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At the Library

December 2026

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

Bellville Book Club
Tue. Dec. 1, 10 AM
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Well Read
Tue. Dec. 1, 6:30 PM Lexington
Read a festive thriller or a cozy holiday mystery.

Simply Cozy
Wed. Dec. 2, 10:30 AM Lucas
Choose your own cozy winter read.

Bromfield Book Club
Mon. Dec. 7, 6 PM Butler
Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Grey

Book Chatter
Tue. Dec. 8, 2 PM Ontario
Rasputin: The Downfall of the Romanovs by Antony Beevor

Bits of Books
Wed. Dec. 9, 2:30 PM Lexington
Join us as we share what we've been reading and leave with a great book list.

Books & Banter
Sat. Dec. 12, 10:30 AM Madison
Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini

One More Chapter
Mon. Dec. 14, 6:30 PM Madison
The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year by Ally Carter (holiday genre.) Bring a title or two of the same genre to share.

Shelf Care
Tue. Dec. 15, 11 AM Plymouth
Dec. discussion: Hallmark vs. Harlequin Holiday Showdown

Case Closed!
Sat. Dec. 19, 2 PM Main
Join us to discuss true crime, murder mysteries, and unsolved cases that will keep you up at night!

NEED HELP?

but don't know where to turn?

FIRST CALL

2-1-1

A free, confidential, community service assisting you in finding the help you need when you need it most. Dial 211, 365 days a year, 24/7.

We can direct you to resources like:

- Warming shelters
- Utility assistance
- Clothing closets
- Transportation
- Free meals
- Health screenings

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

NEWS

All locations will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & Jan. 1. All locations will close at 5 PM on Dec. 31.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Let's Play Mahjong!
Thu. Dec. 4 & 18, 12:30-2:30 PM Main
Fri. Dec. 10, 12:30-2:30 PM Madison
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. Dec. 4 & 18, 1-4 PM Butler
Fri. Dec. 11, 1-4 PM Lexington
Fri. Dec. 18, 10 AM-2 PM Madison
Need incentive to finish that project you're working on? Bring it to the Library!

Puzzle Palooza
Fri. Dec. 4, 2 PM Main
Enjoy good company and help work on jigsaw puzzles and more! Puzzles and warm beverages will be provided.

Game Night @ the Library
Tue. Dec. 8, 5:30-7:30 PM Madison
Thu. Dec. 17, 5:30-7:30 PM Main
Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Uno* at Madison and *Mancala* at Main. Additional games will be available.

Euchre Night
Thu. Dec. 10 Lucas
Thu. Dec. 17 Butler
Mon. Dec. 28 Bellville
5:30 PM
All skill levels are welcome for this ageless strategic card game!

Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix
Tue. Dec. 15, 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. Dec. 21, 3 PM Bellville
Meet up with other yarn crafters. Bring your own supplies and enjoy!

ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS

✪Holiday Craft Bag
Registration begins Mon. Nov. 16
Pick Up Begins Tue. Dec. 1
Call your local MRCPL location to register for a popular take home craft bag, just in time for some holiday fun!

Get Spicy!
Beginning Dec. 1 All locations
Pick up a seasonal-themed Get Spicy bag that includes a generous portion of the featured spice, info about its origin, health benefits, and a selection of delicious recipes. While supplies last.

Count the Snowballs Contest
Dec. 1-19 Bellville, Lexington, Madison, Main
Guess how many "snowballs" are in the jar, the person to guess the closest wins a holiday prize! One winner per location; winners to be drawn Dec. 21.

Cookie Mix in a Jar
Tue. Dec. 1 Butler
Wed. Dec. 2 Main
Tue. Dec. 8 Lucas
Thu. Dec. 10 Madison
Mon. Dec. 14 Plymouth
Thu. Dec. 17 Crestview
5-7 PM
With just a few ingredients, you can create a last-minute holiday gift. Drop in at one of these locations to make a darling present or to keep for yourself! While supplies last.

✪ Registration required. For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Nov. 16.

CREATION & 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 and are available for adults and teens ages 13+.

Intro to Windows Desktop Computing
Tue. Dec. 1, 9:30-11 AM

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.

3D Printing Demo
Wed. Dec. 2, 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 see the process in action, Q&A and information on how to utilize the 3D printers at MRCPL.

Internet Safety for Android Phones
Tue. Dec. 8, 9:30-11 AM

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

Intro to 3D Printing – Tinkercad
Wed. Dec. 9, 9:30-11 AM

This class will introduce Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling and design software. We will learn how to build, import, modify, and export three dimensional models, learning to pair these skills with our 3D printer to make original designs. Everyone will need an email account to sign-up fo Tinkercad, and basic computer skills will be useful.

Canva® Workshop
Wed. Dec. 16, 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.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

Family Game Night
Thu. Dec. 3, 4-7 PM **Plymouth**
Wed. Dec. 16, 5-7 PM **Main**

Drop in for a night of family fun! We'll have plenty of games to play, including the classics.

