



MAY 2025

AT THE LIBRARY

All locations will be closed for Memorial Day
Sun. May 25 and Mon. May 26, 2025.

Dial 2-1-1 for non-emergency assistance 24/7, 365 days.

EXCITING NEWS!

OUR ONTARIO BRANCH RENOVATION IS NEARLY COMPLETE! JOIN US FOR THE GRAND RE-OPENING ON MAY 19!

The temporary mall location will permanently close May 4 at 5 PM.

We encourage you to visit one of our other 8 locations or a
bookmobile stop while we move back in to our Ontario branch.



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. Adults/teens.

3D Printing Demo

Thu. May 1, 9:30-10:30 AM

This 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 short Q & A session, with information on how to utilize the 3D printers at MRCPL.

NEW! Cricut® Basics

Wed. May 7, 9:30-11 AM

Join us for a beginner-friendly class on using Cricut® Design Space! Learn the basics of creating designs to cut on a Cricut® machine—perfect for making iron-on designs for shirts, vinyl decals, or paper crafts. Plus, you'll get hands-on experience cutting out a vinyl decal and leave with a customized keychain!

PowerPoint – The Basics

Mon. May 12, 6-7:30 PM

Understand slides and themes, and learn how to manipulate images and text in our introductory class.

Intro to 3D Modeling: Tinkercad

Thu. May 15, 9:30-11 AM

This class will introduce Tinkercad, an online 3D modeling and design software that is free and easy to import, modify, and export digital three-dimensional models, with the ability to pair these skills with our 3D printer services to make your own original designs. Everyone will need an email account to sign up to use Tinkercad, and basic computer skills will be useful.

PowerPoint – Beyond the Basics

Mon. May 19, 6-7:30 PM

Build on basics skills learned in the first class, learning new tips and tricks to create eye-catching presentations.

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ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



Aging Lightly-Let's Talk Now About Needing Care *Later* Thu. May 8, 10 AM

Lucas Community Center

In this upbeat, empowering talk about a serious topic, we consider a new way of thinking, talking, and preparing for the Fourth Age of life – a period of aging-related dependency on others for care. Using perspectives gathered from her interview-based research, as well as her own family's experiences, Kathryn McGrew, PhD provides strategies for having hard but vital conversations with ourselves and important others, now. All resources provided.

★ American Sign Language Course May 1, 8, 15, & 22 9:30-10:30 AM

Main

REMINDER: These classes began in April. Only pre-registrants may attend these classes.

★ Fresh Flower Arranging

Mon. May 5, 6 PM

Tue. May 6, 6 PM

Thu. May 8, 6 PM

Mon. May 12, 6 PM

Tue. May 13, 6 PM

Thu. May 15, 6 PM

Mon. May 19, 6 PM

Tue. May 27, 6 PM

How can we make our floral arrangements look like the pros do? Have Holly teach us how! We will supply everything you need to make a beautiful floral arrangement, and Holly will also share tips and tricks!

Main
Crestview
Plymouth
Butler
Lexington
Madison
Bellville
Lucas

Walk a Mile with MRCPL

Sat. May 10, 10-11 AM

Meet beside Elzy Milling

Meet behind the Library

Meet us at the bike trail entrance on Millsboro Rd. & Home Rd.

Meet us at the bike trail entrance behind the Senior Center

Meet at Mary Fate Park

Bellville
Butler

Main

Lexington
Plymouth

Plant Swap

Tue. May 6, 4-6 PM

Thu. May 8, 4-6 PM

Sat. May 10, 9 AM-1 PM

Mon. May 12, 4-6 PM

Tue. May 13, 4-6 PM

Thu. May 15, 4-6 PM

Tue. May 20, 4-6 PM

Thu. May 22, 4-6 PM

Our popular plant swap is back and better than ever! What better way to expand your perennial, vegetable, or houseplant collection than to bring a plant and take a new one home!

Butler
Madison
Lucas
Bellville
Main
Plymouth
Lexington
Crestview

Meet us at the bike trail to walk a mile for fitness (and prizes)! Once you return from your trek, you will receive a yummy treat and your name will be entered for a chance to win one of multiple prizes!

Evergreen Bookshop May Book Sale

May Special: 5 DVD's for \$2*

Members Only Pre-sale

Thu. May 1 12-5 PM

Public Sale

Fri. May 2 12-5 PM

Sat. May 3 10 AM-3 PM

*Exclusions apply

★ Registration required.
Register on our event calendar
at mrcpl.org.
Registration begins Apr. 21.

