

# Cover to Cover

Mentor Public Library



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September 2021



## Time for Story Time!



Story time is back in session this September! We have story times for newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers. Story times in the morning and pajama jams for night owls. Snuggly story times with the whole family and dance parties for kids who need to *move!* We have story times at our Main, Lake, and Headlands Branches. Check the back page of *Cover to Cover* or our website, [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org), to see which story times are perfect for your family!

### Get Free ACT/SAT Prep from MPL

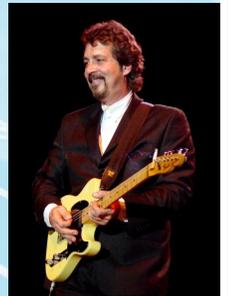
Are you stressed for the test? We're hosting a pair of free Saturday sessions to help you get ready for the ACT and SAT.

We'll focus on math skills on Sept. 18 and English skills on Sept. 25. Both sessions start at 10 am at our Main Branch. They'll also include practical test-taking techniques and instruction on how to prepare. The sessions will be led by Dr. John Foster, a librarian who also has experience teaching at both high-school and college levels. Registration is required. RSVP at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

You can also access free test-prep courses online for free with **LinkedIn Learning** and your library card. Ask us how!

### Ready to Rock?!

Revisit hometown rockers from the '60s and early '70s during a special program from local historian and master storyteller Dennis Sutcliffe at 6:30 pm on Monday, Sept. 13, at our Main Branch.



Time travel back to The Agora, Plato and Hullabaloo Clubs with clips from bands like The Raspberries, Rastus, Glass Harp, and the James Gang. Registration required.

September is National Library Card Signup Month. Here are just *some* of the resources that you can use with your card:

Flower, Veggie & Herb Seeds \* Laser Engraver \* Pom-Pom Maker  
Character Cake Pans \* Traffic Cones \* Board Games \* 3D Printer  
Genealogy Databases \* Streaming Music & Movies \* eBooks \* Binoculars  
Light-Therapy Lamps \* Large-Format Printer \* Ukuleles \* HotSpots

Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, MPL is taking the following precautions: Registration is required for most programs and attendance is limited. Masks are encouraged and family groups are asked to socially distance from other family groups. As the situation continues to change, please feel free to contact the library for current safety guidelines.

**Renew, reserve and research 24/7  
online at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org)**

## Library Hosting Free Classes on Computer Basics, Facebook & Microsoft Word

We're hosting seven free computer classes this month at our Main Branch, including introductions to email, the Internet, Facebook, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and computers, in general.

The classes include:

- **Basic Computers**, our introductory computer class, at 2 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Learn the basic skills you need to use a computer. No previous experience required!
- **Word 1** at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Learn how to create, open and save documents, and how to select text and change its formatting.
- **Facebook Basics** at 10 am on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Learn how to use the world's most popular social medium. Please come to class with your Facebook login information and password.
- **Basic Internet Skills** at 2 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Learn the basics of searching the web. Mouse and typing skills required.
- **Word 2** at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Discover more advanced techniques, including how to use toolbars, spacing and alignment, spelling and grammar, thesaurus, and printing features.
- **Basic Email** at 2 pm on Thursday, Sept. 23. Learn how to send, reply

to, label and archive emails, as well as how to send attachment.

- **PowerPoint 1** at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 23. Learn to create a basic presentation.

All of these classes are free. However, registration is required and opens two weeks before each class. RSVP online at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

You can also check out online video tutorials via LinkedIn Learning for free with your library card.

## Free Databases & Apps to Help with Back to School

The library has scores of databases that can help students as they return to school. (They can also be useful to anybody helping a student with their homework.) Most importantly, these databases are all *free* to use with your MPL card. Resources include:

- **Kids InfoBits**: an online encyclopedia made with kids in mind
- **Points of View Reference Center**: an excellent resource for researching all aspects of a controversial topic
- **LinkedIn Learning**: a database filled with video courses led by experts that can help you improve any skill
- **Very Short Introductions**: a great place to start researching any topic
- **NoveList Plus**: a wonderful resource for finding your next favorite book

All of these databases and more can be found at [www.mentorpl.org/databases](http://www.mentorpl.org/databases). A few of these databases require you to be in the library to use them.

