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Mentor Public Library



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March 2021



Keep Mentor Beautiful with Spring Cleaning

Help clean your community this spring! We're teaming with the City of Mentor and the national Keep America Beautiful campaign to encourage you to clean up litter in your area.

Walk down the sidewalks of your neighborhood or visit one of our beautiful parks and *safely* dispose of the litter you find there.

Register with our Headlands Branch -- call 440-257-2000 -- to get safety guidelines and suggestions for areas that need your help. In addition to helping your community, you'll be entered into a raffle for a \$25 gift card from Barnes & Noble.

Celebrate a Seuss-Pendous Birthday

We're celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and story time on Tuesday, March 2.

The library -- along with schools and libraries from across the country -- commemorate the famed author and illustrator's birthday each year as part of Read Across America Day. However, because of the pandemic, the party will look a little different in 2021.

This year, families can pick up a packet filled with Seuss-themed crafts and activities from the Children's Department in our Main Branch, starting Feb. 25 and while supplies last. Meanwhile, our Lake and Headlands Branches will also have Seuss-themed grab-and-go crafts for kids to enjoy.

Next, on March 2, kids can scour the Children's Department for The Cat in the Hat, Grinch, and more during a Seuss-pendous scavenger hunt. They can also try to guess how many fish we have in our mystery jar. (Hint: it's more than Two Fish.)

Finally, we'll host a Seuss-themed story time on Zoom at 10 a.m. that day. The story time is open to all families, but you have to RSVP to get the Zoom link. You can sign up at www.mentorpl.org or call us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 220.



It's Easy Being Green with MPL

This March, we're hosting a pair of programs that will help you get in the gardening spirit.

Kids can get their hands dirty during a special garden-themed online story time that will conclude with them planting their own little starter gardens.

Our **Grow Your Own Story Garden Party** will be 4 pm on Thursday, March 18. You can sign up for the program (either on our website or by calling us), pick up the garden kit from the Children's Department at our Main Branch beforehand, and then join us for this special story time on Zoom!

More experienced green thumbs will enjoy our monthly **Meet Us in the Garden** talks with the Lake County Master Gardeners. The series begins at 10 am on Saturday, March 13. The topic will be how to take cues from nature -- also known as phenology -- to learn what plants and animals will thrive in your garden.

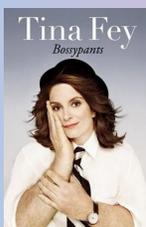
The talk will be hosted on Zoom. You can RSVP for the Zoom link by emailing mgvlakecounty@gmail.com or calling (440) 853-2625.

Finally, if you're looking to start or supplement your garden, we have a Seed Library. You can get fruit, vegetable, herb, and flower seeds from us. Check it out during your next visit!

Celebrating Women's History Month at MPL

March is Women's History Month, and we are hosting a pair of programs to celebrate (though it's always a good month to read about and discuss women's history.)

First, this is the perfect time to launch our new book club: **The Women Reading Funny Women Book Club**. Our first meeting will be 7 pm on March 17 and we'll discuss Tina Fey's *Bossypants*.



Borrow one of our copies, then join us for the chat on Zoom. You can RSVP online at www.mentorpl.org or call us to get the Zoom link.

Then, you can join Sara Showman of the Largely Literary Theater for **SHE Stories** at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 30. It's a multicultural celebration of the wit, courage, and determination shown by girls and women -- every day, all over the world.

Showman will share empowering and entertaining legends from Africa, China, and more. RSVP to get the Zoom link, and then join us online!

Finally, check out our display on the history of women's suffrage the next time you visit our Main Branch. We've come a long way and the journey isn't over!

Discover the History of the Vietnam Wars

Dr. John Foster, our resident historian, will host a year-long series on the history of The Vietnam Wars. The first talk will be hosted via Zoom at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 11. You need to register to get the link.

