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STANDUP PADDLEBOARD WITH US

By **Seth Begeman, Chief of Outdoor Education**
Lake Metroparks

Imagine...the sky is a beautiful blue with the golden sun just overhead. You are standing on the beach with your feet in the sand as the small waves roll slowly onto shore. As you look over the harbor, you see the water smooth as glass. You pick up your stand-up paddleboard and set off to explore the gorgeous water before you.

You don't have to fly four or five hours to experience this scenario—it is right outside your door! A short drive to the north coast and you are there. There is nothing better than being on the water on a stand-up paddleboard early in the morning, enjoying the peaceful serenity of Lake Erie as eagles fly overhead or when you see a steelhead swimming beneath you. Stand-up paddleboards (or SUPs as they are commonly called) have been in the Northeast Ohio area for the past decade and every year more and more people are taking up the hobby. When summer hits, you start to see cars with colorful paddleboards strapped to their roofs heading to the beach.

But you don't have to have your own paddleboard to enjoy this great hobby. Lake Metroparks offers SUP rentals at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day at a cost of \$10 per hour (ages 16 and older are able to rent by themselves; ages 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult; identification is required for rental). Rentals are offered from 9:30 am to 8 pm on weekdays and 8 am to 8 pm on weekends and holidays (with boats back to shore by 8 pm), weather depending.

Follow these tips for an enjoyable time paddleboarding at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park:

- Mornings and evenings are the best time to rent for a couple of reasons: conditions on Lake Erie are typically best at these times. Also, on weekends and holidays, it can become extremely busy between 11 am and 5 pm.
- Always call Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park at 440-639-9972 before your arrival. The staff can let you know how busy it is and if we are renting paddleboards (based on weather or lake conditions).
- Double check the weather on your phone. Many apps are available that show the current weather as well as what is incoming. Summer can bring pop-up storms along Lake Erie, so it is always best to be prepared for any on-the-water activity.
- Check out the webcam. Lake Metroparks provides a view of the beach and water online at lakemetroparks.com/webcams. This will allow you to see how busy the beach is and also get an idea of the water conditions.

Lake Metroparks can teach you how to stand-up paddleboard too! Classes cover the basics including getting onto the board, paddling and maneuverability, and yes, even how to fall off the board correctly (most peoples' biggest concern). Once you realize that falling off of the board is not a big deal, you can really start to enjoy the experience.

Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10 am and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm. You can sign up at lakemetroparks.com or by calling 440-358-7275.

Best of the Bluffs: A Natural Beach

Sunday, August 19 • 1-4 pm Lake Erie Bluffs • Lane Road entrance • FREE

Climb down the new steps to the beach and discover driftwood and rocks on the beach... While some people think this looks messy, it actually provides important habitat for a number of different plants and animals. Discover what creatures live in and along Lake Erie's natural beaches.

Lake Erie Bluffs is 592 acres of protected natural area on the shores of Lake Erie. Between forests, fields and wetlands, the park offers abundant and diverse habitats for wildlife including deer, coyotes, cottontails, bald eagles, an array of songbirds, snakes and pollinating insects. With three miles of trail, a 50-foot observation tower, a wonderful picnic shelter, and multiple points of beach access, there is plenty for you to explore. To highlight the many special features of the park, Lake Metroparks has held the Best of the Bluffs event each summer since 2015.

This year's event will focus on the

natural beach, which is the zone from the water's edge to the edge of the bluffs. The actual bluffs are the cliffs that face Lake Erie that create sunny habitats for rare plants such as fringed gentian and Oakes evening primrose. At their base, waves pile up heaps of driftwood. People often wonder why we don't "clean" the beach and remove the driftwood, but the wood helps stabilize the shore and provides shelter for plants and animals such as inland beach pea and Fowler's toads.

Best of the Bluffs offers something for everyone! Some of the activities will include:

Nature-themed information booths and activities

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To attend this FREE event on August 19 from 1 to 4 pm at Lake Erie Bluffs, register at goto.lakemetroparks.com/bestofbluffs2018 or call 440-358-7275.



