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**Winter Birding** 

By John Pogacnik, Lake Metroparks Biologist

Winter birding is much different than birding other times of the year, but if you prepare for the weather and do some homework, it can be very rewarding. There are birds around in the winter that are often not seen any other time of the year. Such rarities as snowy owls, northern gulls and winter finches are just some of the birds that can be seen during the winter.

Winter birding is unpredictable because there are a lot of variables as to what birds may show up during a particular winter. Factors may include how the breeding season went and what kind of food crop is available here and where the birds come from. If there is little natural food here, birds will head elsewhere. Another big factor is weather. A mild winter may keep some northern birds from migrating south and a snowy winter brings birds to feeders but also sends many south. It is difficult to predict what the birding will be like for the upcoming winter, but there are some clues.

Naturally, weather plays a huge part in what waterbirds will appear in Lake County. If it is cold and the lake freezes, most ducks and gulls will

head south looking for open water. If it is too mild, they may stay further north. The best times to check for waterbirds is early and late winter. Birds often congregate in open harbors like Fairport Harbor and may be viewed from shore. Lake Erie Bluffs is a good place to watch migrating waterfowl and gulls and as a bonus, you can watch from your car on cold windy days. While at Lake Erie Bluffs, watch overhead for gulls heading to and from the landfill. You can occasionally find uncommon oneslike glaucous gull and Iceland gull. Once the lake freezes, watch for strong south winds that may open channels in the lake that may attract birds, especially in late winter when birds are migrating and are looking anywhere for open water.

For many birders, the most anticipated winter visitors are western strays. Every year we get various birds that are typically found in the western part of the country that wander east. There are a number that can occur such as varied thrush, Townsend's solitaire, mountain bluebird, rufous hummingbird, and even some real oddities such as painted redstart, graycrowned rosyfinch, and western tanager have been found in Ohio. You never know

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Great shoreline parks where you can watch from your car on cold windy days:

COMMON REDPOLL

Lake Erie Bluffs Painesville Township Park Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Winter finches are very erratic and difficult to predict. Winter finches include hoary and common redpoll, pine siskin, purple finch, white-winged and red crossbills, evening grosbeak and pine grosbeak. All of them are very specialized as to what they feed on and if there food up north is low, they often head south. How do we know what will move from year to year? Some like redpolls, pine siskin, and purple finch are cyclical because their food is cyclical, meaning every other year is typically a poor crop. So they will move south every other winter, but whether they get down this far is dependent on wherethey can find food. If our food crop is low, they will go elsewhere.

Snowy owls are the iconic winter bird. They represent the Arctic and when they visit it's like having the Arctic come to us. Snowy owls migrate south when they have had a good nesting season andmany young are raised. Snowy owls are birds of the open tundra and if they do come south, they are best checked for in areas that resemble that type of very open habitat. The last few winters have seen large numbers of snowy owls in our area.

# Winter Spectacular Glow Returns to the Cleveland Botanical Garden

Extended Evening Hours Will Provide More Time to Experience New Outdoor Lighting

Glow has been making the holidays bright for nearly a decade, beckoning all ages to enjoy the sensations of the season. The indoor/outdoor celebration will glow even brighter this year when it returns to the Cleveland Botanical Garden and runs through Saturday, January 5.

Glow will be open until 8pm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday to allow visitors more time to experience enhanced outdoor lighting. The greatly expanded outdoor lighting will include color changing lights and motion effects.

Traditional *Glow* favorites return too. Dozens of fragrant fir trees, meticulously decorated for the season by garden clubs from throughout Northeast Ohio, will line the halls. Whimsical, hand-crafted gingerbread houses, created by families and professionals, will showcase festive creativity from the community.

Other *Glow* highlights include:

• A two-story-tall decorated fir tree perfect for family photos

- Outdoor train rides for children on the Garden Express train
- Evergreen Adventures family play area with make-it take-it craft stations
- More than 1,000 holiday plants including amaryllis, white hydrangeas and poinsettias
- Seasonal refreshments for purchase in the Garden Café including adult and children's beverages
- One-of-a-kind holiday gifts for purchase in the Garden Store

Glow is open 10am to 6pm Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 am – 8 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and noon – 6pm Sunday. The Botanical Garden is closed on Monday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Glow admission is \$16 per adult, \$12 per child age 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and under. Admission is free for Holden Forests & Gardens members. Glow tickets are available online, at the Botanical Garden ticket desk or by calling 216-721-1600,



ext. 110. Advance ticket purchase is not required. The Botanical Garden is located at 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio. Indoor parking is available for a fee based on availability. For complete details about *Glow*, visit cbgarden.org/glow.