The series begins with a look at the history of European colonialism in Vietnam. French involvement in Vietnam ran from the early 17th century until the 1950s and formed the backdrop to U.S. political and military involvement beginning in the 1960s. This first lecture will take the story from the arrival of the first Catholic missionaries until the defeat of French colonial forces by the Japanese in 1940.

In addition to being a librarian, Dr. Foster has a doctorate degree in history and has taught at the high school and college levels. He's previously offered lectures on World War II, French Revolution, American Revolution, and Irish history at the library.

A-OK for the ACT

Do you know a student who's preparing to take the ACT or SAT? We offer online resources that can help!

First, you can check out Method Test Prep from RBDigital. It's a self-paced program you can access online at mentorpublicoh.rbdigital.com. There are also ACT, SAT, and PSAT test-prep courses on Lynda.com that are free to use with your library card.

Finally, you can take ACT, SAT, PSAT, and even AP Practice Exams through our online databases. Click on **Practice Tests & Training** at www.mentorpl.org/databases. Ask our librarians if you need any help.



Play I SPY at the Library

Keep your eyes peeled because kids can have a blast (and maybe even win a prize) playing I SPY at our Main, Lake, and Headlands Branches this March.

First, we're celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with a scavenger hunt. Try to spot The Cat in the Hat and his friends at our newly renovated Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch the next time that you visit.

Meanwhile, Harry Potter fans can play a magical game of I SPY at our Main Branch. First, pick up a game sheet from the Children's Department there. Then, see how many Potter-themed items you can find hiding in the display in our entryway. Kids can win a small prize for locating all

the items. Then they can come back for a new challenge each week this month!

Finally, kids can go on a leprechaun hunt at our Headlands Branch. The rules are a little different for this scavenger hunt, so follow along. To play, you need to visit our Headlands Branch and check out at least two books.

Next, you'll get a raffle ticket. Scour our branch and find all the leprechauns you can. Then write how many you find on your ticket. Finally, we'll draw a ticket at the end of the month and the winner will get a \$10 gift card.

Kids can play at all of our branches!



**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, March 2, at 6:30 pm*

This club reads crime-related genres such as thrillers, true-crime, and mystery/detective novels. This month, they'll discuss *From Here to Eternity* by Caitlin Doughty. **R & Z**

Big IDEA Book Club *Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 pm*

The Lake County League of Libraries has teamed with The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio to form a club that discusses books and issues involving Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access. This month, the club will talk about *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle* by Angela Davis. **R & Z**

Men's Book Club *Monday, March 15, at 7 pm*

This month's book is *In the Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington & the Victory at Yorktown* by Nathan Philbrick. **R & Z**

Women Reading Funny Women *Wednesday, March 17, at 7 pm*

NEW! Our newest book club highlights funny women. Its first title is *Bossypants* by Tina Fey. Read, chat, and laugh with us! **R & Z**

Monday Night Book Club *Monday, March 22, at 6:30 pm*

A discussion of bestsellers, popular reads and books of interest. This month's book is *Pioneers* by David McCullough. **R & Z**

Senior Center Book Club *Wednesday, March 24, at Noon*

Returning! Our Senior Center Book Club is back! We'll discuss *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick. To register, call the Mentor Senior Center at 440-974-5725. **R & Z**

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

Back to Your Roots Genealogy Online Group Chat *Monday, March 1, at 6:30 pm*

Returning! Gather online to share genealogy tips and information with other enthusiasts. Our club is open to anyone who's curious about their family history. All levels of expertise are welcome. **R & Z**

Manry's Tinkerbelle *Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm*

Discover the journey of one of Lake County's most fearless mariners. Willowick native Robert Manry navigated his tiny sailboat, Tinkerbelle, across the Atlantic Ocean in 1965. Local historian Ginnie Jeschelnig will tell the story of this record-breaking trip and its unexpected consequences for Manry's family. **R & Z**

Maple Sugaring *Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 pm*

Learn about the history of maple sugaring and maple-syrup production in our region during this sweet talk with experts from the Geauga Park District. **R & Z**