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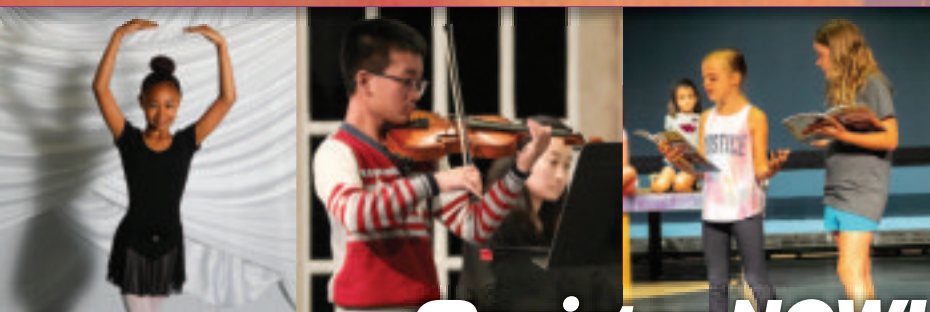
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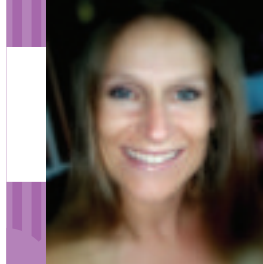
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Family Matters with Amber

The Benefits of Taking a Digital Sabbatical

It's time for the annual digital sabbatical ... a.k.a. Annual family camping trip! The #1 coolest thing about this trip is that we get time together. The #2 coolest is thing is that we don't get any Wi-Fi or cell signal, and no, hotspots don't seem to work there either. I mean You can trek the half mile to the front office or the bathrooms, but anywhere else, there really ain't no service – Sorry kids.

Actually, the older I get, and the busier we are, I find sadly, mom is on her device more than anyone else. AGH. Way back when, I didn't even like computers, I didn't want a cell phone and quite comfortably (and happily) flunked out of the technology class my father forced me take in high school.

I'm emailing, I'm texting, I'm logging in to pay some bill or register someone for something, respond to someone. Or lately, just scanning the news and Instagramming- after I finally flop down on my couch at the end of the night. The other night I blew an entire hour and a half. What!? I wanted to read my book by Jodi Picoult, but instead I scrolled and scrolled, laughed and hearted things. Yikes. It's that easy to do.

Going camping (a.k.a. taking a digital sabbatical) offers us all opportunities to do more things together (and outside). Like play football and board games, go kayaking or biking. Take walks, cook out, make smores, ask each other fun questions and share dreams. Hey, that's what we did last year, and we loved it!

I have been interested in finishing this new bookazine I found one night at the book: Turn Off Your Phone! Reconnect With Life. It jumped out at me with its front cover showing a smashed smart phone face. Since I can't copy, repeat or publish anything from it here, I'll just tell you why I bought it, what appealed to me about it in the first place and what I'm getting out of it. It is a topic I believe in, it's teaching me more, it seems true, it has suggestions and shares 12 signs of digital overload. Didn't seem like an awful idea to pick it up.



Clearly, my attention span (and many other people's) isn't what it used to be, so it takes me a little bit to get settled in to read. When I do it, it must be quiet, and this thing is bigger than a regular magazine (hence it's name), so you need time. I read a couple pages a week. I like to do that when I'm waiting for dinner to cook, on a Sunday morning with my coffee, and/or when I'm traveling and I'm lucky enough to be the passenger ...um on an airplane that is. It takes work now a days to relax.

It's almost harder to sit still than it is to get up and going anymore. That's what we are all about now a days. It is the evolution of our dynamics as families. The more we can do, the more we do. The more we can try, we try. The more we can see, the more places we want to go. It never stops, but you can make it stop. And you should...at least occasionally.

The benefits of family digital sabbaticals are: you can hear, you have time (a lot of time), you are focused and can remember easily later on what was said, you prove others are important and that you care because you aren't distracted, you can read social and facial cues during some important conversations, you'll have more patience... your heart will beat slower and you'll feel calmer, more fulfilled. I prom-

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ise... You'll taste your food more, you'll breathe easier and rest more fitfully. You'll be more mindful. I know because I've done this before. The benefits of an individual sabbaticals are the same, except you can hear and feel your own body and what you want and need. Really think about that for a while...then try it.

