Mentor Public Library

presents:

The Roaring Twenties

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MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

ADULT

Mentor Roars Back to the 1920s
All September
We're celebrating the 100th anniversary of **The Great Gatsby** by throwing it back to the Jazz Age! We're commemorating this pivotal time in American history with special programs all throughout September.

V On Writing Villainous Love with Hannah Nicole Maehrer
Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7 pm
Fantasy romance author, bestseller, and booktokker Hannah Nicole Maehrer discusses the newest book in her popular **Assistant to the Villain** series. Join the conversation at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

H Headlands Crafternoon
Thursday, Sept. 4, at 1 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with us. Bring your current project. All skill levels welcome!

M The Murderous Mrs. West
Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 pm
Local historian Ginnie Jeschelnig shares a fascinating and true murder case from the 1920s in Lake County. The question — then and now — isn't *if* Velma West killed her husband. It's *why*. RR

M Meet Us in the Garden: All You Really Need to Know about Bulbs
Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10 am
The Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers explain what you need to know before you start planting bulbs in your beds. RR

H Come Crack Cold Cases
Monday, Sept. 8, 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 The Great Crash of 1929
Monday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 pm
Dr. John Foster discusses the stock market crash of 1929 — a catastrophe whose effects are still remembered today. Discover how it affected our memory of the 1920s. RR

L Color Me Calm
Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 3 pm
Adults can color while listening to relaxing music. Registration encouraged.

HB 1920s Paper Flowers
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 or 16
At 5:30 pm
Use stenciling, paper flowers, and a Cricut Maker to create a craft with a 1920s ethos. RR

M Zumba for All Bodies
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 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

L Castaways
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 & 24, at 10:30 am
Stitch with friends! Bring whatever knitting, crocheting, or other fiber art project you're working on.

M James A. Garfield & the 1880 Front Porch Campaign
Wednesday, Sept. 10, at noon
James A. Garfield conducted the first "front porch campaign" from his home in Mentor when he ran for president. Alan Gephardt from James A. Garfield National Historic Site shares his research on the campaign — drawn from first-hand accounts. RR

V Argue Less & Talk More with Communication Expert Jefferson Fisher
Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 2 pm
Communication expert and author of **The Next Conversation**, Jefferson Fisher offers strategies and phrases that will forever change the way that you communicate. Join the talk at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

HB Art Deco Starburst
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 or 17
At 5:30 pm
Make an Art Deco Starburst Mirror. RR

H Headlands Craft Social Squad
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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: Spicy Cajun Chickpea Balls
Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 pm
Local chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads a free and fantastic cooking demonstration. RR

L Bad Art
Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 pm
Create and don't worry about mistakes! Maker of the best "Bad Art" receives a trophy at the end of the evening. RR

M Puzzle Swap
Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 am to 12:30 pm
Swap your jigsaw puzzles for something new! From Sept. 8 — 12, drop off used puzzles at the Front Desk of our Main Branch. The puzzles should be in good condition with no missing pieces, have at least 300 pieces, and be in their original boxes. You'll receive one ticket for each donated puzzle. The tickets can be redeemed for a new-to-you puzzle during our Swap Day on Saturday, Sept. 13.

L Tuesday Night Crochet Club
Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 pm
Meet with fellow fiber artists to work on projects, get ideas, and learn from each other.

V Our Failed Attempts to Make English Eezier to Spell with Gabe Henry
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 2 pm
Gabe Henry discusses his newest book, **Enough Is Enuf**, in which he highlights luminaries like Mark Twain, Emma Dearborn, and Benjamin Franklin who tried (and failed) to make English a less weird language to spell. Join us at **libraryc.org/mentorpl**. RR

L Tai Chi for Health
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 3:15 pm
This class focuses on gentle movements, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. All experience levels welcome. RR

M Air Fryer Demo with LaDonna
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns teaches the versatility and ease of using an air fryer. Learn as she demonstrates how to prepare appetizers, dinner, sides, and desserts. RR

H Roaring 20s Potluck
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 pm
Celebrate the Roaring 20s with a potluck! Make a dish to share using our recipes or one of your own inspired by the 1920s. RR

L The Roaring 20s: From Excess to Temperance
Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 pm
Angie George from Northcoast Narratives explores the cultural transformation that occurred during the 1920s in the USA — focusing on food, drinks, social changes, and women's liberation. RR

M Saturday Scrapbooking
Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 am to 4 pm
Scrapbooking enthusiasts, bring your supplies for a day of cropping! RR

M Board Game Saturdays
Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Come to our Main Library on every third Saturday of the month for board games.

