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Mentor Public Library



www.mentorpl.org



July 2021



In-Person Story Time Is Back!



Our Story Times are **IN PERSON** and outdoors this summer, so families can soak up some stories and the sun! We host story times every weekday morning. You can check our program calendar to see which story time best suits your family's needs and schedule. Remember to bring a blanket. We'll see you at the library!



Discover Da Vinci at the Library



Learn all about Leonardo da Vinci -- artist, inventor, and amateur scientist -- during a special program we're hosting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 15.

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman will share his amazing story and describe his continued influence. Her talk will be hosted via Zoom. It's free to attend, and registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Sign up at www.mentorpl.org or call us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 247.

Kittens Seeking Companions

We're hosting a **kitty adoption event** from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, July 10, at our Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch.

Our friends from Lake Humane Society will be here with some fabulous felines that are looking for their *forever* homes. Maybe it will be with your family!



Does your group need somewhere to gather? We have meeting rooms available for public use! Call (440) 255-8811 ext. 233 to schedule your meeting. We also have a Zoom license that groups can *borrow* in case you and 99 friends prefer to meet online. Call the library for details.

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

Make Art that Rocks

Want to paint some pumice? Beautify a basalt? In other words, ready to make some art that rocks?!

We're hosting a rock-painting program for adults on Friday, July 9, outside of our Main Branch. We'll provide all the supplies, including the rocks. You only need to bring your creativity.

We're hosting sessions that day at 10 am and then 11:30 am. Please only sign up for one session, so we can include as many people as possible. The program is free to attend and registration is required.

When you're finished you can keep your masterpiece or hide it around town for some lucky person to find.



See Where We'll Pop Up Next

Are you going to BeachFest, CityFest, PerchFest, or the Mentor Rocks concerts at the City of Mentor's amphitheater? So are we!

Check out our Pop-Up Library. It's filled with free books for kids, teens, and adults. Yes, *free* — the books on our Pop-Up have either been donated or culled from our collection. Either way, you're welcome to them.

Our Pop-Up staff are also happy to answer whatever library questions you have. Check our event calendar to see where we're popping up next!

Meet Your New Voting Machine

The Lake County Board of Elections recently updated its equipment, so you'll be using a new voting machine during the general election in November.

You can get familiar with the new voting machine, The ExpressVote, during a preview from 11 am to 2 pm on Thursday, July 15, at our Main Branch. You can also check out the DS200, the device that counts your ballots.

No registration is required to check out the new voting equipment. Staff from the Board of Elections will also be there to answer questions.



You Never Know When You'll Need a Laser Engraver...

Want to make a unique birthday gift for your partner, wedding favor for your bridesmaids, or medal for your T-Ball team? You'll be amazed by what you can create using the laser engraver at The HUB's Makerspace.

The Makerspace also has a vinyl cutter, heat press, Cricut, large-format printer, and more to make everything from customized clothes to home décor.



Reservations are required to use the Makerspace. For more details (including how to set up a reservation), call The HUB at 440-205-6011 or visit www.mentorpl.org/makerspace!

Let Your Gnome Roam

Where will your gnome roam this summer? Kids can decorate a gnome, send it to a friend or family member, and follow its adventures across the country (or even the world).



Visit our Main Branch to get a gnome of your own.

**Our buildings will
be closed on
July 4 & 5 in
celebration of
Independence Day**

Book Clubs at Mentor Library

Some of our book clubs have returned to meeting in person, while others will chat via Zoom this month. Call the library to check how your book club is meeting.

It's a Mystery Book Club **Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30 pm**

This club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. This month, they'll discuss *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. **R**

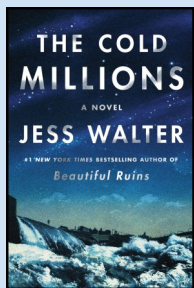
Gathering Moss Book Club **Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 pm** **Morton Park in Mentor Headlands**

Check out our new book club for nature lovers! This month, we'll chat about *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration in the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery. **R**

Monday Night Book Club **Monday, July 26, at 6:30 pm**

A discussion of bestsellers, popular reads and books of interest. This month's book is *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter. You can also meet Walter during a special online author chat on Aug. 5 as part of *Lake County Reads*.

Visit leagueoflibraries.org for more details or to RSVP! **R & Z**



Summer Reading Isn't Just for Kids


Our Summer Reading program has begun! Earn raffle tickets to win one of our awesome prizes by reading books, attending our programs, and completing other fun challenges.


You can sign up for Summer Reading at any of our branches. The last day to earn raffle tickets is Sunday, Aug. 1.

