

DECEMBER 2023



# AT THE LIBRARY

All locations will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 31, and Jan. 1.

## ADULT BOOK GROUPS



### Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Dec. 4, 6 PM **Butler**  
*The Witch of Mansfield* by Mark Jordan

### Bellville Book Club

Tue. Dec. 5, 10 AM  
*Lucy on the Wild Side* by Kerry Rea

### Well Read

Tue. Dec. 5, 6:30 PM **Lexington**  
*The City Baker's Guide to Country Living* by Louise Miller

### Bits of Books

Wed. Dec. 13, 2:30 PM **Lexington**  
Join us as we share what we've been reading and leave with a great book list.

### Book Buzz

Thu. Dec. 14, 12 PM **Plymouth**  
*The Dirty Life* by Kristin Kimball

## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS



### Finish It Friday

Fri. Dec. 1, 15, & 29 **Butler**  
Fri. Dec. 8 **Lexington**  
Fri. Dec. 22 **Lucas**  
1-4 PM  
Need incentive to finish that project you're working on? Bring it to the Library!

### Euchre Night

Thu. Dec. 14 **Lucas**  
Thu. Dec. 21 **Butler**  
5:30 PM  
All skill levels are welcome for this ageless strategic card game!

### Cookbook Club

Sat. Dec. 16, 11 AM **Plymouth**  
Christmas Treats! Whether celebrating with friends or family, there's always room on the table for Christmas treats. Whip up your favorite, or try a new recipe – either sweet or savory. Bring a copy of the recipe and a serving utensil.

### Yarn Creations

Mon. Dec. 18, 3 PM **Bellville**  
Meet up with other yarn crafters to share, talk, knit, and crochet. Bring your own supplies and enjoy!

### Tea & Table Games

Thu. Dec. 28, 5:30-7:30 PM **Main**  
Come join us for tea and camaraderie as we exercise our brains! We will have a selection of card and board games to play, or you can join us in learning *Chinese Checkers* this month.



Design unique 3D gifts and have them printed at the Learning Lab! Scan for details.



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## ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



### ★ Holiday Craft Bag Pick Up Begins Fri. Dec. 1

Get in the holiday spirit with our annual Holiday Craft Bag! Everything you need is included to have an afternoon of holiday fun. Please **call** your preferred branch to register; while supplies last.

### ★ Adventures in Africa Mon. Dec. 18, 6 PM **Bellville**

Join Bellville resident K. Anderson for a presentation about her recent trip to Africa including stunning landscapes, amazing animal encounters, and a scenic helicopter trip over Victoria Falls.

## TRIVIA TIME!



### Trivia Night at Brumby's Thu. Dec. 7, 6 PM

Join us for this family-friendly trivia night at Brumby's Coffeehouse & Pizzeria in Bellville. Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less.

### Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix Tue. Dec. 19, 6:30 PM

*Adults 21+*

Join us for our popular trivia night at The Phoenix Brewing Co. Test your knowledge or guessing skills as we work through a variety of categories. Teams of 5 or less.

### Burger & Brew Trivia Thu. Dec. 21, 6:30 PM

Join us for trivia night in the Hudson & Essex winery. Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less.

### ★ Registration required.

Register on our event calendar at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org) unless otherwise noted. Registration begins Nov. 20.

## LEARNING LAB TECH CLASSES



★ Register online at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org) or call 419.521.3146 to reserve your seat. All classes held at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

### Intro to Computing Mon. Dec. 4, 6-7:30 PM

Complete beginner? Never held a mouse? Join this casual class and we'll help you get started.

### Word – The Basics Wed. Dec. 6, 9:30-11 AM

Beginners will learn how to create, format, edit, and effectively manipulate text documents.

### 3D Printing Demo Wed. Dec. 6, 3-4 PM **Butler**

This program will consist of a short presentation on what 3D printing is, how it works, and how it is being used. We will take an in-depth look at one of the Library's 3D printers in action followed by a short Q&A session, with info on how to utilize the 3D printers at MRCPL.

