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OCTOBER 2025

KEY

RR: REGISTRATION REQUIRED
C: CONCORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
H: HEADLANDS
HB: THE HUB
M: MAIN
L: LAKE
V: VIRTUAL

ADULT

H **Library Art-Ober**
All October
Join us for a month-long celebration of art! Visit our Headlands Branch any day this month for a list of art prompts. Then... start creating! You can use pens, pencils, paints, markers, chalk, your tablet — whatever you want. Open to artists of all ages and skill levels. No registration required.

M **DVD Binge Boxes**
Oct. 1 - 15
Borrow a Binge Box from the Information Desk at our Main Branch, while supplies last. They include three themed movies, a snack, and a surprise that you can keep.

HB **Welcome Gnome**
Wednesdays, Sept. 24 or Oct. 1
At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's laser engraver to make a charming Gnome Wreath for your home. RR

L **Mentor-on-the-Lake History Buffs**
Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 pm
We gather and document information about Mentor-on-the-Lake's past. Reminiscing and sharing is also encouraged. RR

H **Headlands Crafternoon**
Thursday, Oct. 2, at 1 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

V **Nuestra America: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas & Latinos**
Thursday, Oct. 2, at 2 pm
Join Smithsonian professionals Adrian Aldaba and Emily Key as they discuss their new book, **Nuestra America**, and highlight inspiring stories of Latinos who contributed to the cultural, social, and political character of the United States. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB **Treat Tracker**
Thursdays, Sept. 25 or Oct. 2,
At 5:30 pm
Create a double-sided wooden candy corn that's the perfect Halloween decoration. RR

M **The Cold War Presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson**
Thursday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster concludes his year-long lecture series on the Cold War presidents by spotlighting Johnson. His presidency was bookended by tragedies — his predecessor's assassination and the quagmire in Vietnam. Learn about the dark end of the 1960s. RR

L **How to Stop Unsolicited Calls**
Thursday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 pm
Unwanted phone calls are a nuisance! A professional from Fenton Financial Services offers a step-by-step guide on how to make them cease. RR

M **Meet Us in the Garden: Bring Spring to Your Home**
Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10 am
Lake County Master Gardeners explain how to bring spring inside by *forcing* bulbs — that is, making them flower at atypical times. RR

L **Fall Crafty Adults: Embroidery Hoop Pumpkins**
Monday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 pm
Create an embroidery hoop pumpkin that's the perfect decoration this October. RR

M **James Willis: My Strangest & Spookiest Ghost Investigations**
Monday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 pm
Since 1985, author and paranormal investigator James Willis has traversed the country, tracking down reports of hauntings and other creepy events. For this program, he's sharing audio, video, and photographs from his most hair-raising investigations. RR

C **Bloody Sunday 1972**
Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 10 am
Dr. John Foster depicts the events of Jan. 30, 1972 — best known as Bloody Sunday. British troops opened fire on a civil-rights demonstration in Northern Ireland, killing 13 people. Foster will describe both what led to Bloody Sunday and its terrible consequences. To register, call Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

M **Candidates and Issues Forum**
Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 pm
Prospective voters who want to learn more about 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 Public Library.

L **Forgotten Hauntings of Northeast Ohio**
Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 pm
Author and paranormal historian William G. Krejci delves into ghost stories from century-old headlines. His books will be available for sale and signing after the program. RR

L **Castaways**
Wednesdays, Oct. 8 & 22, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

HB **Midnight Moon**
Wednesday, Oct. 8 or 15
At 5:30 pm
Use The HUB's laser engraver to make an enchanting Crescent Moon Wreath. RR

H **Headlands Craft Social Squad**
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 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: Hara Bhara Kebabs**
Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free cooking demonstration. RR

V **Ten Years of Daring Heists & Lovable Outcasts with Leigh Bardugo**
Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7 pm
Leigh Bardugo celebrates a decade of her bestselling duology with the release of **Six of Crows: The Dregs Edition**. She'll discuss creating a complex fantasy world and morally gray characters. You can join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

