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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Bellville Branch 10 AM
Tue. Mar. 1
A Monstrous Regiment of Women
by Laurie King
Tue. Apr. 5
The Eight
by Katherine Neville
Tue. May 3
The Song Remains the Same
by Allison Winn Scotch

The books will be available one month ahead. Light refreshments will be served.

Lexington Branch 2:30 PM
Wed. Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11
Bits of Books – come share what you’ve been reading, leave with some great book lists.

Madison Branch 10 AM
Sat. Mar. 5
The Water Knife by Paolo Bacigalupi
Sat. Apr. 2
Stiff: the Curious Lives of Cadavers
by Mary Roach
Sat. May 7
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury

Madison Branch 6:30 PM
Adult YA Book Club
Perfect for the adult reader of YA Fiction.
Tue. Mar. 22
Vanishing Girls by Lauren Oliver
Tue. Apr. 26
All the Rage by Courtney Summers
Tue. May 24
Only Ever Yours by Louise O’Neill

READING COMMUNITY

* indicates sign up is required for this program.
Madison Branch  3:30 PM
Teen Book Club
Thu. Mar. 10
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education & Changed the World
by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick
Thu. Apr. 14
And We Stay
by Jenny Hubbard
Thu. May 12
The Program
by Suzanne Young

Main Library  6:30 PM
Thu. Mar. 24
The Girl You Left Behind
by Jojo Moyes
Thu. Apr. 28
Burial Rites
by Hannah Kent
Thu. May 26
The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins

DIY Book Discussion
Mon. Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2

Ontario Branch  1 PM
Tue. Mar. 8
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin
Tue. Apr. 12
Go Set a Watchman
by Harper Lee
Tue. May 10
Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania
by Erik Larson

Bromfield Book Club  6 PM
Malabar Farm State Park Visitor Center
Join us for lively discussions of the Mansfield area’s well-known author, writer, and conservationist, Louis Bromfield. Call the Lucas or Butler Branches for more information.
Mon. Mar. 7
Wild is the River
Mon. Apr. 4
From My Experience
Mon. May 2
Twenty-Four Hours

MRCPL’s Facebook page
No meetings, no deadlines, just great books! Stop by the reference desk the first Monday of each month to get the book and discussion questions, author info, reviews, etc. Then join us on Facebook the first Monday of the following month to discuss!
Mar. – The Beekeeper’s Apprentice
by Laurie King
Apr. – Code Name Verity
by Elizabeth Wein
May – The Language of Flowers
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MARCH

Keep Calm and Color Contest
Entire Month of March
Adults & Teens
Coloring isn’t just for kids. It’s a great way to relax and explore your artsy side. Pick up a coloring page at any location and show us what you can do. Entries will be put into a prize drawing.

Foundations of Investing
Thu. Mar. 3  Ontario Branch
6 PM
This program covers the basic features of bonds, stocks and mutual funds and the importance of asset allocation.

Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mon. Mar. 7  Bellville Branch
6:30 PM
This living history presentation portrays, American author Laura Ingalls Wilder, creator of the much-loved children’s series of the “Little House” books that recounted her life as a young girl on the Western frontier during the late 1800s.

World War II Security Badges
Tue. Mar. 8  Butler Branch
6 PM
Learn about the federally mandated security employment badges that were issued locally during World War II, and the factories in Mansfield that contributed to the war effort.

Rock ‘N Roll High School, Punk Rock Edition
Mon. Mar. 14  Main Library
6 PM Adults & Teens
Celebrate punk rock – see page 16 for details.

A-Z Water Gardening
Tue. Mar. 15  Main Library
6 PM
This program will cover the set up, what to put in your garden, how to put plants in the water and make them stay down, when to put fish in safely and how NOT to make it a mosquito breeding ground.

Book Fair
Sat. Mar. 19  Main Library
1:30-4 PM
Mansfield and Richland County are rich with local authors. Come to the Library (2nd Floor Lobby) to meet them, buy their books and get your books signed.

Introduction to Yoga
Tue. Mar. 22  Bellville Branch
6 PM
Interested in yoga, but not sure how to start? Start here! Bring your own mat or towel and wear loose comfortable clothing. Space is limited.

The Pulp Magazine
Thu. Mar. 24  Lucas Branch
6 PM
Learn about the history of the “pulp fiction” magazine. See early and rare examples of pulp magazines, including science fiction and crime publications from the early 20th century through the 1950s.
The Unsinkable Molly Brown  
Tue. Mar. 29 ☑ Madison Branch  
6 PM  
Come and experience this living history presentation of Margaret “Molly” Tobin Brown, survivor of the Titanic.