And, remember, the more you read, the **better chance you have of winning!**


Adult Programs

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

 = Main

 = Lake

 = Headlands

 = The HUB

Z = Watch program online via Zoom

R = Registration required



Farmers Market Tote

Wednesdays, July 7 and 14, at 5 pm

Use The HUB's Cricut and T-shirt press to make a crafty tote bag for your next trip to the farmers market or grocery store. Two sessions will be offered. To make room for as many as possible, only register for one. **R**

Meet Us in the Garden: The Grass Is Not Always Greener

Saturday, July 10, at 10 am

Lake County Master Gardeners share their expertise in a series of monthly garden talks. In July, they'll discuss eco-friendly alternatives to the typical lawn. Discover how you can support native wildlife and make your property more unique. **R & Z**

All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg

Saturdays, July 10 and 24, at noon

Every other week, our librarians Cailey and Meg recommend and discuss books on a specific theme on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. They rotate their suggestions between teen and adult books.



Erie Heights Brass Ensemble

Monday, July 12, at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a concert of patriotic songs performed by the incomparable Erie Heights Brass Ensemble outside on our Main Branch Lawn. Bring a blanket or chair. **R**



Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: The Evolution of the US Navy **Wednesday, July 14, at noon**

Our Civil War series with James A. Garfield National Historic Site is back in person! This month, Ranger Alan Gephardt traces the history of the US Navy from wooden ships to the first ironclads of the Civil War to steel warships. **R**

Behind the Front Door: Secrets & Surprising Stories from our US Presidents **Wednesday, July 14, at 6:30**

Which president sometimes slept during Cabinet meetings? Which first daughter smoked on top of the White House and put tacks on politicians' seats? Discover fascinating stories from presidential history with speaker Susan Cannavino. **R & Z**



Decorative Paper Wall Flower

Wednesdays, July 21 and 28, at 5 pm

Make the only wall flower that enlivens a party! Two sessions will be offered to make room for as many as possible, so only register for one. **R**

The Nature Conservancy's Restoration Work in Northeastern Ohio **Thursday, July 22, at 6:30 pm**

Andrew Bishop from the Nature Conservancy will discuss the ways that the group has worked to improve the quality of wetland, flood-plain, and coastal plant communities from Mentor to Conneaut and throughout the Grand River Watershed. The conservancy's work and partnership have enhanced habitats for rare and threatened species and improved the water quality of Lake Erie. **R & Z**



Medicare Basics

Tuesday, July 27, at 6 pm

Whether you're already signed up or looking to register soon, learn the details of how Medicare works from Andrew Preston of Pelorus Financial Group. **R**

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440-255-8811

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The HUB
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Mentor Public Library Programs for Kids

Imagine Your Story Summer Reading

Summer Reading has begun! Kids can earn raffle tickets by reading, being read to, or coming to one of our library story times and programs. The more you read, the better chance you have one winning one of our awesome prizes! Visit any of our branches to sign up and start reading. **The last day to earn raffle tickets is Sunday, Aug. 1.**

M Telling a People's Story: African-American Children's Illustrated Literature All Month

This summer, we're hosting a special exhibition that highlights the art found within African-American children's picture books. It includes 130 pieces of art from 33 artists from 95 books and spans 50 years of creativity. The exhibit is organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. The exhibition is free to enjoy and all are invited to see it in the Main Branch lobby. Kids can win a prize by reading books highlighted in the exhibit.

Grab & Go Crafts All Month

Pick up supplies for crafts to make at home from our Main, Lake, Headlands and HUB Branches. Get different crafts throughout the month. Call branches for details.

M Magical Mondays 1 pm on Mondays, except for July 5

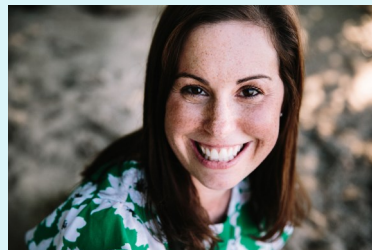
Join us on the lawn of our Main Branch for different weekly crafts and activities. Each week, the fun will tie into our Summer Reading theme, *Imagine Your Story!* **R**

L Funday Friday 11 am on Fridays

Kids can celebrate the magic of summer with fun activities outside our Lake Branch. **R**

Online Author Q & A: Rachele Alpine 11 am on Thursday, July 1

Do you know a kid or teen who wants to be a writer? They can get insight and advice from the best during a Q&A with author Rachele Alpine. She's written novels for middle-school and YA readers, and her newest series is the *Invincible Girls Club*. It's about a group of third graders who work to make the world a better place! In addition to being an author, Alpine is a teacher and loves to encourage and help young writers. **R & Z**



Personalized Water Bottles 4 pm on Tuesdays, July 6 and 13

Kids (6 - 12) can personalize their water bottles with equipment from the state-of-the-art Makerspace at The HUB. Two sessions will be offered. To make room for as many as possible, only register for one. **R**