L **Medicare Checkup with the Lake County Council on Aging**
Monday, Oct. 13, at 6 pm
LCCOA's Benefits Specialist Kellie Blauman covers Medicare basics and discusses expected changes for 2026. RR

M **Eliot Ness & the Cleveland Years**
Monday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 pm
Rebecca McFarland — a fifth-generation Clevelander and expert on the life of Eliot Ness — discusses the impact that Ness had on Cleveland. She'll share photos and stories from his time as Cleveland Safety Director. RR

L **Color Me Calm**
Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 3 pm
Adults can color while listening to relaxing music. Registration encouraged.

M **Zumba for All Bodies**
Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6 pm
Enjoy a free Zumba class at the library! Zumba is a full-body, cardio dance class. Fun for all skill levels. RR

ADULT

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

M Instant Pot Demo with LaDonna
Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 pm
Learn the basics of how to use an instant pot in a safe way to make versatile meals with local chef LaDonna Oltmanns. RR

L Aromatherapy Blend for Common Ailments
Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 pm
Certified aromatherapist Jennifer Langsdale discusses simple aromatherapy remedies for common ailments like headaches, stress, and difficulty sleeping. Scent samples will be provided and attendees can even make their own simple blend to take home. RR

L Lake Erie N-Scale Society Model Train Display
Friday, Oct. 17, from noon to 4:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 am to 4 pm
The Lake Erie N-Scale Society will present a special model train exhibit. Members of LENS will demonstrate the model trains and answer your train questions.

M Board Game Saturdays
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Play games from our collection or bring your own on the third Saturday of every month.

M Scrapbooking Crop-a-Thon
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 am to 9 pm
Bring your supplies for a full day of cropping with fellow scrapbooking enthusiasts. A light dinner will be provided. There is a $10 fee to cover food expenses that must be paid when registering. RR

M Spice Club: Garam Masala
Starting Sunday, Oct. 19
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.

H Come Crack Cold Cases
Monday, Oct. 20, at 2 pm
Mystery buffs unite! Detectives can test their skills by solving fictional cold cases. Examine the evidence and identify the murderer. Tea and coffee will be served. RR

C Make Autumn Greeting Cards Using Iris Paper Folding
Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10 am
Make gorgeous and unique greeting cards with a fun paper folding technique. To register, call Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650. RR

HB Paper & Pumpkin Spice
Tuesdays, Oct. 21 or 28
At 5:30 pm
Embrace the cozy vibes of autumn by decorating a small wooden cutting board with fall-themed papers. RR

M The Vampire Talk
Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 pm
Mark Dawidziak — author of **The Night Stalker Companion** and **The Bedside, Bathtub & Armchair Companion to Dracula** — discusses the enduring appeal of the undead. RR

M Insights in the Unknown with Ghost Hunter Greg Feketik
Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6 pm
Greg Feketik is a retired Twinsburg police office, volunteer at the historic Ohio State Reformatory, and founder of the Tri-C Ghost Hunters. He's been investigating the paranormal since 1991. His presentation includes photos, videos, and audio recordings from his investigations that will educate and entertain. RR

H Pumpkin Painting Party
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Adults and kids (10 and older) are invited to our spooktacular pumpkin painting party. RR

Fall Sunset Walk at the Mentor Marsh
Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6 pm
Enjoy a sunset walk with a naturalist from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Learn what's living in Mentor Marsh (5185 Corduroy Road) and enjoy a breathtaking sunset. RR

M World War II Women: The WAAC
Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 pm
Learn about the Women's Army Corps' contribution to the US war effort and hear stories about the more than 150,000 women who served in the WAAC. RR

L Author Reading by Sandy Mitchell Pavick, *Images of America: Painesville*
Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2 pm
Pavick will read from her book, **Images of America: Painesville**. She's also written history books about Cleveland's Little Italy and Slavic Village neighborhoods. Her books will be available for sale and signing. RR

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 pm
Open to all ages and skill levels. This month, we'll meet at **Mentor Lagoons (**8365 Harbor Drive, Mentor.) RR

L Tuesday Night Crochet Club
Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 pm
Meet with fellow fiber artists to work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other.