The Cleveland Botanical Garden is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Glow at the Cleveland Botanical Garden: Nov. 23, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2019 Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 6pm Thursday, Friday, & Saturday: 10am - 8pm Sunday: Noon - 6pm Monday: Closed

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### Teaching Teens How To Drive In Bad Weather

When I was about ten years old, my dad would allow me to steer his Ford pickup truck all the way down a five-mile country road (at night). We did this almost every weekend. He would scooch over far enough for me to sit close to the wheel. He would run the peddles, I would watch the road. At fourteen, my dad would let me drive my grandfather's work truck around the vard. I had already been driving go-karts (and steering his truck) for several years by then, so I kind of had the gist. By fifteen, he had me in his car, in parking lots, learning to back up and pull into parking spots. He was getting me prepared. He wanted me to know what I was doing. He was also a fun dad, so it was part helping me grow and learn, but part of Dad being Dad.

When it was time for me to get my license, I failed my first test, not because I couldn't drive, I just can't test. I have a problem with quizzes and focusing on the correct answers even if I know them. I had to wait to get my license because that was the law in Connecticut. I finally got it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> try, and on Halloween. Suddenly, my dad's wife spoke up, it was too dangerous to drive...it was night time, it was raining, it was fall, and there were leaves on the ground. Well, I sure am glad that my dad decided to take over with his own instinct, because he let me go, and drive, and learn.

My seventeen-year-old daughter has had her license for about a year now. I still worry a little each time she walks out the door with keys jingling in hand. She is a great driver, don't get me wrong, but car accidents can happen quickly, and they don't always have to be 'our' fault. I got my license when I was just sixteen and my dad always told me, "Watch out for the other guy". Believe me, I'm sure I'm not the only one to realize, there are a lot of ways to get into an accidents now-a-days, especially when drivers are so damn im-

Add to this, we live in Ohio. We have bad weather. What's not to worry about? Many parents I know ban their teen drivers from driving in bad weather. My dad didn't believe in that. So, neither do I. I

believe that the first rule to teaching your kids to drive in the vucky stuff, is to let them drive in it! My father had many great driving rules, but he wasn't afraid to let me have the keys, give me some important pointers and let me walk out the door...even in the snow. I believe the second rule to helping teens drive in bad weather is to keep repeating the rules, reminding them of the possibilities and dangers, and more importantly just keep letting them practice.

My sixteen-year-old had to drive downtown to Cleveland State last weekend for a school event. Figures, it was the day it decided to snow (and sleet and rain before). I was worried. I offered to drive her and rearrange my schedule, knowing how far it was, how tough Route 90 can be (Dead Man's Curve) and how her truck can be if it's not in four-wheel drive. But, she had already had so much snow driving and experience, that she was confident, but took precautions. She got ready early and got into her truck and tested the roads before leaving, she checked the weather and even rechecked the four-wheel drive. She did a hard break test in our driveway to start and spent a few minutes reviewing the nearby road conditions and weather forecast online for the area she was headed to. She made it to Cleveland State and back home with caution, and no problems.

Last year, when it was time for her to get her driver's license, it was icky weather. Matter of fact, some of you might recall me mentioning she got her license in a pretty bad snow storm (I hadn't even expected the BMV to be open that morning, but it was). She was able to do it, and even this Cleveland State trip, because she had the experience.

Teen drivers need the experience of driving in the dark, the rain and the snow, so that they have an idea of what's to come. They might leave you on a clear blue-sky day, only to have to travel home in adverse weather conditions. They might wind up feeling nervous or very intimidated unless they have had some time behind the wheel before it happens. Being

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# by Carole Richards As parents, we see

As parents, we see our children as beautiful and growing creatures. Behind their smiling faces, we can look at them as learners, with three developmental "faces:

- Emotional
- Physiological
- Intelligence

## The Emotional face ... a combination of factors

A child's personality is a combination of genetics, environment and experience.

Your child's genetic personality is a constant in the emotional face. Everyone has a personality driven by genetics, which affects behavior. When discussing juvenile problems, a judge friend of my once said, "It's in their genes," she didn't mean "blue jeans!"

Certain behaviors are genetically driven and, when viewed objectively, the child's behaviors mirror other family members. In my own family, my son tends to be a deepthinking introvert and his sister is very out-going and social. Both children were raised in the same environment but have

very different personalities.

#### Stress and your child's emotional face...

Stresses in life also affect a person's behavior. A divorce, death in the family, peer pressure, and school failure affect emotional health. When any of us is under stress we don't think as clearly, and our behavior may be less rational. Be aware that stress will affect your child's learning and school success. When you think about how you react to stress, remember your child reacts to stress, too.