Family-Friendly Trivia Night
Thu. Dec. 3, 6 PM

Join us at the Der Dutchman in Bellville! Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less. Register by calling 419.886.7070 (option 3).

Family Book Club
Thu. Dec. 10, 1:30 & 3:30 PM **Lucas**

As a family, read or listen to the *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling, then come to the Library to discuss the book and participate in a book-themed activity.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Pony Bead Christmas Trees – Program in a Bag
Beginning Dec. 1 **Ontario**
Stop by to pick up a take home bag with supplies to make a pony bead Christmas tree keychain; while supplies last.

Diamond Art-Ugly Xmas Sweaters
Tue. Dec. 1, 3:30 PM **Bellville**
Mon. Dec. 7, 4:30-6 PM **Lexington**
Mon. Dec. 14, 4:30-6 PM **Ontario**
Christmas is right around the corner; this sparkly masterpiece will be the perfect surprise for someone special or just the thing to bling up your space. In person only; about 1 hr. to complete.

A Puzzling Program in a Bag
Beginning Dec. 7 **Butler, Crestview, Lucas, Plymouth**
Are you puzzling about a fun activity to do over winter break? Pick up a make-your-own puzzle bag to keep the boredom away. While supplies last.

Santa Claus Conquers the Martians (1964) – 🎅 vs. 👽
Mon. Dec. 7, 5-7 PM **Main**
Tue. Dec. 22, 5-7 PM **Butler**
Join us in watching a holiday movie that is out of this world! Santa, aliens, a giant robot, and more! This movie is camp. Snacks and drinks provided.

Teen Board Game Night
Thu. Dec. 10, 4-6 PM **Main**
Grades 6-12
Join the Teen and Media Depts. for a night of games, snacks, and fun. This month's game: *Coyote!*

Wooden Ornament Painting
Mon. Dec. 14, 4:30-6 PM **Lexington**
Wed. Dec. 16, 2-4:30 PM **Madison**
Make your own personalized ornaments using rustic wood slices. Madison will also have extra Teen Time activities!

Mini Gift Making
Mon. Dec. 14, 5-7 PM **Main**
Tue. Dec. 15, 3-5 PM **Crestview**
Thu. Dec. 17, 2-4:30 PM **Ontario**
Tue. Dec. 22, 3-6 PM **Plymouth**
Drop in to create your own mini gift box to hold a Shrinky Dink creation (earrings, charm, or keychain) for someone special this season. Ontario program is during the usual Teen Time.

CD Mosaic
Tue. Dec. 15, 5-7 PM **Main**
Mon. Dec. 21, 5-7 PM **Ontario**
Drop in to create a glittery creation recycling our old and damaged CDs.

TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Anime Club
Thu. Dec. 3, 5 PM **Main**
Grades 6-12
*Some anime may be Rated TV-14 or M for mature teen audiences.
We will watch 2 episodes of *Mashle* and snack on imported Japanese **treats**!

Literature & Lattes
Thu. Dec. 17, 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! Dec. theme: Holidays

Manic Monday
Mon. Dec. 21, 3:30 PM **Main**
Life as a teenager can be hard! We will provide activities designed to help you find your chill. And also, **free food**!

Dungeons & Dragons
Mon. Dec. 28, 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 social club for you. Join us each month as we build worlds, character sheets, and social connection – with **free snacks**!

Holiday Photo Backdrop

Nov. 18-Dec. 26 Main Lobby

Create priceless memories with our magical holiday backdrop! Snap all the pictures you need this holiday season using your camera or phone and we will supply the magic! Bring your photo to the Learning Lab for a free 4x6 print to take home. (Photo from 2025 booth; decor will vary this year.)





Santa's Spectacular Holiday Show!

Tue. Dec. 1, 10:30 AM Madison
Wed. Dec. 2, 10:30 AM Bellville
Tue. Dec. 8, 10 AM Main
Thu. Dec. 10, 10:30 AM Lucas
Thu. Dec. 10, 6 PM Plymouth
Tue. Dec. 15, 10:30 AM Lexington
Wed. Dec. 16, 10:30 AM Ontario

Join us as we welcome our friend from the North Pole for some fun and bring a camera for a photo opportunity!

Photos with Santa!

Tue. Dec. 1, 4-6 PM Bookmobile at South Park
Sat. Dec. 5, 2-4 PM Main
Wed. Dec. 9, 5-7 PM Main
Sat. Dec. 19, 2-4 PM Main
Mon. Dec. 21, 5-7 PM Main

Bring your camera and the family for a visit with the jolly ol' elf himself! Bring your photo to the Learning Lab for a free 4x6 print to take home.





✪Christmas at the Cabin!

Fri. Dec. 4 & Fri. Dec. 11, 6 PM

Join us at the historic Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm! Bring the family for a holly-jolly good time! We will be spreading Christmas cheer for all to hear with a cozy fire, stories, songs, and a craft. There may be a special guest joining us! Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required; **call** the Lucas branch at 419.892.2576 to reserve your spot!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Disguise a Gingerbread Friend
Dec. 1-23 **Plymouth**

Run, run, as fast as you can… to pick up your gingerbread friend. Use your creativity to make a clever disguise for them, then bring them back to the Library. Entries will be judged in three age groups: Pre-K, grades K-3, and grades 4-6.