V Courtly Intrigue & Whispers as Weapons with Philippa Gregory
Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 2 pm
Dr. Philippa Gregory is one of the world's foremost historical novelists. Her bestsellers include **The Other Boleyn Girl** and **The White Queen**. She'll be discussing her newest novel, **The Boleyn Traitor**. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

TECH

M Learn How to Use your Android Phone: Computer Class
Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 2 pm
Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an Android smartphone. Bring your device to this session. RR

M Excel I: Computer Class
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 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

M Learn How to Use your iPhone: Computer Class
Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 2 pm
Learn basic information about mobile devices with more specific advice on how to use an iPhone. Bring your device to this session. RR

M Excel II: Computer Class
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 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

M Cybersecurity: Computer Class
Thursday, Oct. 30, at 2 pm
Learn basic informations about how to be safe online. Discover what measures can be taken to protect your computer systems and data from cyber attacks, unauthorized access, and other threats. RR

M Excel III: Computer Class
Thursday, Oct. 30, 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. 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

It's a Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 pm
Discuss crime-related genres, including thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. October's book is **Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers** by Jesse Q. Sutanto. RR

Cookbook Club
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 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 **Ammu: Indian Home Cooking** or **An Invitation to Indian Cooking**. Please bring a plate and utensils for yourself and a serving spoon for your dish. RR

Back in Time Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. This month, we discuss **Carnegie's Maid** by Marie Benedict. RR

Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy great reads with great company! This month, we'll be talking about **The Keeper of Lost Things** by Ruth Hogan. RR

Science Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. We're discussing **Recursion** by Blake Crouch. RR

Thrills & Chills Book Club
Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In October, they will read and discuss **The Girl in the Bog** by Keith Donohue. For readers, ages 14 to 18 in ninth through 12th grade. RR

Men's Book Club
Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Ministry of Time** by Kaliane Bradley. RR

Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **How to Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristin Perrin. R

TEEN

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Adopt a Ghost
All October
Students (kindergarten through 12th grade) can adopt a ghost! Each ghost parent will receive a ghost in a box, an adoption certificate, and a haunted house cutout to take home, while supplies last.

VolunTEENS
Monday, Oct. 6, 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

Family Halloween Movie Matinee
Friday, Oct. 10, at 2 pm
Enjoy a fun and free screening of Tim Burton's **Nightmare Before Christmas**. RR

Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 pm
If you're in 7th-12th grade, help us develop programs for teens and make suggestions for teen spaces. Snack provided. RR

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Spooky Halloween Pots for Teens
Friday, Oct. 24, at 2pm
Teens (in seventh through 12th grade) can paint a clay pot in the spirit of Halloween. RR

Nature Journaling
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Open to all ages and skill levels. This month, we'll meet at **Mentor Lagoons (**8365 Harbor Drive, Mentor.) RR

KIDS

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Family Pumpkin Painting — Pumpkin Pickup Days
Sept. 30 — Oct. 3
Families can register for our Pumpkin Painting contest, starting on Sept. 29. The theme is Children's Book Character. Once registered, you can pick up your pumpkin from the Children's Area at our Main Branch. Decorate your pumpkin and return it to us by Oct. 12. Then everyone can vote for their favorite pumpkins from Oct. 13 - 19.

Monster Madness Scavenger Hunt
All October
Kids of all ages can win a prize when they find the monster lurking in the library. The monster loves to chew books and changes its hiding spot daily.

Adopt a Ghost
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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.