Raised Bed Gardening  
Tue. Mar. 29 ☑ Lexington Branch  
6 PM  
Master Gardener Eric Larsen will share the benefits of raised bed gardening; how raised beds give more dimension to your garden, allow you to garden longer, more productively, more effectively, more poison free, with less soil compaction.

A Wilderness Reclaimed- The Great Smoky Mountains  
Tue. Apr. 5 ☑ Lexington Branch  
6 PM  
Learn about the Great Smoky Mountains as they were and enjoy them as they are today in this photographic exploration of the most dramatic wilderness area east of the Mississippi River.

Mule Adventures at the Grand Canyon  
Thu. Apr. 7 ☑ Bellville Branch  
6:30 PM  
Join Bellville Branch clerk Nancy Strayer as she shares her adventures in the Grand Canyon, during two mule trips to the bottom of the canyon. The Grand Canyon will come alive with photos and stories.

Copus Hill: A Tragedy in Ohio History  
Tue. Apr. 12 ☑ Butler Branch  
6 PM  
Genealogist Deborah Mayes shares a bit of Ohio history from the War of 1812, emphasizing the massacre at Copus Hill and the role of Reverend James Copus.

Coloring and Cookies  
Thu. Apr. 14 ☑ Main Library  
6:30 PM  
Tue. Apr. 19 ☑ Butler Branch  
6 PM  
Coloring for adults and cookies, what could be better to relieve some stress?

Blackout Poetry Contest  
Submission Deadline: Fri. Apr. 22  
Adults & Teens  
Like poetry, but find the blank page to be a little intimidating? Use recycled book pages to create found poetry! All you need to do is blackout the text of your choosing, and leave selected words behind to build a new meaning. Get your recycled book page and entry form at any location and enter your best work into our contest.

Test Your “App”titude  
Entire Month of April  
Adults & Teens  
Test your app knowledge with our app icon-matching contest. Turn in a completed entry form before the end of April. If your entry is drawn as the winner, you’ll get a gift card to Best Buy.

Holocaust Survivor  
Mon. Apr. 4 ☑ Bellville Branch  
Tue. Apr. 12 ☑ Main Library  
6:30 PM  
Leo Silberman was 14 years old when the Nazis separated him from his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He never saw them again. Come and hear his story!
Basic Grant Writing for Non-Profits  
Tue. Apr. 19  Main Library  
8:30 AM Registration  
9 AM – Noon – Program  
Learn how to search for grant makers using the Foundation Directory Online Professional database. You’ll learn the various parts of a grant proposal and available grant opportunities.

Civilian Conservation Corp  
Tue. Apr. 19  Main Library  
6 PM  
Author Bill Jamerson will present a music and storytelling program about the Civilian Conservation Corp. A book signing will follow the program.

The Basics of Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease  
Thu. Apr. 28  Ontario Branch  
6 PM  
Alzheimer’s and Dementia: the symptoms, diagnosis, disease progression, risk factors, medication and helpful resources for families.

# Solar Energy  
Thu. May 12  Main Library  
6 PM  
This program will provide an overview of energy trends, photovoltaic solar development in Ohio, and a financial overview of solar projects and considerations for a solar proposal.

# Elektro the Robot  
Thu. May 12  Lucas Branch  
6 PM  
Mansfield Memorial Museum curator, Scott Schaut will speak about Elektro, a robot built by The Westinghouse Electric Corp in its Mansfield, Ohio facility between 1937-39.

Story of Robert Long-Civil War Vet  
Thu. May 12  Ontario Branch  
6 PM  
This living history presentation by Patrick Drouhard is focused on the life of Cardington resident Robert Long. Appearing in the period dress of 1897, he leads his audience through 3½ years of Long’s most remarkable Civil War Experiences.

Container Gardening  
Mon. May 16  Bellville Branch  
6:30 PM  
Would you like to try your hand at gardening but don’t have a lot of space? Container gardening is the answer!

A-Z Water Gardening  
Tue. May 17  Lexington Branch  
6 PM  
We’ll cover how to set it up, what to put in your garden, how to put plants in the water, and how NOT to make it a mosquito breeding ground.

Couponing with Rachel: 101  
Tue. May 3  Crestview Branch  
6 PM  
Learn the basics of couponing. Where to get them, how to organize, and what coupon stacking is and more!
Registration is required for all craft programs; limit of ONE if program is offered at multiple locations.

Coloring Party
Tue. Mar. 1, Apr. 19, May 17
Crestview Branch
Tue. Mar. 8, Apr. 5, May 3
Madison Branch
It’s not just for kids! Spend an evening with friends, coloring to your heart’s content.

Maker’s Night
Tue. Mar. 1
Plymouth Branch
6 PM
Want to try something new but not sure if you want to invest in the tools until you give it a try? Come to the Library to give our craft equipment a test run.

