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Sledding at Hidden Valley Park
Photo: Jim Marquardt

SLED SAFE

Don't sled in parking areas, roadways, rivers or lakes. Always ride sitting and facing forward (going down head first increases the chance of head and spinal injuries). Sledding equipment should be in good repair without sharp edges. Avoid "jumps" that send a rider airborne—the higher they fly, the harder they fall. The building of such "jumps" is a violation of Park Rule 5.1(e) and the offender can be cited. Watch for other sledders and walk up the side when returning to the top of the hill.

Enjoy sledding at four hills throughout Lake Metroparks:

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- Chapin Forest Reservation**
10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland
Small hill used primarily by cross-country skiers to practice control skills
- Hidden Valley Park**
4880 Klasen Rd., Madison Twp.
Moderate sledding hill located next to parking lot
- Riverview Park**
4895 Bailey Rd., Madison Twp.
Hill steeper than Hidden Valley hill—located next to the parking lot

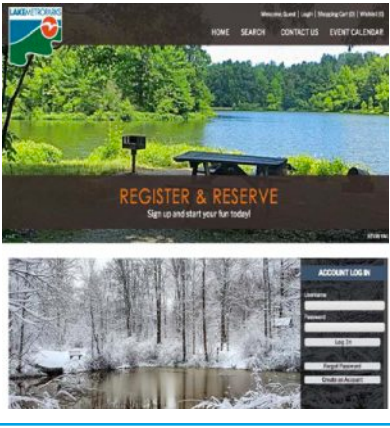
ART IN NATURE DAY
Environmental Learning Center
February 17 • noon to 4 pm

Come discover and be creative with nature at the Environmental Learning Center with Lake Metroparks this Presidents' Day. Enjoy hands-on activities that you can explore at your own pace. Have you ever wanted to capture a moment in nature? Enjoy some hands-on art activities focused on what you find in nature. Be creative and work together to paint a nature scene on our communal mural. Snowshoes will be available, weather permitting. Art in Nature Day will be held noon to 4 pm at the Environmental Learning Center. The event is free for all ages. No registration is required. For more information visit <https://goto.lakemetroparks.com/art-in-nature-day>. The Environmental Learning Center is located at 7250 Alexander Road in Concord Twp. (44077).

Lake Metroparks has a new registration system

Registration for programs listed in the Spring 2020 Parks Plus! is now open for Lake County residents. Out-of-county customers may register beginning February 3. Farmpark members outside Lake County may register for Farmpark programs now. To register, visit lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275.

NOTE: Lake Metroparks has a new registration system that requires all customers to create a new account login, username and password in order to access program registration, facility/shelter reservations and Farmpark membership purchases. To create a new account, visit <http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/new-registration-account-setup>. During the account setup process, you will need to enter each family member you anticipate registering for any program, current or future. If you have had a Farmpark membership within the past three years or have a facility with Lake Metroparks in 2020, an account was established for you. **If you need assistance, please call the Registration & Visitor Services Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 440-358-7275.**



Discover Fit Learning

Fit Learning began as part of the University of Nevada Reno in 1998 and has been operating in the private sector since 2004. There are now 31 locations in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. We are actively engaged in research on science-based approaches to education and have included our Company Vita and outcome data obtained from learners enrolled at Fit Learning labs.

Our evidence-based approach is based on the science of learning, and we provide academic intervention to meet the needs of a variety of learners. Specifically, we specialize in the design and implementation of educational programs for individuals with learning disorders in reading and mathematics, as well as individuals with impairments in written and expressive language. We also have the capacity to work with neurotypical learners, gifted and talented students, and students who present with gaps between aptitude and achievement.

The Fit Learning model includes the use of evidence-based curriculum; however, our position is that evidence-based curricula are only the first step. In our model, each learner serves as her/his own case study, which allows us to assess learn-

ing in real time and make adjustments to the curriculum or process as needed for each learner. In other words, the science of learning that underlies our approach guides how we measure learning, evaluate mastery, and make immediate instructional decisions. Thus, our model is suitable for learners with a variety of presenting problems, including dyslexia, as we can evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching throughout the intervention process.