# Emotional intelligence is a different way of being smart.

"It is being able to manage distressing moods well and control impulses. It is remaining hopeful when you have setbacks. It is empathy and social skills," states Daniel Goleman in his book, *Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ*, "A caring adult in a child's life can nurture the development of emotional intelligence ... it can be taught," adds Mr. Goleman.

#### The Physiological Face

Physiology is defined as the processes of living organisms or their parts. In this case, your child's physiological face is affected by the way his brain processes information.

The brain receives information through



its senses:

**Behind the Smiling Faces** 

- eyes [visual]
- ears [auditory]
- touch and muscle movements [kinesthetic]

...then processes it somewhat like a computer. All human brains receive and process information in slightly different ways. Some process information better when they hear it, and some deal better with the information if they see it. Others, kinesthetic learners, process information better through touch and muscles.

To illustrate, Mr. Smith's engine won't start. He is a kinesthetic learner. He would never learn to fix his car by reading a manual or listening to a lecture. He would open up the hood of his car and try to figure out

the problem. Or, he might ask a mechanic to show him how to fix his car.

It is important to understand how your child processes information while learning. Logically, teachers teach the way they learn. It is critical to create a partnership between parents, child, and teacher so the learner has the most opportunities to learn successfully.

#### The intelligence face...

How smart is your child? Einstein believed humans use only 10% of their innate intelligence. If he is correct ... IQ should be considered, but it may be the least measure of a child's abilities. No matter what IQ tests show, every child has tremendous untapped potential.

#### So what does this all mean?

A 5 year old struggles with cutting and pasting as a result of poor fine motor skills. However, at the same time, the child talks in complex sentences using big words. His verbal skills are fantastic.

A 4-year-old child builds great bridges with Legos. However, the same child struggles to learn letters and sounds.

Both of these children are bright. Their parents understand the strengths and

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#### School Days Off at the Lake County Y

Kids Enjoy Fun and Field Trips on Days Off during Winter Breaks



Children ages 6-12 are invited to spend their December Winter Break school days off at the Lake County Y branches where they can enjoy time with friends, swim and discover something new.

December day camp days at the Central Y are scheduled for Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 26-28, Dec 31 and January 2-4. Various activities at the Y and short trips to Funn-Stuff, Splash Lagoon, snow tubing at Brandywine, Atlas Cinemas and Chuck E Cheese are planned. For information on dates of a specific activity planned during Winter Break school days off, contact Elisa Hennies at 440-352-3303.

Lake County East End Y in Madison is hosting School Days Off activities. Winter break day camp activies at the East End Y are scheduled for December 24 - January 4 and January 7. Planned activities include field trips, sports, games, swimming and more. For information on dates of a

specific activity planned during Winter Break school days off, contact Lori Klem at 440-428-5125.

Lake County West End Y in Willoughby is hosting School Days Off activities on Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 26-28, Dec 31 and January 2. Planned activities include field trips, sports, games, swimming and more. For information on dates of a specific activity planned during Winter Break school days off, contact the West End Y at 440-946-1160.

School Days Off are open to everyone, from 9:00am to 4:00pm with extended care from 7-9am and 4-6pm. Registration rates very by YMCA branch and additional discounts are available for muliple children enrolled at the West End Y.

For child registration for the Winter Break Schools Days Off contact the Lake County Y by phone 440-354-5656 or visit www.lakecountvymca.org.

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weaknesses of their children. The parents have the opportunity to be the best advocates and "researchers" for their children as they look for solutions to their child's challenges. And, they are also the best cheerleaders encouraging their child to be persistent and to develop a love of learn-

Everyone has an "emotional face" created by genetics and environment, a

"physiological face" and an "intelligence face." Understanding these "learning faces" of your child will help create limitless opportunities for academic success.

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too stressed can cause them to make bad judgement. It's our job to protect our children, ves, but it's also our responsibility to prepare them. Sheltering is the opposite of exposure, and exposure is what they need sometimes.

My son turned fourteen in the spring, and I have been letting him move our cars in and out of the garage and around the driveway, and even had him back into the driveway from the street. I can do that because I have a large street, and a straight away road where I can see what's coming. He is very good! He is a great listener and has good judgement. He was very nervous at first, but I trusted him. I was trusted; therefore, I trust.

Believe it or not, I was initially that mom who did not support kids getting their driver's licenses before the age of eighteen. When my oldest was a baby, I hoped they would change the law to eighteen years old where I lived so I wouldn't have to worry. But here I am: a 17 with a license and her own vehicle, and a fourteen-yearold driving in parking lots for practice

If you have a teen who is itching to drive, and it's coming to that special time of year when you don't even want to be one the roads yourself, please consider finding the courage (or find someone who has it) to get your child out there in the elements and help them be prepared:

- Get them out on the side street where the roads are not full of other cars, but might be a little snowy or slushy, maybe a parking lot you can drive them to, and let them feel what an antilocking braking system feels like when it locks up, then teach them how to avoid that if possible.
- Teach them that at the beginning and



This is was what it was actually like sometimes when we let her drive, and yes that's Lake Effect Snow."

end of every snowy road, it will take longer to stop.