### Word – Beyond the Basics Mon. Dec. 11, 9:30-11 AM

Learn how to configure the Quick Access Toolbar, use proofing and autocorrect, the ruler, tabs, and tables.

### Internet Basics Mon. Dec. 11, 6-7:30 PM

In this class we'll explain the basics of searching and navigating the internet. Learn about browsers, search engines, and the Cloud. (Complete beginners should take our 'Intro to Computing' class first.)

### Internet – Beyond the Basics Mon. Dec. 18, 6-7:30 PM

Got the basics? Able to check your email and get rid of spam? Come back and learn about advanced search techniques and Cloud storage in our intermediate internet class.



## Christmas at the Cabin!

Fri. Dec. 1 & Fri. Dec. 8, 6 PM

*Families*

Join us at the historic Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm! Bring the family for a holly-jolly good time! We will be spreading Christmas cheer for all to hear with a cozy fire, stories, songs, and a craft. There may be a special guest joining us! Light refreshments will be provided.

★ Registration is required, call the Lucas branch at 419.892.2576 to reserve your spot!



## Holiday Photo Backdrop Nov. 13-Dec. 20

Bring your camera and festive outfits! MRCPL has created a beautiful backdrop for your family holiday photographs. Our holiday backdrop will be available in the 2nd-floor lobby at the Main Library during regular business hours. Take your phone or camera to the Learning Lab to receive your free 4x6 photo from this holiday display!

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# TEEN PROGRAMS



## Gotta' Go Fast Marble Run

Sat. Dec. 2, 3 PM

Mon. Dec. 4, 3-5 PM

Wed. Dec. 13, 2:30 PM

Thu. Dec. 14, 3-5 PM

Thu. Dec. 21, 4 PM

Thu. Dec. 28, 12:30-7 PM

Has school got you down? Winter not all it's cracked up to be? Then stop on down to your local library to play with our huge Marble Run set!

Main  
Crestview  
Madison  
Plymouth  
Ontario  
Lucas

## Snoop (E.) Doggy Dog Plush – Program in a Bag Pick Up Begins Dec. 4

Not the famous 90s rapper, but the World War I Flying Ace and author "Joe Cool" who just happens to be Charlie Brown's precious pooch! Pick up a bag to create this cute, cuddly sock plush to keep or to give as a special gift this holiday season. Available as a Program in a Bag at Bellville, Butler, Crestview, Lexington, Madison, Main, Ontario, and Plymouth; while supplies last.

"If there's one person you want by your side at a moment like this, it's your loyal dog." – Charlie Brown

## Last-Minute Gift Wrapping

Mon. Dec. 18, 3-7 PM Lexington

You bring the gifts, and we will provide everything you need to wrap them!

## Holly Jolly Origami

Wed. Dec. 20

Drop-in any time to learn how to make unique holiday origami!

Ontario



Hey Teens!  
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@mrcplteens

## ★ Nerfin' in the New Year!

Fri. Dec. 29

Session 1: 12-1:30 PM

Session 2: 2:30- 4 PM

Back by popular demand, join us in the Community Room for an afternoon of Nerf. We will provide everything. Participants **must** have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian **before** joining the fun. Waivers can be downloaded from the website and can be emailed or returned to any location to be forwarded to us. Bring a buddy or two and Nerf in the New Year! Registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

Main

## ★ Registration required.

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## NEED HELP?

but don't know where to turn?

### FIRST CALL

# 2-1-1

We are a free, confidential, community service assisting you in finding the help you need for you and your household.

Dial 2-1-1, 365 days a year, 24/7

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## TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



### Harry Potter Book Club

Tue. Dec. 5, 4 PM

Lexington

Tweens & Teens

Join us each month as we read our way through the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. Please come prepared to discuss *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

### Anime Club

Thu. Dec. 7, 5 PM

Main

*Some anime may be rated TV-14 or M for mature teen audiences.*

We will show the first 2 episodes of different themed anime with a side of free imported Japanese snacks.

December's theme is sports.

### 3D Printing Club

Tue. Dec. 12, 5 PM

Main

Grades 4-12

Learn the ins and outs of 3D printing!