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St. Gabriel parish is offering a wonderful opportunity this winter that will help enlighten and strengthen faith. Join us in God's Creation on February 15 at Girdled Road Reservation/Skok Meadow to read and reflect on the Gospel of Matthew, Ch. 5, The Challenge of Christianity. There is Mass at 8:30 am at St. Gabriel and then hikers can meet at the park pavilion at 9:30 am. Required registration (no cost) and more details for Holy Hiking can be found on www.St-Gabriel.org or call the parish office 440-352-8282.



Family Matters with Amber

What All Kids Should Learn (Cont'd): #2 Teach Children Communication

I love talking to my son. We have some cool conversations. There's a lot he likes to discuss: science, psychology, music, sports, politics, current events, bad drivers (that last one's on me), things that happen at school and in his relationship. Maybe he doesn't talk to me about everything; his feelings (we're carefully working on), and other topics teens tend to shy away from. But I'm lucky he'll broach most. All in all, *we talk*. At fifteen he has questions, answers and insight. Occasionally his views can be questionable because of his age and lack of experiences, but most often than not he has remarkable perspectives! It's important for him to be able to express those, no matter what they are, and it's important for me to give him the opportunity. So, how'd he learn to communicate? I, and many other adults, had to teach him.

It started early. Reading to him in the womb and talking to him as if he were already outside of it. Then reading to him after birth, even if I wasn't sure he was listening. As my kids grew, I helped them talk by teaching them to read, keeping the television off and saving computers for mostly for education. If they yelled or whined instead of attempting to talk we used the phrase, "Use your words". It's my experience, that if you're parenting small children and they are reaching or making noises for something they want, but have the ability to form some type of word or sound other than 'eh', 'ah' or 'uh'...you should pause. Wait for them to say it or teach them to. Don't be quick to hand them the toy, book, cup, or cell phone (actually, don't hand them the cell phone). Just wait. Say, "Use your words, what do you want?". If they don't know what it is, tell them what it is. Sound out the words with the first letter. At least start there. Repeat this several times until they use more 'talking' and less whining and pointing. I believe those beginning practices worked because by age four I couldn't get him to stop talking.

Two out of three of my children talked early and even though my other was delayed at many things, that didn't stop her

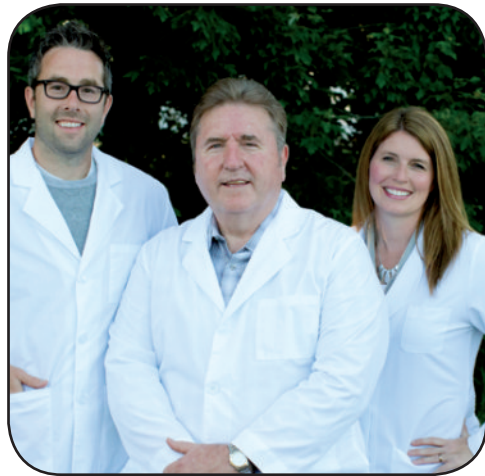
from pursuing some amazing goals (and achieving them), and now also talks a lot! I approached all three kids the same way. Knowing that if something didn't work with one that worked for the other, we'd try something else or get help. There will be certain cases where some children might not be able to form the sounds needed to begin learning how to say a word, and they might never. That's where other ways to communicate can be taught. One is sign language. Even if the child will eventually become a speaker, it's never too early or a bad idea to teach them sign. Think about it. When we're happy we smile, if we're super excited we sometimes clap. Babies learn to do the same! When a child wants more, they often point in the beginning. I suggest teaching them how to sign the word 'more', repeat the sound 'mmm' and say 'mmmmore' over and over. In school, teachers often use flashcards to have children pick what they're feeling, doing or wanting. That's a form of communication for a child! Everyone needs to feel they are being heard and their feelings and needs are being acknowledged. If they don't find ways to express themselves, I believe they'll struggle emotionally.