- Teach them to use the gas pedal as their first braking system opposed to stomping on the brake right away.
- Let them see, in an empty parking lot, how black ice really is sometimes invisible, but very dangerous...let them stop on it (or try).

Exposure opens there eyes to reality. Unless they experience, sometimes they don't believe it. I know this was the case a few times with my kids. Make them educated, safer, more confident drivers. My dad taught me to be both skilled and defensive. Today, at 45, I believe that is what's helped me not mind driving in the snow (okay REALLY like driving in the snow!) because I've been doing it for so long, and I was taught how.

For more common-sense parenting tips and stories, gift giving ideas and holiday photo tips, visit us at www.FamilyMatter-

swithAmber.org.\

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what will show up from year to year, but it's fun to keep your eyes on birdfeeders as most will occur at feeding stations. If you don't have a feeder, come out to Penitentiary Glen Reservation and visit the feeders there.

It may seem odd to hear, but keep your hummingbird feeders up as long as you can. The feeders will not keep hummingbirds from migrating south, but rather provide a food source for wandering birds and birds in need of food. In recent years, we have seen a number of western hummingbirds in the winter, including rufous, Anna's and Allen's hummingbirds.



Winter birding can be an exciting time of year with many good birds around. Whether you check the lake for ducks and gulls, watch feeders for winter finches and western strays, just get out and see what you can find. Who knows—it may help the winter go by faster.



#### FARMPARK DAYTIME TOY WORKSHOP

December 26 through 30 11 am to 3 pm

Workshop fee: \$2 (with paid admission/membership)

The Farmpark Toy Workshop is the place where memories are built! Hours for the workshop, a popular activity during Country Lights, at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, are 11 am to 3 pm December 26 through 30. The fee is \$2 per toy with paid regular Farmpark admission or membership.

During their visit to the workshop, children ages 2 through 12 select a wooden toy to build with Santa's elves, using drills, power screwdrivers, and of course hammer and nails. Kids then paint and decorate their new toy.

Regular Farmpark admission or membership applies. Children under 2 are free. Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland (44094). For more information about Farmpark memberships, visit goto.lakemetroparks.com/farmparkmembership or call (440) 256-2122 or 800-366-3276.

# Candy Land has gone Wild!

Northeast Ohio's "Wildest" holiday tradition thrills visitors another year Penitentiary Glen Nature Center

Open daily through January 1 • noon to 5 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve

Northeast Ohio's "Wildest" holiday tradition, Candy Land has gone WILD!, returns to thrill visitors another year! Visitors become game pieces on the life-sized game board designed like the iconic board game CANDY LAND. As they draw cards and move along the board from space to space, they will embark on a journey through an enchanted display and discover nature's gifts throughout the seasons.

Candy Land has gone Wild! is free for everyone! The game is played inside the Nature Center at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Hours the game is open are noon to 5 pm daily November 17 through January 1, 2019, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve when the exhibit is closed.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd. in Kirtland (44094). For more information about Candy Land Has Gone Wild! visit lakemetroparks.com or call 440-256-1404



#### CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE

Penitentiary Glen Reservation December 21 • 6 to 9 pm Registration required.

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with Lake Metroparks 6 to 9 pm Friday, December 21 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Learn about the history and traditions of the winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It has been celebrated for thousands of years across many cultures. Many modern traditions are derived from this astronomical event.

The program fee of \$5 per person (younger than 2 are free) includes an evening filled with night hikes, roasting marshmallows, sipping apple cider, meeting wildlife, listening to campfire stories and games. Also, play on the popular Candy Land has gone WILD! life-sized board game.

Registration is required. To register, click goto.lakemetroparks.com/solstice2018 or call 440-358-7275.



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Elf on the Library Shelf Dec. 1 through Dec. 22 Main Branch in the Children's Department Find the elf hiding on the library's shelves. Drop by the Children's Department at Main Branch to participate in this fun hide-and-seek game. Children can play daily for a small prize. All ages welcome.

**Deck the Halls Family Story Time** Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m.; at 10 a.m.

Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Families can get together for Mentor Public Library's special seasonal story times. Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and a simple craft. Open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Jingle All the Way Thursdays at 10 a.m., on Dec. 6, 13 and 20, at Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch A delightful series of holiday story times. Enjoy holiday tales, songs and a simple craft each week. Fun for kids of all ages with an adult.

