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At the Library

October 2026

All locations will be closed Fri. Oct. 2 for staff development.
All locations will be open on Columbus Day, Mon. Oct. 12.
Dial 2-1-1 for help 24/7, 365 days per year.

LEARNING & CREATION 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.

Word – Advanced

Wed. Oct. 7, 9:30-11 AM

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

Intro to 3D Modeling – Tinkercad

Thu. Oct. 8, 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 original designs. Everyone will need an email account to sign-up to use Tinkercad, and basic computer skills will be useful.

Canva® Workshop

Thu. Oct. 15, 9:30-11 AM

Are you new to Canva®? Would you like an overview of some of the basics of the design space? The possibilities are endless with this design tool, so join us for our class to start your design journey.

Button Maker Workshop

Tue. Oct. 20, 10-11 AM

Join us for this hands-on session with our button maker. Design and make your own button under our guidance. A free 1.5" metal pin-back button for all attendees.

Cricut® Workshop

Tue. Oct. 27, 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 – The Basics

Wed. Oct. 28, 9:30-11 AM

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



Exciting News: The SearchOhio and OhioLINK catalogs are now available. We are excited to welcome back these additional collections that expand the selection of materials for our cardholders.

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ADULT BOOK GROUPS



Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Oct. 5, 6 PM

Butler

Rotten to the Core 2 by Martin Yant

Bellville Book Club

Tue. Oct. 6, 10 AM

Discuss a book by Alice Feeney

Well Read

Tue. Oct. 6, 6:30 PM

Lexington

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

Simply Cozy

Wed. Oct. 7, 10:30 AM

Lucas

When in Rome by Sarah Adams

Books & Banter

Sat. Oct. 10, 10:30 AM

Madison

King of Ashes by S.A. Cosby

Book Chatter

Tue. Oct. 13, 2 PM

Ontario

The House of Beauty by Arabelle Sicardi

Bits of Books

Wed. Oct. 14, 2:30 PM

Lexington

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

Case Closed!

Sat. Oct. 17, 2 PM

Main

Join us to discuss true crime, murder mysteries, and unsolved cases that will keep you up at night!

Shelf Care

Tue. Oct. 20, 11 AM

Plymouth

Mysteries and horror lost their thrill?

Then it's time for some Shelf Care! Who knows, you might find the story of your dreams – and maybe win a prize too!

Oct. discussion: Spooky Stories

One More Chapter

Mon. Oct. 26, 6:30 PM

Madison

Join us to chat about *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore (thriller genre).

Bring a title or two of the same genre to share and add to your TBR pile!

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Euchre Night

Thu. Oct. 8

Thu. Oct. 15

Mon. Oct. 26

5:30 PM

Lucas

Butler

Bellville

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

Let's Play Mahjong!

Fri. Oct. 9, 12:30-2:30 PM

Main

Mahjong is a tile-based game of strategy, skill, and luck. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join! Beverages will be provided.

Finish it Friday

Fri. Oct. 9, 1-4 PM

Lexington

Fri. Oct. 16 & 30, 1-4 PM

Butler

Fri. Oct. 23, 10 AM-2 PM

Madison

Fri. Oct. 23, 1-4 PM

Lucas

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

Puzzle Palooza

Fri. Oct. 9, 2 PM

Main

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

Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix

Tue. Oct. 20, 6:30 PM

Adults 21+

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

Yarn Creations

Mon. Oct. 19, 3 PM

Bellville

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

Game Night @ the Main Library

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

Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Horridified: Universal Monsters* and *Horridified: Greek Monsters* this month.

A variety of other games will also be available.

ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



★Black Cat Pillow

Mon. Oct. 5
Tue. Oct. 6
Mon. Oct. 12
Tue. Oct. 13
Mon. Oct. 19
Tue. Oct. 20
Mon. Oct. 26
Tue. Oct. 27
6 PM

Main
Bellville
Lexington
Madison
Butler
Lucas
Plymouth
Crestview

Christy will be on hand to help you make a meow-valous black cat pillow to help purr-fect your autumn décor!