Once children get older, it's time to talk to them using bigger words as well as help them talk to others. Manners are easy to implement; please and thank you (again being patient at home with them, repeating what you want them to say, implement signing). Also asking age appropriate questions they can answer will help them learn to ask questions and learn how to engage in back and forth conversations. This is teaching them social interaction (hence...putting our phones away for both them *and* us).

I believe another way to help kids form language is to play music. Classical music, kid's music. My children loved it. I know some parents are thinking, "UGH". Right. I NEVER thought I'd play children's music. But guess what? I did! Do it, as often as possible. Every car ride was more fun for them. Now that televisions and devices are

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Upcycle Repurpose Contest is Returning as a Feature at the March 7th Home & Lifestyle Expo

A day of ideas and resources for remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle.

Do you have a knack for turning old items into like-new? If so, get creative and showcase your imagination, creativity and talent by entering the Upcycle Repurpose Contest being held during the annual Home & Lifestyle Expo on Saturday, March 7 at Great Lakes Mall and sponsored by Schoolhouse Salvage. The competition was designed to inspire others to enhance their home and lifestyle with items they may already own or would have thrown away. There is no fee to enter and items can be, but are not limited to furniture, accessories/home décor, clothing and jewelry. All entries will be on display during the Expo hours of 10am-6pm. Votes will be cast by Expo attendees and one item will win "Best of the Expo" with a prize of a \$100 gift card. To enter contact Diana Lewis at 440-255-8932 ext. 7726. The deadline to enter is February 21st.

The Expo itself is built around one jam-packed day kicking off at 10am and running until 6pm. The first 300 attendees will receive a free gift bag, with a \$50 gift card in two of the bags! The gift bags will be distributed from a store front close to the entertainment stage which is in front of Macy's. Entertainment is a big part of the Expo with demonstrations to include a 2pm rain barrel painting demonstration with artist and Fine Arts Association Development Director, Yvonne Delgado Thomas, performances from local entertainers and a fashion show at 3pm with models from Leadership Lake County.

A second rain barrel painted by the artist will be up for raffle at the Leadership Lake County exhibit booth



located by the stage. Funds raised will benefit the Junior Leadership Lake County's community service project. The rain barrel itself was donated by Bickford Flavors of Wickliffe and it is a 55 gallon,

3-foot-tall plastic "food grade" drum which makes it safe for use on garden plants. Beautifully painted, the drum can serve its intended purpose as a rain barrel by purchasing a diverter from the local hardware store that connects to the gutter. Additional uses are as a decorative patio table or even converting it into a water fountain. Because it is clear-coated with auto body paint, it is designed to weather the Ohio seasons.

Expo attendees will get ideas, inspiration and practical advice in remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle. Representatives from local companies, remodelers and designers will be onsite to answer questions, provide suggestions and explore ideas for all aspects of home improvement and lifestyle needs.

The Home & Lifestyle Expo is a free event, hosted by the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by many local companies which include premiere sponsor, Generator Pros/Shepp Electric and sponsors A-1 Concrete Leveling of Cleveland-East, Carpet One Mentor, Floor Coverings International, Handouts, Keller Williams Greater Cleveland Northeast - Natalie J. Antosh, Lake County Women's Journal, Leadership Lake County, Mimi Magazine, Mix 97.1/Gold 93.7, Platinum Real Estate, Schoolhouse Salvage, The News-Herald, Vector Technical Inc. and WINT Integrity Radio 101.5 FM/1330 AM.

For more information about the Home & Lifestyle Expo or to register as an exhibitor call Linda Reed at the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce at 440-357-7572.

Winter Hawk. Photo: Al Susinskas



Fun Day: Animal Grossology Penitentiary Glen Reservation February 17 • 10 am to 3 pm FREE Event

Animals have all sorts of adaptations that help them survive in the wild. And some of them are pretty gross! Explore some of these adaptations through a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities at Fun Day Monday on February 17 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Stop by the Nature Center between 10 am and 3 pm and enjoy scavenger hunts, a seasonal nature craft, s'mores, animal programs and much more. Naturalists will be on hand to answer all of your nature-related questions and to help guide you through the day. This event is free for all ages, no registration required.