Come to the Learning Lab to create your own original masterpiece or choose from one of the free models available online.

### Manic Mondays

Mon. Dec. 18, 3:30 PM

Main

Life as a teenager can be hard, and that is why you can count on us for relaxing activities with free snacks! We will provide activities designed to help you find your chill. Find us in the 2nd-floor conference room.

## Evergreen Bookshop December Book Sale

### Huge Discounts and New Winter Hours!

Members Only Pre-sale

Thu. Dec. 7 12-4 PM

Public Sale

Fri. Dec. 8 12-4 PM

Sat. Dec. 9 9 AM-1 PM

## Christmas in the Village Book Sale

Plymouth Branch

Fri. Dec. 1 9 AM-5:30 PM

Sat. Dec. 2 9 AM-4:30 PM

Stop by the Library during Plymouth's festive holiday event to stock up on amazing deals on gently used library materials. Treat yourself or someone you love with a some books and movies for cold winter nights.

## FALL STORY TIMES



Weekly Nov. 6-Dec. 15

For full details about our baby, toddler, and family story times, ask a staff member for a Fall Story Time brochure or visit [mrcpl.org/story-time](http://mrcpl.org/story-time).

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Accessible Story Time

Sat. Dec. 9, 11 AM

Main

Join the Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services for a story time for families with children between 0 – 6 years old that are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, as well as those that are blind or visually impaired to experience a fully accessible story time! A book, paired with a story box will be utilized to help the story come to life. ASL interpreters will be provided, with suggestions to promote listening and spoken language.

For registration and information, call 740.641.9937.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



## ★Nut-rageous Nutcracker Night Mon. Dec. 11, 6 PM Lexington

Grades K-3

Get nutty about the holidays! We'll read a story, make ornaments, learn how to draw a nutcracker, and enjoy an evening of holiday music. Juice and cookies will be provided.

## Day of the Horse

Wed. Dec. 13, 2-7 PM Main

Drop in to make an awesome horse craft. Are you as strong as a horse? Try a few of the activities to test your strength!

## It's the Library's 115th Birthday! Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 18-23 All locations

Stop in to find all the hidden historic images of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library to get a small prize.

## It's Our 115th Birthday!

Mon. Dec. 18, All day Lexington

Tue. Dec. 19, All day Bellville,

Butler, Crestview, Madison, Main,  
Ontario, Plymouth

Thu. Dec. 21, All day Lucas

Come celebrate with us! Drop by the Library to make a craft and sign our card. You can also enter to win a Birthday Party in a Box!

## It's Tacky Time!

Mon. Dec. 18, 6 PM Ontario

Tacky the Penguin is an odd bird, but a very nice bird to have around! Come in your tackiest outfits to celebrate this crazy penguin!

## Holiday STEM

Thu. Dec. 21, 1:30-3:30 PM Main

Bring STEM fun to your holidays! Try to complete our holiday themed STEM challenges.

## Table Top Board Games

Fri. Dec. 22, All day Madison

Families

Take a little break from the holiday rush. Drop-in throughout the day to play board games and help us with our puzzles.

## LibraryLand Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 1 & 2, All day Plymouth

Where are King Kandy, Queen Frostine, and the rest of the Candyland characters? Take an interactive, self-guided tour through the Library to find them.

## ★Gingerbread Houses

Sat. Dec. 2, 11 AM Main

Sat. Dec. 2, 10 AM & 12 PM Bellville

Mon. Dec. 4, 5 & 6:30 PM Madison

Sat. Dec. 9, 11 AM & 3 PM Ontario

Sat. Dec. 9, 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Lexington

Mon. Dec. 11, 4 & 6 PM Crestview

Tue. Dec. 12, 4 & 6 PM Plymouth

Thu. Dec. 14, 4 & 6 PM Butler

Thu. Dec. 14, 10:30 AM & 3:30 PM

Lucas

Join us to create your own gingerbread house! All materials provided. Call your location to register, and please sign up for only one program.

## ★Holiday Classics Celebration

Sat. Dec. 2, 2:30 PM Madison

Thu. Dec. 21, 6 PM Lexington

Join us as we celebrate our favorite holiday movies with games and crafts.