Saturday Crafty Pop-Up Saturdays (except for Dec. 1) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Make a craft to take home. No registration is necessary.

Next Stop Headlands Branch Saturday, Dec. 1, from noon to 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Enjoy a snack and matinee viewing of The Polar Express. Bring a comfy blanket.

Make a Craft Monday, Dec. 3 Main Branch in the Children's Department 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.

**Renovation Celebration** Monday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 6 p.m. Main Branch Patrons can check out the library's new look, enjoy refreshments, and win a prize by completing the Scavenger Hunt through MPL's renovated Main Branch.

Holiday Book Exchange Monday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Anyone can wrap up a book they don't read anymore (or use wrapping supplies at The HUB) to exchange with a stranger. All age groups can participate and get a new book

Coding Club at The HUB Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Learn how to animate drawings and design websites every first Tuesday of the month at The HUB. In this self-paced club, kids earn badges as they reach certain milestones. Earn all the badges to become a Programming Wizard. Participants must bring their own laptop and headphones. An

account at KhanAcademy.org is recommended,



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.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. Meet Julie. 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.

**Craft Night: Mason Gift Jars** Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Come to The HUB on the first Wednesday of the month for a craft and light refreshments. This month, we're creating mason gift jars in time for the holidays.

Be sure to read "Meet Julie" before this program.

Registration is necessary each month.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Time 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.

Family Afternoon Movie Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village 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 eight and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

Picking up STEAM Club Saturday, Dec. 8, 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.

**MakerSpace 101** Monday, Dec. 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor

High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Learn all about the incredible MakerSpace services now available to Mentor Public Library patrons. Take a tour of The HUB's MakerSpace, complete with live demonstrations of its laser engraver, vinyl cutter and more.

**Meet the Mentor Ice Breakers** Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Families can meet players from Mentor's new pro hockey team, the Mentor Ice Breakers. Players will share stories and talk hockey.

**Teen Fandom Club: Movies** Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Geek out at The HUB as we enthuse about our fandoms with lively discussions, crafts, and pizza. This month, we're talking about our favorite books.

Customized Wooden Ornaments Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can use The HUB's laser engraver to make two customized wooden ornaments – one as a gift and one for themselves. Be sure to come with ideas. The kids will also create holiday cards to give to friends and family.

**Books & Yoga:** Animals in Winter Time Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Listen to a children's picture book about animal in winter. Recreate the story through yoga poses. Adult and child participation is welcome. Darlene Kelbach is the yoga instructor.

Harry Potter Yule Ball Wednesday, Dec. 12, at from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Stop by The HUB anytime this evening to enjoy festive crafts and activities with a magical twist. (Some activities available only while supplies last.)

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, Dec. 12, 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.

**Lake Branch Minecraft Club** Saturday, Dec. 15, 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, Dec. 15, 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, Dec. 17, 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.

DIY Stressball Monday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Teens can create their own stressball at The HUB to help them keep calm during finals week

**Kids' Holiday Crafts** Monday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can make a variety of easy crafts like a Christmas tree, Hanukkah menorah and Kwanzaa placemat while learning a bit about world religious traditions.

**Teen Creative Club** Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 4:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Share and discuss your creative creations: artwork, poetry, short stories, acoustic music and photography. Light refreshments. For ages 12 to 18.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 5:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Teens can compete in this monthly video-game tournament. Winner gets the coveted Certificate of Awesomeness.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club Thursday, Dec. 20, 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. Techno Tweens Saturday, Dec. 22, 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.

**Graham Cracker 'Gingerbread' Houses** Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade can decorate their own graham-cracker houses for the holidays. The library will provide everything they need for this festive holiday tradition. Registration is required and opens Dec. 8.

Make a Birdfeeder & Fill It with Treats Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages nine to 14) can make a birdfeeder and fill it with treats for their feathered friends. Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, Dec. 26, 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.

Digital Resources Spotlight Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Want to get the most out of your tablet, computer and smartphone. Learn about all the amazing digital resources – including free eBooks, online classes, streaming music and movies – that you have access to with vour Mentor Public Library card. Happy Noon Year Monday, Dec. 31, at 11:15

p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids (three to 10 years old) can watch the ball drop at noon on New Year's Eve at the library. They can celebrate with music, games, dancing, snacks, and of course, a balloon drop, Come dressed in your best attire and let the fun begin. Registration is required for the party and opens on Dec. 17.

#### **MORLEY LIBRARY**

184 Phelps St. Painesville, OH 44077 (440) 352-3383 www.morleylibrary.org

Kids Scavenger Hunt ~ Saturday, December 1st through Saturday, December 15th 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.

A Celebration of Curious George! Saturday. December 1st ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Families with children ages 12 and under are invited to a morning celebrating Curious George! Play fun games, create a craft, and eniov a snack. No registration needed, just drop into the Story Room on the Children's Floor.