By the way, there is another small book that I recently started reading, *Do Less, Be More* by Susan Pearse and Martina Sheehan. Some very good points about what happens to us busy people both physically and mentally, and what we usually put ourselves through daily. I'm taking notes.

Today, plan a 1-2 day digital sabbatical with your kids if possible. It might be just a day of hunkering down at home on the weekend with the doors closed and locked, phones off, board games and movies out. Do it, it will be fun. If you can't do that, take an hour a couple times a week away from everyone and everything, shut the phone off and go to the park, leave it in the car. Breathe in deeply, smell the air, breathe out, think of something you are grateful for and when you feel ready, or when your hour is up, then go back and turn it all on (or better yet, don't...for a little while longer). You won't regret what you miss. Besides, you only have this life...this time...this family, right here, right now. The internet and busyness can wait, because like housework, it will always be there.

Visit our website for more common sense parenting stories and previous posts about digital sabbaticals, how I got started, first heard the word and what we've enjoyed about them @familymatterswithamber.org.



Girl Scout, Joy Mason, earns Gold Award

Ambassador Girl Scout Joy Mason has been presented the prestigious Gold Award at the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio Gold Award Celebration on June 16, 2018. The Gold Award is the highest honor in Girl Scouting and is comparable to Eagle Scout for boys.

A Gold Award project requires at least 80 hours to complete, but once involved, it was hard for Joy to limit her time. She believed in her project's message and went above and beyond the necessary requirements. Her Take Action Project focused on educating students about repetitive use injuries, such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. With advancements in technology and the constant use of keyboards in school, at work, and at home, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome will be striking people at a younger age.

After extensive research and meetings with medical professionals, Mentor Public Schools current and previous superintendents, William Porter and Matthew Miller, and Mentor High School Principal Andrew Fetichik, Joy created an informative YouTube video and a web page to educate people about the syndrome and to demonstrate exercises that may help prevent or delay its onset. She recruited friends and family to assist with this endeavor. Sharing this information on the internet makes her project sustainable in the future and will hopefully help eliminate pain and disability. Joy agrees with the wise words of Jackie Joyner-Kersey, 3 time

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GIRL SCOUTS FROM PAGE 5

Olympic Track and Field gold medalist that "It's better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret."

In addition to Girl Scouting, Joy volunteers at Lake Health's Tripoint Medical Center and at University Hospitals Cleve-

land Medical Center. At Mentor High School she participated in Model United Nations, Student Government, National Honor Society, Youth United Way of Lake County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and more. She is a three-time graduate of Leadership

Lake County. Also, Joy is a USA Roller Sports four-time national champion figure skater.

A 2018 Mentor High graduate, Joy will be attending Case Western Reserve University this fall. Her plan is to double major in

Biochemistry and Medical Anthropology on a Pre-Med Track. Her ultimate goal is to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Joy joined Girl Scouts in Kindergarten as a Daisy and she rose through the Brownie, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador levels. Along the way she earned her bronze and silver awards, and now she has achieved the premier achievement in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. She is grateful to two caring troop leaders, Lisa Petersen and Mary Gifford, who generously volunteered their time to make Girl Scouts fun while assisting in building the foundations of young women. Also, Gold Award Project advisor Mrs. Tracy Coleman, Carol Beasley, Gold Award Mentor, and Fallon Pulley, Manager, Girl Scouting, provided project advice and encouragement.

The Girl Scout mission is to "... build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." By earning the Gold Award, Joy Mason exemplifies these characteristics.

To learn more about becoming a Girl Scout, or volunteering as a troop leader, contact Girl Scouts of North East Ohio at www.gsneo.org, or call 1(800)852-4474

SUPER STAR PARTY

Stargazers of all ages can experience the wonder of the night sky through indoor planetarium shows, star gazing, guided night hikes, a craft and more. Observe the planets and stars with telescopes and guidance from the amateur astronomers of Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society. Visitors of all ages can catch a good view of the Perseid Meteor showers.

All aboard for a ride on a miniature steam engine provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers, weather permitting. Ride times are selected at registration. Time slots are for train rides. The trains depart within the hour. For safety reasons, pregnant women are not permitted to ride the trains.

