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Mentor Public Library

www.mentorpl.org

December 2020



Can Your Fines Returns

The Can Your Fines food drive has returned and you can donate food in exchange for forgiveness of your fines.

The food drive will run all December. Donated items will be given to local food pantries. Each nonperishable and unexpired food item that you give will be worth up to a dollar off of the fines you owe. You can get up to \$5 in fines waived this way.

You can only trade food for fines once during Can Your Fines. Also, fines that have gone to collections aren't eligible for waiving, and you must have a Mentor Library card to participate.



HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

Until it's safe to host story times inside of our branches again, we're sharing them online.

Join us for holiday stories, songs, and fun at 10 am on Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, and 15. We're hosting the story times on Zoom so you'll need to sign up beforehand. You can RSVP by calling us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 220 or online at www.mentorpl.org.

We're also broadcasting story times that your family can watch at your convenience on our Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 am on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, and 17.

Ohio Public Health Advisory System



While Lake County Is Purple...

In November, Gov. Mike DeWine placed Lake County at Level 4 or "purple" in Ohio's COVID-19 public health advisory system. "Purple" is the highest level of emergency.

While Lake County is purple, we'll still offer drive-thru or curbside services at our Main, Lake, and Headlands branches. But our branches will be closed to the public.

Our online programs will still go on as planned. Also, notary and passport photo services are available by appointment. Patrons can also pick up printing jobs curbside/drive-thru and even 3D printing jobs at our Main Branch's drive-thru.

When Lake County returns to Level 3 or lower, our buildings will reopen to the public with previous safety protocol (masks, social distancing, intermittent cleaning closures) in place. For the latest news on our status, visit www.mentorpl.org.

Holiday Origami at MPL

Get crafty with our Holiday Origami series with Jenn Cline from the Ohio Paper Folders!



We'll post a new video from Jenn each Friday this month at www.mentorpl.org/holidayorigami. We'll even

provide the paper if you want to fold along, while supplies last. You can pick up pages from the Reference Desk at our Main Branch. Or, if you prefer, call ahead and we can have paper ready for you in our drive-thru.

Learn how to make Santa gnomes, stars, 3-dimensional Christmas trees, paper snowflakes, and more!

Find the Elf on our Shelf



That silly elf is lurking on our shelves once again this year.

Your kids can win a prize if they spot him hiding in the Children's Department of our Main Branch.

Families can play every day from Dec. 1 to 23.



Farewell, Friends

A pair of familiar faces retired last month from Mentor Public Library. Collections Development Manager Barb Hauer said *ciao* after 40 years of libraries. She is pictured above with her husband, Dennis Hauer, one of our most dedicated volunteers.

Meanwhile, our Headlands Branch will be a little less fun without Terri Cramer who has retired after 21 years. For years, her laughter reverberated through our building. We can't thank Barb & Terri enough for their service!

Feeling crafty?



You can pick up craft kits for kids at our Main, Lake, and Headlands Branches. Each kit contains craft supplies and the instructions your children will need to make the craft in the comfort of your home. Call ahead and we can have them ready for you in our drive-thru or delivered curbside.

Each branch offers different crafts throughout the month and supplies are limited, so call ahead to reserve yours.

Teens and adults can also pick up take-and-make crafts from our Main Branch, including a DIY sugar scrub (registration Nov. 25) and bookish homemade ornaments (registration Dec. 10.)

Mentor Public Library will be closed
Dec. 24 - Dec. 26 for Christmas.

Our branches will also close at 5 pm
on New Year's Eve, and remain closed
on New Year's Day.

We wish you safe and happy holidays!

Renew, reserve and research 24/7
online at www.mentorpl.org

Online Book Clubs at Mentor Library

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 online.

It's a Mystery Book Club

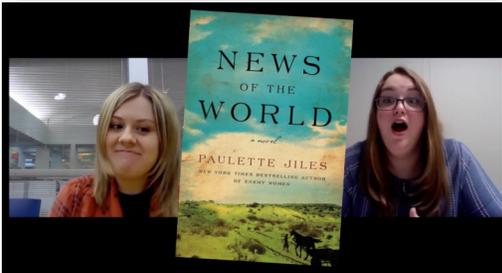
Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 pm

Book club where we discuss thrillers, suspense, true crime and mystery novels. This month's book is "Jar of Hearts" by Jennifer Hillier. **R & Z**

Big IDEA Book Club

Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 pm

The Lake County League of Libraries has teamed with the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio to form a book club that discusses books and issues involving Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access. The club will discuss "This Is How We Fight for our Lives" by Saeed Jones at its next meeting. All are welcome! **R & Z**



Hot Reads 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.