Toddler Playtime ~ Monday December 3rd & Monday, December 17th ~ 10:00 – 10:30 AM Join caregivers and children ages 3 and under for a fun open playtime in the Story Room following Toddler Tales. We provide the toys, you provide the play! Your child will enjoy playing with toys designed to help reach developmental milestones. Caregivers must stay with children in the Story Room. No registration needed.

Family Holiday Cookie Decorating ~ Saturday, December 8th ~ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM We invite families to join us for a fun morning of holiday cookie decorating! Drop in to the basement Meeting Rooms between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to frost and decorate a pre-baked cookie. Then enjoy it here or take it home for a special treat. All supplies provided for free by Morley Library. No registration needed.

**December Baby Craft** ~ Tuesday, December 11th ~ 10:30 – 11:00 AM For babies age 0-2. Enjoy a free half hour art session with baby and create a keepsake for when your little one isn't so little anymore! Come make an adorable penguin footprint on a glass candle holder. Registration is required.

Homeschool Passport: Searching in Sweden ~ Tuesday, December 11th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Calling all homeschoolers ages 6-9! Join us for an adventure through a different country each month. We will learn about the country's culture, traditions, and foods. Each child will receive their own passport, which will be stamped upon entering each country! Registration is required. KIDS CRAFTERNOON! ~ Thursday, December 13th ~ 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a fun, free emoticon reindeer magnet craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

The Polar Express ~ Saturday, December 15th ~ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM All aboard the Polar Express! For children ages 3-8 and their parents. Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with the classic children's movie. The Polar Express. Kids will be decorating cardboard box train cars and watching the movie "drive-in" style, then taking the cars home after the movie. Light snacks will be served. Registration is necessary as space is limited. Registration open. The Construction Zone! ~ Tuesday, December

18th  $\sim 4:00 - 5:30$  PM Drop by the Story Room between 4:00-5:30 PM for The Construction Zone! Build a LEGO creation, test your marble race track skills, or play with fun magnetic toys. All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed. **KIDS CRAFTERNOON!** ~ Thursday, December 27th ~ 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a fun, free DIY crown craft to ring in the New Year or for princesses & princes in training. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Traveling Traditions: New Year's Around the World ~ Saturday, December 29th ~ 11:00 -11:45 AM The American New Year is coming up soon! Every family has different things they do to celebrate but did vou know some cultures have New Year's in a completely different month? We will be making crafts to help celebrate on January 1st while also learning about why some cultures have New Years in February or even during Autumn. There will also be traditional New Year's snacks and games from other cultures as well! For families with children ages 12 and under, and no registration is needed.

Teen Holiday Karaoke Party! - Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30pm. Back by popular demand, it's Teen Karaoke Night -- holiday style! We're pulling out the hippest holiday music for you to showcase your amazing talents! We'll have hot chocolate and cookies too! Please register.

**Drop-in Gaming for Teens & Tweens** – Tuesdays, December 11, 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!

Polymer Holiday Decorations for Teens - Tuesday, December 18, 6:30-8pm. We have plenty of colors and tools to create beautiful ornaments and other holiday decorations with polymer clay! Come to the library for a fun and relaxing winter evening. Registration is required.

#### WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Book Bugs Fridays at 10:00 am: December 7-21 Children, birth up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities and fun! Drop-in! Tales for a Dog First Saturday of every month

@ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 12/1, 1/5, 2/2 Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register

**Lego Club** Second Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm: 12/8, 1/12, 2/9 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

Elf Academy Saturday, December 15 at 2:00 pm Have you ever wanted to be one of Santa's Elves? Children ages 3-10, join us for stories and elf-themed activities to become an official elf. Registration requested.

Family Reads On-the-Go! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours: 12/17 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: 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: 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: 12/18 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested. Make & Take Craft Dec. 26 - January 5 during

open hours Kids 12 and under, stop by, use our supplies, make a craft, take it home! Crafts will change throughout the week.

**Tween Time** (5th-8th grades) Wednesdays @ 2:30 pm: December 5-19 Join us after school for fun activities and socializing! Check the website for weekly themes and information. Registration requested. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: Register for programs beginning the first of the month for the next month.

#### WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**Eastlake Public Library** 36706 Lake Shore Blvd. Eastlake, OH 44095 (440) 942-7880 x. 105 Willoughby Public Library 30 Public Sa. 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

**Holidays Crafts-Miracle on Erie Street!** Stop by for a variety of holiday crafts when you

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come to Historic Downtown Willoughby for the Miracle on Erie St. event! Saturday, December 1. 10 am-2 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 Christmas Craftapolooza Stop by the library to make and take a variety of Christmas themed crafts! Tuesday, Dec. 4, 10 am-8 pm. Willoughby Library, 440-942-3200

Polar Express Drive-In Wear your PJ's as we decorate our own "drive in" train boxes, eat popcorn and watch The Polar Express! Tuesday, Dec 4. 6 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 Teens Make Stuff at the Willoughby Library

Come to the Willoughby Library this summer to create interesting items to take home and use, Ages 11 and up. December Project: Tie Dve. Wednesday, December 5, 3-4 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 Holiday Open House Join us for crafts, games

and entertainment brought to you by Santa himself. All ages welcome! Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880 Homeschool Art Adventures Each month we will explore Art with hands-on activities. Ages 5+ only please. Thursday, December 6, 1:30 or 2:30

**LEGO Club** We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages! Saturday, December 8, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880 Saturday, December 15, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151 Saturday, December 15, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

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, December 8, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

**Dungeons & Dragons** Join us for a 5th edition campaign of Dungeons & Dragons! No experience necessary. Grades 7-12. Ages 12-18. Saturday, December 8, 1:30-4:30 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Library Fun House** Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, December 8, 11 am-12:30 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151 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.

Saturday, December 8, 10 am Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 Wednesday, December 12, 4 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151 Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Family Breakout Adventures Explore our newest program: Breakout EDU at the Willoughby

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Library! This is an educational and fun adventure in clue finding, decoding and mystery solving. Monday, December 10, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

A Dinosaur's Night Before Christmas! Celebrate the holidays with festive dinosaur stories and crafts. All ages welcome! Monday, December 10, 7 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

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, December 13, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Homeschool Technology Each month we will explore different facets of technology. Ages 10+ only please. Thursday, December 13, 1:30 or 3pm Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362 Special Needs LEGO Club This LEGO club is

specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages welcome! Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am-12 pm (Star Wars LEGO club) Willowick Library 440-943-4151 Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

one session) Eastlake Library 440-942-7880 Basement Writers Bring your writing and ideas to share! Give and receive feedback as well as bounce ideas off of your peers. All writing welcome, fanfiction to original works! New to writing? We have prompts. Grades 7-12. Ages 12-18. Monday, Dec. 17, 7-8 pm Willowick Library

Saturday, December 15, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose

440-943-4151 Gingerbread House Decorating Design and construct your own gingerbread house for the holidays! Grades 6-12. Ages 11-18. Tuesday, December 18, 7-8:30 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Video Game Club Come make friends and play our Xbox One and Wii-U! Ages 12-18.

Saturday, December 22, 2-4 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Holiday High Tea: An American Girl Tea Party You're invited to High Tea with an American Girl!

Celebrate the holidays with an American Girl flair. BYOD (Bring Your Own Doll). Finger snacks and tea will be provided. Dress: Tea Attire. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Tales with Tails: Pocket Pets Reading Partners

Animals make reading fun! Our Pocket Pets Reading Partners program helps to promote a love of reading through the animal-human bond. Presented by the Lake Humane Society, children will be assigned a 15 minute reading slot with a featured small animal and handler. Space is limited to children ages 7 and up so register early to book your small furry reading buddy! Thursday, Dec. 27, 4-6 pm. Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Learn and Play Chess Club Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome.

Saturday, December 29, 12-4 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

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#### **NOVEMBER 29** 49th Annual Holiday Lighting Celebration

Get into the holiday spirit and join us for the 49th annual Holiday Lighting Celebration! Festivities kick off at 7 pm. After the lighting ceremony, don't miss the 25th annual Evening Lions Club Christmas Auction in Willoughby City Hall lower level. Proceeds to benefit the Lions Christmas Basket and the Lions' eve care programs. Downtown Willoughby, 1 Public Square, Willoughby.

#### **NOVEMBER 29**

#### Chardon Square Christmas Lighting

Christmas is a special time on the Square, Main Street and the Park are decorated for the holiday with a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, complete with musical entertainment and a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Hot apple cider and ginger snaps are served. The Tree Lighting is held each year on the first Thursday after Thanksgiving. Thurs (6:30 pm)

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#### **NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2** Home for the Holidays Weekend

Join in on the cheer at the most spectacular display of festive feeling in Lake County. Treat your senses to over 45 beautifully bedazzling trees. Find one-of-akind gifts & stocking stuffers from both local Ohio crafters, as well as in our Mistletoe Marketplace. Join a tour of our current exhibits and hear the pleasing Magical Musical Machines from our unique music box display. Get a belly to rival Santa's as you gorge on the tasty food in the fabulous Food Emporium. But don't forget to leave room for dessert & sate your sweet-tooth by browsing the tasty baked goods sale! \$7 admission. To get more information, call: 440-639-2945. www.lakehistory. org. Lake County Historical Society, 415 Riverside Dr. - Painesville