ADULT

M **Stop the Burn: Fire Extinguisher Training**
Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10 am
Mentor Firefighter Dan Garey will talk about different types of fire extinguishers and how to use them. You'll also practice using one while outdoors, so dress for the weather. **RR**

M **Spice Club: Cajun Spice**
Starting Sunday, Sept. 21
Pick up a free take-home kit from our Main Branch's reference desk with a sample of this month's spice and a suggested recipe to try. One kit per family, while supplies last.

L **The Author & The Flapper: The Fitzgeralds & 'Gatsby'**
Monday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 pm
The marriage of F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald was marked by passion, creativity, and a complex — often unstable — dynamic. Together, they symbolized the Jazz Age's contradictions. **RR**

H **3D Quilling**
Monday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 pm
Make a cute, three-dimensional sheep craft using the technique of quilling. **RR**

M **Snacks from Around the World**
Thursday, Sept. 23, at 2 pm
Learn about and taste snacks from different countries. **RR**

HB **Sunflowers in the Summer**
Tuesdays, Sept. 23, 4 to 6 pm
Craft for all ages. Use The HUB's laser engraver to create a wooden sunflower.

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6 pm
Let nature inspire you! Open to **all ages** and skill levels. In September, we'll meet at **Headlands Beach State Park**. **RR**

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**

H **Bookbinding: An Introduction**
Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6 pm
Learn basic bookbinding techniques and create a sketchbook to take home. All supplies will be provided. **RR**

L **Ohio's Historic Haunts: Investigating the Paranormal in the Buckeye State**
Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m.
Author and paranormal researcher James Willis delves into the connection between actual history and ghost stories. Discover what happened when Willis spent the night inside 20+ historic Ohio buildings, some of which are rumored to be haunted. **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 **Prohibition-Era Mocktails**
Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m.
Katie Perdue of SoBern Journey shares sophisticated (and zero-proof) drinks inspired by the hidden speakeasies of the past. **RR**

M **Roaring 1920s Tea**
Monday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy tea and sandwiches, themed trivia, bingo, and a brief talk on what the 1920s was like. Period dress and bringing your own teacup is welcome, but not required. **RR**

M **Dressing Gatsby: Fashion of the 1920s**
Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m.
Sara Hume, Curator/Professor of the Kent State Fashion Museum, explores the social and technological changes that led to radical new styles in the 1920s. **RR**

Update to our Program-Attendance Procedure

Many of our programs fill to capacity and accrue a waitlist of people who wish to attend. When someone registers for a program and DOESN'T attend or let us know beforehand that they'll be missing it, that denies other people a seat in the room.

For some programs, we restrict attendance due to limited seating and/or the cost of supplies. Starting Sept. 8, if someone registers for one of these programs and then doesn't attend TWICE, they may be placed on the waitlist for the next MPL program they register for. This is out of consideration for fairness and allows other people an opportunity to enjoy our programming.

This will not apply to people that call the library to cancel their attendance at least 24 hours in advance.

For these programs with limited space, we will now require that patrons provide an email address when signing up. This allows us to confirm and remind them of their registration via email.