Inside the Nature Center, visitors can interact with hands-on nature exhibits and displays, watch for wildlife through the "Window on Wildlife" and browse the Nature Store for nature-themed gift ideas, birdfeeders, t-shirts, field guides, toys, children's books and more. Snowshoe Lodge will be open for hot chocolate, coffee and tea.

Outdoors, explore the interactive Nature Play area, rent snowshoes (both weather permitting), meet our wildlife animal ambassadors in the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center yard, and hike on more than 8.5 miles of trails. You can also sign out an Explorer Pack and see what kind of animal adaptations you can discover in the wild!

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open from 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store is open until 4:30 pm.

Join us for the upcoming Fun Day: Wild Animal Babies during spring break on April 10.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland (44094). For more information about Fun Day activities, visit www.lakemetroparks.com and click on events or call 440-256-1404.



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in vehicles, you might wonder why play music when you can keep them quiet? Because...that's just it...they shouldn't be quieted. They need to learn to talk. TV is passive. Most go-to things on our devices that appease kids can also be considered passive activities. Music moves you! Think about what it can do for little minds and feelings.

Good communication starts with knowing the words, but better interaction is also about how the words come out. Teaching this begins with how you speak to your child. Have intention when speaking to children. Being too nice when you meant to be firm, or sounding too cross when you wanted them to listen and trust you, are both ways to fail at teaching them how to communicate. You could ask an elementary schooler or middle schooler (especially your high schooler) this question: "Are you going to wear *that*?" It could come out many different ways on the ears of each of them. The key is to know that respecting them is crucial (read this 2011 blogpost and one of my top read ones: <https://www.familymatterswithamber.org/2011/01/do-kids-deserve-respect.html>). If you ask a question with a facial expression or tone of disgust, you'll most likely knock them

over with disrespect to their individuality. They'll likely be blind-sided into believing that you don't care about them, their personal style or who they are. If you have a brief discussion with them about what they are wearing by **FIRST** asking a NON-ASSUMING/NON-OPINIONATED question it could go much better. Being kind and considerate (as possible) with a loving response will most likely get you much farther. However, it's possible to still tell your daughter to *go take the fishnet stockings off-SMH* (shake my head) because I have done this...but the way you get there can be less of an argument if done right. This approach can open up areas for further conversation.

Now phone conversations. Yes...*talking* on it. Not so common for our kids now a days is it? They have more of an aversion to it than I did as a teen. Many kids will do anything not to have to pick up the phone: "Can't I just *email* them?" or "*Do they text?*" That's not possible sometimes. So getting them on the phone is crucial. Don't do those calls for them! Help them with a little role play, draft a short script, then stand by while they make some of their first phone calls. Repetition will help them become confident at speaking with the public, so let

them make as many calls as you can as long as it involves matters of their own. Do it before they go for their first job interview or volunteer position.

Most of us understand talking on the phone is very different than texting. That's why knowing *how to listen* is critical! When there is no face to face option, being able to listen to and comprehend is necessary. Teaching someone to listen isn't easy when they're ingrained in their ways, ask me how I know. I didn't learn to shut up until I was in my mid-twenties. I can still ramble on now, but for the most part I have changed to become a good listener. I care about people so that helps, but take it from me, please don't wait to teach your child how to listen. There aren't many exceptional conversationalists in the world, but the best have developed excellent listening skills. Think about how many times you've been in line at the store, waiting for a ride, on a plane, in a restaurant or at a children's event...and there's that one person who won't stop talking (mostly about nothing). Not fun. Wait for it. THE only way to teach listening is to become a good listener. Teach the art of question asking, then being quiet. It's tough, especially when we're in a selfie world. But, if you keep practicing with your kids they'll most

likely pick it up and use it with others. This can help them in school, on interviews and job training.