Arm Knitting
Thu. Mar. 3
Bellville Branch
6:30 PM
No needles needed! Whether you are an expert knitter or a complete beginner, come learn how to create a cozy cowl using only your arms. Yarn will be supplied. Space is limited, so register early!

Yarn Creations
Mon. Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9
Bellville Branch
6 PM
Whether you’re a beginner or advanced, come knit or crochet with us. You bring yarn and needles or hooks and we’ll provide the pattern & guidance. Call or stop in for help figuring out what you’ll need.

Euchre Night
Thu. Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5
5:30 PM
Lucas Branch
Trump your opponents in a Euchre battle for the ages. Never played before? We’ll teach beginners the rules and nuances.

Finish It Friday
Fri. Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 27
1-4 PM
Bellville Branch
Fri. Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13
1-4 PM
Butler Branch
Fri. Mar. 4, 18; Apr. 1, 15;
May 6, 20
1-4 PM
Lexington Branch
Need incentive to finish that project? Bring it to the library!
CRAFT PROGRAMS CON’T

Washi Egg Workshop
Mon. Mar. 14  Lexington Branch
6 PM
You will learn about the Japanese tradition of covering eggs called Washi and decorate an egg to take home.

Spring Floral Arrangement Workshop
Tue. Mar. 15  Crestview Branch
6 PM
Kim Shrack, proprietor of Forget-Me-Not-Flowers, will share tips and techniques of flower arranging while you make your own arrangement.

Perler Bead Easter Brooch
Tue. Mar. 15  Madison Branch
6 PM
Use Perler beads to create a unique brooch with a pixilated look. Make an Easter egg, flower or Easter bunny – you decide!

Wool Fiber Felting Workshop
Tue. Apr. 5  Crestview Branch
6 PM
Learn the process of felting wool fiber. Marie Walker will show how to create simple accessories using a bit of wet wool.

Craft Night at Plymouth
Tue. Apr. 5, Thu. May 5  Plymouth Branch
6 PM
Join us at the Plymouth Branch for an evening of fun & crafting.

Crafting in Miniature with Polymer Clay
Tue. Apr. 12  Madison Branch
6 PM
Join us at this popular program where we’ll make delicious looking food out of polymer clay.

Make Your Own Birdbath
Tue. Apr. 19  Madison Branch
6 PM
Karen Steele from Oak Grove Manor returns to the Madison Branch to show how to make homemade birdbaths.

Sharp Design
Thu. Apr. 21  Lucas Branch
5 PM
Create your own unique set of plates using special paint markers.

Wonderful World of Chocolate
Tue. Apr. 26  Lexington Branch
6 PM
John Hazen from the Squirrel’s Den, will demonstrate how to make chocolate candy and share some delicious samples.

Mother & Daughter: Basic Jewelry Making
Mon. May 2  Bellville Branch
Tue. May 10  Madison Branch
Thu. May 19  Ontario Branch
6 PM
Mothers and daughters are invited to come together to create their own beautiful beaded necklace or bracelet. All materials will be provided. Sign up for one program only.

Spring Gift Workshop
Tue. May 10  Lexington Branch
6 PM
Come and enjoy this workshop with Beth Peebles of Stampin’ Up. She will demonstrate how to make a few gifts for you to keep or to give away. All materials provided.

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All classes are held in the Main Library Computer Lab. ✩ indicates sign up is required. Call 419.521.3146 to sign up.

Excel® – the Basics
Tue. Mar. 8  5:30 PM
Thu. May 12  5:30 PM
This is a beginner’s workshop on Microsoft Excel®.

Internet – the Basics
Tue. Mar. 29  5:30 PM
Tue. May 17  5:30 PM
Begin here if the Internet is a mystery to you! We will explain the basics with hands-on activities.

Word®-the Basics
Thu. Apr. 21  5:30 PM
Learn how to navigate, format text, save, and retrieve a file and more.

Word®-Beyond the Basics
Thu. May 5  5:30 PM
Discover the Quick Access Toolbar, Autocorrect tips, how to use the Ruler and Tabs, and the Table function.

Word® – Advanced
Thu. May 19  5:30 PM
This advanced class is for you if you’ve taken the first two Microsoft Word classes and want to learn more advanced features.

Facebook Fridays
Fri. Mar. 4, 25; Apr. 8, 29; May 20, 27
9 AM – Noon
Come in and find out about Facebook and its many features.

Windows 10
Thu. Mar. 10  9 AM-NOON
Thu. Apr. 28  4-7 PM
Need assistance with the transition to Windows 10? Bring your Windows 10 laptop and your questions and we’ll help. Drop in, stay a few minutes or a few hours.