Come early and/or stay late and enjoy all of these family-friendly activities:

Planetarium Shows, Guided interactive night hikes,

Astronomical presentations by research astronomers

Wild animal shows, craft, scavenger hunts and more
The Nature Store - selling glow-in-the-dark merchandise, popcorn, soda, and snacks for purchase

Bring your lightsabers! Star Wars is a classic for all ages and we would love to see who your favorite characters are. Wear your favorite Star Wars costume and join in on the fun!

The Super Star Party runs rain or shine. All outdoor activities are weather permitting.

Advanced registration is required. Adults and children ages two and older are \$5. Children younger than 2 are free. Ride times are selected at time of registration. Visit goto.lakemetroparks.com/superstar2018 or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 to register.

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Does My Child Have a Reading Problem?



by **Carole Richards**

In my business, we receive many calls from parents of struggling readers. Here are some clues to why a child is a poor reader.

My child doesn't understand what they read.

Reason 1: The child can't read all the big words effortlessly. This is knowing what the words say, not what they mean. Here's a home test. Have your child read a decent size paragraph in a grade level book. If they misread five+ words they aren't reading effortlessly.

Reason 2: They don't understand what they are reading and/or can't infer the book's meaning. Often the child has a lower ability or is on the Autism spectrum. Most average ability children, even those with a learning disability, can understand what they read if they can read the words well.

My child likes to listen to books.

If your child doesn't like to read, but listens to books and understands what is read. This is another clue that they can't read effortlessly.

My child doesn't like to read.

Well, if your child can't read well, it isn't much fun.

My child can't focus.

Some children do have attention issues, but some children day dream or lose focus because they can't read well. Most of us would daydream if we couldn't read well, but all day every day we were required to read things. My mind would go to a happier place!

My child is a terrible speller

This is not on a spelling test; rather it

is seen when writing something. Good spellers can write the words they want to use almost as effortlessly as they read.

My child isn't motivated

Every child wants to be successful in school. If your child isn't doing their work, he or she be a poor reader? Of course, there are other reasons, but poor reading is a cause.

My child has good grades but hates to read

Good grades doesn't always equate to good reading skills. A child can work hard in school and be a poor reader. By middle school or before, it becomes difficult to sustain good grades with poor reading skills.

What is a good reader and how is the U.S. doing?

A good reader has broken the reading code. They know:

- Sounds in little words.
- How to break big words into pieces (syllable)
- Rules for each syllable

This method is called multi-sensory systematic phonics. Some students break the code but don't know the rules. Many students can't break the reading code and read poorly.

Since 1992, the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) finds 9% of fourth graders and 4% of eighth graders read at the advanced level. College students should all read at the advanced level to be successful learners.

So, you decide. Does your child have a reading problem?

Carole Richards is president of North Coast Tutoring Services, president of the Creative Education Institute, author of Richards Learning Systems, and a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at caroler@northcoasted.com.

Celebration of Trees

AUGUST 11 & 12

Join the Holden Arboretum for a weekend filled with fun family activities celebrating trees. Kids guided tree climbing activities, Great Lakes Timber Show. Chainsaw carving demonstrations by artists Pat Holbert and Jack Riese. Songs and Tails from the Woods – explore common animals and the natural world during this music and group interaction performance. Kids crafts and activities. Guided tours on the hour from 11am to 3:30pm New climate change exhibit New live woodturning demonstrations by Fruitful Woodworks. Free for members, with admission for nonmembers. \$10 nonmember adult, \$4 child (6 – 18). Murch Canopy Walk and Kalberer Emergent Tower: \$4 nonmember adult, \$2 nonmember child (6 – 18). Holden Arboretum at 9550 Sperry Rd, Kirtland. (440) 946-4400



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American Girl Book Club Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 4 p.m. Meet Rebecca. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Rebecca" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Minecraft Club Thursday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

Summer Reading Finale Party with Jungle Terry Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. Read House Lawn Congratulation to all the families who participated in Summer Reading at Mentor Public Library. Jungle Terry and his traveling zoo will be at MPL to celebrate with all the summer readers. Enjoy popcorn and refreshments while meeting some cool animal friends.