Travel Club
Wednesday, Oct. 1, 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 — Yukon ho! — we're learning about Alaska. RR

Let's Cook with Kids
Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a cooking class for kids (eight and older.) RR

Yoga Kids
Thursday, Oct. 2, at 1 pm
Kids (3-6) can enjoy a special story time. Yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach and library staff will guide the little ones and their grownups through exercises in breathing and movement, all put together with a story and music. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. RR

KIDS

M **Back to Hogwarts**
Friday, Oct. 3, at 5:30 pm
Kids (7-12) along with a parent can journey to Hogwarts and enjoy a magical afterhours program at the library! We'll offer crafts, activities, and a feast — all inspired by Harry Potter. Young wizards are encouraged to dress as their favorite character. RR

M **LEGO at the Library**
Saturday, Oct. 4, 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 **Book-to-Movie Book Club**
Monday, Oct. 6, 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 Legend of Sleepy Hollow**. RR

M **The Fine Arts Club**
Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) learn about poetry, painting, and other art forms with hands-on experiences. This month, they will explore dramatic storytelling. RR

HB **Tote Your Treat**
Tuesdays, Oct. 7 or 14, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can design their own trick-or-treat bag using the makerspace's Cricut. RR

L **Creepy Crafting with Paper Puppets**
Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm
Kids (7-11) can learn how to make creepy puppets using paper, scissors, clothespins, and markers — from tiny clothespin puppets to larger hand puppets. RR

M **Creepy Critters**
Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 pm
Kids (3-7) can meet some creepy cool critters through stories and crafts. RR

L **Family Halloween Movie Matinee**
Friday, Oct. 10, at 2 pm
Enjoy a fun and free screening of Tim Burton's **Nightmare Before Christmas**. RR

L **Kids Craft: Halloween**
Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 am to 4 pm
Kids (5-12) can make a Halloween craft, while supplies last.

L **Toddler Playdate**
Monday, Oct. 13, at 10 am
Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

H **Pumpkin Decorating & Stories**
Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 11 am
Kids (3-6) can enjoy pumpkin stories and decorate their own gourds to take home. RR

M **Bingo Club**
Thursday, Oct. 16, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. The games have a different theme each month! RR

L **Lake Erie N-Scale Society Model Train Display**
Friday, Oct. 17, from noon to 4:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 am to 4 pm
The Lake Erie N-Scale Society will present a special model train exhibit. Members of LENS will demonstrate the model trains and answer your train questions.

HB **Halloween Ghostie**
Wednesdays, Oct. 22 or 29
At 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can make a friendly little ghost with some help from The HUB's heat press. RR

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Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6 pm
Enjoy a sunset walk with a naturalist from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Learn what's living in Mentor Marsh (5185 Corduroy Road) and enjoy a breathtaking sunset. RR

M **It Came from Ohio**
Saturday, Oct. 25, at noon
Kids (7-12) can investigate some mysterious creatures that may live in Ohio... or even in their backyard. RR

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 pm
Open to all ages and skill levels. This month, we'll meet at **Mentor Lagoons (**8365 Harbor Drive, Mentor.) RR

M **Trick or Treating at the Library**
Thursday, 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.

STORYTIMES

M **Family Story Time**
Mondays, at 10 am, except Oct. 13
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
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.

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 **Show & Tell Storytime**
Monday, Oct. 6, at 1 pm
Kids (4-6) can enjoy an interactive story time that helps them develop social, emotional, and language skills as they share a special item from home with others.

M **Firehouse Friends Story Time**
Thursday, Oct. 9, at 10 am
Fireman Dan will read stories about firefighters and offer tips on staying safe.

M **Early Intervention Family Story Time**
Monday, Oct. 13, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

M **Glow in the Dark Story Hour**
Monday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 pm
Kids of all ages can enjoy stories in the dark with crafts and a snack to follow. Halloween costumes encouraged! RR

M **Halloween Family Story Time**
Friday, Oct. 31, at 10:30 am
Enjoy a special Halloween story time and then trick or treat around the library.

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