★Friendly Floating Ghost

Mon. Oct. 5
Tue. Oct. 6
Tue. Oct. 13
Thu. Oct. 15
Mon. Oct. 19
Thu. Oct. 22
Mon. Oct. 26
Tue. Oct. 27
6 PM

Madison
Crestview
Plymouth
Main
Bellville
Ontario
Butler
Lexington

All you need is some cheesecloth and a little bit of sparkle to create this sweet ghost décor! All supplies included.

★Fall Cake Decorating

Thu. Oct. 8
Mon. Oct. 12
Tue. Oct. 20
Tue. Oct. 27
6 PM

Ontario
Bellville
Lexington
Main

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at cake decorating? Join the Cake & Icing Bakery at one of these select locations to give it a try!

★Puzzle Tournament

Sat. Oct. 10, 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.

Death Certificates Decoded

Mon. Oct. 12, 6 PM Main

You found the official death certificate, but confusing script and complicated medical terms leave your ancestor's cause of death in the shadows. Learn how to decipher the language of the living to decode these complex vital records.

★Abandoned Cemeteries & Rural Farmhouses

Mon. Oct. 12, 7 PM

Lucas Community Center
Tue. Oct. 13, 6 PM Lexington
Thu. Oct. 15, 6 PM Ontario
Mon. Oct. 19, 6 PM Main
Thu. Oct. 22, 6 PM Butler

Mark Soergel is back with us to share his hauntingly beautiful photographs of abandoned cemeteries and stunning rural farmhouses in the surrounding area.



Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Wed. Oct. 21, 6 PM Main

Guest speaker Linda Swanson, the Library Collections Manager at the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS), will teach us about this fantastic local resource. Located in Bellville, OGS is the largest state genealogical society in the U.S. and houses thousands of original military records, manuscripts, family papers, and photographs. Linda will offer research tips and tools unique to the OGS collections. Whether you are a genealogy expert or just getting started on your family-history journey, you won't want to miss this informative and enjoyable evening! Refreshments will be provided. This session is open to all.

★ Registration required. Register on our event calendar at mrcpl.org unless otherwise noted. Registration begins Sep. 21.

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Anime Club

Thu. Oct. 1, 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.

Oct. theme: *Sailor Moon*

Teen Time!

Wed. Oct. 14, 2:30-4 PM

Madison

Thu. Oct. 15, 2-4:30 PM

Ontario

Drop in for 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. Oct. 19, 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.

Literature & Lattes

Thu. Oct. 22, 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! Oct. theme: Spooky

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mon. Oct. 26, 3:30-5 PM

Main

Interested in D&D or other RPGs?

Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this is the club for you. Join us each month as we build worlds, character sheets, and social connection. Snacks will be provided.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Halloween Paper Piecing-Program in a Bag

Beginning Oct. 5

Bellville, Butler,

Lexington, Madison, Main, Ontario

Who doesn't love a cozy fall craft?

English Paper Piecing is the perfect project for every sewing skill level. While supplies last.

World Mental Health Day; DIY Self-Care

Mon. Oct. 5, (drop-in) 1-6 PM

Lucas

In honor of World Mental Health Day, October 10, support your self-care routine with a DIY craft! All materials provided; while supplies last.

Watercolor Spooky Bookmarks

Mon. Oct. 5, 3-5 PM

Crestview

Thu. Oct. 8, 3-5 PM

Plymouth

Grades 6-12

Create a watercolor bookmark using our supplies – just bring your spooky flair! Drop in; while supplies last.

Teen Tech Day

Thu. Oct. 8, 2:30-4 PM

Madison

Grades 6-12

Explore a variety of interactive tech and hands-on STEM activities... along with snacks!