I believe almost anything can be resolved by talking it out. I realize many issues require way more than that, but if two people, parties, or countries can at least come to the table with the ability to interact effectively, that's half the battle and half the solution. Even as adults, we're not perfect. Depending on our upbringing or life experiences, we all could probably use better approaches to communication. The more we improve ourselves the higher chances our children have of becoming more successful. My chatty four-year-old boy who's now fifteen with lots of opinions is dubbed: *A pleasure to have in class and always engaged.*

I'll never be able to cover every detail or how-to tip on every topic this year, but I'll share some of my tried and true favorites. Feel free to suggest resources that work on your parenting journey regarding communication or any other topic related to raising children so we can share them, giving you and your resource credit for the contribution! Parent on! Parent strong! For more resources or to connect with us: www.familymatterswithamber.com / familymatterswithamber@gmail.com.

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WINTER HIKE

Sunday, February 9 • 1 to 4 pm • Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Beat the winter blues, bundle up the family and join us on a winter walk amongst the hemlocks and through the fields of Penitentiary Glen Reservation. The 13th annual Winter Hike will take place on February 9th from 1 to 4 pm. Discover the unique aspects of winter that make spending time outdoors during this frigid season an extraordinary experience.

Choose between a short walk on flat terrain or a longer hike with varying terrain and some small hills. Both hikes will be at a leisurely pace and led by Lake Metroparks naturalists. Hikers wishing to go at their own pace may choose a self-guided hike. Easy-to-follow, weather-proof trail maps are available in the Nature Center. All ages are welcome to participate in the Winter Hike; under 18 with an adult, please.

After the hike gather in the Nature Center to warm up with soup, rolls, cornbread and hot beverages while listening to the acoustic music of local musician Melissa Harvey. Enjoy s'mores by a roaring campfire and up-close encounters with animal ambassadors during animal chats given by our wildlife care team. Stop by the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center to view additional native Ohio wildlife up close.

Hikers are reminded to dress in warm, comfortable layers. Hiking boots or comfortable footwear that are sturdy, warm and water repellent are required as the trails may be snow- and/or mud-covered. A hiking stick can also be a useful tool while navigating the trails.

A hike patch with a separate commemorative year hike patch, soup, beverages,

s'mores and more are all included as part of the registration for Winter Hike. Registration is \$7 for participants ages 9 and up, \$5 for children ages 2 to 8 and free for children under 2. For more information and to register visit www.lakemetroparks.com and click on events or call 440-358-7275. Registration is requested for the Winter Hike.

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Additional natural fun at Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit.

Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife through the Window on Wildlife.

Explore the outdoors with seasonal hands-on activities that help you discover nature in the park.

Walk the trails on snowshoes (Available to rent, weather permitting)

Browse our selection of hiking and other nature-related items in The Nature Store including birdfeeders, wildlife houses and other accessories, binoculars, books and field guides for adults and children, nature-inspired t-shirts and discovery toys.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland

FARMER MONDAY

Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Monday, February 17 • 9 am to 5 pm

Come be a farmer for a day at Lake Metroparks Farmpark during Farmer Monday. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm on Presidents' Day, February 17. Participate in hands-on farm-themed activities including ice cream making and cow milking. Meet all of the baby farm animals including Duncan, the Ayrshire calf. Take a wagon ride, visit the Plant Science Center, discover the power of

the horse, be a junior vet and learn how farmers care for lambs and more

If the snow flies, snowshoes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Regular Farmpark admission or membership applies. Farmpark members and children under 2 get in free. Registration is not required. For more information visit <https://goto.lakemetroparks.com/farmermonday>.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd. (Route 6) in Kirtland (44094).



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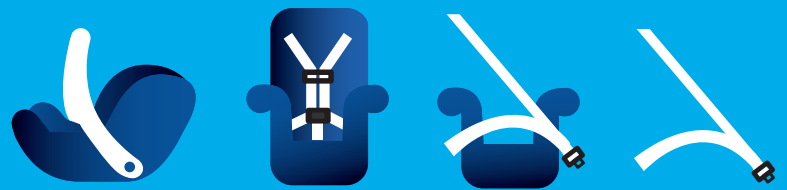
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Yarn (& Fabric) Swap - Start your spring cleaning early! Clear out your yarn, fabric, and craft stash and swap for some new treasures. Sunday, February 2, 2-4 pm.

Cake Walk - Borrow one of our easy-to-use cake pans and bake a delicious creation. Bring it to the library Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm for an old-fashioned cake walk contest! Please sign up at the checkout desk or by phone.

