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OCTOBER 2026

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RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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. When you make it to 100, bring your list back to the Headlands Branch for a commemorative reward. Challenge lasts all year long!

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, Oct. 1, or Tuesday, Oct. 20
At 1 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

HB **Rustic Mini Memo Board**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 pm
Use sticks, fabric and other materials to create the perfect place to pin your daily reminders. RR

M **Candidates and Issues Forum**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 pm
Voters who want to learn about the candidates and issues on the November ballot are welcome to attend this forum. It's hosted by The League of Women Voters of Lake County in partnership with Mentor Library. This forum will also be livestreamed on the library's YouTube channel.

L **Taverns of Lake County**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 pm
A speaker from the Lake County Historical Society shares the stories of early Lake County taverns. These colorful community watering holes played a vital role in the Western Reserve's settlement. RR

V **Courage, Choice & What Comes Next with Veronica Roth**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 pm
Celebrate the legacy of Veronica Roth's iconic **Divergent** series and enjoy an exclusive sneak peek at her highly anticipated upcoming novel, **The Sixth Faction**. You can join the fun at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Maple Syrup**
Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 am
The Lake County Master Gardeners share how to make syrup. They'll explain how to tap a sugar maple tree, safely collect sap, transform that sap into syrup, and how to store your finished product. RR

H **Come Crack Cold Cases**
Monday, Oct. 5, 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 **Cleveland's Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History**
Monday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 pm
Take a tour through Cleveland's neighborhood taverns with the man who wrote the book on 'em! Tom Kaschalk is a local historian, founder of My Cleveland History, and the author of **Cleveland's Neighborhood Taverns**. He'll be your tour guide during this historic pub crawl — complete with tales of community, celebration, and scandal. RR

C **James Madison: The Forgotten Founder**
Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 10 am
Discover the life and legacy of James Madison! Our fourth president played a crucial role in creating the Constitution and Bill of Rights, but that's only a fraction of his contribution to our country. Librarian Traci Hoffman will also discuss how Dolly Madison innovated the modern role of First Lady. Register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

HB **Ghostly Macrame**
Wednesday, Oct. 7 or 14,
At 5:30 pm
Discover how to craft a hauntingly beautiful macrame ghost wall hanging with a little spooky magic from The HUB's Cricut. RR

V **Art in Flight with Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo**
Thursday, Oct. 8, at 2 pm
Russo discusses her fascinating book, **The Ascent of Rauschenberg**. American artist Robert Rauschenberg experimented with collage, performance, photography, printmaking, and his sculpture/painting hybrids that he dubbed "combines." But the connecting tissue through all of his work was his fascination with flight! Take off at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Let's Cook with LaDonna Oltmanns**
Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. This month, she's making pumpkin chili! RR

L **Gentle Yoga with Deep Relaxation**
Friday, Oct. 9, 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 lower neck and shoulder relief. Dress for movement and bring a yoga mat or towel RR

H **Headlands Writers' Group**
Monday, Oct. 12, 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

C **Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Debate that Shaped America**
Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10 am
Dr. John Foster highlights how the feud between two founding fathers — Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson — still resonates today. Explore their ideas, personalities, and enduring legacy. Register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

V **The Power of Limits with David Epstein**
Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 2 pm
The bestselling science writer discusses how limits can encourage your creativity and improve your performance with his newest book, **Inside the Box**. He draws on scientific research and real-world case studies to demonstrate his point. Join this exclusive author talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

M **Autumn Mocktail Class**
Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6 pm
Katie Perdue from SoBern Journey will help you craft the perfect mocktail for yourself or your friends. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, Oct. 14 & 28, at 10 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

H **Headlands Craft Squad Social**
Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 pm
Crafters and artists *of all ages* and skill levels can enjoy company while working on their next projects.

L **No Rules, Just Art**
Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 pm
Teens and adults can get messy while making art in a judgment-free zone. RR

M **Board Game Saturdays**
Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Board > Bored! Play games from our collection or bring your own.

ADULT

M **Spice Club: Pumpkin Pie Spice**
Starting Sunday, Oct. 18
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.

HB **Spooky Ghost Paintings**
Tuesday, Oct. 20 or 27, At 5:30 pm
Decorate fall landscapes with painted haunts and help from The HUB's poster printer. RR

L **Tuesday Night Crochet Club**
Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm
Fiber artists can work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other while they work.

