

MARCH 2024



AT THE LIBRARY

Get ready for the **solar eclipse** with the Library!



The Library is excited about the **once-in-a-lifetime** event happening **April 8, 2024!**

Sat. Mar. 9, 1 PM

Main Library, Community Room

Join us for an informative presentation with Dr. Adrienne Hopson from OSU-Mansfield, a NASA Solar System Ambassador, to learn about the extraordinary event coming soon to our area - The Solar Eclipse! We will have solar eclipse glasses available to give away at the end of the program while supplies last.

Beginning Mar. 11

All locations

Our libraries will have free solar eclipse glasses to distribute. (One per person, limit of four if picking up for members of the household; while supplies last).

April 1-6

All locations

All library locations will distribute COSI Connects Space Kits and COSI Little Kid Kits: A Space Story. (One per child; while supplies last.)

Interact with drop-in solar eclipse-related activities throughout the week, as well as a space scavenger hunt.

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ADULT BOOK GROUPS



Shelf Indulgence

Sat. Mar. 2, 10 AM

Madison

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
by V.E. Schwab

Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Mar. 4, 6 PM

Butler

Blood Memory: The Tragic Decline and Improbable Resurrection of the American Buffalo by Dayton Duncan & Ken Burns

Bellville Book Club

Tue. Mar. 5, 10 AM

The Nature of Fragile Things
by Susan Meissner

Well Read

Tue. Mar. 5, 6:30 PM

Lexington

The Maid by Nita Prose

Bits of Books

Wed. Mar. 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. Mar. 14, 12 PM

Plymouth

What the Taliban Told Me by Ian Fritz

Follow us on social media to join interactive groups, share what you're reading, and see what's new at MRCPL!



ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



And the Oscar Goes To...

Feb. 26-Mar. 9

All locations

Make use of your movie knowledge and try to guess who is going to win some of the top categories at the 96th Academy Awards!

Submit your entry online with this code or grab a form in person at any library location.



★ Dot Painting on Canvas

Mon. Mar. 4

Tue. Mar. 5

Thu. Mar. 7

Mon. Mar. 11

Tue. Mar. 12

Thu. Mar. 14

Mon. Mar. 18

Tue. Mar. 19

Thu. Mar. 21

6 PM

Use special tools to create a series of different sized dots to form a beautiful design on canvas! All supplies included; adults only.

Plymouth

Crestview

Ontario

Butler

Lexington

Madison

Bellville

Lucas

Main

★ Spring Bunny

Mon. Mar. 4

Tue. Mar. 5

Thu. Mar. 7

Mon. Mar. 11

Tue. Mar. 12

Thu. Mar. 14

Tue. Mar. 19

Tue. Mar. 26

Thu. Mar. 28

6 PM

Using a peel and stick tile, you will create the most charming spring bunny for your décor! All supplies included.

Bellville

Lucas

Plymouth

Crestview

Madison

Ontario

Lexington

Main

Butler

Yoga at Main

Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2 PM

Main

Each Wednesday in March in the Community Room, we will offer yoga with Natalie. Join us as we stretch and tone for health.



Registration required.

Register on our event calendar at mrcpl.org unless otherwise noted. Registration begins Feb. 19.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Finish It Friday
Fri. Mar. 1, 15 & 29
Fri. Mar. 8
Fri. Mar. 22
1-4 PM

Need incentive to finish that project you're working on? Bring it to the Library!

Butler
Lexington
Lucas

Euchre Night
Thu. Mar. 14
Thu. Mar. 21
Mon. Mar. 25
5:30 PM

All skill levels are welcome for this ageless strategic card game!

Lucas
Butler
Bellville

Cookbook Club

Sat. Mar. 16, 11 AM **Plymouth**
Soup, glorious soup! We're shooing away the last days of winter with bowls of yummy soup. Bring a copy of the recipe and a serving utensil.

Yarn Creations

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

Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix

Tue. Mar. 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. Mar. 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.

Game Night @ the Library

Thu. Mar. 28, 5:30-7:30 PM **Main**

Join us at the Library for an enjoyable night of games! Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Hues and Cues* this month. A variety of other card and board games will also be available.



The Adult Literacy Program provides free tutoring service to adults with low literacy skills.

