



You belong.

At the Library

January 2026

All locations will be closed Thu. Jan. 1, 2026.

All locations are open on MLK Jr. Day, Mon. Jan. 19, 2026.

Dial 211 for help 24/7, 365 days.

WINTER Reading Program

**SNOW BETTER TIME
TO READ!**

Jan. 5-31, 2026



**ALL
AGES!**

Complete tickets in person or online to be entered into
weekly gift card drawings!

Beginning Jan. 5, go to mrcpl.org/wrp26 to join the fun.

mrcpl.org

ADULT BOOK GROUPS



Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Jan. 5, 6 PM

Butler

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe

AUTHOR VISIT! Bellville Book Club

Tue. Jan. 6, 10 AM

All are welcome!

Discuss a Kerry Winfrey novel with the author in-person! Kerry Winfrey is the author of the romantic comedies *Waiting for Tom Hanks*, *Not Like the Movies*, *Very Sincerely Yours*, and *Just Another Love Song*; all published by Berkley. She's also the author of two YA novels. She lives with her family in the middle of Ohio.

Well Read

Tue. Jan. 6, 6:30 PM

Lexington

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Books and Banter

Sat. Jan. 10, 10:30 AM

Madison

Rock, Paper, Scissors by Alice Feeney

Bits of Books

Mon. Jan. 12, 6 PM

Plymouth

Wed. Jan. 14, 2:30 PM

Lexington

Come share what you've been reading and leave with a great book list.

NEW! Adults Read YA

Mon. Jan. 12, 6:30 PM

Madison

Belladonna by Adalyn Grace

Book Chatter

Tue. Jan. 13, 2 PM

Ontario

The Martians: The True Story of an Alien Craze that Captured Turn-of-the-Century America by David Baron

Shelf Safari

Thu. Jan. 15, 1 PM

Plymouth

Brave the Wild River by Melissa Sevigny

ADULT ONLY MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Finish It Friday

Fri. Jan. 2, 16, & 30

Fri. Jan. 9

Fri. Jan. 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. Jan. 8

Thu. Jan. 15

Mon. Jan. 26

5:30 PM

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

Lucas
Butler
Bellville

Puzzle Palooza

Fri. Jan. 9, 10 AM

Main

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

Yarn Creations

Mon. Jan. 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. Jan. 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. Jan. 22, 5:30-7:30 PM

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

ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



★Dapper Shim Snowman Craft Bag

Registration begins Mon. Dec. 15
Pick up begins Mon. Jan. 5

Call your local MRCPL location and register for this trendy craft made from, believe it or not, wooden shims! You can never have enough delightful snowmen in your decor! All supplies included; while supplies last.

★Downsize Me Simply!

Mon. Jan. 5, 2 PM

Thu. Jan. 8, 1 PM

Ontario

Lucas

Community Center

Mon. Jan. 19, 6 PM

Tue. Jan. 27, 6 PM

Main

Lexington

Sandy Lawrence, a nationally certified instructor, is coming to share expert tips and strategies for downsizing your belongings, and to help you avoid scams if you decide to hire outside assistance. This program is ideal for anyone preparing to downsize their home or simply looking to make their possessions more manageable.

★Winter Shadowbox

Tue. Jan. 6, 2 & 6 PM

Thu. Jan. 8, 6 PM

Mon. Jan. 12, 2 & 6 PM

Tue. Jan. 13, 6 PM

Thu. Jan. 15, 6 PM

Mon. Jan. 19, 2 & 6 PM

Tue. Jan. 20, 2 & 6 PM

Thu. Jan. 22, 6 PM

Thu. Jan. 29, 2 & 6 PM

Main

Crestview

Bellville

Lucas

Plymouth

Madison

Lexington

Butler

Ontario

What is more beautiful than a deer in a clearing on freshly fallen snow? Kelly will show you how to craft this scene in a decorative shadowbox. All supplies included.

★Flower Pressed Candle

Tue. Jan. 6

Thu. Jan. 8

Mon. Jan. 12

Tue. Jan. 13

Thu. Jan. 15

Mon. Jan. 26

Tue. Jan. 27

Thu. Jan. 29

6 PM

Lucas

Plymouth

Main

Lexington

Madison

Crestview

Bellville

Butler

We have collected and pressed flowers and greenery for you to decoupage on a battery-operated candle with absolutely stunning results! All supplies included.

★Adulthood 101

Tue. Jan. 20, 6 PM

Ages 18-24

Main

Wish you had a genie to take care of all those grown-up responsibilities? We can't grant wishes, but we can make life a little easier. Join Adulthood 101, our program designed for new adults ages 18-24 who are figuring out how to handle the everyday tasks that come with independence. From managing money to keeping up with chores and appointments, we'll share practical tips and tricks to help you feel confident tackling the things you just can't avoid.

