



You belong.

At the Library

October 2025

Create Play Improve Grow Explore Connect

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Yarn Creations

Wed. Oct. 8, 10 AM

Mon. Oct. 20, 3 PM

Meet up with other yarn crafters to share, talk, knit, and crochet. Bring your own supplies and enjoy!

Lucas
Bellville

Euchre Night

Thu. Oct. 9

Thu. Oct. 16

Mon. Oct. 27

5:30 PM

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

Lucas
Butler
Bellville

Puzzle Palooza

Fri. Oct. 10, 10 AM

Love puzzles? Enjoy good company and help work on jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, or solve some sudokus! Puzzles and warm beverages will be provided.

Main

Finish it Friday

Fri. Oct. 10

Fri. Oct. 17 & 31

Fri. Oct. 24

1-4 PM

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

Lexington
Butler
Lucas

Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix

Tue. Oct. 21, 6:30 PM

Adults 21+

Join us for our popular trivia night at The Phoenix Brewing Co. Teams of 5 or less.

Game Night @ the Library

Thu. Oct. 23, 5:30-7:30 PM Main

Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Horried: Universal Monsters* this month. A variety of other card and board games will also be available.

ADULT BOOK GROUPS



Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Oct. 6, 6 PM

The Farm by Louis Bromfield

Butler

Bellville Book Club

Tue. Oct. 7, 10 AM

Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow

Well Read

Tue. Oct. 7, 6:30 PM

Read something spooky!

Lexington

Bits of Books

Wed. Oct. 8, 2:30 PM

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

Lexington

Books and Banter

Sat. Oct. 11, 10:30 AM

The Pumpkin Spice Cafe by Laurie Gilmore

Madison

Shelf Safari

Thu. Oct. 16, 1 PM

The Ghosts of Eden Park by Karen Abbott

Plymouth

All locations will be closed for staff development Fri. Oct. 3.

Dial 2-1-1 for help 24/7, 365 days per year.

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ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



Cemetariums!

Return cemetariums Sep. 16-30

Artwork on display Oct. 2-25

All locations

Don't forget to return your cemetariums to be displayed at the Main Library. Three prizes will be awarded in October.

Spice of the Month!

Beginning Oct. 1

All locations

Visit your local MRCPL location to pick up a seasonal-themed Spice of the Month bag. Each bag includes a generous portion of the featured spice, info about its origin, health benefits, and a selection of delicious recipes. While supplies last!

Adult Coloring Contest

Oct. 1-18 Bellville, Butler, Lexington

Pick up an adult coloring page (or two), some colored pencils or markers that are yours to keep, and color to relax! Return your colored page for us to display and you will be entered into a Hobby Lobby gift card drawing! One winner from each location will be announced Oct. 20.

★ Scarecrow Porch Leaner

Thu. Oct. 2

Tue. Oct. 7

Thu. Oct. 9

Mon. Oct. 13

Tue. Oct. 14

Thu. Oct. 16

Mon. Oct. 20

6 PM

Ontario
Butler
Madison
Bellville
Lexington
Plymouth
Main

We will be using some wood, paint, and a bandana to create an adorable scarecrow for you to display on your porch! All supplies included.

★ Registration required.

Register on our event calendar
at mrcpl.org unless
otherwise noted.

Registration begins Sep. 15.

★ CRAFTY ATTIC! Book Page

Pumpkin

Thu. Oct. 2, 6 PM

Mon. Oct. 6, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 7, 2 & 6 PM

Thu. Oct. 9, 6 PM

Mon. Oct. 13, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 14, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 21, 6 PM

Thu. Oct. 23, 2 PM

Mon. Oct. 27, 6 PM

Madison
Plymouth
Main
Bellville
Butler
Lucas
Lexington
Ontario
Crestview

We are putting a new spin on the classic book page pumpkin! Join in to see for yourself what it's all about. All supplies included.

★ Fauxberry Pie!