★Teen Sticker Making

Thu. Oct. 8, 3:30 PM

Bellville

Feeling crafty? Create some stickers at the Library!

Teen Board Game Night

Thu. Oct. 8, 4-6 PM

Main

Grades 6-12

Join the Teen and Media Departments for a night of games, snacks, and fun! This month's game: *Werewolf!*

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★ **Pumpkin Party on the Patio!**
Sun. Oct. 11, (drop-in) 1-4 PM **Ontario**

Join us on the patio to carve pumpkins!
All supplies will be provided; call
419.529.4912 to register.

Edgar Allen Poe-try
Oct. 12-23 Lexington, Main, Ontario
Celebrate the masterpieces of American poet Edgar Allen Poe! Write a Poe-m in the style of the Father of Detective Fiction and Master of the Macabre, or rewrite one of his works in your own style. Turn them in for a small prize and a chance to have them displayed at your branch!

Trick-or-Treat Creepy Putt-Putt
Mon. Oct. 12, 4-6 PM **Crestview**
Thu. Oct. 15, 3-6 PM **Plymouth**
Mon. Oct. 19, 4:30-6:30 PM **Lexington**
Tue. Oct. 20, 5-7 PM **Main**
Drop in the Library for the spookiest mini golf you have ever played. Trick-or-treat at the end of each completed hole – if you dare!

★ **Bold Buttons**
Wed. Oct. 14, 3 PM **Butler**
Show off your style by making your very own buttons with our button machine. You can choose from our fall images or design your own.

ADULT/TEEN PROGRAM

★ **Street Fighter Tournament**
Sat. Oct. 17, 1-2:30 PM **Main**
Here comes a new challenger! Looking for a chance to compete locally? Then join us in honor of the new *Street Fighter* film and come run the set in *Street Fighter 6*! *Street Fighter 6* is rated T for Teens.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS



Family Game Night
Thu. Oct. 1, 4-7 PM **Plymouth**
Wed. Oct. 21, 5-7 PM **Main**
We will have new family-friendly games to play and plenty of the classics, too.

★ **Trivia Night at Der Dutchman**
Thu. Oct. 1, 6 PM
Join us for a night of family-friendly trivia. (No purchase necessary.) Teams of 5 or less. Call 419.886.7070 to register.

Family Book Club
Tue. Oct. 20, 1:30 & 3:30 PM **Lucas**
Come to the Lucas branch for a family-friendly book club! As a family, read or listen to the book of the month, then join us to discuss the story and participate in a book-themed activity. Oct. book: *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

FALL STORY TIMES



Sep. 14-Oct. 24 **All locations**
Visit our event calendar to find a baby, toddler, or family story time near you! Or, ask a staff member for a Story Time brochure.

Evergreen Bookshop October Sale

October Special:
Half-Price Mystery Books & DVDs

Members Only
Thu. Oct. 1 12-5 PM
Public Sale
Fri. Oct. 2 12-5 PM
Sat. Oct. 3 10 AM-3 PM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Pumpkin pick up Oct. 1-10 Lucas
Return decorated pumpkins

Oct. 19-24

Pumpkin display/voting Oct. 26-31

Come to the Lucas branch and get a foam pumpkin (while supplies last). Select your favorite book character then decorate your pumpkin to be that character, and 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. 1-17 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: PreK, Grades K-3, and Grades 4-5.

Jar of Gratitude

Mon. Oct. 5, 1-6 PM Lucas

Try a new way to practice thankfulness! Drop in and decorate a jar to collect your thoughts of gratitude. All supplies provided; while supplies last.

I Survived!

Tue. Oct. 6, 4-6 PM Main

Drop in and complete STEAM activities based on the *I Survived* series.

★ Fall Paint Time

Wed. Oct. 7, 6 PM Main

Sat. Oct. 10, 11 AM Ontario

Sat. Oct. 24, 10:30 AM Lucas

Grades K-5

Show off your artistic abilities as we guide you through a painting that's perfect for fall! Please call your location to register.