A Tale of Two Cities: Understanding the History of Structural Racism in Creating the Built Environment *Monday, March 8, at 6:30 pm*

Dr. Jason Reece, an associate professor at the Ohio State University, will present an overview of the history of structural racism and its influence on Northeast Ohio's urban geography. He'll discuss policies and practices that influenced contemporary population patterns, segregation, and disparities between communities and neighborhoods in the region. **R & Z**

Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: Lincoln's First Inaugural Address *Wednesday, March 10, at noon*

Abraham Lincoln took office under dire circumstances. As southern states seceded from the Union, Lincoln knew he had to say the right thing and strike the right tone in his inaugural address. Learn more about what he said and what it meant from Todd Arrington of James A. Garfield National Historic Site. **R & Z**

911 Dispatch/Hands-Only CPR/AED Awareness *Tuesday, March 16, at 2 pm*

Mentor Firefighter Jerry Craddock offers essential guidance that could save someone's life including: how to provide the most important information when calling 911; how to start CPR; and how to use an automated external defibrillator. (No certification is given for attending this program, but it could make a big difference in an emergency.) **R & Z**

Holistic Wellness & Yoga *Wednesday, March 17, at 2 pm*

This hour-long class includes a relaxing yoga session and tips on holistic therapies for a restful sleep. Wear comfy clothes that are easy to move in, and don't forget your yoga mat or beach towel before we start! **R & Z**

Brain Balance: Combating Anxiety *Saturday, March 20, at 1 pm*

Explore movement and breath work to help reduce anxiety & stress in this 45 minute session with Erin Hill from Branches of Wellness. **R & Z**

Backyard Birds with Lake Metroparks *Thursday, March 25, at 2 pm*

Learn all about your feathered backyard visitors from Lake Metroparks, including identification tips for local birds and advice on feeders and types of feed. **R & Z**

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440-255-8811

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440-257-2512

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440-257-2000

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440-205-6011

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Board of Trustees' meetings will be 5 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:
March 17

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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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MPL Programs for Kids

March Reading Challenge

All Month

Kids can win a prize for reading or being read to. Visit the Children's Department at our Main Branch for a reading log. The challenge is for kids in sixth grade and younger.

Grab & Go Crafts

All Month

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



Artpocalypse

Noon on Tuesdays

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

Paint by Sticker

6 pm on Wednesday, March 10

Kids (K-5th Grade) can craft lovely pictures using stickers. We provide the supplies, which you can pick up from our Main Branch after you register. **R & Z**

Virtual Chips & Chapters

4 pm on Tuesday, March 16

Kids (K-2nd grade) can enjoy a snack and a story with us online. Ms. Lisa will read from a chapter book while the kids enjoy chips and follow along. This month's book is *Down Girl and Sit: Smarter than Squirrels* by Lucy Nolan. **R & Z**

Zoom Firehouse Friends

10:30 am on Thursday, March 18

Families with kids of all ages can join our friends from Mentor Fire Department for a half hour of stories and fire safety tips. **R & Z**

Virtual Crafternoon

4 pm on Monday, March 22

Kids (8-12) can learn how to make a God's Eye with sticks and yarn. We provide the crafting supplies, which you can pick up from our Lake Branch after you sign up. Then the kids can follow along on Zoom and show everyone what they made. **R & Z**

Tween/Teen Journaling Night

6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 23

Teens and tweens (ages 11-18) can unwind and find an outlet for their creativity during a journaling session. We'll offer fun writing prompts and a supportive, nonjudgmental atmosphere where thoughts (and ink!) may flow freely. **R & Z**

Online Story Times with MPL

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

First, you can join us for live story times via Zoom every Tuesday at 10 am or on Thursdays at 10 am. You'll need to sign up beforehand to get the Zoom link. You can RSVP by calling the library or online at www.mentorpl.org.

We're also posting story times that your family can watch at your convenience on our Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 am every Monday this month. You can also watch them at www.mentorpl.org/onlinestorytime.