Make a Craft Monday, Aug. 6 Main Branch Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

Rhyme Time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

Comics Club Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.



Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children, eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss, and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

Beach Blanket Yoga Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m. Read House Lawn Kids from 3 to 8 years old can enjoy a beach-themed yoga story time. Activities include yoga with beach balls and a fun summer story. Adult and child participation. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Darlene Kelbach is the yoga instructor. Program will be held in Village Room if weather is inclement.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Young writers can get creative with words at Wordplay. Kids from third through sixth grade will write, share stories and play word games. Bring your imagination. The library supplies paper, pens and snacks. Registration required.

Family Trivia Night Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Families are invited to a fun, friendly trivia night at Mentor Public Library. Families can compete as a team to answer various trivia questions, with the top families taking home a prize. Pizza and drink will be provided. Open to ages 13 and younger with an adult. Teams limited to 6 players. Call 440-255-8811 ext 221 to register.

Family Afternoon Movie Saturday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon movie. On the second Saturday of each month, the library will show a family movie and provide popcorn. All movies will be rated G or PG. Find out which movie will be playing each month in the

Children's Department. This event is for families with children 13 and younger. Ages 8 and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

Picking up STEAM Club—DIY Solar Oven Saturday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can come to the Lake Branch and explore the weird worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through new interactive experiments each month. This month, kids can learn how to make their own oven that's powered by the sun.

Upcycled Accessories Monday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Tweens and teens can update their back-to-school look with vogue accessories. Learn how to make earrings, bracelets, and handbags out of stuff you've got lying around your house.

Paws to Read Wednesday, Aug. 15 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

Firehouse Friends Thursday, Aug. 16, at 10:30 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join our friends from the Mentor Fire Department for stories and songs. Meet the local firemen. Find out what it's really like to be a fireman. Open to all ages. Each time kids attend the "Firehouse Friends" story time will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win lunch with the firemen in December.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club

Thursday, Aug. 16, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the newest video game club, MPL Arcade. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U, as well as fun board and tabletop games. For kids in third through sixth grade. Registration is required.

Aviation Day Celebration Saturday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade can assemble airplane crafts and then compete to see who built the best flyer.

Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account.

Let's go Lego Club Saturday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Write On: A Writing Club for Teens Monday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room A monthly creative writing club for teens. Each month focuses on a different prompt. It's a fun way to expand your creative writing, get some great ideas, and meet other teen writers. All writing levels welcomed, and snacks will be provided.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Bring the family to a calm evening of coloring at the Headlands branch. Supplies provided.

Techno Tweens Saturday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends to a quest in Roblox. Join your friends for gaming fun at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

Chalk Art Saturday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens will be shown 3D sidewalk chalk drawings by Julian Beaver, the Pavement Picasso. Then, they can make some art of their

own. Chalk will be provided. Participants can draw pictures and designs on outside of the library building and on sidewalk.

Craft for a Cause Club Monday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Put those crafting skills to good use. Join the Craft for a Cause Club where they knit and crochet for charities that help bring comfort and warmth to the community. Knowing how to knit or crochet is helpful, but not necessary.

Movie Dress-Up Bash Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can dress up as their favorite movie character for the library's cinematic costume bash. The kids will also play trivia and bingo while enjoying yummy snacks.

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Kids Scavenger Hunt – Children's Room – Wednesday, Aug. 1 through Wednesday, Aug. 15 Kids 12 and under can participate in a fun, FREE picture Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room. Find all 10 pictures hiding around the Children's Room, then turn in your sheet for a free, small prize from the treasure chest. Limit once per child, please.

Back to School Bash – Harvey High School – Saturday, August 4– 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Drop by the Lake County Libraries table during the Back to School Bash for information from libraries in Lake County about programs and services available for families, and do a fun, free craft! For more information about the Back to School Bash, contact the Painesville Salvation Army at (440) 354-3774.