Find suggestions for more useful databases and apps for students at [www.mentorpl.org/backtoschoolapps](http://www.mentorpl.org/backtoschoolapps).

## Cut Cable & Save Money

Learn how you can save money while still getting the entertainment you want when you cut cable.

There are so many streaming services out there: Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, Apple+, Paramount+, Amazon Prime ... the list is endless! MPL Librarian Cailey Williams will help you find what services are worth the money for you and your family during a free program at 10 am on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Concord Community Center.

She'll also tell you about some of the streaming services that are *free* to use with your library card like **Hoopla** and **Kanopy**. Learn how to stream movies, TV shows, documentaries, movies, and more to your preferred device.

Sign up for this program by calling the Concord Township Community Center at (440) 639-4650.

## Vietnam Wars Series Continues

Our series on The Vietnam Wars proceeds with a lecture at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 23, at our Main Branch.

John Foster will examine the end of the French War in Indochina in 1956 until the fall of Ngo Dinh Diem's government in 1964, focusing on America's growing role in the region.

See how the changes in Vietnam grew from a regional struggle to a conflict that dominated both US foreign policy and domestic affairs.

RSVP for the talk at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

## Doomed, Divorced, Beheaded

Learn the history of Henry VIII and his many wives during a special talk by Susan Cannavino at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at our Main Branch.



Some of these tragic monarchs were beheaded, some divorced, but all of them left behind an interesting story.

Registration required. Sign up for the program at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

**Our buildings  
will be closed on  
Sept. 6 in  
commemoration  
of Labor Day**

# Book Clubs at Mentor Library

**L** *Colorful Characters Book Club*  
**Friday, Sept. 3, at 10 am**  
 It's back! This club combines good reads, great conversation, and coloring. This month's book is *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* by Melanie Benjamin. **R**

**M** *It's a Mystery Book Club*  
**Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 pm**  
 This club reads thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. This month, they'll discuss *First Mistake* by Sandie Jones. **R**

*Senior Center Book Club*  
**Wednesday Sept. 15, at 1:30 pm**  
**Mentor Senior Center**  
 This month's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. **R**

**H** *Gathering Moss Book Club*  
**Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 pm**  
**Mentor Headlands Community**  
 Our new book club for nature lovers! This month, *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* by Edward O. Wilson. **R**

**M** *Men's Book Club*  
**Monday, Sept. 20, at 7 pm**  
 This month's book is *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession & The Natural History Heist of the Century* by Kirk Johnson. **R**

**M** *Monday Night Book Club*  
**Monday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 pm**  
 A discussion of bestsellers, popular reads and books of interest. This month's book is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. **R**

## Author Visit with Creepy Cat

Join author Katherine Kerestman for a reading from her first nonfiction title, *Creepy Cat's Macabre Travels*, on 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at our Main Branch. Her book transports you to haunted towers, crumbling castles, and ghoulish graveyards.



She also looks deeply into the culture, cuisine, and humanity of each destination.

This talk is free to attend, and signed copies of her book can be bought afterward. Registration is required. RSVP at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

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## Adult Programs

Register online at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or call  
 Information Services at 255-8811, ext. 247

**M** = Main

**L** = Lake

**H** = Headlands

 = The HUB

**Z** = Watch program online via Zoom

**R** = Registration required

**L** *Back to Your Roots Genealogy Group*  
**Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 pm**

Interested in your family history? Gather to share genealogy tips, exchange information, and talk shop with likeminded researchers. All experience levels are welcome, and basic computer knowledge is required. **R**

 *Hand-Stamped Key Chains*  
**Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 14, at 5 pm**

Use The HUB's makerspace to create a customized key chain. Two sessions will be offered. To make room for as many as possible, only register for one. **R**

**M** *Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: General Casement in Ohio*  
**Wednesday, Sept. 8, at noon**

Learn about the Union general with Lake County ties. When the Civil War began, General "Jack" Casement served with his adopted state of Ohio. Learn more from Ranger Joan Kapsch from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. **R**

*Meet Us in the Garden: Fall Flowers*  
**Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 am**