Mon. Oct. 6, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 7, 6 PM

Mon. Oct. 13, 2 & 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 14, 6 PM

Thu. Oct. 16, 2 PM

Mon. Oct. 20, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 21, 6 PM

Tue. Oct. 28, 6 PM

Thu. Oct. 30, 6 PM

Crestview
Lucas
Main
Madison
Ontario
Bellville
Plymouth
Lexington
Butler

This little faux pie is so cute, you will want to make more and gobble them all up! We will take you step-by-step through the process and soon your home will smell amazing! All supplies included.

★ Is My House Haunted?

Mon. Oct. 6, 6 PM

Main

Preserving old architecture can surely give a house charm and character, but what stories is that character hiding? Learn how to research the history of your home and uncover the clues to what lies beneath those years of wear and tear.

★ Puzzle Tournament

Sat. Oct. 18, 1-5 PM

Main

Attention puzzle lovers! Compete in our Puzzle Tournament to see who can complete a 500 piece White Mountain puzzle the fastest! The winning team gets a prize! Teams of 2 or less. Only one person per team needs to register.

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.**

Excel – The Basics

Thu. Oct. 2, 9:30-11 AM

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

Intro to Windows® Desktop Computing

Tue. Oct. 7, 6-7:30 PM

Learn basic use of a Windows®-based desktop computer for work or pleasure. Previous use of a keyboard and mouse is helpful but not required.

Cricut® Workshop

Wed. Oct. 8, 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 item!

Excel – Beyond the Basics

Thu. Oct. 9, 9:30-11 AM

Extend your knowledge with new functions, advanced formatting, filtering, sorting, and charts.

Internet Safety for Android Smartphones

Tue. Oct. 14, 6-7:30 PM

Learn precautions and red flags that can help keep your online information secure and help you avoid scams.

Excel – Pivot Tables

Thu. Oct. 16, 9:30-11 AM

In this advanced class, learn how to dive into your data using pivot tables.

3D Printing Demo

Fri. Oct. 17, 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.

Intro to 3D Modeling: Tinkercad

Wed. Oct. 22, 9:30-11 AM

This class will introduce Tinkercad, an online 3D modeling and design software that is free and easy to use. We will learn how to build, 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 – The Basics

Wed. Oct. 29, 9:30-11 AM

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

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

All are welcome!

Wed. Oct. 17, 6:30 PM **Main**

Rebecca McKinnell, Curator at the Ohio State Reformatory, will share the history of the local prison that housed inmates for nearly a century and later served as a filming location for nationally acclaimed films, such as the perennial favorite, *The Shawshank Redemption*. We will also hear about notable people involved with the Reformatory as well as plans for improvements to the structure and grounds. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about one of our local Mansfield treasures!

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Anime Club

Thu. Oct. 2, 5 PM

Main

Some anime may be rated TV-14 or M for mature teen audiences. Grades 6-12.

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

Teen Time!

Thu. Oct. 9, (drop-in) 2-4:30 PM

Ontario

Thu. Oct. 9, (drop-in) 3-6 PM

Plymouth

Wed. Oct. 15, 3 PM

Madison

Teen Time is your monthly hangout at the Library – just for teens! Each month brings something new: from hands-on crafts and creative projects to fun games and chill vibes. Whether you're into making, playing, or just relaxing with friends, there's always something fun happening here! No registration required.

Manic Monday

Mon. Oct. 20, 3:30 PM

Main

Grades 6-12

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.

Literature & Lattes

Thu. Oct. 23, 4:30 PM

We pick the theme; you pick the book. Join us at Nickel & Bean as we each discuss what we've read and you'll leave with book recommendations! October theme: Fairytales & fantasies

Teen Book Club

Thu. Oct. 30, 3:30 PM

Grades 6-12

Join us at 3rd Cup Tea in downtown Mansfield to discuss and check out new books! October theme: Horror

TEEN PROGRAMS




Frankenstein Creative Writing Contest

Oct. 1-31

All locations

Ages 13-19

Nightmares have inspired many stories. One of the most famous is *Frankenstein*, written by 18-year-old Mary Shelley for a ghost story writing contest with her friends. Since 1818, *Frankenstein* has inspired many other works, including film and comic book adaptations. We're looking for your own unique short story (1000 word max.) or comic book inspired by dreams and nightmares. Drop off your submissions at any branch or email (teen_librarians@mrcl.org) by **Oct. 31** for a chance to win! This contest is open to teens at all locations.