National Night Out – Veteran's Park – Tuesday, Aug. 7 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm Join Morley Library at Painesville's annual National Night Out! Drop by the Morley Library table to make a fun, FREE kid's craft! National Night Out – Free & Kid Friendly National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors

together under positive circumstances. **Art in the Park** – Veteran's Park – Saturday, Aug. 11 – 12:00 – 2:00 pm Stop by the Morley Library table at Painesville's Art in the Park! Open from 12:00 - 2:00 PM, the Kids Art Tent will feature face painting, a kids' art contest, crafts, and more. Art in the Park is truly a Painesville summer event that is not to be missed! For more information about Art in the Park, visit www.painesvillenow.com/art-in-the-park.html.

Drop-in Gaming for Teens & Tweens – Tuesdays, August 14 & 28, 3:30pm – 5pm. Calling all Fortnite fans between the ages of 10-17! Drop by our Computer Classroom where we'll have Fortnite and other games installed on the computers and enjoy an afternoon of gaming. Traditional board games and the PS4 will also be available. Bring friends!

WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092
(440) 944-6010
www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us

Make & Take Craft Monday, July 30 – Saturday, August 11 during open hours. Kids 12 and under, stop by, use our supplies, make a craft, take it home! Crafts will change throughout the week.

Eric Carle Party Thursday, August 2 at 6:30 pm. Come celebrate Eric Carle and his beloved books. Enjoy stories, games and crafts with Miss Shannon. Open to all ages. Registration requested.

Book Bugs Fridays at 10:00 am: August 3 – October 12 Children, birth up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities and fun! Drop-in!

Kick Off to Kindergarten Monday, August 6 @ 6:30pm or Tuesday, August 7 @ 10:00am

All children entering Kindergarten this fall (with a caregiver) are invited to join us for a Kindergarten Readiness Program which will include a storytime followed by readiness stations to explore. Registration requested.

Tales for a Dog First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 8/4, 9/1, 10/6 Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register or drop-in.

Lego Club Second Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm: 8/11, 9/8, 10/13 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

Nature Academy: Insects Saturday, August 25 at 10:00 am The North Chagrin Nature Center will visit our library again to explore insects. Enjoy

a story, exciting hands-on exploration, and a craft. All ages are welcome to join us. Registration requested.

Family Reads On-the-Go! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours: 8/20, 9/17, 10/15

Pick-up a copy of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register.

Globetrotters First Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, discover a new country each month and get a stamp in your passport. Registration requested.

Masterpiece! 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, explore famous artists and create your own masterpieces. Registration requested.

STEAM Ahead! Third Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18

Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

Garden Gnomes & Forest Friends Fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, will learn about their surrounding through nature based activities. We will explore animals, plants, and more! Registration requested.

Tween Time (5th-8th grades) Wednesdays @ 2:30 pm: August 15 – December 19 Join us after school for fun activities and socializing! Check Library website for weekly themes and information. Registration requested.

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Eastlake Public Library

36706 Lake Shore Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095
(440) 942-7880 x. 105

Willoughby Public Library

30 Public Sq.
Willoughby, OH 44094
(440) 942-3200 x. 104

Willowick Public Library

263 E. 305 St.
Willowick, OH 44095
(440) 943-4151 x. 116
(440) 516-0843 TTY

Willoughby Hills Public Library

35400 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
(440) 942-3362
www.welibrary.info

Games or Movies for Teens at the Willoughby Library

Come to the Willoughby Library Teen Room and play our PlayStation 4 or watch movies - your choice! Ages 12-18 only. Stop in anytime! Willoughby Library

Games for Teens at the Willowick Library Come to the Willowick Library Teen Room and play our Xbox One or Wii-U. Ages 12-18 only. Stop in anytime! Willowick Library

Make Stuff at the Library for Teens Come to the Willoughby Library this summer to create interesting items to take home and use. May Project: Sun Catchers. Ages 12–18. Wednesday, August 1, 3-4 pm Willoughby Library
Video Game Club Come make friends and play our Xbox One, Wii-U, Wii, and Playstation 2! Ages 12 & up. Saturday, August 4, 2-4 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Willoughby Otaku Anime Club Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. Ages 13 & up. Saturday, August 4, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library

Library Fun House Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, August 4, 11 am-12:30 pm Willowick Library

LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome!