★Maude Murray Miller-America's Mother Censor

Thu. Jan. 29, 2 PM

Main

Ohio was the first state to appoint a woman as a film censor. Responsible for approving all movies to be shown in the state, Maude Murray Miller was a tough critic. Join in as we explore the long-lasting influence of this Ohio giant.

FAMILY TRIVIA TIME!



NEW LOCATION! Trivia Night at Der Dutchman

Thu. Jan. 8, 6 PM

Start the new year off with a fun, family-friendly trivia night at Der Dutchman in Bellville. Test your brain with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less.

Registration required.
Register on our event calendar
at mrcpl.org.
Registration begins Dec. 15.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Nerfin' in the New Year!

Fri. Jan. 2, 1-4 PM

Main

Grades 6-12

Back by popular demand – join us for an afternoon of “nerf”ing. We will provide everything. This is a drop-in program so pop in when you can! Participants **must** have a waiver, signed by a parent or guardian, **before** joining the fun. Waivers can be downloaded from the website and emailed to teen_librarians@mrclpl.org, brought to the event, or filled out on the spot. Bring a friend or two and nerf in the New Year!

Let it Gnome, Let it Gnome... Snowglobe ❄️-Program in a Bag Beginning Mon. Jan. 5 All locations

Would you like your very own blizzard in a jar? Plow your way to the Library to scoop up everything you need to make your very own gnome snow globe! Just add liquid snow (water). 😊 While supplies last – get them before they melt away!

Design a Labubu® Contest! Jan. 5-31 All locations

Looking to win your own Labubu®? Then drop by to grab a Labubu® coloring sheet, create the coolest 2-D monster, and submit your completed paper for a chance to win!

New Year, New Me! Mon. Jan. 12, 4-6:30 PM Lexington

Join us in reflecting on the past year and thinking ahead to the next! We will provide you with everything you need to write a heartfelt letter to your future self or create a fun goal-setting bingo sheet.

Hearts Diamond Painting Thu. Jan. 22, 3:30 PM Bellville

Valentine's Day is coming soon! Create a sparkly craft that will be the perfect, shimmery surprise for someone special or a lovely gift for yourself!

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Anime Club

Thu. Jan. 8, 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. Jan. theme: Cooking.

Teen Time!

Thu. Jan. 15, (drop-in) 2-4:30 PM

Ontario

Thu. Jan. 15, (drop-in) 3-6 PM

Plymouth

Wed. Jan. 21, 2:30 PM

Madison

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!

Manic Monday

Mon. Jan. 19, 3:30 PM

Main

Life as a teenager can be hard, and that is why 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!**

Literature & Lattes

Thu. Jan. 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 and you'll leave with a TBR list! Jan. theme: Fresh starts.

Teen Book Club

Thu. Jan. 29, 3:30 PM

Grades 6-12

Join us at **The 101 Tea Co.** (formerly 3rd Cup Tea) in downtown Mansfield to discuss and check out new books! Jan. theme: Nonfiction.



EXCITING NEWS!


CONSTRUCTION ZONE TODAY... CREATION LAB TOMORROW!

GET READY TO CREATE, MAKE, AND INNOVATE!

Our Learning Lab space at the Main Library is getting a much needed update and we are adding our Creation Lab! The new Lab will be a hands-on creative learning center with innovative tools and technology for customer use.



TECH CLASSES



📍 Register online at mrcpl.org or call 419.521.3146 to reserve your seat. Adults/teens.

All classes are held at the Main Library in one of the community spaces while our new lab is under construction.

Excel® – The Basics
Thu. Jan. 8, 9:30-11 AM
 Learn how to create and format a spreadsheet using basic formulas for business or personal use.

3D Printing Demo
Fri. Jan. 9, 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.

Excel® – Beyond the Basics
Thu. Jan. 15, 9:30-11AM
 Extend your knowledge with new functions, advanced formatting, filtering, sorting, and charts.

Intro to 3D Modeling: Tinkercad
Fri. Jan. 16, 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.

Excel® – Pivot Tables
Thu. Jan. 22, 9:30-11 AM
 In this advanced class, learn how to dive into your data using pivot tables.

NEW! Searching the Library Catalog with Aspen Discovery
Fri. Jan. 23, 9:30-10:30 AM **Ontario**
 Find out more about using the Library's new catalog search tool, Aspen Discovery.

PowerPoint® – The Basics
Thu. Jan. 29, 9:30-11 AM
 Understand slides and themes and learn how to manipulate images and text in our introductory class.