Create a Card
Thu. Mar. 17  5:30-7:30 PM
Tue. May 3  5:30-7:30 PM
Create a personal card or invitation with Microsoft Publisher®.

Atomic Training
Tue. Mar. 22  12-6 PM
Tue. Apr. 19
Tue. May 24
Atomic Training gives you access to thousands of short how-to videos on your devices, job skills, social media, and software. Stop in for assistance to create an account and get started.

Fix Your Photos
Mon. Apr. 4  5:30–7:30 PM
Using the free photo editor GIMP, learn how to fix your photos! Drop in, stay as long as you need!
MUSIC PROGRAMS
*All music programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Oleg Kruglyakov-Balalaika Virtuoso
Sun. Mar. 13  Main Library
2 PM
Oleg, currently a member of the “Russian Duo” will be performing solo on his balalaika playing a variety of music.

Squirrel Hillbillies
Sun. Apr. 3  Main Library
2 PM
Coming from the urban forest in Pittsburgh’s East End, this duo will share their eclectic repertoire of acoustic folk, country and blues.

Bob Cox Duo
Thu. Apr. 14  Ontario Branch
6 PM
This group plays an eclectic mix of music ranging from jazz through classic rock and rhythm and blues.

Stockdale Family Band
Sun. May 1  Main Library
2 PM
This family band performs a combination of traditional Bluegrass with a touch of Appalachian music. They provide an event that the whole family is sure to enjoy.

Guitarist-Kelly Vaughn
Tue. May 17  Madison Branch
6 PM
Singer and guitarist, Kelly Vaughn will perform a variety of cover songs and her own songs. Her beautiful, unique voice combined with solid and varied guitar playing will touch your soul.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday Matinee @ Butler
Sat. Mar. 12  Butler Branch
10 AM - 3 PM
Come watch Insurgent and Divergent in a double feature! Popcorn will be provided.

Movies @ Main
Wednesdays 5 or 5:30 PM
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25
Saturdays 2 PM
Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23; May 14, 28
Join us for free movies on the big screen, in the Community Room. Each month, we’ll feature at least one newly released film. Saturday movies will be primarily family-friendly, with a movie-related craft offered in the Children’s Dept. from 1-5 PM. Stop in or call the AV Dept. – 419.521.3120 - to see what’s showing.

Classic Movie Sundays
Mar. 20: Calamity Jane
Apr. 17: Pillow Talk
May 15: The Man Who Knew Too Much
2 PM  Main Library
This seasonal series will feature a different actor or movie genre. This spring, we’re celebrating the multi-talented Doris Day.

Movie Night @ Plymouth
Thu. Mar. 24, Apr. 21, May 19
5:30-7:30 PM
Families with children can enjoy a G or PG movie. Call 419-687-5655 to find out what’s playing.
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

MARCH

Dr. Seuss on the Loose Scavenger Hunt
Mon. Feb. 29-Sat. Mar. 5

Bellville Branch
Butler Branch
Lucas Branch
Ontario Branch
Children of all ages

Find the Dr. Seuss images and earn yourself a prize.

Easter Egg Coloring Page Contest
Tue. Mar. 1-Fri. Mar. 25

Bellville Branch
Butler Branch
Crestview Branch
Lucas Branch
Ontario Branch
Plymouth Branch
Children of all ages

Color our Easter Egg Coloring Page and turn it into the library for a chance to win a prize. Winners will be drawn on Mar. 28.

2016 Children’s Poetry Contest
Tue. Mar. 1-Mon. Mar. 28

All Locations
Children in grades 1-5

Submit any one piece of poetry you have written. More info at all locations.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Wed. Mar. 2 Main Library
6:30 PM

Mon. Mar. 7 Ontario Branch
6 PM Families with children

It’s a Dr. Seuss birthday party and you’re invited!

Autism Family Night
Mon. Mar. 7 Main Library
6:30 PM Families with children

Meet & interact with other families living with autism! We’ll have games and puzzles available for playing and LEGO® bricks and other building toys for constructing.

I Survived
Tue. Mar. 8 Bellville Branch
6 PM Children in grades 3-5

Could you survive a shark attack or tsunami? What would you do during a hurricane or if you were on a sinking ship? Test your survival skills with games and challenges inspired by the I Survived book series.

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Thu. Mar. 10 Crestview Branch
6 PM

Sat. Mar. 12 Madison Branch
10:30 AM

Tue. Mar. 22 Plymouth Branch
6 PM Families with children

Get ready for spring at the library! Plant a flower or vegetable seed to take home.

St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt
Mon. Mar. 14-Sat. Mar. 19 All locations
Children of all ages

Come help us find lots of treasure and all things green. See if you can find all the pictures and win a prize!