## Disguise a Gingerbread Friend

Dec. 4-16 All locations

Run, run, as fast as you can...to the Library to pick up your gingerbread friend. Use your creativity to make a clever disguise for them, then bring them back to the Library. Entries will be judged in three age groups: Pre-K, grades K-2, and grades 3-5.

## ★Read to the Dog

Mon. Dec. 4, 4 PM Main

Come to the Library to read a book or two to Teak, the Border Collie. Call the Main Library at 419.521.3130 to sign up for a 15 minute time slot.

## Winter Lantern Craft

Fri. Dec. 22, All day

Main

Celebrate the winter solstice with a paper lantern to brighten up the cold winter days.

## Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 26-30, All day All locations

Stop by anytime the Library is open to take part in a Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Find all the pictures and get a prize!

## New Year's Craft

Fri. Dec. 29, All day

Main

Come to the Library to make a fun craft for the New Year!

## CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



### Crafty Kids

Month of December

Ontario

Stop in anytime to make an ornament!

### Mini Makers

Fri. Dec. 1, 1-4 PM

Tue. Dec. 5, 3-7 PM

Thu. Dec. 7, 3-7 PM

Tue. Dec. 12, 1-4 PM

Tue. Dec. 12, 3-5 PM

Thu. Dec. 14, 3-7 PM

Mon. Dec. 18, All day

Madison

Plymouth

Crestview

Main

Butler

Bellville

Lucas

Do you like crafts? Join us at the Library for a new craft each month!

### S.T.E.A.M. Club

Mon. Dec. 4, 12:30-7 PM

Lucas

Join us for new challenges and activities each month! We will try Ozobot explorations, coding investigations, and a multitude of other science, technology, engineering, arts, and math related activities and challenges.

## LEGO® Club

Mon. Dec. 4, 5-7:30 PM

Thu. Dec. 7, All day

Mon. Dec. 11, All day

Wed. Dec. 13, All day

Mon. Dec. 18, All day

Tue. Dec. 19, 3-5 PM

Tue. Dec. 26, All day

Wed. Dec. 27, 3-5 PM

Grades K-5

Join the Library LEGO® club! Spend your afternoon exercising your mad building skills with friends.

## Story Time at BIM

Wed. Dec. 6, 1 PM

Join our children's staff the first Wed. of each month for a fun story time at the Buckeye Imagination Museum. (Museum admission is required.)

## ★Stepping Stones

Fri. Dec. 8, 10:30 AM

Lexington

Children ages 4 & 5

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on the body, senses, and Kindergarten readiness skills.

## Story Time at Relax

Mon. Dec. 11, 10:30 AM

Join us for a fun story time at Relax, It's Just Coffee in downtown Mansfield. Relax while we entertain your little ones with fun stories, songs, and crafts!

## Move & Groove

Sat. Dec. 16, 10 AM

Main

Come join us as we move our bodies to a story or two and groove to some really great tunes!

## Monday Crafternoons

Mon. Dec. 18, 12-4 PM

Ontario

Stop by this month to make an ugly Christmas sweater craft.

## Books Alive Story Time

Wed. Dec. 20, 11 AM

Main

Pre-K-Grade 3

Help us make books come alive! This unique story time geared towards older children will offer themed stories and activities to bring books to life.

### ★ Registration required.

For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Nov. 20.

# Winter Reading Program

Jan. 2 - 27

Nothing is better than snuggling up with a blanket and a good book ... Except winning prizes!



Coming Soon!

## LIBRARY HOURS



Main Library	419.521.3100
Mon.-Thu.	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., Tue., Thu.	9 AM-8 PM
Wed., Fri. & Sat.	9 AM-5 PM
Sun. (Ontario only)	1-5 PM

Butler Branch	419.883.2220
Crestview Branch	419.895.0010
Lucas Branch	419.892.2576
Plymouth Branch	419.687.5655
Mon., Tue., & Thu.	9 AM-8 PM
Wed., & Fri.	9 AM-5 PM
Sat.	9 AM-1 PM

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