Saturday, August 4, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library
Saturday, August 18, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Saturday, August 25 (Cleveland Sports), 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library

Young & Restless Join our popular music and movement class with shakers, bubbles, the parachute and more. Ages 2-4. Registration begins August 6. Program runs August 20-September 13. Mondays 6:30 pm, Thursdays 10 am Eastlake Library
Tuesdays 10 or 10:45 am, Wednesdays 6:30 pm Willoughby Library
Mondays 11:30 am, Thursdays 6:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Wednesdays 10 am, 11 am or 6:30 pm Willowick Library



Kindergarten Readiness Be ready for the first day of kindergarten by practicing some essential skills through fun activities! Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 pm; Thursday, August 9, 10 am
Eastlake Library

We Chose Homeschool, Now What?! Join us for an interactive homeschool discussion. We'll discuss curriculum, logistics, resources, how to find other like-minded families, homeschool law and much more! Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 pm
Willoughby Library

Movie Night at the Hills Watch recently released movies on the big screen with free popcorn. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Movie starts at 6 pm. Outside snacks and drinks permitted.

Wednesday, August 8, 5:30-8 pm.
Willoughby Hills Library

STEM Play Try out fun STEM games and toys, including Snap Circuits, Laser Maze, Suspend, LEGO and more! Most games are for ages 6 and up. Saturdays, August 11, 2-3:30 pm
Willoughby Library

BYOT Tie Dye Bring your own t-shirt to create wearable art! All ages welcome! Saturday, August 11, 2-3 pm (All ages)
Willoughby Hills Library

Barks for Books Practice your read-

ing skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

Saturday, August 11, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Tuesday, August 21, 6:30 or 7 pm (Choose one session)
Eastlake Library

Adapted Storytime Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime, followed by a time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately.

Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Library

Teen Art Club Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18.)

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Library

Special Needs LEGO Club This LEGO Club is specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages wel-

come! Saturday, August 25 (Cleveland Sports), 10:30 am-12 pm
Willowick Library
Learn and Play Chess Club Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthu-

siasts, including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome. Saturday, August 25, 12-4 pm
Willoughby Library

Space Rocks at Morley Library!

Families came to Morley Library to beat the heat on Saturday, June 30th, and learn about all about space in celebration of National Meteor Day! First, children listened to a reading of Many Moons by Remi Courgeon to learn about the waning and waxing phases of the moon. Then kids created their own lunar rocks with baking soda, water, glitter, and black food coloring. They also made meteor craters by bouncing ping pong balls in cocoa powder, painted paper plate moons with tin foil meteor stamps, and colored moon and meteor coloring pages. The program ended with a reading of Man on the Moon by Simon Bartman. It was a totally far out morning for families at Morley Library!



Colston Keyes, Camilla Keyes, and Aubree Evangelista all focus on using their foil meteors to make a stamped painting of the moon on paper plates to take home.

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AUGUST

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 2

Chardon Square KidsFest

KidsFest offers a safe day of fun games and activities for kids of all ages. Activities include a pizza eating contest, tug-of-war, Plinko, a dunk tank, face painting, cupcake decorating and more! All games and activities are free of charge. On Historic Chardon Square. www.chardonsquareassociation.org/events/kidsfest

AUGUST 4

Fine Arts Coffeehouse Series

Cat's Crew performs jazzy soul and gospel. Join us for a casual, fun evening of java, munchies and music. Marous Brothers Outdoor Stage at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 FREE Admission; Charge for refreshments Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org for further information.

AUGUST 5

Chardon Arts Festival

10AM-5PM Chardon Square Chardon. This juried, outdoor show is free to attend and will host over 100 artists both local and out of state, providing a wonderful opportunity for a day of shopping and dining in a park like-setting. It is estimated that 5,000 people enjoy this beautiful show each year.

AUGUST 5

The Fest, Wickliffe

The FEST is a day of faith, family and fun all for free – all are welcome! The FEST is a top-notch, family friendly event with something for everyone! We have best Christian Music Artists featuring TobyMac, Big Daddy Weave,

Mandisa and We Are Messengers! We have inflatables, value-based crafts and activities for the kids.