Book Clubs

HB **A Court of Thorns & Roses: Romantasy HUB Club**
Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 pm
Each month, we discuss a romantic fantasy title and make a craft inspired by the book. This month, we're talking about **A Court of Thorns & Roses** by Sarah J. Maas. **RR**

M **It's a Mystery Book Club**
Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 pm
Enjoy and discuss crime-related genres, including mysteries and true crime. September's book is **Spy Coast** by Tess Gerritsen. **RR**

M **Back in Time Book Club**
Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 2 pm
This book club travels through time with fiction and nonfiction selections. Just in time for our Roaring 20s-themed month, we discuss **Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald** by Therese Anne Fowler. **RR**

L **Tuesday Night Book Club**
Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 pm
The Tuesday Night Book Club returns from its summer sabbatical to discuss **The Uncommon Reader** by Alan Bennett. **RR**

M **Cookbook Club: Squash Challenge**
Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 pm
Chef LaDonna Oltmanns leads this group, which combines a book club and potluck. Each member picks and prepares a recipe to share. This month's theme is awesomely autumnal — squash. **RR**

H **Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club**
Monday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 pm
Our book club for teens! In September, the club selected to read and discuss **Vampires, Hearts & Other Dead Things** by Margie Fuston. **RR**

M **Men's Book Club**
Monday, Sept. 15, at 7 pm
This month's book is **The Swerve** by Stephen Greenblatt. **RR**

H **Science Fiction Book Club**
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 pm
Our club celebrates new and classic speculative fiction. In September, we're reading **Exhalation** by Ted Chiang. **RR**

M **Monday Night Book Club**
Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 pm
Join us for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads, and books of interest. This month, we're discussing **A Certain Age** by Beatriz Williams. **R**

TEEN

M VolunTEENS
Monday, Sept. 8, at 3:30 pm
Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. For more info, call 440-255-8811 ext. 1. RR

L Very Hungry Rockapillar
Saturday, Sept. 13
Help feed our very hungry rockapillar! Paint rocks and add them to the growing rockapillar that will live in our Lake Branch's garden. We'll supply the paint. You can bring your own rocks or use one of ours. This program is open to painters of all ages.

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L SAT Practice Test with Huntington Learning Center
Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:30 am — 1 pm
Students entering 10th-12th grade can prepare for the SAT with a full-length practice test facilitated by Huntington Learning Center. Attendees should bring a calculator and arrive on time. By signing up for this test, families are also registering for the Score Report Night at 6:30 pm on Sept. 25 when students and parents will receive their scores. They will review the score analysis, learn how to improve, and explore further test-prep skills. RR

Nature Journaling
Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6 pm
Let nature inspire you! Open to **all ages** and skill levels. Join us every month at a different Mentor park. We'll explore journaling techniques across a variety of mediums. In September, we'll meet at **Headlands Beach State Park**. We'll provide supplies, but you're also welcome to bring your own. RR

All Mentor Public Library branches will be closed on Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

Enjoy your holiday!

KIDS

H Finger Paint Fridays
Fridays, from 10 am to 4 pm
Kids can explore their creativity with finger painting. This activity is largely self-directed with limited assistance from staff.

M The Fine Arts Club
Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) learn about poetry, painting, and other forms of art using history and hands-on experiences. This month, we're exploring color theory. RR

M Travel Club — USA
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 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 Paws to Read
Wednesday, Sept. 3
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, Sept. 6 at 11 am
Kids (ages 5-12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. We supply the LEGO; you bring the creativity.

L Grab-n-Go Seasonal Crafts
Monday, Sept. 8
Enjoy a seasonal children's craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

L Toddler Playdate
Monday, Sept. 8, at 10 am
Connect with other families that have toddlers (18-36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection.

M Book-to-Movie Book Club
Monday, Sept. 8, at 4 pm
Kids (8-12) will read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. In May, we're discussing **The Wizard of Oz**. RR

HB Boo-tiful Mini Frames
Thursdays, Sept. 11 or 18, at 4 pm
Kids (6-11) can celebrate Halloween a little early by creating three miniature frames with a touch of eerie charm and some ghostly pals. RR

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Help feed our very hungry rockapillar! Paint rocks and add them to the growing rockapillar that will live in our Lake Branch's garden. We'll supply the paint. You can bring your own rocks or use one of ours. This program is open to painters of all ages.

