game Saturdays

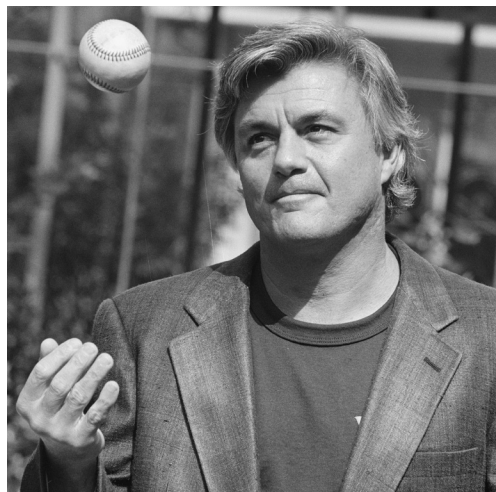
Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Board > Bored! Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games. Play games from our collection or bring your own.

L Lost Ghost Stories of Cleveland

Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy tales from author William G. Krejci's new book, **Lost Stories of Cleveland**. He'll share stories of hauntings from Cleveland's past that haven't been reported on since they occurred more than a century ago. **RR**



V A Lifetime of Writing: A Conversation with John Irving

Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 pm

Enjoy an intimate conversation with the author behind **The World According to Garp** and **A Prayer for Owen Meany**. Irving will discuss his most recent novel, **The Last Chairlift**, and his prolific body of work from a lifetime of writing. Register to attend at libraryc.org/mentorpl. **RR**

M Color Me Calm

Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 10 am

Relax while coloring and listening to soothing music. Enjoy coffee, tea, and a cookie too.

Book Clubs

M It's a Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. In October, they'll discuss Sally Hepworth's **Good Sister**. **RR**

L Watch What You Read Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 pm

This club celebrates great reads *and* their movie adaptations. Enjoy the book, watch the movie, and join friends to discuss both. In October, we'll discuss **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan** by Lisa See.

M Men's Book Club

Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 pm

This month's book is **Slow Horses** by Mick Herron. **RR**

SC Senior Center Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 pm

Mentor Senior Center members join us for a book discussion. This month's book is **Apples Never Fall** by Liane Moriarty. Pick up a copy at our Lake Branch. **RR**

H Science Fiction Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 pm

Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction! We're discussing **Circe** by Madeline Miller. **RR**

M Cookbook Club

Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 pm

Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and a potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe from the same cookbook to share with the group. This month's book is **Martha Stewart's Slow Cooker**. **RR**

M Monday Night Book Club

Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. **R**

M Teen Book Club

Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 pm

Teens (7-12th grade) can discuss a classic at the library. This month we're talking about Mary Shelley's **Frankenstein**. Snacks will be provided. **RR**

H Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 pm

Tweens and teens (12-17) can explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. In October, they'll discuss **Gris Grimly's Frankenstein**. Book club members also receive their own journal where they can write and draw their own stories. **RR**

T E C H T E E N

SC No More Cable: Tech Tuesdays Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

Learn about the streaming services available — including many that are free with your MPL card — and figure out if "cutting the cord" is right for your home. To register, call the Mentor Senior Center at 440-974-5725. **RR**

M Computer Class: Facebook Basics Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 2 pm

Learn how to use Facebook. Please come to class with your Facebook login information and password. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel I Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 pm & Wednesday, Oct. 25, 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. Please only sign up for one session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel II Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 pm & Thursday, Oct. 26, 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. Only register for one session. **RR**

M Computer Class: Excel III Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 pm

Learn advanced techniques, including how to hide and freeze columns and rows, use print area and print titles, and how to create and format charts. Registration begins Feb. 6. **RR**

Finally, students of all ages can receive help with their homework, writing a paper, studying for a test, or even one-on-one academic assistance with **tutor.com** and Mentor Public Library.

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HB Dragon Swamp Lantern Wednesdays, Oct. 4 or 11, At 5:30 pm

Teens (12-17) can make a dragon lantern swamp that's spectral and spectacular! They'll use dragon decals, twine, fairy lights, and The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

M Autumn & Halloween Tote Bags Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 pm

Teens (and adults) can make custom tote bags with fun fall iron-ons. **RR**

M Teen Halloween Cookie Decorating Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2:30 pm

Teens (7th-12th grade) can decorate cookies at the library. Costumes not required but always fun. **RR**

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KIDS

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M Write a Letter to Clifford the Big Red Dog All October

Kids can write a letter to (or draw a picture for) their favorite storybook characters at the library. We'll share our favorite letters and pictures on our social media.

L Little Ghost Scavenger Hunt All October

Little ghosts have escaped from our lighthouse tower and our haunting the bookshelves. Find them to win a prize. New hiding spots daily. Kids can play once a day.

M Monthly Make a Craft All October

Kids can make a craft when they visit our children's department (while supplies last.) New crafts each week.

M Fall Scavenger Hunt Oct. 16-28

Locate fall items hidden throughout the library to win a prize.

H Finger Paint Fridays Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm

Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting every Friday.