Letters to Santa
Dec. 1-23 **Plymouth**

Celebrate the holiday season by writing a letter to the big man himself! Then, drop it off in our very special mailbox.

✪Gingerbread Houses
Sat. Dec. 5, 10 AM-12 PM **Plymouth**
Sat. Dec. 5, 10:30 AM **Madison**
Sat. Dec. 5, 11 AM **Main**
Mon. Dec. 7, 4-6 PM **Crestview**
Mon. Dec. 7, 6 PM **Lexington**
Thu. Dec. 10, 3:30 & 6 PM **Bellville**
Thu. Dec. 10, 6 PM **Lexington**
Sat. Dec. 12, 11 AM & 3 PM **Ontario**
Sat. Dec. 12, 11 AM **Bookmobile at Blooming Grove Sewing Machines**
Sat. Dec. 12, 1 PM **Bookmobile at Planktown Market**
Mon. Dec. 14, 4 & 6 PM **Butler**
Tue. Dec. 15, 6 PM **Madison**
Wed. Dec. 16, 5:30-7 PM **Bookmobile at North Lake Park**
Thu. Dec. 17, 10:30 AM **Lucas Community Center**
Thu. Dec. 17, 3:30 PM **Lucas**

Join us to create your own gingerbread house! All materials provided; while supplies last. **Call** your location to register, and please sign up for only **one** program. To register for the Bookmobile programs, call 419.522.2780.

✪ Registration required.
For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Nov. 16.

Forgotten Island Craft Bag
Dec. 7-18 **Most locations**

Do you want to help Jo & Raissa escape the mystical island, Nakali? Drop into any location and pick up a craft bag to celebrate the film *Forgotten Island*. Each bag contains themed crafts to enjoy. Not available at Plymouth.
*One bag per child; while supplies last.

Parachute Play Day
Tue. Dec. 15, 10:30 AM **Ontario**

Come join the fun as we play with balloons, bubbles, and our parachutes!

Elf Training Academy
Thu. Dec. 17, 3:30-6:30 PM **Lexington**
Mon. Dec. 21, 5-7 PM **Main**

Do you have what it takes to help Santa get ready for the Big Day? Drop in to test your skills and train to become an official elf!

Last-Minute Gift Wrapping!
Thu. Dec. 17, All day **Madison**
Fri. Dec. 18, All day **Lucas**

You bring the gifts, and we will provide everything you need to wrap it! While supplies last.

Ugly Christmas Sweater
Fri. Dec. 18, All day **Main & Ontario**

Let your creativity shine! Sequins, pom-poms, stickers, and construction paper will help you create your own ugly sweater paper craft. Also, explore and complete a Christmas Ugly Sweater scavenger hunt!

Holiday Scavenger Hunt
Dec. 21-Jan. 2 **All locations**

Stop by anytime the Library is open to take part in a Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Find all the pictures and get a prize!

✪Countdown to NOON Year's Eve
Thu. Dec. 31, 11 AM **Butler, Lexington**

Ring in the New Year with us at the Library. We will celebrate with crafts, games, music, and of course, a New Year's countdown! Call the location to register.

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Crafty Kids
Month of Dec. **Crestview, Madison, Ontario, Plymouth**
Stop in anytime to make a seasonal craft!

Crafting Thursday
Thu. Dec. 3, 5 PM **Main**
Discover your creativity through crafts. Join us for a crafting time to let your inner artist shine.

Kindergarten Club
Thu. Dec. 3, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Ages 4 & 5 **Madison**
Calling all preschoolers! Drop by the Library for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

Stepping Stones
Fri. Dec. 11, 10:30 AM **Lexington**
Children ages 4 & 5
Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on the body, senses, and other Kindergarten readiness skills.

Greeting Card Creators
Mon. Dec. 7, 5-7 PM **Main**
Holiday joy is in the air! Let's bring a spark of happiness to friends and family. Drop in to decorate hand made cards for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or simply create one that inspires a smile!

Move & Groove
Sat. Dec. 12, 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. Dec. 14, 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!

Mini Makers
Tue. Dec. 15, All day **Main**
Do you like crafts? Join us at the Library for a new craft each month!

Monday Make & Take
Mon. Dec. 21, 12-5 PM **Ontario**
Stop in today and make a pony bead candy cane.

Puzzle Mania
Mon. Dec. 28, 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!

FALL STORY TIMES

Weekly story times will end on Dec. 12 and return on Jan. 4.
For full details about our baby, toddler, and family story times, ask a staff member or visit mrcpl.org.

Evergreen Bookshop December Book Sale

50% Off Holiday & DVDs
New Winter Hours!
Members Only Pre-sale
Thu. Dec. 3 **12-4 PM**
Public Sale
Fri. Dec. 4 **12-4 PM**
Sat. Dec. 5 **10 AM-3 PM**

Yeti, Set, Read!



Jan. 4-30
2027 Winter Reading Program

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.

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