M **The Life of Julia Child**
Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm
History comes alive when Ruth Pangrace from Women in History portrays the famous chef and television personality who brought French cuisine to the American public. RR

M **Intermediate Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna Oltmanns**
Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 3 pm
You've mastered the basics of the air fryer. Learn intermediate techniques with local chef LaDonna Oltmanns as she prepares appetizers, sides, entrees, and dessert! RR

L **Tai Chi for Arthritis**
Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 3:15 pm
This class will be led by Libby Hill, a master trainer for the Tai Chi for Health Institute. It focuses on gentle movements that will help reduce pain, increase strength, and improve balance. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. RR

HB **Ghostly Garland**
Wednesday, Oct. 21 or 28, At 5:30 pm
Create whimsical Halloween garland using scraps of fabric and The HUB's Cricut. RR

L **Yoga & Aromatherapy for Stress Relief**
Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:15 pm
Jennifer Kovalchik Langsdale leads a free class that pairs simple soothing yoga postures with essential oil samples that are scientifically proven to calm the nerves and aid with stress relief. RR

HB **Cute & Cozy Coasters**
Thursday, Oct. 22 or 29, At 5:30 pm
Use makerspace materials to create a cute coaster stand and engrave an inspirational word on a set of two cork coasters. RR

M **Food with the First Ladies**
Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 pm
Librarian Traci Hoffman will discuss the First Ladies and the recipes they loved — to make, to eat, and to share! RR

M **Scrapbooking Crop-A-Thon**
Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 am to 9 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with scrapbooking enthusiasts! A light dinner will be provided. (You can also bring a snack to share.) A $10 fee to cover food expenses is required upon registration. RR

L **Pioneer Plates: Cooking & Baking in the Mid-19th Century**
Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 pm
Angie George from North Coast Narrative will share the cooking and baking traditions that shaped everyday life in the mid-19th century. Explore the tools, ingredients, and techniques of the era. RR

M **Paint by Number**
Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 pm
Unwind and tap into your inner artist with a cozy, fall-themed paint-by-numbers session. All supplies provided. RR

H **Quill-o-ween!**
Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 pm
Celebrate Halloween by learning to quill paper and make a fun craft with help from the team at MulWal Creations. RR

M **The History of Salt**
Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 pm
Find out what it really means to be worth your salt! Mentor Public Library's Food Month concludes with this salty lecture from Dr. John Foster. He'll discuss the ways in which salt has shaped human culture and society over the last 2,000 years. RR

Did you notice that many of our October programs have a similar scrumptious motif?

We're celebrating food — glorious food — all month at Mentor Public Library.

We're hosting delicious programs for all interests and ages at our branches. So dig in!

Book Clubs

M **It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 pm
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, suspense, true crime, and mystery/detective novels. In October, they will discuss **Midnight Feast** by Lisa Foley.

M **Back in Time Book Club**
Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **Sisters of the Rising Son** by Heather Morris. RR

L **Tuesday Night Book Club**
Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **The Cabin at the End of the World** by Paul Tremblay. RR

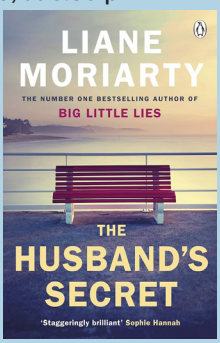
M **Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe to share with the group. This month, the club's book is **Something from Nothing** by Alison Roman. Bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

H **Thrills & Chills Book Club**
Monday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In September, they will read and discuss **The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall** by Katie Alender. For readers, ages 14 - 18 in 9th - 12th grade. RR

M **Men's Book Club**
Monday, Oct. 19, at 7 pm
October's book is **Proto: How One Language Went Global** by Laura Spinney.

H **Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In October, we're discussing **The Space Between Worlds** by Micaiah Johnson. RR

M **Monday Night Book Club**
Monday, Oct. 26, 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 Husband's Secret** by Liane Moriarty. R



TECH

L Computer Class: Word I
Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 2 pm
Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create, open, and save a document, as well as how to select text and change its formatting. RR

L Computer Class: Excel II
Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 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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TEEN

L Spiderweb Zip-Tie Crowns
Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 10-17) can use zip-ties to make spiderweb crowns for Halloween! RR

L No Rules, Just Art
Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 pm
Teens and adults can get messy while making art in a judgment-free zone. RR

H Sweet & Sour Clay Charm Keychains
Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 10-17) can make a pickle or strawberry charm keychain out of polymer clay. Then they'll play food-themed board games while their clay bakes. RR

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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!