M The Fine Arts Club Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 4 pm

Using history and hands-on experience, kids (7-12) will learn about dance, theatre, poetry, painting, and other forms of art. This month, we're exploring costume design. **RR**

L Pumpkin Palooza Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 pm

Kids (5-11) can enjoy an evening of pumpkin-themed crafts, games, and snacks. **RR**

M Travel Club Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 4 pm

Kids (6-12) can make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities dedicated to a different country each month. **RR**

H Paws to Read Wednesday, Oct. 4, Sessions starting at 6 & 6:30 pm

Kids who can read independently are invited to practice their reading skills in these 30-minute sessions with a licensed therapy dog. Perfect for reluctant readers! **RR**

M Toot Your Flute Day
Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6 pm
 Kids (6-12) can celebrate International Toot Your Flute Day with a free lesson in playing the recorder flute. You can keep your new recorder afterward! **RR**

M Yoga Kids
Thursday, Oct. 5, at 1 pm
 Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel for both child and adult. **RR**

HB Sweetest Day Honey Bee
Thursdays, Oct. 5 or 12, at 4 pm
 Kids (6-11) can personalize a sweet gift in time for Sweetest Day using The HUB's Cricut. **RR**

M Pumpkin Patch Painting Contest
Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 pm
 Kids (4-12) can paint a pumpkin. Then the pumpkins will be on display in our Children's Area where you can vote for your favorite! **RR**

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 am
 Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month.

M A Boo-tiful Night
Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 pm
 Families can enjoy a special Halloween movie outdoor on our Main Branch's lawn. Bring blankets and chairs. Costumes encouraged but not required. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided.

L Master Builders
Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 4 pm
 Kids (5-11) will build with LEGO, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes. New themes will spur creativity each month.

H Next Level Video Game Club
Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 pm
 Kids (8 and older) can play games like on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. **RR**

M Creative Writing Spooktacular
Thursday, Oct. 12, at 4 pm
 Kids (3rd-5th grade) will write spooky tales to share with their family and friends. **RR**

H Headlands Jeopardy
Saturday, Oct. 14, at noon
 Kids (8 and older) can test their trivia knowledge and learn something new during a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. **RR**

H Roblox Saturday
Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2 pm
 Join us online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. **RR**

L Crafty Kids: Halloween Pony Bead Keychains
Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 pm
 Kids (8-12) can make Halloween keychains using pony beads. **RR**

HB Glow-in-the-Dark Trick or Treat Bags
Tuesdays, Oct. 17 or 24, at 4 pm
 Kids (6-11) can create a glowing ghoulish treat bag that's perfect for Halloween. **RR**

M Kids Create Fall Stationery
Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 4 pm
 Kids (7-12) can create awesome and artistic autumnal stationery. **RR**

L Understanding the Moon
Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 pm
 Join the Mentor-on-the-Lake Star Seekers to learn more about our lunar neighbor. Learn what you can see with both a telescope and your naked eye. All ages welcome. **RR**

H Curious Kids
Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 pm
 Each month, Curious Kids will exercise their creativity and learn with arts, crafts, and STEM activities in our new club. **RR**

M Spooky Camp Story Hour
Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 pm
 Kids and their families can gather round our (faux) campfire to hear spooky stories. There will be treats too. **RR**

M Star Wars Spelling Bee
Saturday, Oct. 28, at noon
 Brush up on your banthas! Kids (8-12) can test their spelling skills and Star Wars bona fides with our Star Wars Spelling Bee. The competition will only include Star Wars terms. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. **RR**

M Preschool Dance Party: Monster Mash
Monday, Oct. 30, at 1 pm
 Get your costumes ready for the dance party that's also a story time. Kids (3-6) will enjoy dancing to Halloween music and listening to stories. Costumes encouraged! **RR**

VP Scary Stories to Tell in the Park
Monday, Oct. 30, at 7 pm
 Dan Maxson from the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse will lead a fun evening of spooky stories and local ghost lore. Meet at the park's pavilion. **RR**

M Trick or Treating at the Library
Monday, Oct. 31,
From 9 am to 4:30 pm
 Children can don their costumes and trick-or-treat at the library while supplies last. No registration required.

M Family Story Time
Mondays, 10 am
 Bring your kids and enjoy stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development.

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 (0-5) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Kids must be with an adult.

M Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays, 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 Kindergarten Prep Story Time
Thursdays, 11 am
 A short story time followed by pre-kindergarten activities. Open to children entering kindergarten or wanting to get a jump on necessary skills.

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, Oct. 12, at 10:30 am
 Join Mentor Firefighter Dan for a fun story time featuring plenty of safety tips.

M Fun with Fairy Tales & Fables
Friday, Oct. 13, at 1 pm
 Kids (4-6) will learn that reading is fun with a story and activities inspired by fairy tales and fables. **RR**

L Not-So-Spooky Family Story Time
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 pm
 Families can enjoy Halloween stories, a craft, and sweet treat. Costumes encouraged! **RR**

L Saturday Family Story Time
Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 am
 All ages can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft at our monthly Saturday story time.



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