★ indicates sign up is required for this program.
Spring Make-It Take-It
Mon. Mar. 14 Ontario Branch 1-7 PM
Tue. Mar. 29 Bellville Branch 12-7 PM
Wed. Mar. 30 Main Library 1-3 PM Children of all ages
Stop in and celebrate the arrival of spring with a craft you can take home with you!

St. Patrick’s Day Craft
Mon. Mar. 14 Butler Branch 3 PM Children of all ages
Tue. Mar. 15 Lucas Branch 3 PM Children of all ages
Make something green to wear on St. Patrick’s Day so you don’t get pinched!

American Girl® Tea Party
Sat. Mar. 19 Bellville Branch 1 PM Children in grades K-5
You are cordially invited to attend the American Girl® Tea Party on Saturday, the 19th of March at 1 PM. Dress your best and bring your dolls.

Silly Stories and Wacky Waffles
Mon. Mar. 21 Butler Branch 6 PM Families with children
Tue. Mar. 22 Lucas Branch 6 PM Families with children
Who has a waffle body and a pancake head? Whose hair is made of spaghetti? Join in on an evening of funny food stories and find out! Snacks may be served. Pajamas welcome!

Super Spring Jeopardy
Mon. Mar. 21 Madison Branch 6:30 PM Children of all ages
Bring some friends or join a team to play this fun trivia game at the Madison Branch.

Spring Break Beach Party
Tue. Mar. 22 Lexington Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Lexington Branch Library is a top destination for Spring Break fun! Join us for some breezy books, beach games, and a sunny craft.

LEGO® Mania at Main
Sat. Mar. 26 Main Library 1-4 PM Children of all ages
Create a masterpiece to display in the Children’s Department. All Lego materials will be provided.

Spring Scavenger Hunt
Mon. Mar. 28-Sat. Apr. 2 Bellville Branch
Butler Branch
Children of all ages Lucas Branch
Visit the library anytime the week of March 28 to find the hidden pictures and get a prize.

Bad Bunnies!
Mon. Mar. 28 Ontario Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Not all bunnies are nice – listen to stories about some naughty bunnies!

APRIL

Pete the Cat Scavenger Hunt
Mon. Apr. 4-Sat. Apr. 9 All locations Children of all ages
Find all the Pete the Cat pictures and you can pick a prize.

It’s a Jungle Out There!
Mon. Apr. 4 Ontario Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Mon. Apr. 18 Butler Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Tue. Apr. 19 Lucas Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Lots of different plants and animals live in the jungle. We’ll read stories about the jungle, listen to music and make a craft!

Alice in Wonderland
Unbirthday Tea Party
Thu. Apr. 7 Crestview Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Tue. Apr. 19 Plymouth Branch 6 PM Children of all ages
Come down the rabbit hole with us as we anticipate the release of Alice Through the Looking Glass.
Percy Jackson Extravaganza  
**Tue. Apr. 12**  
6 PM  
Bellville Branch  
Children in grades 3-5  
Do you belong to Camp Half-Blood?  
Join us at the Bellville Branch for fun Olympian trivia, games, and more.

Meet Eric Litwin!  
**Tue. Apr. 12**  
6 PM  
Main Library  
Families  
Join us as we welcome Eric Litwin, New York Times best-selling author of the first four Pete the Cat picture books and The Nuts.

Shopkins Swap!  
**Mon. Apr. 18**  
6:30 PM  
Madison Branch  
Families with children  
Bring your Shopkins to swap. We’ll have stories and games too!

Kindergarten Readiness Week  
**Mon. Apr. 18-Sat. Apr. 23**  
Children Pre-K  
All locations  
We are excited for Kindergarten! Stop by any location to try some crafts and activities.

National Park Scavenger Hunt  
**Mon. Apr. 18-Sat. Apr. 23**  
All locations  
Children of all ages  
Celebrate National Park Week by finding hidden pictures of our national parks. Win a prize when you finish!

Earth Day Crafts  
**Fri. Apr. 22**  
Lexington Branch  
Children of all ages  
Stop by anytime on Earth Day to make a special craft celebrating our planet.

The Cardinal & the Crow StoryWalk®  
**Sat. Apr. 23**  
Gorman Nature Center  
10 AM-4 PM  
Families with children  
Join us at Gorman Nature Center for a StoryWalk as part of the Mohican Wildlife Weekend.

Our Earth Rocks!  
**Mon. Apr. 25**  
Main Library  
Ontario Branch  
6 PM  
Children of all ages  
April is the month we celebrate our Earth – and our earth ROCKS! Share rock stories and paint an awesome rock you can take home with you!