H Headlands Trivia
Saturday, Sept. 13, 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, Sept. 13, at 2 pm
Join us for a different game from ROBLOX each month. RR

H Next Level Video Game Club
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 pm
Kids (8 and older) can play games on our Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. RR

M Apple Harvest Celebration
Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 pm
Children of all ages can learn about the apple harvest through stories, games, and crafts. RR

M Bingo Club
Thursday, Sept. 18, at 4 pm
Kids (7-12) can win prizes by playing bingo. The games have a different theme each month! RR

M Challenged Books Scavenger Hunt
Monday, Sept. 22, to Friday, Sept. 26
Find 10 challenged books hidden around the Children's Department to win a small prize.

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M Camp MPL
Saturday, Sept. 27, at noon
Kids (6-12) can enjoy camping-themed activities, crafts, and a snack. RR

M Family Pumpkin Painting Contest Registration
Monday, Sept. 29
Registration opens for our family pumpkin painting contest on Sept. 29. The theme this year is **Children's Book Character**. Once registered, families can pick up their pumpkin any day from Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 at the Children's Area in our Main Branch. Families can decorate their pumpkin at home and return it to the Main Branch by Oct 12. (Please do not carve your pumpkin.) Patrons can vote for their favorite pumpkins from Oct. 13 to Oct. 19. RR

Borrow Beyond Books

Of course, you know that you can borrow books, movies, magazines, and music from the library.

Did you know that you can borrow...

Board Games! We have dozens of games — for all ages and skills levels — that you can enjoy during your next family game night. To see a list of our games that you can borrow, visit **mentorpl.org/board-games**.

Binoculars and a telescope! Birdwatching at Mentor Marsh or maybe you want a better view of the Perseid Meteor Shower? We can help with either.

Traffic cones! Is your teen learning how to drive? Why buy cones that you're only going to need for a few weeks? (Hopefully.)

Cake pans! There will be no boring baked goods in your kitchen. Bake cakes shaped like a stadium, guitar, dinosaur, butterfly, or Lightning McQueen. For a complete list of our pans, visit **mentorpl.org/cake-pans**.

Exercise equipment! Borrow our kettlebell, FitStix, ab roller, or resistance strap, along with our extensive collection of exercise DVDs for all ages and fitness levels.

Outdoor games! Borrow our bocce, cornhole, or croquet sets, as well as gigantic versions of checkers, Jenga, and Connect Four. They're perfect for your next barbecue or birthday party.

Party supplies! Speaking of parties, we also have a karaoke machine, Bluetooth speaker, portable projector, and snow cone maker that you can use at your next shindig.

Game consoles! Feel like kicking it old school? We have mini versions of NES and Sega Genesis consoles — both already programmed with dozens of your favorite iconic games.

Yarn crafts! Test drive a new hobby before committing. We have beginner's kits for knitting, crocheting, weaving, and more. For a complete list, visit **mentorpl.org/yarn-crafts**.

Ghost hunting kit complete with an EMF tester, infrared thermometer, and Spirit Box. (Don't worry. It also comes with instructions.)

We also have HotSpots, light-therapy lamps, a memory care kit, radon detector, metal detector, Ozobot coding robots, puzzles, ukuleles, and passes to museums, botanical gardens, and other local landmarks. For a complete list, check out **mentorpl.org/reserveathing**.

STORYTIMES

Family Story Time
Mondays, at 10 am, starting Sept. 8
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.

Tiddlywinks Story Time
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at 10 am
Starting Sept. 9
Kids (0-3) with a caregiver will love this story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

Storytime Stars
Tuesdays, at 10:30 am, starting Sept. 9
Kids (6 months to five years old) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 11 am
Starting Sept. 9
Kids (3-6) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