#### **DECEMBER 1** 2018 Harbor Holiday in Fairport Harbor

11:00 am - 6:00 pm Stop in to Finn Hollow Park, located right next to the Finnish Heritage Museum that has been converted to our very own "Whovillage" complete with new cottages and a giant Christmas tree! Families are invited to take pictures, write letters to Santa, and gather around the tree for the lighting

Area organizations, museums, business-

es, churches and schools invite attendees to participate in arts and crafts. Chinese auctions, entertainment, food and activi-

Every year the Grinch climbs the historic Fairport Harbor Lighthouse tower to read the Dr. Seuss classic story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". During the day, the Grinch travels around the Fairport Harbor Village with his dog, Max, stealing gifts to "Fill the Cruiser" for Toys for Tots.

#### **DECEMBER 2**

#### Wildwood Holiday Craft Show

10:00am - 4:00pm Wildwood Cultural Center & Park, 7645 Little Mountain Rd, Mentor. Many wonderful holiday items for sale from over 30 vendors including wreaths and swags, gingerbreads, live greenery, baked goods, ornaments, stockings and much, much more. Purchase live greenery from the Wildwood Garden Club and enjoy holiday music with the Wildwood Singers. Admission \$2

#### **DECEMBER 2**

#### **Sunburst Merry Christmas Pageant**

Event will be held in the Dillard's concourse near the Santa set.

Do you have a beautiful baby? Does your child enjoy being in front of an audience? Do you want to be discovered? Sunburst Model Search and Beauty Pageant are always looking for new faces and will be at Great Lakes Mall on Sunday, December 2nd at 1pm. All finalists chosen and crowned on the day of competition will advance to the state finals. Everyone receives a crown and trophy. Judging is based on beauty and personality. There will be winners chosen from each of ten age divisions and boys are judged separately from girls. Boys age groups 0-23 months and 2-4 years old. Girls age groups under 1 year, 1 years old, 2 & 3 years old, 4-6 years old, 7-10 years old, 11-13 years old, 14-17 years old, 18-27 years old. Contestants may be married or single. To receive information on how to enter, visit www.sunburstbeauty.com or phone 727-258-7053 for information, you may also pick up an entry form in the mall. Don't delay – enter a preliminary now to qualify for one of the most trusted and coveted titles in the USA. shopgreatlakesmall.com

#### **DECEMBER 8**

## **Painesville Township Annual Christmas**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Painesville Township Fire Dept. Join us for the annual Painesville Twp kids Christmas party, there will be pizza, popcorn, face-painting, cookie

decorating, pictures with Santa and more! It's a FRFF event! facebook.com/events/565516017218066/

#### **DECEMBER 9**

#### **Christmas Train and Tov Show**

There will be more than 200 dealers with model trains of all gauges, antique toys, and diecast tovs. Attendees also can watch the operating train layouts in many different scales and dioramas.

Santa Claus will be at the show from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Organizers are asking for a \$5 donation to the Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family for those wishing to take their child's picture with Santa, we ask that you make a \$5.00 donation. Lakeland Community College's Main Gym.

7700 Clocktower Drive in Kirtland. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$15 for families, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for those vounger than 6. The event is also free for active military personnel.

There also will be a toy collection for needy families. Attendees can donate new. in the package (unwrapped), toys, but no stuffed animals.

christmastrainshow.com

#### **DECEMBER 16**

**Holiday Family Skate** 1:30 – 3:30pm Mentor Civic Ice Arena 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Bring the family to the traditional Holiday event. Skate to holiday tunes and visit Santa. Studio rink open for skaters under 8 years old. Cost \$4/\$2 skate rental.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

Snö Year's Eve Party Bring the littles out to the Snö Chalet for an evening of fun and celebration that focuses on families and kids first. Enjoy snow tubing, ice skating, indoor/ outdoor activities, campfire treats, music and dancing from 7pm until 10 pm; then prepare for the countdown with noise makers, confetti, hats and party favors and get ready to ring in the New Year with a bang! The balloons drop at 10:15 pm with a post countdown brunch served until 11 pm. You and your family will have ample time to travel safely home and tuck everyone into bed before midnight. Or, consider taking advantage of state park lodging at the Punderson Manor House, renting a cabin or winter camping and join us for waffles and winter fun on New Year's Day. Your holiday memories are waiting to be made here at the Snö Châlet. Advanced reservations required. Snö Châlet at Punderson State Park 440-773-2520 • sno-chalet.com

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## Soccer 101 January 5th

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Targeted at kids ages 6-9, Soccer 101 includes both soccer foot skills training with small-sided soccer games.

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