Leap Day Folk Dancing Party - bring the whole family for an international folk dancing party Saturday, February 29 from 3 to 4:30 pm. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

Adult Spelling Bee - Spelling bees aren't just for kids. There are plenty of adults out there who also enjoy beefing up their spelling skills and learning new words. Keep your mental acuity in tip-top shape by participating in a library spelling bee! Join us just for the fun of it or for the challenge on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00 pm. Please sign up at the checkout desk or by phone.

Free Art Class - Local artist, Nancy Brotz, will be teaching a free class on drawing with chalk pastels for teens and adults Thursday, March 26, 6:30-7:30 pm. There is no cost for this class, but registration is required to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. Please sign up at the checkout desk or by phone.

Winter Reading Contest! Earn chances to win prizes for every item you check out between January 6 and February 29. Winners will be drawn Monday, March 2 in multiple age categories.

Special Hours: Fairport Harbor Public Library will be closed on February 17 for Presidents' Day.

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Snappy Little Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch in the Children's Story Room This story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time. There will be songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories all



geared to the little listener. Please note there will be no craft. Open to ages birth to age 5. No registration is necessary.

Pajama Story Time Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Main Branch in the Children's Story Room The library's new story time is a pajama jam! Kids can wear their snuggly pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft and snack. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come and enjoy an interactive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes just right for little listeners. For children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

Storytime Stars Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Children, ages six months to five years, can enjoy stories, music, rhymes and a craft to take home. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children attend without an adult and enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, songs and rhymes. A responsible adult must remain on the children's floor during the story time session. For children ages three to five years old.

Pre-K Pop Party Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Does your little one have some energy to burn? Come to the library's new Pre-K Pop Party. Each week, the library will throw a half hour party, full of music, movement, rhymes, a story, and lots of dancing. For children ages three to five years old. No registration required.

Tyke Time Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Mentor Headlands Branch A weekly, interactive story time for children from six months to four years old at the Mentor Headlands Branch. Kids will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and, perhaps, a craft. An adult must remain with the child during story time. No registration is necessary.

Mother Goose on the Loose Fridays at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room

A 4-week interactive program for children up to 30 months. The program uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process in babies and toddlers. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the beginning of the next session.

Family Story Time Fridays at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday Crafty Pop-Up Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Make a craft to take home. No registration is necessary.

Princess Party Pizzazz Saturday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids of all ages can come to a special tea party with finger sandwiches and several lovely crafts. Feel free to come dressed as your favorite princess. Registration required.

Mixed-Up Valentines Mailers Monday, Feb. 3, to Saturday, Feb. 8 Main Branch in the Children's Department Kids of all ages can help spread Valentine's Day cheer in the Children's Department. Stop in anytime from Feb. 3 through 8 and decorate a valentine. Then address an envelope to yourself and put it in our magic mailbox. The library will mix up the valentines and send them out to other kind kids. Check your own mailbox to see when your mystery valentine will arrive. Open to all ages. No registration required.

Make a Craft Monday, Feb. 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.

Melted Crayon Suncatchers Monday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Kids (ages five through 12) can learn how to use a favorite art supply in a whole new way. Create a

stunning suncatcher with a little help from The HUB's Cricut machine. Registration is required.

Kids Hand Stamped Apron Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 4:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Kids (ages four through 10) can customize their own chef's apron at The HUB. Registration is required.

Comics Club Tuesday, Feb. 4, 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.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. Meet Felicity and Caroline. 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 Felicity" and "Meet Caroline" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Pixel Perfect: Video Game Club Thursday, Feb. 6, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Enjoy an afternoon of gaming with the library's video game club, Pixel Perfect. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U. Kids are also encouraged to bring mobile devices on which to play Minecraft. For kids, ages eight through 12. Registration is required.

Read-a-Thon Kickoff: Pirate & Princess Show Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Families can enjoy a reading show where the books come to life! Mentor Schools Foundation is kicking off its annual Read-a-Thon with a bewitched treasure map, trip around the world, and the magic of imagination. The Pirate & Princess Show is free to attend, and open to all families. Registration is required though. Enjoy the adventure, and then learn how your kids can help raise funds for the Mentor School Foundation, which has given more than \$120,000 in grants to Mentor Schools projects.