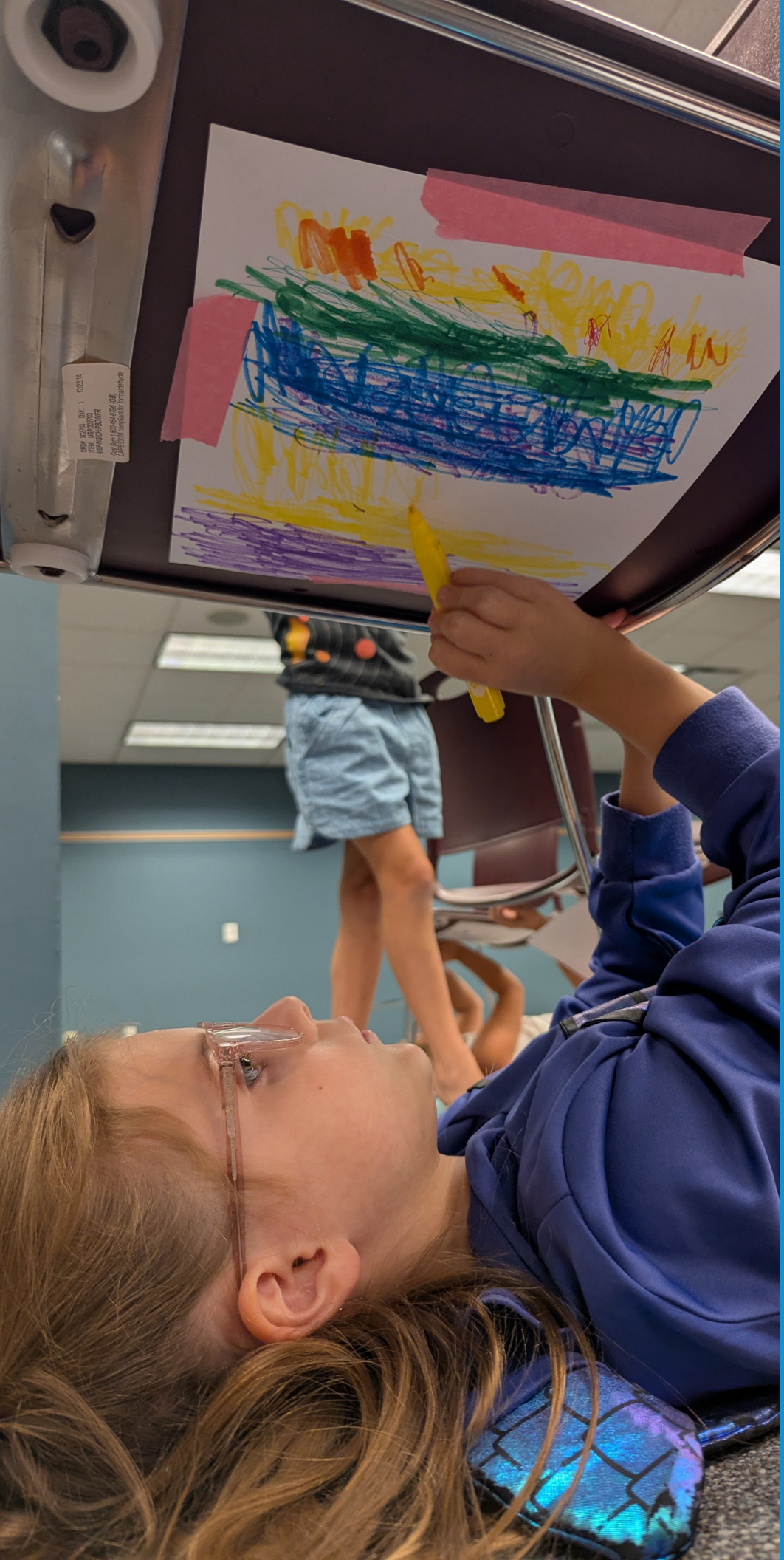
Pajama Story Time
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Starting Sept. 10
Families are invited to our snuggliest story time! Kids can wear their pajamas while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack.

Musical Munchkins
Thursdays, at 10:30 am, starting Sept. 11
Kids (0-5) can enjoy an interactive story time with singing, stories, and rhymes. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Wiggle, Giggle & Shake Story Time
Fridays, at 10 am, starting Sept. 12
Kids (2-6) and caregivers will have fun clapping and moving to music together.

Early Intervention Family Story Time
Monday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 pm
Story time and short activity for families in the early intervention program. RR

Firehouse Friends Story Time
Thursday, Sept. 11, at 10 am
Fireman Dan from the Mentor Fire Department 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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Oct. 15
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