We match trained volunteer tutors with learners who want to improve their basic reading ability and open the door to skills such as:

- Obtaining a GED/high school diploma
- Reading to their children
- Searching and applying for jobs
- Using email

This program is available to residents of Richland County ages 18 and over.

Interested in being tutored?

Call Steve at 419.521.4721 or ask a staff member for details.

Interested in becoming a volunteer tutor?

Go to mrcpl.org/volunteer or call 419.521.3127.

LEARNING LAB TECH CLASSES



📍 Register online at mrcpl.org or call 419.521.3146 to reserve your seat. All classes are held at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

Adults/teens

3D Printing Demo

Tue. Mar. 5 9:30-10:30 AM

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

Word – the Basics

Wed. Mar. 6 9:30-11 AM

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

Intro to Computing

Thu. Mar. 7 9:30-11 AM

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

Word – Beyond the Basics

Wed. Mar. 13 9:30-11 AM

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

Internet Basics

Thu. Mar. 14 9:30-11 AM

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.)

Intro to 3D Modeling: Tinkercad

Tue. Mar. 19 9:30-11 AM

This class will introduce Tinkercad, an easy-to-use 3D modeling and design software. Learn how to build, import, modify, and export 3D models with the ability to pair these skills with our 3D printer services to make your own original designs. Email address required.

Internet – Beyond the Basics

Thu. Mar. 21 9:30-11 AM

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

Word – Advanced

Fri. Mar. 22 9:30-11 AM

Learn about headers and footers, margins, sections, page numbering, and more.

3D Modeling: Designing to Print

Tue. Mar. 26 9:30-11 AM

The second class in the 3D modeling series. Learn to export files from Tinkercad, and look at some other popular programs used in 3D design. Experience with Tinkercad or other CAD/3D design software is suggested.

Excel – The Basics

Wed. Mar. 27 9:30-11 AM

Learn how to create and format a spreadsheet using basic formulas for business or personal use.

Online Safety

Thu. Mar. 28 9:30-11 AM

Learn precautions that you can take to help keep your online information secure and your well-being intact.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Just Me & My Peeps! Plush Bag Pick Up Begins Mon. Mar. 4
Wed. Mar. 13, 2:30 PM **Madison**
Mon. Mar. 18, 6 PM **Lexington**

Do you enjoy *Peeps* candy or just find delight in squishing them in the package? Either way, you will enjoy making this colorful, soft *Peeps* bunny plush. So many colors to choose from! Video instructions will be available on MRCPL's YouTube channel. Bellville, Butler, Crestview, Lucas, Main, Ontario, and Plymouth. Lexington and Madison will have pick up bags available after their in-person programs; while supplies last.

Super Hard Teen Scavenger Hunt
Mar. 11-16 **Madison**

Use your detective skills to scavenge like you've never done before! Stop in to find the hidden items and get a prize.

Buttons Anyone?
Mon. Mar. 11, 12-5 PM **Ontario**
Drop by to try out our button maker!

Pringles Taste-Testing
Mon. Mar. 18, 3 PM **Crestview**
Tue. Mar. 19, 3 PM **Plymouth**
Thu. Mar. 28, 3-5 PM **Lexington**

Once you pop, the fun don't stop! Swing by to taste a variety of flavors and vote for your favorite chip; while supplies last.

Sock it to Me! – Program in a Bag
Pick Up Begins Thu. Mar. 21

Hop on down to the Library to snag a bag to celebrate Crazy Sock Day. Make a couple pair of those cute socks that hold hands; all supplies included, except scissors. Main, Ontario, and Madison; while supplies last.

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Harry Potter Book Club
Tue. Mar. 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 Order of the Phoenix*.

Anime Club
Thu. Mar. 14, 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. March's theme is Girl Power!

Manic Monday
Mon. Mar. 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.

Friends of the Library Evergreen Bookshop Sale

Members Only Sale:
Thu. Mar. 7 12-4 PM

Public Sale:
Fri. Mar. 8 12-4 PM
Sat. Mar. 9 9 AM-1 PM

Become a Member for only \$3 per year. Get amazing discounts on gently used library materials and shop early! Join at the sale.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

Step into a Story

Feb. 26-Mar. 16

All locations

All ages

Travel Richland County and visit each MRCPL location to Step into a Story! See which book has come to life and get your passport stamped for a small prize. Get stamped at all nine locations and enter for a grand prize tote bag filled with goodies related to each story. Bookmobile users can share in the fun too and there will be a separate prize for their entries.