ADULT BOOK GROUPS



Bromfield Book Club

Mon. May 5, 6 PM

Butler

The Shawshank Experience by Maura Grady and Tony Magistrate

Bellville Book Club

Tue. May 6, 10 AM

O Pioneers! by Willa Cather

Well Read

Tue. May 6, 6:30 PM

Lexington

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Books and Banter

Sat. May 10, 10:30 AM

Madison

Happy Place by Emily Henry

Bits of Books

Wed. May 14, 2:30 PM

Lexington

Join us as we share what we've been reading and leave with a great book list.

Shelf Safari

Thu. May 15, 1 PM

Plymouth

The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington by Brad Meltzer

Kaleidoscope: Community Conversations Book Group

Thu. May 15, 6 PM

Join the Library and the Kaleidoscope: Community Conversations team to discuss the concept of making the next decades the best years of your life. A local expert will share valuable information and you are invited to share what you've been reading about the topic. This event will be at Relax, It's Just Coffee. Doors open at 5 PM for beverage purchase and lively discussion.

ADULT ONLY MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Finish It Friday

Fri. May 2, 16, & 30

Fri. May 9

Fri. May 23

1-4 PM

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

Butler

Lexington

Lucas

Euchre Night

Thu. May 8

Lucas

Thu. May 15

Butler

5:30 PM

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

Yarn Creations

Mon. May 19, 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. May 20, 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.

Game Night @ the Library!

Thu. May 22, 5:30-7:30 PM

Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Small World* this month. A variety of other card and board games will also be available. Coffee, tea, or hot chocolate may be served.

TEEN PROGRAMS



DIY Picky-Pads-Program in a Bag Pick up begins Mon. May 5

A picky pad is a fidget toy that can be helpful for anxiety relief. We will be making our own using silicone and beads! Stop in and grab a bag with all the supplies to create your own! These bags are available at Butler, Lexington, Lucas, Madison, and Main locations.

Diamond Art: Mushroom Edition Tue. May 6, drop-in 5:30-7:30 PM

★ **Mon. May 8, 3:30 PM** Main
Thu. May 8, 3:30 PM Bellville
Mon. May 12, drop-in 1-6 PM Madison

★ **Mon. May 12, 4:30 PM** Lexington
Tue. May 13, drop-in 3-5 PM Plymouth

★ **Tue. May 13, 3 PM** Butler
Mon. May 19, drop-in 1-6 PM Lucas
Mon. May 19, drop-in 3-5 PM Crestview

May marks the start of mushroom season, so why not have a sparkly one? Pick your fav design and cover it with gems. This craft usually takes a tad over an hour to finish. In person only.

FAMILY FRIENDLY



Trivia Night at Wishmaker House Thu. May 1, 6 PM

Join us for a night of family-friendly trivia. (No purchase necessary.) Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less.

Family Game Night
Sat. May 3, 10 AM-12 PM Crestview
Wed. May 21, 5-7 PM Main

We will have new family-friendly games to play and plenty of the classics, too.

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Anime Club

Thu. May 1, 5 PM

Main

Grades 6-12

*Some anime may be Rated TV-14 or M for mature teen audiences. Do you love anime? Each month we will be showing the first 2 episodes of different themed anime and snack on imported Japanese treats. May theme: Zombies.

Manic Monday

Mon. May 19, 3:30 PM

Main

Life as a teenager can be hard, and that is why, on the 3rd Monday of each month, you can count on us for a relaxing activity with free snacks. We will provide activities designed to help you find your chill. And also, **free food!**

Teens Booked Up

Wed. May 21, 3 PM

Madison

We pick the theme; you pick the book. We'll discuss what we've read, and leave with new titles for your TBR list. May theme: Read any book set in summer.

Literature & Lattes

Thu. May 22, 4:30 PM

Grades 6-12

We pick the theme; you pick the book. Join us at **Nickel & Bean** to discuss what we've read! May theme: Summer vibes.

Teen Book Club

Thu. May 29, 3 PM

Grades 6-12

Join us at **3rd Cup Tea** in downtown Mansfield to discuss and check out new books! May theme: Summer vacation!

★ Street Fighter 6 Tournament

Sat. May 24, 2-3:30 PM

Main

Adults/teens

Here comes a new challenger! Looking for a chance to compete locally? Join us at the Library and come run the set in *Street Fighter 6* for the PS5! *Street Fighter 6* is rated T for Teen.



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Summer Library Program

read.
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win!

June 2 -
July 26,
2025

ALL AGES!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Chrysalis Countdown

Month of May All locations

Stop by the Library all month long and watch as our chrysalises transform into flying surprises!

Children's Art Show

Pick up May 1-12 Main

Come to the Library and pick up a canvas (while supplies last). You can decorate it however you want but it must be back to the Library by May 12. Stop by May 19-25 for the art show! All of the projects will be on display for patrons to vote on. The winner will be announced May 30.