Lake County Master Gardeners share their expertise in a series of monthly garden talks. In September, they'll share how to best select, plant, and store fall flowers such as dahlias, cannas, and gladiolas. To sign up, email [mjv@lakecounty.org](mailto:mjv@lakecounty.org) **R & Z**

**L** *Bridgerton Tea*  
**Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 am**

Celebrate the world of *Bridgerton* with tea, light snacks, games, and trivia. Period attire is encouraged but not required. **R**

*Introduction to LinkedIn Learning & The Great Courses*

**Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10 am**  
**Concord Township Community Center**

Want to learn how to use a computer? Play guitar? Study astronomy? Our librarian will introduce you to LinkedIn Learning and The Great Courses, two great resources where people can educate themselves on a variety of topics. Sign up for this program by calling the Concord Township Community Center at (440) 639-4650. **R**

**M** *Dementia Conversations*  
**Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 pm**

The Alzheimer's Association provides advice for discussing tough topics that pertain to dementia, including when to go to the doctor or make financial plans for future care. **R & Z**

**M** *Life Hacks: Clothing Care*  
**Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 pm**

Our LIFE HACKS series continues! Learn tips for laundry and practice basic mending skills. Empower yourself with the skills you need to manage your home. **R**

**L** *Holistic Wellness & Yoga*  
**Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 2 pm**

Yoga teacher Darlene Kelbach will lead a relaxing yoga session and offer tips on holistic therapies. **R**

 *Front Door Decor*  
**Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and 29, at 5 pm**

Use The HUB's Cricut to create a unique *Welcome* sign for your front door. Two sessions will be offered. To make room for as many as possible, only register for one. **R**

**L** *Crafty Adults*  
**Monday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 pm**

Explore and create a new craft each month. We provide the supplies; you supply the creativity. All skill levels are welcome. **R**

# Mentor Public Library Programs for Kids



## Homework Help

4:30 - 5:30 pm on Mondays, starting Sept. 13

Kids of any age can get homework help with a certified teacher. No registration required. Availability on a walk-in basis.



## I Can Read Book Club

6 pm on Monday, Aug. 30

Kids (4 - 8) can take turns reading from *I Can Read* beginner books. A wonderful way to practice reading and build confidence in a supportive atmosphere. **R**



## Back to Hogwarts

6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 1

It's back to school at Harry Potter's alma mater! Kids can compete in a friendly Quidditch match, take a picture in our Azkaban photo booth, and enjoy butterbeer along with other magical munchies. **R**



## Wildlife Game Day

2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 4

Children of all ages can celebrate National Wildlife Day at the library. We'll play games and create art that celebrate all the plants, animals, and other kinds of life on our planet. **R**



## Grandparents Day Trinket

5 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 8

Kids (5 - 10) can use The HUB's laser engraver to make a special present for their grandparents. We'll also provide paint, ribbons, and more decorations so the kids can customize their gifts. **R**



## Wiggle, Giggle & Shake

11 am on Thursday, Sept. 9

Children (2 - 6) and their caregivers can have fun clapping, marching, and moving during this interactive program. **R**



## Family Game Night: Quiplash

7 pm on Thursday, Sept. 9

Is your family fast with the funny? Quick with the quip? Just looking for a fun time together? Come to the library and play Quiplash against other families. If you don't know how to play, it's simple. Your family gets a prompt, and you come up with your best answer. Each team earns points by having the most popular reply. The family that earns the most points wins! **R**



## Food Frenzy Friday

3:30 pm on Friday, Sept. 10

Kids (9 - 13) can enjoy a cookie taste test and more fun, fast, and food-related games. This one's going to be sweet! **R**



## Yoga for Kids

6:30 pm on Monday, Sept. 13

Kids can stretch their minds and bodies during a yoga session outside at our Headlands Branch. Bring a towel or mat and your positive vibes. **R**



## Laser Cut Backpack Pins

5 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 15

Kids (5 - 10) can spice up their backpacks with custom pins made with The HUB's laser engraver. Choose from several designs. We'll also have paint and glitter for those who like to make it *shine*. **R**



## Alphabet Express

10 am on Thursday, Sept. 16

Kids (3 - 5) can hop aboard the Alphabet Express and journey through their ABCs with books, songs, activities and even printable resources that families can take home. **R**



# Mentor Public Library Programs for Kids



## Saturday Stories

10:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 18

Families can enjoy stories, rhymes, and fingerplays at the library. **R**



## Studio MPL Art Club

3 - 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 20

Calling all creative kids! Each month, children can enjoy a fun art project and corresponding activity featuring a different famous artist and their work. For kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Walk-in program; no registration required.