L Haunted Hunters
Kids of all ages can win a prize by finding the ghosts and ghouls hiding in the Lake Branch. New hiding spots daily!

H Adopt a Bigfoot
Kids can adopt a sasquatch from our Headlands Branch, while supplies last. The children will also receive an adoption certificate, stickers, temporary tattoos, and an activity packet. Finally, they'll be entered into a Halloween raffle to win a prize package that includes a free copy of **Bigfoot Is a Jerk** by Julie Ditchburn Patton.

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 Yoga Kids
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) along with their grownups will stretch their minds and bodies during this yoga story time. The staff from our Children's Department and yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach help families act out a picture book using yoga poses RR

M LEGO at the Library
Saturday, Oct. 3, 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 Party Like Pete the Cat
Monday, Oct. 5, at 1 pm
Kids (ages 2-6) can chill out with their favorite Pete the Cat stories, as well as groovy games and activities. RR

M Book-to-Movie Book Club
Monday, Oct. 5, 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, the spotlight is on **Goosebumps**. RR

M The Fine Arts Club
Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) will learn about poetry, painting, and other art forms with fun hands-on experiences. In October, they'll learn about stage makeup. RR

HB Monster Jars
Tuesday, Oct. 6 or 13, at 5:30 pm
Kids (6-11) can light up their rooms with spooky little monster jars made with help from The HUB's Cricut. RR

M Travel Club — USA
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 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

H Let's Cook with Kids
Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns will lead a cooking class for kids (8 and older.) RR

M The Story of America Club
Thursday, Oct. 8, 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 traveling back to World War II. RR

HB Miniature Fruit Bowl
Thursday, Oct. 8 or 15, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) will use air-dry clay and other makerspace materials at The HUB to create adorable miniature pieces of fruit and a wooden bowl to hold them. RR

L Spiderweb Zip-Tie Crowns
Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 10-17) can use zip-ties to make spiderweb crowns for Halloween! RR

M Spooky Altered Book
Friday, Oct. 9, at 1 pm
Kids (first through sixth grade) can transform an old book into a spooky work of art. RR

M Story Time Cafe
Saturday, Oct. 10, at noon
Families can enjoy food-themed tales paired with light snacks for each story. RR

KIDS

M A Boo-tiful Night
Monday, Oct. 12, at 7 pm
Families can enjoy a special Halloween movie outdoors on the Main Branch's lawn. Bring blankets and chairs. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided.

M Over the Garden Wall
Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m.
Kids (ages 8-12) can take a stroll through the Unknown with crafts, activities, and a screening of the first episode from the classic miniseries **Over the Garden Wall.** RR

M Paint a Leftover 3D Print
Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 pm
Kids (ages 7-12) can spend their day off from school painting an extra 3D printed sculpture from one of our previous programs. RR

H Sweet & Sour Clay Charm Keychains
Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 pm
Tweens and teens (ages 10-17) can make a pickle or strawberry charm keychain out of polymer clay. Then they'll play food-themed board games while their clay bakes. RR

M Poe Party
Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm
Kids (ages 8-12) can enjoy a spooky (but not too scary) celebration of Edgar Allan Poe, master of mysterious tales and creepy creatures. There may even be a special visitor... Halloween costumes are encouraged. RR

L Monster Madness Halloween Kids Craft
Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 am to 4 pm
Kids (ages 5-12) can make creepy creature crafts. No registration required. Walk-in program, while supplies last.

L Spooky Cookie Decorating
Monday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 pm
Kids (ages 8-14) will decorate spooky cookies for Halloween. We'll provide the cookies, decorating supplies, and a Halloween movie to enjoy. The kids will provide the creativity. Costumes encouraged! RR

M Tiny Foods Party
Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 4 pm
Kids (6-12) can feel like a giant as they whip up delicious tiny foods to feast on. RR

M American Girl & America
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 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 October, they'll be meeting Julie. RR

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

STORYTIMES

M Family Story Time
Mondays, at 10 am
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! Family Story Time will have a pair of special guests this month. State Senator Jerry Cirino will be a guest reader on Oct. 5 and State Rep. Dan Troy will be a guest reader on Oct. 26.

M Tiddlywinks Story Time
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
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
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
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
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
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
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

M Firehouse Friends Story Time
Thursday, Oct. 8, 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, Oct. 15, 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!

M Halloween Family Story Time
Friday, Oct. 30, at 11 am
Enjoy a special Halloween story time and then trick or treat around the library.

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