 Need ideas? Pick up a fun bag of spooky inspiration from Butler, Crestview, Main, Ontario, or Plymouth. While supplies last.

Glowing Ghou! Keychain – Program in a Bag

Pick up begins Mon. Oct. 6

Float over to a participating location to grab a spooky keychain kit. Follow the detailed directions and the ghost will materialize right before your eyes. There are a limited number of bags so grab yours before they dissipate. Available at: Bellville, Butler, Crestview, Lexington, Madison, Main, Ontario, Plymouth, and the Bookmobile. While supplies last.

Light Up the Night with a Paper Lantern

Mon. Oct. 13, 1-6 PM

Lucas

Drop in and light up your night by decorating a mini paper lantern using our liquid watercolors. While supplies last.

Board Game Bonanza!

Mon. Oct. 13, (drop-in) 4-6:30 PM

Lexington

Calling all (board) gamers! Test your skills by playing a variety of the board games from the Library's collection.

Watercolor Vibes: Spooky Bookmarks

Wed. Oct. 22, 2-4 PM

Madison

Grades 6-12

Create a watercolor bookmark using library-provided supplies – just bring your spooky flare! While supplies last.

Classic Horror Film Night

Fri. Oct. 24, 3-4:30 PM

Main

Halloween is just around the corner! Join us in the Community Room and watch a classic Halloween film. Drinks and snacks provided.

FAMILY FRIENDLY



Trivia Night at Wishmaker House

Thu. Oct. 2, 6 PM

Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less. (No purchase necessary.)

Family Game Night

Wed. Oct. 15, 5-7 PM

Main

We will have new games to play and plenty of the classics too!



**FREE,
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
EVENT!**



Mansfield/Richland County
Public Library



TEDDY BEAR CONCERT

October 11 at 2:30pm

Performed at MRCPL Main Library—Community Room 43 W Third St

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Neighborhood Fun!

Wed. Oct. 1, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM Main

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Come explore our fun activities and pretend to be a firefighter, a mail carrier, and more! Won't you be our neighbor?!

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Lucas

Oct. 1-11-Pickup a foam pumpkin

Oct. 20-Nov. 1-Return decorated pumpkins

Oct. 27-Nov. 8-Voting for pumpkins on display in the Lucas Library

Come to the Lucas branch, get a foam pumpkin (while supplies last), select your favorite book character, decorate your pumpkin to be that character, return your book character pumpkin to the Library to be displayed & voted for by our community! The winner receives a \$10 gift card.

Design a Pumpkin Contest

Oct. 6-25

All locations

Pick up a pumpkin coloring page at the Library and draw a design on it. Your design could be your favorite book character, a face, or a unique design of your own. Entries will be judged in three age groups: Pre K, Grades K-3, and Grades 4-5.

Pumpkin Painting

★Mon. Oct. 6, 6 PM

Madison

Tue. Oct. 28, 3:30-5:30 PM

Lexington

★Wed. Oct. 29, 6 PM

Main

Grades K-3

Transform a (foam) pumpkin into a perfect fall decoration!

Hispanic Heritage Month Story Time

Sat. Oct. 11, 10-11:30 AM

Main

Join teachers from the Spanish Immersion school as they share the richness of the Spanish culture and language with children and their families through traditional stories and tales.

Scaredy-Cat Ball

★Thu. Oct. 16, 6 PM

Lexington

Thu. Oct. 16, 6 PM

Bellville

Tue. Oct. 21, 6 PM

Crestview

Thu. Oct. 23, 6 PM

Plymouth

★Thu. Oct. 23, 5-7 PM

Madison

Mon. Oct. 27, 6 PM

Ontario

★Tue. Oct. 28, 4 PM

Butler

Happy Halloween! Celebrate by joining us for spooktacular books, songs, and activities. Feel free to show off your costumes! Snacks may be provided. Call your local branch to register.

Monster Mania

Sat. Oct. 18, 11 AM

Ontario

Join us for a frightening good time as we enjoy not-so-scary monster stories, songs, crafts, and activities!