Barnyard Fun

Thu. May 1, All day Main

Explore our barnyard activity stations for an "oinktastic" time!

★Bubble Party!

Thu. May 1, 6 PM Lexington

Grades K-3

POP into the Library for a fun bubble party! We'll read stories, sing, craft, and of course... blow bubbles!

Mother's Day Take & Make

Pick up begins May 5 Lucas

Pick up a bag full of activities in honor of Mother's Day. While supplies last.

Butterfly & Caterpillar Scavenger Hunt

May 5-10 All locations

Our caterpillars will change into beautiful butterflies this month. Find all the butterfly-related pictures and get a prize!

Celebrate Sesame Street®!

Mon. May 5, 10:30 AM Butler

Mon. May 5, drop in 2-4 PM Crestview

Tue. May 6, 10 AM Main

Tue. May 6, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM Madison

Wed. May 7, 10:30 AM Bellville

Thu. May 8, 10:30 AM Lexington

Thu. May 8, drop in 2-4 PM Plymouth

Can you tell me how to get, how to get to the Library? Join us for a special story time celebrating your favorite Sesame Street® characters. Listen to stories, play games, and create a craft to take home.

★Read to the Dog

Mon. May 5, 4-5:30 PM Main

Mon. May 12, 2-4 PM Lucas

Grades K-5

Join us at the Library to read a book or two to a furry friend. Call the location to reserve a 15 min. time slot.

Family Prom Night

Wed. May 14, 6 PM Main

Come to the Library for a night to remember! Wear your best clothes and be ready to dance. We will have refreshments and fun activities for the whole family.

★Spring Canvas Paint

Sat. May 17, 10:30 AM Lucas

Celebrate spring, as we paint a seasonal masterpiece! Call the Lucas location at 419.892.2576 to register. Space is limited!

★Stress-Busting Family Game Night

Mon. May 19, 6 PM Butler

Are end-of-the-year activities piling up? Join us for a fun, relaxing family game night! We'll provide a variety of games for your family's playing enjoyment.

★ Registration required.

For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Apr. 21.

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Month of May

Stop in this month to make a flower craft.

Madison

Mini Makers

Thu. May 1, All day

Mon. May 5, 5-7:30 PM

Tue. May 6, All day

Tue. May 13, All day

Thu. May 15, 3-7 PM

Tue. May 20, 3-5 PM

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

Crestview

Lexington

Plymouth

Main

Bellville

Butler

Kindergarten Club

Fri. May 2, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Ages 4 & 5

Preschoolers, drop by the Library for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

Madison

★Stepping Stones

Fri. May 9, 10:30 AM

Children ages 4 & 5

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on community helpers and kindergarten readiness skills.

Lexington

Move & Groove

Sat. May 10, 10 AM

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

Main

Brick Builders LEGO® Club

Mon. May 12, All day

Wed. May 14, All day

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

Crestview

Plymouth

Story Time at Relax

Mon. May 12, 10:30 AM

Join us for a fun story time and relax while we entertain your little ones with fun stories, songs, and crafts!

Playdough Palooza

Tue. May 13, 3:30 PM

Bellville

Join us for an afternoon of fun! We'll supply the playdough and accessories; you provide the creativity! Playdough is beneficial for developing fine motor skills in children.

Public Invited!

To encourage public art and elevate local artists, the Mansfield Public Art Commission (MPAC) has joined efforts with the Mansfield Richland County Public Library to design a new art gallery space for public exhibitions. The dedicated space is on the 2nd-floor lobby of the Main Library. All of the artwork that will be displayed in this space will be coordinated by MPAC.

This year's top award winners at Artapalooza were invited by MPAC to exhibit their winning artwork at *The Mayor's Show: Rising Artists of Mid-Ohio*. This gallery exhibition will be the first to be displayed in the new space May 1-23.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Thu. May 1 at 4:30 PM at the exhibit wall in the Main Library.

Weekly story times will resume at all locations Jun. 2 as a part of our Summer Library Program!



OhioLINK

NOTICE

Starting **May 23 at 5 PM**, cardholders will temporarily be unable to borrow or renew items from **OhioLINK** collections due to a system upgrade.

OhioLINK is implementing new software, which will result in a service disruption lasting several months.

Any **OhioLINK** requests not received by **May 23** may need to be resubmitted once the system is restored.

The outage is expected to continue until mid-fall, and we will keep you updated as more details become available.

Please note: This disruption only affects **OhioLINK** materials – all other library services will not be interrupted.

Thank you for your patience!
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Re-Opening Mon. May 19

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Wed., 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
Mon., Tue., & Thu. 9 AM-8 PM
Wed., Fri., & Sat. 9 AM-5 PM

Butler Branch 419.883.2220
Crestview Branch 419.895.0010
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