It’s great to check out books, but what if you could check out an entire story time? You can with the Storytime Picnics from our Lake Branch!

Each of our Storytime Picnics comes with books, rhymes, and fun stuff like coloring pages or a craft.

If you want to borrow one of our picnics, you can call our Lake Branch at 440-257-2512. You can pick it up curbside at our Lake Branch or we can send it to one of our other branches for pickup — whatever is most convenient for you.

The library books in each Storytime Picnic will be checked out on your library card and need to be returned when due. But the activity packet is yours to keep and do with your family.

By the way, if you are missing our story times, we are sharing new story times every weekday on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel for details.

Kids (ages six to 12) are invited to submit their artwork for our inaugural online art show.

The theme for the show is mystical, magical places. You can use any medium you’d like: painting, sculpting, chalk drawing, or whatever your favorite art form is.

Submissions will be accepted from July 6 to July 20. All submissions must be photographed and emailed to Ms. Robin at robin.pfeifer@mentorpl.org. (Please do not bring artwork to the library.) One submission per child.

Also, include the child's name, age and a short description of their art.

We’ll create an online slideshow of all of the submissions to be presented on the kids’ page of our website and social media outlets.

Stuck in your castle? Have fun trying to break free from our digital escape room at MentorPL.org/escaperoom!

Visit the World of Nine Kingdoms. You’ll be transported to a realm of trolls and fairies where they’ll test your wits with a series of riddles and obstacles. Escape if you can; survive if the trolls let you.
Signed up for Summer Reading?

You still have time to sign up for our Summer Reading Program and win cool prizes. This year’s theme is *Imagine Your Story* and it’s all about fairy tales, folk tales, and mythology. It runs until July 31.

Kids, teens and adults can all participate by getting a bingo card from us or downloading one from our website at www.mentorpl.org/summerreading2020.

The bingo cards are filled with fun ideas that you can do on your own or with your family. Many ideas involve reading but a few suggest other ways to have fun this summer.

Whenever you complete a *bingo*, bring your card to the library and you’ll receive a ticket for a chance to win one of our prizes.

Starting Monday, July 6, we’re adjusting the hours at our Main Branch. We’ll continue to close throughout the day at our Main and Headlands Branches, so we can clean common surfaces. It’s one of the many ways that we’re trying to keep you safe while providing as many services as possible. New hours at our Main Branch are:

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All of our branches will be closed July 3 & 4 for Independence Day! Have a safe and happy holiday!

Reading Recommendations from MPL Staff

Looking for something new to read? Our staff are sharing their suggestions with podcasts that can be viewed on our website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

Enjoy fiction? Watch *All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg* every Saturday. Each week our librarians recommend different adult and YA fiction. Prefer nonfiction? Catch *Just the Facts* where Ms. Mollie recommends the best new nonfiction available on our shelves. Searching for something for your kids to browse? See what Ms. Traci is suggesting every other Friday on *Tween Time*.

Did you know that you can borrow seeds from us? It’s true! We have fruit, vegetable, flower & herb seeds that you can plant in your garden. Borrow up to 15 varieties of seed per year. Ask our staff or visit our website for details!
Civil War Series: Art Inspired by the Civil War
Wednesday, July 8, at noon
The Civil War was one of the most traumatic and important events in American history. No aspect of American life was untouched by the war. This includes literature, music and even art. Learn more about some of the classic pieces and styles of artwork most influenced by the Civil War. Some may surprise you.
Presented by the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. R & Z

Serenity with Yoga
Wednesday, July 8, at 2 pm
Enjoy a relaxing yoga session from the comforts of your own home with yoga instructor Darlene Kelbach. Wear comfy clothes that are easy to move in and don't forget your yoga mat or beach towel before we get started! R & Z

Getting to Know Your Instant Pot
Wednesday, July 15, at 6:30 pm
Get basic instructions and recipe recommendations on how to get the best from cooking with your Instant Pot. R & Z

The Cold War 1956-1963: Crisis After Crisis
Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 pm
From 1956 to 1963, the world seemed on the verge of coming apart. The crushing of democracy in Hungary, the Suez Crisis, and the Cuban Missile Crisis were some of the key features of a period that ended with the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Dr. John Foster presents the second in his series of lectures on the history of the Cold War. R & Z

Renovations continue at our Lake Branch
Our Lake Branch may be closed to the public right now, but we’ve been very busy. For example, the addition of the Beryl B. Paulson Annex and Meeting Room is continuing on schedule.
One day, when it’s safe for us to meet in larger numbers again, the new meeting room will allow us to host more and bigger programs than before. And this construction is possible because of a generous donation from former library trustee Bud Paulson.
For now, you can still pick up books, movies, crafts, and story time picnics curbside from our Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch.
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Board of Trustees’ meetings will be 5 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

- July 15
- Aug. 19

The public is welcome to attend. All meetings are currently being hosted online via Zoom. Please email Jason.lea@mentorpl.org if you would like to view the meetings.

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**Online Story Times & Programs for Kids**

Your favorite story time friends are now online! We’re sharing story times every weekday this month on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. Join us every week for:

- **Reading Skills with Jill**
  - 10 am on Mondays
  - Practice reading fundamentals with sight words and short stories with a certified teacher.

- **Pajama Story Time**
  - 8 pm on Mondays
  - Wear your PJs and snuggle up while listening to stories and songs.

- **Preschool Story Time**
  - 10 am on Tuesdays
  - Let’s shake our sillies out at this filled story time with stories, songs, rhymes and more!

- **Artpocalypse**
  - Noon on Tuesdays
  - Get different craft ideas that you can do at home each week

- **Tiddlywinks!**
  - 10 am on Wednesdays
  - An interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes.

- **Romp & Read**
  - 10 am on Thursdays
  - Brighten up your day with some stories, singing and dancing.

- **Family Story Time**
  - 10 am on Fridays
  - All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and more!

- **Yoga Kids Zoom Edition**
  - 10:30 am on Thursday, July 2
  - Children ages 3-6 can join us for a virtual, Zoom edition yoga session with special guest, Darlene Kelbach. [R & Z]

- **Virtual Show & Tell**
  - 11 am on Wednesday, July 8
  - Join Ms. Lisa for some good old-fashioned show and tell. Kids (K-5) will take turns talking about their special treasures in a virtual meet-up. It's an opportunity to get together and work on communication skills. [R & Z]

**Feeling crafty?** We have crafts for kids available at all of our branches, as well as Take & Make crafts for teens and adults that you can get from our Main Branch. We provide all the supplies you need to create a cool and clever craft in the comfort of your castle.

New crafts each week while supplies last! Visit the event calendar on our website to see what crafts we’re offering. Then call us, so we can set aside your craft kit.

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Register at www.mentorpl.org or call 440-255-8811, ext. 220/221. See our online calendar for all story times and clubs at all branches.