Valentine's Day Walk-In Crafts & Cards Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Drop in and make a card and craft for the ones you love, while supplies last.

Paws to Read Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 and 2:30 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids who are able to read independently are invited to practice their reading skills during one of two 30-minute sessions with a licensed therapy dog. Registration is required.

Wooden Valentine Monday, Feb. 10, at 4:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Kids (ages six through 12) can make a unique wooden valentine using The HUB's laser engraver. Registration is required.

Curious Kids Monday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can explore new ideas every month through science

experiments and playful activities. See new things and challenge yourself to be more curious about the world.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, Feb. 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.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch (Tweens and teens (fifth through 12th grade) can opt out of the Valentine's Day hullabaloo and spend the day with friends instead, enjoying crafts, decorating cookies, and sipping punch at the library's party. RSVP required for the party.

We Love Chocolate! Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Daughters bring your fathers or sons bring your mothers for some special time. The library will have a night full of chocolate games and crafts. Open to kids, ages six to 12. Please no younger siblings. Registration is required and begins Jan. 29.

3D Printing Basics Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Learn how to use Mentor Public Library's 3D printer to create everything from cellphone cases to toys to replacement parts for a skateboard. Librarian Mary Pelton will demonstrate the library's printing services and show you where to find cool and free designs to print. By the way, no design experience is required for this class, nor will this class teach computer-aided design.

Valentine Pee-Wee Prom Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids, ages three to six, can dress up and dance, play and craft their heart away. Snacks will also be served. Registration is required and opens Feb. 1.

Let's Go LEGO Club Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Families can drop in and build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Lunch and a Movie Mon., Feb. 17 at noon Main Branch. Special event for families with children 13 and younger. Bring your lunch and blankets and enjoy your day off from school. No registration required.

Studio MPL Art Club Monday, Feb. 17, anytime from 3 to 7 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in second through fifth grade can come in for a fun art project and coordinating, artsy scavenger hunt. Every session will highlight a different artist and their famous works. Walk-in program with no registration required.

Dinner with the Presidents Mon., Feb. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Offsite at Yours Truly in Mentor The library will have a craft and books on the presidents at Yours Truly for the restaurant's annual Dinner with the Presidents.

Cricut Maker Basics Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Learn how to use The

HUB's newest creative technology. The Cricut Maker. Simplify your next project with precision cut or drawn graphics. All ages welcome. Registration is required and opens Feb. 4.

Eggs Hatching at the Library Thursday, Feb. 20, to Saturday, Feb. 29 Main Branch in the Children's Department Beginning Thursday, Feb. 20, families can come up to the children's department to see little chicken eggs that are getting ready to hatch. The library will have an incubator set up and you might even get a chance to see the eggs hatch. Our little friends should arrive by March 9. After hatching, the library will have baby chicks for about a week and then they will move to Chagrin Valley School. So come on up and join us for the excitement!

Firehouse Friends Thursday, Feb. 20, 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.

Dungeons and Dice: Tabletop Adventuring Club Thurs., Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids (ages eight through 12) can join the adventuring party and write their own destiny in the library's new tabletop gaming club. Become a fierce barbarian or powerful wizard. Take on the role of a premade character to explore dungeons, fight monsters, and save kingdoms. Game supplies and character sheets will be provided. Registration is required.

DIY Seed Bead Bracelet Thursday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Kids (ages eight to 12) can design and string their very own seed bead bracelet. Registration required and opens Jan. 30.

Craft & Cocoa Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages nine to 12) can make crafts while enjoying hot cocoa at the library.

Mardi Gras Celebration Monday, Feb. 24, anytime from 3 to 7 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Lake Branch by making a mask, doing a scavenger hunt, creating a beaded necklace and eating pancakes. Walk-in program with no registration required.

DIY Marble Mugs Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 3:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Teens (ages 12 to 18) can make a marble mug using nail polish. Registration required and opens Feb. 11.