Silly Springtime Stories  
**Mon. Apr. 25**  
6:30 PM  
Madison Branch  
Families with children  
Join us to celebrate Spring with silly stories and games at the Madison Branch.

Grandparent and Me Game Night  
**Tue. Apr. 26**  
Bellville Branch  
6 PM  
Children of all ages  
Kids, bring your grandma or grandpa to the library to play games and make a craft.

Explore on the Floor  
**Thu. Apr. 28**  
Main Library  
Babies & toddlers  
10 AM  
Join us for all different sorts of fun hands-on activities where little ones can explore and play!

A Garden Party at the Library  
**Tue. May 3**  
Main Library  
10:30 AM  
Children ages 6 & younger  
Come celebrate spring at the library with stories, songs, and a craft. We will be planting flowers at the library to transplant at home. Tea, lemonade and cookies will be served.
A Butterfly is Born!
Mon. May 23  Ontario Branch
6 PM  Children of all ages
The metamorphosis is complete! We’ll read stories about butterflies, make a craft and hopefully get to meet our library butterflies!

Cookies and Cake Cooking Class
Mon. May 23  Madison Branch
6:30 PM  Children in grades K-5
Join us as we transform cookies into cake and turn pretzels into flowers. It’s easy as cake, when you’re cooking with Carole!

Animal Tracks
Mon. May 23-Sat. Jun. 4  Main Library
Children of all ages
Can you match the tracks with the animal that made them? Stop in the Children’s Department anytime to participate.

Get Out and Play!
Tue. May 24  Main Library
3:30-5 PM
Wed. May 25  Plymouth Branch
Thu. May 26  Crestview Branch
1 PM  Children of all ages
Play classic backyard games such as hopscotch, corn hole, duck duck goose, red light green light, and more!

Spring Story Times
Feb. 29 - Apr. 8
All Locations
Call your local branch for the schedule & times.

MAY

Angry Birds
Tue. May 3  Bellville Branch
6 PM
Mon. May 9  Madison Branch
6:30 PM  Children in grades K-5
Angry Birds and green pigs have invaded the library! Join us in celebrating the release of *The Angry Birds* movie.

Mother’s Day Story Time
Wed. May 4  Lexington Branch
10:30 AM  Families with children
Join us for a special story time celebrating moms and any special lady in your life.

Origami Afternoon
Thu. May 5  Bellville Branch
3:30 PM  Children in Grades 3-5
Make some origami animals and more at the Bellville Branch.

Caterpillars in the Library!
Mon. May 9  Ontario Branch
6 PM
Tue. May 10  Plymouth Branch
Thu. May 12  Crestview Branch
6 PM  Children of all ages
The library will be raising butterflies this month! In this program we’ll learn about caterpillars and you’ll get to meet some in person!

Police Week Scavenger Hunt
Mon. May 16-Sat. May 21  All Locations
Children of all ages
It’s National Police Week. Find all the police-related pictures and get a small prize!
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

# Brick Builders Lego® Club
Thu. Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5
Ontario Branch
4 PM
Thu. Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12
Lexington Branch
6 PM
Tue. Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17
Plymouth Branch
3:30 PM
Tue. Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 10
Bellville Branch
6 PM
Thu. Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19
Crestview Branch
3:30 PM
Children in grades K-5
Join the library Lego club! Spend your afternoon exercising your mad Lego-building skills with friends. We’ll provide the Legos—just bring your imagination!

# Little STEMs
Saturdays Main Library
Mar. 5: Color Fun
Apr. 2: Count with Me!
May 7: Magnetic Opposites
1-4 PM Children ages 3-6
Drop in for some science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fun just for three- to six-year-olds. Each afternoon includes books and hands-on activities.

Homeschoolers at the Library
Fridays Main Library
Mar. 11: Art of Illustration
Apr. 8: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
May 13: It’s Ancient History
1 PM Families with children
Join us each month for a themed program designed just for homeschooled children and families!

Crafts with Movies at Main
Sat. Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23;
May 14, 28
Main Library
1-5 PM Families with children
Join us for a craft or activity based on the Movie at Main shown at 2 PM! Please call 419.521.3120 to see what’s showing.

Crafternoons
Crestview Branch
Wed. Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 4
Plymouth Branch
3:30 PM Children of all ages
Join us at the library and make a special craft to take home. All supplies provided.

Art Alive!
Wed. Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18
Lexington Branch
4 PM
Children in grades Pre-K-5
A special story time inspired by art! We will have fun creating art projects based on popular children’s books.

# STEM Challenge
Thu. Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19
Lexington Branch
6 PM Children in grades K-5
Join us as we tackle some engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Challenges. Younger children may need parental or sibling help.

Make-It Take-It
Sat. Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 7
Lexington Branch
Children of all ages
Stop by anytime to make a springtime-inspired craft.