Spooky Dance Party

Wed. Oct. 22, 6 PM

Main

Come dressed in your best costume and dance the night away! We will have spooky tunes and crafts for the whole family.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 27-Nov. 1

All locations

Join us for a Halloween Scavenger Hunt at the Library! Search for spooky pictures and earn a small prize.

Tricks and Treats!

Tue. Oct. 28, 10 AM

Main

Wear your costumes & join us for some spooktacular stories, crafts and songs. Be ready to do a mini-parade in the Library.

★ Registration required. For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Sep. 15.

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Month of Oct. Madison, Ontario

Stop in anytime to make a pumpkin craft!

Kindergarten Club

Thu. Oct. 2, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Children ages 4 & 5

Madison

Calling all preschoolers! Drop by the Library for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

★Stepping Stones

Fri. Oct. 10, 10:30 AM Lexington

Children ages 4 & 5

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on numbers, counting, and kindergarten readiness skills.

Brick Builders LEGO® Club

Mon. Oct. 13, All day

Crestview

Wed. Oct. 15, All day

Plymouth

Grades K-5

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

Story Time @ Relax

Mon. Oct. 13, 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!

Stitch Camp

Mon. Oct. 13, 1-6 PM

Lucas

Best for school-age children

Come to the Library to create a new yarn craft! Each month we will have a different type of yarn craft to make. This month we will learn latch hook. No experience necessary. (These crafts will require fine motor skills.)

Move & Groove

Sat. Oct. 18, 10 AM

Main

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

Monday Make and Take

Mon. Oct. 20, 12-5 PM

Ontario

Drop in to make a fun clothespin monster to take home with you!

Mini Makers

Tue. Oct. 21, All day

Tue. Oct. 21, 3-5 PM

Thu. Oct. 23, 3-7 PM

Main

Butler

Bellville

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

★Read to the Dog!

Mon. Oct. 27, 3-5 PM

Lucas

Come to the Library to read a book to our furry friend, Ferguson. Please call the Lucas Branch to register, 419.892.2576.

FALL STORY TIMES



Sep. 15-Oct. 25

All locations

"Where You Belong" Exhibit

Sep. 22-Nov. 14

Main Library, 2nd-floor

MRCPL is proud to host "Where You Belong", an artistic celebration by local and regional artists.

Your Library is a place to feel accepted, inspired, and connected. In collaboration with the Mansfield Public Art Commission, the "Where You Belong" exhibit explores these ideas through visual art and community expression.



Kaleidoscope Series presents Dr. Lerone Martin

Thu. Oct. 2, 5:30 PM, Renaissance Main Stage

Dr. Martin is a nationally respected voice at the crossroads of religion, race, and American politics. His work uncovers the ways institutions shape our collective experiences and sustain social divides – but also how awareness and dialogue can begin to heal them. Through the lens of history and lived experience, he offers a path forward rooted in empathy, accountability, and connection.

His lectures inspire audiences to listen deeply, speak truthfully, and engage constructively across lines of difference.

Whether you're seeking to better understand our complex social landscape or to connect more meaningfully with others, this conversation will leave you with fresh insight and renewed hope. **Get your tickets at [rentickets.org](https://www.rentickets.org)**

Continuing the Conversation

Thu. Oct. 16, 5:30 PM, Ontario Library

Join this free, lively gathering and meet with your neighbors and fellow community members to discuss the importance of talking through difficult topics, why it's so hard to do so, and what you can do to make it easier.

LIBRARY HOURS



Main Library 419.521.3100
Mon.-Thu. 9 AM-8 PM
Fri. & Sat. 9 AM-5 PM
Sun. 1-5 PM

Ontario Branch 419.529.4912
Mon., Tue., & Thu. 9 AM-8 PM
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
Lucas Branch 419.892.2576
Plymouth Branch 419.687.5655
Mon., Tue., & Thu. 9 AM-8 PM
Wed. & Fri. 9 AM-5 PM
Sat. 9AM-1 PM

No matter who you are,
 What you love, or
 Where you're headed.

You belong.