Watch *All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg* every Saturday. Each week our librarians recommend different books for teens and adults -- everything from award winners to cookbooks to graphic novels. Searching for something for your kids to browse? See what Ms. Traci is suggesting every other Friday on *Tween Time*.

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440-255-8811

Lake Branch
440-257-2512

Headlands Branch
440-257-2000

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440-205-6011

Adult Programs

Register online at www.mentorpl.org or call
Information Services at 255-8811, ext. 247



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www.youtube.com/mentorpubliclib



www.facebook.com/mentorpubliclibrary

Z = Watch program online via Zoom

R = Registration required

Programs will happen as scheduled even if our buildings are closed to the public!

Todd Arrington & The Last Lincoln Republican

Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm

Historian Todd Arrington will discuss his new book, *The Last Lincoln Republican: The Election of 1880*, which is about the tightly contested presidential election between Rep. James A. Garfield and Dem. Winfield Scott Hancock. **R & Z**

The Holly & The Ivy: The History, Customs & Traditions

Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 pm

Part talk and part performance, Sarah Showman will explore the history, folk stories, and traditions of Christmas. Sarah is a cofounder of the Largely Literary Theater Company. **R & Z**

Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Sherman's March to the Sea

Wednesday, Dec. 9, at noon

Union Major General William Tecumseh Sherman captured the important Confederate city of Atlanta in September 1864. Then he turned his eyes to the Atlantic Ocean. Learn about Sherman's famous, fascinating and, for some, reviled "March to the Sea." Speaker will be Todd Arrington from James A Garfield National Historic Site. **R & Z**

Hoarding & Dementia

Monday, Dec. 14, at 2 pm

Hoarding is often a characteristic of people with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. A speaker from Kemper House will discuss hoarding behaviors and give tips on how to handle this aspect of caregiving. **R & Z**

Christmas of Yesteryear

Monday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 pm

Many family's Christmas traditions involved a visit to downtown Cleveland. Revisit memories of Mr. Jingeling, Francis the Talking Mule, lively window displays, and more. Stroll down Memory Lane and reminisce during this entertaining talk. **R & Z**

Serenity with Yoga

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 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 start! **R & Z**

Research Before You Buy with Consumer Reports

Whether you're shopping for Christmas gifts, a computer, or car, you can get free and unbiased reviews of competing products from our Consumer Reports database.

Read rankings and recommendations on hundreds of types of products: mattresses, TVs, even bacon!

You can also read other shoppers' reviews to see if they jibe with Consumer Reports' assessments. To use the database, visit www.mentorpl.org/databases and select *Consumer Reports*.

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Board of Trustees' meetings will be 5 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:
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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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Your Destination for Information

MPL Programs for Kids

Programs will happen as scheduled even if our buildings are closed to the public!

Special Holiday Story Times

10 am on Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Mix and mingle in our virtual story time room. Families with children of all ages can enjoy holiday stories, songs, and fun! **R & Z**



Artpocalypse Noon on Tuesdays

Get different craft ideas that you can do at home each week.



Jingle All the Way! Story Times 10 am on Thursday, Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Our friends from the Lake Branch share holiday songs and stories that you can watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel at your convenience. No registration needed.

Virtual Holiday Bingo

4 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 9

Kids (7-12) can win prizes, playing holiday-themed bingo with us. **R & Z**

Treats & Tales

7 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 10

Get cozy with good stories and a tasty mug cake treat. Once you register, you can pick up the ingredients to make the mug cake from our Main Branch. Then follow along on Zoom as you make the mug cake and enjoy good stories. **R & Z**



Tween Time: Book Reviews 12 pm on Friday, Dec. 11

Ms. Traci from our Lake Branch will highlight two new books for tween readers. She can help your tween find their next favorite book!

Virtual Vittles

4 pm on Monday, Dec. 14

Kids (7-12) can learn how to make tasty no-bake treats with our own Chef Robin. We'll even provide the ingredients. This month: gingerbread! **R & Z**

HAPPY NOON YEAR!

Kids, don't you wish you could stay up late to see the ball drop on New Year's Eve? Well, now you can... at noon! Children (ages 3-10) can party with the library on Zoom, starting at 11:30 on Thursday, Dec. 31.

There will be music, games, dancing, snacks, and (of course) the ball drop! Get dressed in your best and let the fun begin! Registration is required, so make sure you RSVP.



Kids can win prizes playing the library's Reading Challenge Bingo this December!

Visit the Children's Department at our Main Branch to pick up your reading log. Or call ahead and pick it up at our drive-thru.

Reading Challenge Bingo is open to kids from newborn to 12.

**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.**