H Outside Family Game Night 6 pm on Wednesday, July 7

All are invited to a fun evening of board games! All ages and skill levels are welcome. **R**

M Teen Movie Night -- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 7

Teens and tweens can enjoy a movie under the stars during a special screening of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. Bring a blanket. We'll provide the snacks. **R**

M Paint-A-Print: Here There Be Dragons 4 pm on Thursday, July 8

Kids (7 - 12) can paint their own dragon that's been 3D printed at the library. They can also learn how 3D printers work and see one in action. We'll provide the supplies, but *dress for a mess*. **R**



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M Family Trivia Night: Fairy-Tale Edition 6 pm on Monday, July 12

Kids (12 and younger) along with their family can test their fairy-tale knowledge as a team against other families in a trivia contest. Winning team gets a prize. **R**

H Yoga for Kids 6:30 pm on Monday, July 12

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**

M Rainbow Fairy Magic Program 11 am on Thursday, July 15

Kids (5 and older) can enjoy a morning of games and crafts celebrating the Rainbow Magic Fairies books. **R**

BeachFest

11 am to 7 pm on Saturday, July 17

Headlands Beach State Park

Make sand art with us during Lake Erie's biggest beach party. Families can also pick up a free book or two from our Pop-Up Library. **R**

L DIY Terrarium Workshop 2 pm on Saturday, July 17

Kids (8 - 12) can make their own mini-terrarium, enjoy snacks and leave with a new little world of their own. **R**

M Fantastic Fairy Gardens 2 pm on Tuesday, July 20

Kids (entering 1st - 6th grade) can make their own fairy/gnome gardens with supplies provided by the library. **R**



Birdseed Shapes 4 pm on Tuesdays, July 20 and 27

Kids (5 - 12) can make an adorable birdseed shape at The HUB. Two sessions will be offered. To make room for as many as possible, only register for one. **R**

M Outdoor Lawn Games 2 pm on Tuesday, July 20

Tweens and teens (11 - 18) can play a variety of lawn games on the lawn of our Main Branch, including Giant Jenga, disc toss, spikeball, and more. **R**

L Unicorn Party 11 am on Thursday, July 22

Kids of all ages can enjoy stories, games and crafts with a unicorn theme. **R**

M Reader's Theater 4 pm on Wednesday, July 28

Kids (entering 1st - 3rd grade) can gather to bring fairy tales, fables, and legends to life as they're read aloud. This program promotes teamwork, confidence, and enhances children's reading skills in a low-pressure setting. **R**

L Teen Pop Culture Trivia 2 pm on Thursday, July 20

Tweens and teens (11 - 18) can test their pop-culture expertise on everything from Harry Potter to superheroes to mythology during this trivia challenge. Winner gets a prize. **R**

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July 21
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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 Summer!

Our Story Times are **IN PERSON** and outdoors this summer, so please bring a blanket with you. 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.

M A Walk in the Park
10 am on Mondays, except for July 5

It's a perfect day for a walk *and* story time! Kids (newborn to 5) along with their grownups can come to the library's Main Branch and then enjoy a stroll to nearby Eleanor B. Garfield Park. Families can enjoy a special story time at the park -- bring along a blanket and snack -- before heading back to the library together.

M Tiddlywinks
10 am and 11 am on Tuesdays

Come to our Main Branch lawn for an interactive story time, filled with stories, songs and rhymes that are just right for little listeners (newborns to 36 months.) We'll host two sessions of Tiddlywinks each Tuesday.

M Preschool & Parent Story Time
10 am and 11 am on Wednesdays

This story time is geared toward children from three to five years old. We'll host two sessions of Preschool Story Time each Wednesday.

H Storytime Under the Sky
7 pm on Wednesdays, July 14 and 28

Kids (five and younger) along with their grownups can enjoy a story time underneath the sky outside of our Headlands Branch.

1-2-3: Count with Me
10 am on Thursdays

Kids from ages one to three will love this online introduction to numeracy with rhymes, songs, books and active play. It will be hosted online via Zoom, and families will need to register to get the link. **R & Z**

L Storytime Stars
10:30 am on Thursdays

This story time is geared toward children from six months to five years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register one week before each session.

H Tyke Time
11 am on Thursdays

Enjoy story time in the sunshine outside of our Headlands Branch! We'll have books, songs, and rhymes that they'll love. All kids must be accompanied by an adults.

M Family Story Time
10 am and 11 am on Fridays

Enjoy stories, music, and rhymes for kids of all ages with their adults! Choose one of two sessions each Friday.



Summer Reading ends Aug. 1. Make sure to have all your tickets logged by that Sunday!

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.