We Missed You!

It has been a long few months, and a lot has changed. But, first things first, we are SO HAPPY to see you again. You might not be able to tell, but we’re grinning behind these face masks.

We’ve prepared for our reopening by finding ways to provide as many services as we can while still keeping you as safe as possible.

We’ve added special browsing hours at our Main Branch for seniors and other vulnerable groups, installed plexiglass shields, are wearing face masks, and will be closing periodically throughout the day so we can thoroughly clean common surfaces. Computer use will also be by appointment only to allow for social distancing.

We realize some of these changes are new and different. This isn’t normal. But all of these changes have been made with your service and safety in mind.

One thing remains the same: It’s still a joy and a privilege to serve this community.

And — not to repeat ourselves — we are so, so happy to see you all again!

Imagine Your Story with Summer Reading

It takes more than a global pandemic to stop Summer Reading, though this year’s version will look a little different.

This summer’s theme is Imagine Your Story and it’s all about fairy tales, folk tales, and mythology. It will run from June 15 to 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 their own or with your family. Many of the ideas involve reading but a few encourage other ways to have fun like visiting a park or drawing outside with chalk.

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, including book bundles and gift cards to Barnes & Noble and GameStop.

Feeling crafty? We have Grab & Go crafts for kids and Take & Make crafts for teens and adults. 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! Ask us for details.
New Hours at Main & Headlands Branches

Our Main and Headlands Branches have new hours of operation, since both will close periodically throughout the day to allow staff time thoroughly clean the buildings.

During these cleaning closures, you will still be able to pick up items from the drive-thru at Main and curbside at Headlands.

Our Lake Branch will remain closed while the building receives a renovation and expansion that was planned before the COVID-19 pandemic began and is funded in large part by a generous donation from former library trustee Francis “Bud” Paulson. While it’s closed to the public, patrons can still pick up books, movies and other items curbside from the Lake Branch.

Finally, our branch at The HUB will remain closed while Mentor High School remains closed to the public.

Main Branch’s new hours
Mondays – Thursdays
• 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Open to seniors and other vulnerable populations
• 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Open to all
• 1 to 3 p.m. – Open to all
• 4 to 6 p.m. – Open to all
• 7 to 9 p.m. – Open to all

Friday & Saturday
• 9 to 11 a.m. – Open to all
• 12 to 2 p.m. – Open to all
• 3 to 5 p.m. – Open to all

Sunday
• 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Open to all
• 2:30 to 5 p.m. – Open to all

Headlands Branch’s new hours
Monday & Wednesday
• 1 to 3 p.m. – Open to all
• 4 to 6 p.m. – Open to all
• 7 to 9 p.m. – Open to all

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
• 9 to 11 a.m. – Open to all
• 12 to 2 p.m. – Open to all
• 3 to 5 p.m. – Open to all

Curbside and drive-thru item pickup will still be available during these intermittent cleaning closures. Thank you for accommodating these changes.

Did you know that you can borrow seeds from us?
It’s true! We have fruit, vegetable & herb seeds that you can plant in your garden this spring. Borrow up to 15 varieties of seed per year. Ask our staff or visit our website for details!

Computer Use by Appointment Only
To allow for social distancing, computer use at both branches is by appointment only. You can register for a 2-hour block of computer time up to twice a week by calling the branch you wish to visit or by asking reference staff for help.

Patrons are asked to wash their hands before using the computers, and all computers will be cleaned between uses. This change has been made to keep you as safe as possible while using the library’s resources.

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Going up?
Our elevator is working again!

Renew, reserve and research 24/7 online at www.mentorpl.org
Online Book Clubs at Mentor Library

Some of our book clubs have moved online while we can’t host programs at our branches. They are hosted via Zoom. You can register to attend on our online event calendar. Feel free to ask our reference desk if you need help signing up.

Monday Night Book Club
Monday, June 22, at 6:30 pm
Enjoy bestsellers, popular reads, and book interests with librarian Cailey. This month’s read is “Radium Girls” by Kate Moore. R & Z

It’s a Mystery Book Club
Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30 pm
Our book club where we discuss thrillers, suspense, true crime and mystery novels. July’s book is “Down the River Unto the Sea.” R & Z

To help protect the health and safety of all, we ask that you wear a face covering while in the library. We’ll be wearing our masks to help protect you too.

If you choose not to wear a mask, then our staff members may ask you to stand behind one of our safety screens while we are assisting you.

Reading Recommendations from MPL Librarians

We’ve launched a pair of podcasts to offer recommendations on the entertaining and educational things you can borrow from your local library.

Every Thursday, watch No Talking in the Library—our pop culture podcast where Meredith and John discuss what they’ve been reading, watching, and listening to. Then, enjoy All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg where our librarians chat about themed book recommendations. It’s the perfect podcast for anyone who’s always looking for their next great read.

Both podcasts can be viewed on our website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

Main Library
440-255-8811

Lake Branch
440-257-2512

Headlands Branch
440-257-2000

The HUB
440-205-6011
**Online Story Times & Programs for Kids**

Your favorite story time friends are now online! We’re sharing story times every week day this June and July 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.

- **PJ 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!

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

- **Merrily We Sing Along/Romp &**
  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, June 11
Children ages 3-6 can join us for a virtual, Zoom edition yoga session with special guest, Darlene Kelbach. R & Z

Kids are welcome to Imagine Their Story through photography with our photo contest. Here’s how it work:

Kids can submit an entry into our contest. You submit a photo by emailing it to marilyn.weiss@mentorpl.org.

Only one submission per child is allowed. Once the submission period ends, all photographs will be uploaded to our Facebook page where you will have one week to vote for your favorite. A local photographer will also select their favorite overall picture.

The crowd favorite for each category and the judge’s favorite picture will win a small prize and be shared on our Instagram page.

**KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

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.