## Personalized Lanyards

3:30 pm on Tuesdays, Sept. 21 & 28

Make a personalized lanyard at The HUB. Kids from five to 12 can sign up for the Sept. 21 session. Teens from 12 to 18 can register for the Sept. 28 session. **R**



## DIY No-Sew Emoji Pillows

6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 22

Kids in 4th - 8th grade can make a pillow with their favorite emoji. No sewing experience is necessary and supplies will be provided. **R**



## Author Visit: Rachele Alpine

6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 29

Perfect for the kid who dreams of writing! Join author Rachele Alpine for a special Q & A at the library. First, kids are encouraged to read *Home Sweet Forever Home* – the first book from Alpine’s news series, the *Invincible Girls Club*. Then they can come to the Lake Branch and ask her about her book, the series, author life and writing, in general. She’ll also lead the kids in some writing activities and would be happy to sign their books as well. **R**



## Art Journaling for Teens & Tweens

7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 29

Teens and tweens can express themselves through journaling, doodling, and collage. **R**



## Paint a 3D Printed Cryptid

6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 30

Kids (7 -12) can learn about the lore behind infamous creatures like Bigfoot, Mothman, and the Loch Ness Monster while painting their own cryptid that was 3D printed at the library. There will even be cryptid-themed treats! **R**



## Experience a Story in a Brand-New Way!

Go on a virtual-reality trip the next time you visit our Main Branch this September! All ages can enjoy *Crow: The Legend* with one of our Oculus headsets.

Based on the Lenape legend, this interactive animation tells the story of Rainbow Crow. He’s the most admired animal in the forest with his magnificent colors and beautiful voice. But when the first winter arrives, can Crow make the sacrifices needed to save his friends?

Sign up to see the story at the Children’s Desk in our Main Branch. This special opportunity is available to all throughout September!

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Board of Trustees' meetings will be 5 pm on the following Wednesdays:

Sept. 15  
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The public is welcome to attend. All meetings are in person at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

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# Story Times This Fall!

Our Story Times are **IN PERSON** and indoors this autumn. Registration is required, unless otherwise indicated. With our story times (and with all of our in-person programs) it is up to you to determine your level of comfort. If you are concerned about public gatherings, you don't need to attend.

**H Tyke Time**

**11 am on Thursdays, starting Sept. 2**

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes at our Headlands Branch. For kids, five and younger. **R**

**M Snappy Little Story Time**

**10 am on Mondays, except for Sept. 6**

Kids from birth to five years old can enjoy a story time that combines songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories -- all geared to the little listener. This story time doesn't include a craft. **R**

**M Tiddlywinks**

**10 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, starting Sept. 14**

Children from birth to three years old accompanied by their adults will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes. **R**

**L Storytime Stars**

**10:30 am on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 14**

Kids (ages five and younger) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

**M Preschool Story Time**

**11 am on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 14**

Kids (3-6) will love and learn with stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Adults don't need to attend this story time along with their child. **R**

**M Pre-K Pop Party**

**11 am on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 15**

Does your little one have energy to burn? Then they'll love our Pre-K Pop Party. Each week, we throw a party full of music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. Open to kids (3 - 5) without an adult. **R**

**M PJ Family Story Time**

**6:30 pm on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 15**

Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft, and a snack. All ages welcome. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. **R**

**L Musical Munchkins**

**10:30 am on Thursdays, starting Sept. 16**

Kids (five and younger) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with music, singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

**M Family Favorites Story Time**

**11 am on Fridays, starting Sept. 17.**

All ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes, and a craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **R**

**M Mother Goose on the Loose**

**10 am on Fridays, starting Sept. 24.**

This 4-week interactive program is perfect for kids from birth to 30 months old. It uses rhymes, songs, puppets, and more to stimulate learning. Registration is required and begins Sept. 10. This session begins Sept. 24 and runs through Oct. 15. **R**



Scarf dancing at our Pre-K Pop Party!