Tuesday Morning Craft Club
Tue. Apr. 12, 19, 26
Lexington Branch
10:30 AM Families with children
Join us for a fun and easy make and take craft.
Keep Calm and Color Contest
Entire Month of March
Teens & Adults
Coloring isn’t just for kids. It’s a great way to relax and explore your artsy side. Pick up a coloring page at any location and show us what you can do. Entries will be put into a prize drawing at your local branch.

No Angry Birds
Tue. Mar. 8 Lexington Branch 6 PM
Thu. Mar. 24 Ontario Branch 5:30-7 PM
Use our supplies and know how to create an unusual feeder for your favorite feathered friends.

For Fans of Allegiant
Thu. Mar. 10 Bellville Branch 4 PM
If you like the Divergent series, you need to be at the Bellville Branch. Games, crafts and snacks – need we say more?

Perlerpalooza
Thu. Mar. 10 Butler Branch 3-5 PM
Mon. Mar. 14 Main Library 3:30-5:30 PM
We’ll provide a multitude of multi-colored beads and templates for you to create personalized backpack tags or key chains.

Rock ‘N Roll High School, Punk Rock Edition
Mon. Mar. 14 Main Library 6 PM
Celebrate punk rock music with us. Learn about the history and the effect that bands like The Stooges, The Ramones, The Clash and Black Flag had on our culture. We’ll listen to some influential songs, and talk about the music and what it means to you.

March Mad-Skills-Ness
Mon. Mar. 14 Plymouth Branch
Mon. Mar. 21 Lucas Branch 3:30-5:30 PM Grades 6-12
You may not be good enough to hit the hardwood but you can demonstrate your mad video game skills at our tournament. Get your name on the bracket for your chance to be the reigning champ at your branch.

Blackout Poetry Contest
Submission Deadline: Fri., Apr. 22
Teens & Adults
Like poetry, but find the blank page to be a little intimidating? Blackout Poetry allows you to create poetry using recycled book pages. All you need to do is blackout the text of your choosing, and leave selected words behind to build a new meaning. Get your recycled book page and entry form at any location and enter your best work into our contest.

Polymer Clay Miniature Food
Mon. Mar. 21 Bellville Branch 3:30-5 PM Grades 6-12
Join us to create miniature food that will look good enough to eat. We’ll use polymer clay; the yummy-looking treats will be finished off-site and you’ll be able to pick them up a week later.
Yarn Egg Surprise
Tue. Mar. 22 Crestview Branch
3-5 PM Grades 6-12
Candy treats are amazing, but they’re even better served up in a fancy egg shell molded from yarn.

Games to Go
Thu. Mar. 24 Madison Branch
3:30 PM Grades 6-12
We’ll show you how to recycle a DVD case into your own compact travel game just in time for Spring Break.

Cupcake “Faux”toholder
Tue. Apr. 12 Lexington Branch
6 PM Grades 6-12

Thu. Apr. 14 Butler Branch
3-5 PM Grades 6-12
Mon. Apr. 25 Main Library
3:30-5:30 PM Grades 6-12
We’ll give you everything you need to make a unique holder for your favorite photos. Just make sure no one tries to take a bite.

Manga Club
Tue. Apr. 12, 19, 26
Madison Branch
3 PM Grades 4-12
Manga are Japanese comic books. When you join us for Manga Club, you’ll learn Japanese words & phrases, We’ll explore the culture and practice drawing kanji characters.

Finger Knitting and T-Shirt Yarn
Thu. Apr. 14 Bellville Branch
4 PM Grades 6-12
Learn to knit with t-shirt yarn and your fingers as knitting needles. All supplies provided.

Earth Day Craft:
Tin Can Candle Art
Mon. Apr. 18 Bellville Branch
6 PM Grades 6-12
We’ll upcycle a plain old soup can into a stunning punched tin candleholder.

Washer Necklaces
Thu. Apr. 21 Madison Branch
3:30 PM Grades 6-12
Mon. Apr. 25 Lucas Branch
3:30-5:30 PM Grades 6-12
We’ll show you how to turn some ordinary hardware into stylish neckwear. No handyman skills required.

Test Your “App”titude
Entire Month of April
Teens & Adults
Test your app knowledge with our app icon-matching contest. Turn in a completed entry form before the end of April. If your entry is drawn as the winner, you’ll get a gift card to Best Buy.

So You Think You Can Lip Sync?
Thu. Apr. 7 Madison Branch
3-5 PM Grades 6-12
Don’t be shy! Bring your friends after school and battle it out to be the lip sync champion!

Perlerpalooza
Thu. Apr. 7 Plymouth Branch
3:30-5:30 PM Grades 6-12
We’ll provide a multitude of multi-colored beads and templates for you to create personalized backpack tags or key chains.