An amazing Moms' Relaxation Station sponsored by Marc's, a Man Cave for the guys and tons of great food and displays for the whole family. Go through the website for all the details and if you have any questions, please let us know!

www.thefest.us

AUGUST 9

Lake County Community BBQ

Pheasant Run Airport, 5782 Trask Road - Madison 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Join us as we showcase beautiful vintage aircraft from WW I, WW II, and later with flyovers and static displays, and classic cars from Chrysler, Ford, General Motor brands, and others. Also, see up close the 1966 (Original) Batmobile! Music, BBQ, and more. Trophies awarded. Free BBQ dinner per entry (one dinner per registered classic car). Sponsored by Remarkable Lake County, OH – the Lake County Visitors Bureau. 440.975.1234.

AUGUST 10-12

The 7th Annual Ohio Celtic Festival

Features some of the very best in Celtic music, dance and our children's stage will feature lots of activities and shows for the children. Food and beverages in abundance for all ages, exciting new musical groups some making their first visit to the greater Cleveland area. www.ohiocelticfestival.com

AUGUST 11

Art In The Park

Veteran's Park on the Square, S. Park Place - Painesville. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. A fun filled day of creative & unique artwork, music, food & fun! Art in the Park features local as well as regional artists and artisans, whose works represent many media formats, transforming Veteran's Park tree-lined sidewalks into an outdoor art gallery bursting with fine art and continuous multi-cultural music in the gazebo, as

well as food & refreshments from local vendors.

This JURIED fine arts event showcases clay, drawing/pastel, fiber/textiles, garden stones, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and wood creations. A little bit of everything. painesvillennow.com/art-in-the-park.html

AUGUST 11

The Mentor Cruise-In

Mentor Civic Center Park 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor. The Mentor Cruise-In has been wowing crowds for over a decade. Now, it's bigger and better than ever with over 800 cars, 2,500 spectators, music, food and refreshments. Best of all – it's ABSOLUTELY FREE!

AUGUST 14

Chalk Art Contest

11:00am – 12:00pm Civic Center Bike Path, 8600 Munson Road, Mentor. Students living in the Mentor School District are invited to share their artistic talents with the community in this annual art contest. Contestants will be given a section of the bike path that is approximately 4' x 5' to create their masterpiece. Prizes will be awarded. Chalk will be provided, but if you want special colors, bring them. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. for this free event (near the Ice Arena parking lot). The rain date is August 17. This year's theme is Mentor Rocks! Sponsored by All City Candy

AUGUST 16

Mentor Movie Night - D2: The Mighty Ducks

8:00 – 10:00pm. Mentor Civic Amphitheater, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Join us for a free Mentor Movie Night at the AMP. Join us at Mentor Hockey Night for the comedy D2: The Mighty Ducks (rated PG). Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

AUGUST 17

CORN MAZE OPENING ROAST

5:30 to 9 pm

Be the first to discover and explore Farmpark's 2018 three-acre corn maze. The third annual grand opening includes an old-fashioned barn dance, fun family games and activities, competitions and more. Meal includes fresh roasted corn, mouthwatering BBQ chicken, JoJo fries and beverage. Make this a family night to remember!

Registration required. \$16 ages 12 and older; \$12 ages 2 through 11; younger than 2 free

To register visit gotolakemetroparks.com/cornmazeroast18

AUGUST 17-18

D-Day Conneaut Renactment

D-Day Conneaut is America's premier living history event and one of the most realistic and educational annual reenactment of D-Day - June 6th, 1944 and the largest WWII reenactment in the US. There's a full schedule Friday and Saturday with the Battle for La Fiere Bridge and the Seaborne Normandy Beach Battle both taking place on Saturday. Conneaut Township Park Lake Road, Conneaut www.ddayohio.us

AUGUST 24-25

Mentor CityFest

8600 Munson Rd., Mentor. Mentor CityFest is Lake County's premier family-friendly festival with activities, games, non-stop entertainment, food, and more! Over 20,000 people attend every year. We hope you'll be able to join us! Learn more at mentorcityfest.com or [facebook.com/MentorCityFest](https://www.facebook.com/MentorCityFest).

AUGUST 27

Fall Session begins!

Visual Art, Theatre, Dance and Music classes, workshops, one day camps, private music instruction, art therapy and music therapy for ages infant through adult with all ability levels. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org.



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