Trivia Night at Brumby's

Thu. Mar. 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.

Spring Photo Backdrop

Mar. 14-Apr. 20

Main

Take your own spring family photos using our absolutely stunning photo backdrop! Everything you need is included to create beautiful photos, you just provide your own camera or phone to snap your pics. Our spring backdrop will be available on the 2nd-floor lobby during open business hours.



DON'T FORGET!
See all of our solar
eclipse programs
on the cover!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



★ Hot Wheelin' at the Library

Mon. Mar. 4, 4-6 PM

Crestview

Thu. Mar. 7, 4 PM

Butler

Mon. Mar. 18, 6 PM

Madison

Thu. Mar. 21, 6 PM

Bellville

Tue. Mar. 26, 4-6 PM

Plymouth

Jump, crash and go fast! Start your engines and race your *Hot Wheels* cars down the Library Speedway! Bring your favorite car from home or race one of ours! We will also race egg cars just in time for Easter.

★ Kung-Fu Panda-monium

Mon. Mar. 11, 6 PM

Lexington

Skadoosh! Test your kung-fu skills, play panda-tastic games, and make crafts around your favorite characters.

Egg Coloring Contest

Mar. 18-29

All locations

Grab an egg coloring page at your Library and decorate it however you'd like! Entries will be judged in three age groups: Pre-K, grades K-2, and grades 3-5.

Chicken Mania

Wed. Mar. 20, All day

Main

Why did the chicken cross the road? To go to the Library for an "egg"cellent time! Join us for fun chicken-themed activities.

Cookie Archaeology

Thu. Mar. 21, 4-7:30 PM

Lexington

Grades K-3

Dreaming of becoming an archaeologist? Stop into the Library and be ready to dig... into some chocolate chip cookies.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fri. Mar. 29, All day

Main

How many eggs can you find? Join us for a fun egg hunt at the Library!

Tales & Tails

Fri. Mar. 29, 10 AM-12 PM

Plymouth

Celebrate the season at the Library! Stop by to see spring animals brought to you by the Plymouth FFA and read spring-tacular stories. Bring your camera!

SPRING STORY TIMES



Feb. 26-Apr. 6

For full details about our baby, toddler, and family story times, ask a staff member for a Spring Story Time brochure or visit mrcpl.org/story-time.

Mini Makers

Tue. Mar. 5, All day
Thu. Mar. 7, All day
Tue. Mar. 12, All day
Tue. Mar. 12, 3-5 PM
Fri. Mar. 15, 1-4 PM
Mon. Mar. 18, All day
Thu. Mar. 28, 12-7 PM

Plymouth
Crestview
Main
Butler
Madison
Lucas
Bellville

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

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Month of March

Stop in anytime to make a shamrock craft.

Ontario

LEGO® Club

Mon. Mar. 4, 5-7:30 PM
Wed. Mar. 6, All day
Thu. Mar. 7, All day
Mon. Mar. 11, All day
Wed. Mar. 13, All day
Mon. Mar. 18, All day
Tue. Mar. 26, All day
Wed. Mar. 27, 3-5 PM

Lexington
Bellville
Ontario
Crestview
Plymouth
Madison
Lucas
Butler

Grades K-5

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

S.T.E.A.M. Club

Mon. Mar. 4, 1-7 PM

Lucas

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

Story Time at BIM

Wed. Mar. 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. Mar. 8, 10:30 AM

Lexington

Children ages 4 & 5

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on weather and Kindergarten readiness skills.

Story Time at Relax

Mon. Mar. 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. Mar. 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 Crafternoon

Mon. Mar. 18, 12-4 PM

Ontario

Stop by to make a spring craft.

★ Registration required.

For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Feb. 19.



Photo courtesy of the Smithsonian: College women picketing at WH

***Votes for Women:
A Portrait of Persistence***
Mar. 4-22

2nd-floor lobby, Main Library

The story of women's suffrage is a story of voting rights, of inclusion in and exclusion from the franchise, and of our civic development as a nation. *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*, a poster exhibition from the Smithsonian, celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment and explores the complexity of the women's suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans' lives today.

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. This project received support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.



**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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