Pumpkin Painting

Thu. Oct. 15, 3:30-6:30 PM

Grades K-3

Lexington

Drop in to transform a (foam) pumpkin into a perfect fall decoration! While supplies last.

★ Minions Monster Mash

Thu. Oct. 15, 6 PM

Bellville

Tue. Oct. 27, 4 PM

Butler

Grades K-5

The Minions are taking over the Library and this time with monsters! Let's cause some mischief, play goofy games and go bananas! Costumes are welcome; snacks may be provided.

Scaredy-Cat Ball

★ Mon. Oct. 19, 5-7 PM Madison

Tue. Oct. 20, (drop-in) 4-6 PM

Crestview

★ Thu. Oct. 22, 6 PM

Lexington

Thu. Oct. 22, (drop-in) 4-6 PM

Plymouth

Ontario

Mon. Oct. 26, 6 PM

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

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 26-31 All locations

Join us for a Halloween scavenger hunt at the Library! Search for all the spooky pictures and earn a small prize.

Tricks & Treats

Tue. Oct. 27, 10 AM Main

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

Snip, Glue, and Boo!

Thu. Oct. 29, 10 AM Main

18 mo.-Preschool

Drop in and make some "boo"tiful art with your little one!

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CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Crafty Kids

Month of October **Crestview,
Madison, Ontario, Plymouth**

Stop in anytime to make a seasonal craft!

Kindergarten Club

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

Children ages 4 & 5 **Madison**

Drop in the first Friday of each month for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

Crafting Thursday

Thu. Oct. 1, 5-7 PM

Main

School-aged children

Are you interested in creating fun projects? Join us for a night of crafts.

★Stepping Stones

Fri. Oct. 9, 10:30 AM

Lexington

Children ages 4 & 5

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

Move & Groove

Sat. Oct. 17, 10 AM

Main

Join us for stories and songs that get us up and moving!

Story Time @ Relax

Mon. Oct. 19, 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!

Monday Make and Take

Mon. Oct. 19, 12-5 PM

Ontario

It's almost Halloween! Stop in and create a monster using a variety of supplies.

Mini Makers

Tue. Oct. 20, All day

Main

Thu. Oct. 22, 3-7 PM

Bellville

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

★Read to the Dog!

Mon. Oct. 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.

Puzzle Mania

Mon. Oct. 26, 5-7 PM

Main

Drop in and solve a puzzle with us! Whether you enjoy jigsaw puzzles or brain games, you can give your brain a workout and take on one of our puzzle challenges.

THE SPOOKY OLD HOUSE
TEDDY BEAR CONCERT

FREE TEDDY BEAR CONCERT
Sat. Oct. 24, 2:30 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Children of all ages

The Library is excited to host a talented group of actors and symphonic musicians from the Renaissance Performing Arts Association for this fun, interactive, family-friendly show. Popcorn will be provided.



Cabinet of Curiosities Exhibit Sep. 14-Nov. 13 Main Library, 2nd-floor

This exhibit is a partnership with the Mansfield Public Art Commission and features original artwork by local artists. This exhibition celebrates the wonder, mystery, and beauty of the natural world. It explores humanity's enduring fascination with collecting, cataloging, and marveling at the extraordinary.

Returned pieces from the Sep. adult Cabinet of Curiosity contest will also be displayed in the 2nd-floor lobby Oct. 1-31.

The small
speaker
for big
adventures



NEW TO OUR COLLECTION!

A **Yoto Mini Player** is a screen-free audio device designed for children that allows kids to independently play audiobooks and music using physical smart cards. When borrowing a Yoto Mini Player, you will receive a variety of Yoto Cards to play on the device. Wi-Fi is not needed to use these players and there are no cameras, no microphones, and no ads!
Search "Yoto" at mrcpl.org.

Create Play Improve Grow Explore Connect

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

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