Evergreen Bookshop
January Book Sale
Members Only

Thu. Jan. 8	12-4 PM
Public Sale	
Fri. Jan. 9	12-4 PM
Sat. Jan. 10	10 AM-3 PM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Design a Snow Pal

Jan. 5-31

All locations

Stop in to pick up your snow pal, and see what you can create! Entries will be judged in three groups; PreK, grades K-2, and grades 3-5.

Marshmallow Mania!

Mon. Jan. 5, Drop-in 4-6 PM

Crestview

Tue. Jan. 6, Drop-in 4-6 PM

Plymouth

Sat. Jan. 10, 11 AM

Ontario

Tue. Jan. 27, 3:30-5:30 PM

Lexington

Join us for STEM activities with everyone's favorite fluffy treat! We'll stack them, build them, paint with them, and even drink them!

Homeschool Hangout

Wed. Jan. 7, 1:30-4:30 PM

Lexington

Meet up with other homeschool families and enjoy a variety of winter crafts and activities.

Yeti's in the Library!

Jan. 12-17

Ontario

Stop in this week to make your own yeti!

Let it SNOW!

Mon. Jan. 12, 1-6 PM

Lucas

Don't worry if it's cold outside! It's warm at our library! Visit us to celebrate winter through stories, crafts, and science activities.

★ Squishmallow Party

Tue. Jan. 13, 4 PM

Butler

Thu. Jan. 15, 6 PM

Lexington

Bring your favorite Squishmallow to the Library! Play a few rounds of bingo, design your own Squishmallow, and more!

Pooh & Friends Party

Thu. Jan. 15, All day

Main

Explore the Hundred Acre Wood with Pooh and all of his friends. Join them for activities, crafts, and a scavenger hunt.

★ Cozy Painting

Sat. Jan. 17, 10 AM

Lucas

Join us for a cozy event at the Library! We will paint a winter scene, and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate!

Button Bonanza

Sat. Jan. 17, 2-4 PM

Main

Grades K-5

Drop in for fun crafts and activities that are all button themed!

STEM Challenges

Mon. Jan. 19, 2-3:30 PM

Main

Drop in to play and try to complete our fun STEM challenges.

Arctic Animals Scavenger Hunt

Jan. 19-24

All locations

Find an amazing assortment of arctic animals at the Library! Stop by and complete the scavenger hunt to earn a prize.

Snowflake Social

Sat. Jan. 24, 1-3 PM

Madison

Celebrate the magic of snowflakes with a special story, crafts, and games – great for all ages. Meet new friends to warm your heart this cold winter!

LEGO® Day!

Wed. Jan. 28, 10 AM-2 PM

Ontario

It's National LEGO® Day! Drop in to play with our LEGO®s!

Registration required.

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

Puzzle Palooza

Thu. Jan. 29, 2-4 PM

Main

Celebrate National Puzzle Day! Do you like to solve puzzles? Come explore our puzzles and tease your brain. You can even be creative and make one of your own!

★Library LEGO® Party!

Thu. Jan. 29, 6 PM

Bellville

Grades K-5

Join us for fun with LEGO®! Explore your creativity with free builds, games, and challenges.

Brick Builders LEGO® Club

Mon. Jan. 12, All day

Crestview

Wed. Jan. 14, All day

Plymouth

Grades K-5

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

Mini Makers

Thu. Jan. 15, 3-7 PM

Bellville

Tue. Jan. 20, All day

Main

Tue. Jan. 20, 3-5 PM

Butler

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

Kindergarten Club

Fri. Jan. 16, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Ages 4 & 5

Madison

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

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Month of Jan. Madison & Ontario

Stop in anytime to make a seasonal craft.

Greeting Card Creators

Thu. Jan. 8, 5-7 PM

Main

The holidays are here! Drop in to celebrate by creating your own greeting card for a family member, a friend, or even for yourself. Glitter glue, stamps, markers, and other fun supplies will be available to craft a card to remember!

★Stepping Stones

Fri. Jan. 9, 10:30 AM

Lexington

Children ages 4 & 5

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on the colors, art, and kindergarten readiness skills.

Move & Groove

Sat. Jan. 10, 10 AM

Main

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

Story Time at Relax

Mon. Jan. 12, 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. Jan. 19, 1-6 PM

Lucas

School-age children

Drop in at the Library to create a new yarn craft! This month we will learn yarn painting. No experience necessary. These crafts require fine motor skills.

Family Game Night

Wed. Jan. 21, 5-7 PM

Main

Join us each month for Family Game Night at the Library! We will have new family-friendly games to play and plenty of the classics, too.

Read to the Dog!

Mon. Jan. 26, 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.

WINTER STORY TIMES



Jan. 5-Feb. 13

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

SAVE THE DATE!

BLACK HISTORY

CELEBRATION

SAT. FEB. 7, 2026

11 AM - 3 PM

MAIN LIBRARY

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PRIZES,
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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.