No Angry Birds
Tue. Apr. 12 Crestview Branch
3-5 PM Grades 6-12
Use our supplies and know how to create an unusual feeder for your favorite feathered friends.

April indicates sign up is required for this program.
Yarn Egg Surprise
Tue. May 3  
Lexington Branch
6 PM
Thu. May 5  
Ontario Branch
5:30-7 PM
Grades 6-12
Candy treats are amazing, but they’re even better served up in a fancy eggshell molded from yarn.

Cupcake “Faux”toholder
Tue. May 3  
Plymouth Branch
3:30-5:30 PM
Tue. May 10  
Crestview Branch
3-5 PM
Thu. May 19  
Madison Branch
3:30 PM
Grades 6-12
We’ll give you everything you need to make a unique holder for your favorite photos. Just make sure no one tries to take a bite.

Zentangle
Tue. May 10, 17  
Madison Branch
3 PM
Grades 4-12
Doodle away your stress at the Madison Branch Library!

# Techie Thursday
Thu. May 12  
Butler Branch
3-5 PM
Grades 6-12
Test out your maker skills on our snap circuits! Build a robot and prepare for worldwide (or maybe just library-wide) domination.

Perlerpalooza
Mon. May 23  
Bellville Branch
6 PM
Grades 6-12
We’ll provide multi-colored beads and templates for you to create personalized backpack tags or key chains.

Exploding Kittens
Game Night
Mon. May 23  
Lucas Branch
3:30-5:30 PM
Grades 6-12
Play this simple but crazy card game with other teens. No animals will be harmed!

Cookies & Cake Cooking Class
Tue. May 24  
Madison Branch
3 PM
Grades 4-12
We’ll transform cookies into cake and turn pretzels into flowers. It’s as easy as cake when you’re cookin’ with Carole!

🔗 indicates sign up is required for this program.
Anime Club
Mon. Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2
5 PM Main Library
Grades 6-12
Join us the first Monday of each month as we geek out on all things manga and anime. Play games, eat snacks, listen to music and watch videos.

Art after School
Tue. Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5; May 3
3 PM Madison Branch
Grades 4-8
Join us as we explore the art techniques of M.C. Escher and Georges Seurat.

Chess Club
Tue. Mar. 1, 15; Apr. 5, 19;
May 3, 17
4-5 PM Bellville Branch
Grades 4-12
Come play chess with us! Bring a friend and learn and play this classic game.

# Family Tinker Night:
Tue. Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17
5-7 PM Main Library
All Ages
Bring the whole gang and see what’s happening in our workshop. We’ll provide all the pieces, parts and projects and you supply the ingenuity and brainpower.

Minecraft@the Library
Wed.
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18, 25
3-5 PM Main Library
Grades 4-12
If you dig Minecraft, this is the place to be

Teen Book Club
Thu. Mar. 10
3:30 PM Madison Branch
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education & Changed the World
by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick
Thu. Apr. 14
And We Stay
by Jenny Hubbard
Thu. May 12
The Program
by Suzanne Young

Engineers Make a World of Difference
Traveling Exhibition
April 13 - July 8
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FRIENDS BOOKSALES

Evergreen Book Shop
33 N. Walnut Street

March
Members’ Pre-sale
Thu. Mar. 3 3–7 PM
Public sale
Fri. Mar. 4 10 AM–2 PM
Sat. Mar. 5 10 AM–3 PM

April
Members’ Pre-sale
Thu. Apr. 7 3–7 PM
Public sale
Fri. Apr. 8 10 AM–2 PM
Sat. Apr. 9 10 AM–3 PM

May
Members’ Pre-sale
Thu. May 5 3–7 PM
Public sale
Fri. May 6 10 AM–2 PM
Sat. May 7 10 AM–3 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library 419.521.3100
Mon.–Thurs. 9 AM–8 PM
Fri. & Sat. 9 AM–5 PM
Sun. 1–5 PM

Bellville Branch 419.886.3811
Lexington Branch 419.884.2500
Madison Branch 419.589.7050
Ontario Branch 419.529.4912
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9 AM–8 PM
Wed., Fri. & Sat. 9 AM–5 PM

Butler Branch 419.883.2220
Crestview Branch 419.895.0010
Lucas Branch 419.892.2576
Plymouth Branch 419.687.5655
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10 AM–8 PM
Wed. & Fri. 10 AM–5 PM
Sat. 9 AM–3 PM

Opening Reception
Saturday, April 16
11 AM - 3 PM
Main Library

Fun, food, and lots of cool stuff. Check mrcpl.org for details, and a full calendar of exhibit programs.

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