Full STEAM Ahead: Math Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room First through fifth graders can enhance their STEAM development with activities involving Art. Registration is required.

Geek Club Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Teens in grades six through 12 can make

buttons with their favorite Marvel characters. They'll also play trivia with the chance to win free comic books. There will be snacks.

Headlands Family Game Night Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Forget how to play chess? Want to learn a new game? Just looking for something to do with the kids on a Wednesday night? Come to the Headlands Branch for a fun evening of board games for all ages. No registration required. Just drop in.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, Feb. 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.

Laser Cut Embroidered Keychain Thursday, Feb. 27, anytime from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Teens (ages 12 to 18) can learn how to craft a laser cut embroidered keychain. Walk-in craft, while supplies last.

Masterpieces at Main: Art Club for Kids Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Kids don't need to paint like Picasso or sculpt like Michelangelo to enjoy the library's new art club. All they need is a desire to learn something new, fun and creative. For kids, ages eight through 12. (In order to fully enjoy this club, the library asks that the children be able to work independently.) Please dress for a mess and registration is required.

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Children's Winter Reading Club Sunday, January 5th through Saturday, February 22nd Kids 12 and under can stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a Winter Reading Log and start reading! The Children's Winter Reading Club will run for 7 weeks. All children who turn in their reading log at least once receive a FREE book! Additionally, for every day that a child reads or is read to for at least 20 minutes, s/he will receive an entry into the prize raffle. Prizes include gift certificates, toys, and a Kindle Fire tablet! Registration is ongoing starting January 5th. Children's Winter Reading is made possible with the generous support of Painesville Rotary.

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The Winter Storytime Session runs for 7 weeks: Monday, January 6th through Friday, February 21st, 2020. Registration has begun.

Toddler Tales - Mondays 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones 3 and under! Child attends with caregiver. No registration needed.

Li'l Explorers - Mondays 10:30 - 11:00 AM Play-based exploration stations geared towards toddlers 3 and under with a caregiver. Explore stations designed to promote early learning and discovery. No registration needed.

Books at Bedtime - Mondays 6:30 - 7:00 PM Pajama storytime while cuddling your favorite stuffed animal for kids 18 months - 5 years old. Child attends with caregiver. No registration needed.

Baby Bookworms - Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM For babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers. Enjoy one-on-one lap time engaging in stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more. 20 minutes of stories, songs, etc. followed by 10 minutes of playtime and caregiver interaction. No registration needed.

Español Plus - Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:00 PM For kids in grades K-3rd. Learn about famous artists, writers, and inventors while exploring Latino culture and the Spanish language through music, art, and snacks! No registration needed.

Music in Motion - Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! Child attends with caregiver. No registration needed.

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N B TWEEN - Wednesdays 4:15 - 5:00 PM For tweens ages 9 - 12. Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens! Have fun with your friends at the library after school! No registration needed.

Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime - Thursdays 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills for kids ages 3-6. Child attends without caregiver. Registration is required. Please choose Thursday OR Friday.

Preschool S.T.E.A.M. Stations - Thursdays 10:30 - 11:00 AM Explore various activities that will build your child's early literacy skills. This drop-in program is designed for children ages 2-6 and their caregivers and takes place in the Project Room on the Children's Floor. Discover how everyday household items can become learning tools for your child. No registration needed.

Parachute Playtime - Thursdays 11 - 11:30 AM A fun-filled 30-minute parachute playtime for walking toddlers through 5 years

old. Child attends with caregiver. Music, rhymes, games, and lots of fun shakin' the 'chute! Drop-in, no registration needed.

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Stories & S.T.E.A.M. - Fridays 4:15 – 5:00 PM Kids ages 6-8 can explore stories and more with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in this fun after-school program. Caregiver must stay in the building but does not attend. Registration is required.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, February 1st through Saturday, February 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.

Noah's Ark Animal Workshop: Build-a-Polar-Bear ~ Saturday, February 1st ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids ages 3-8. You're invited to build your very own polar bear cub to take home and keep! Join us for this Build-A-Bear workshop and storytime. This is a FREE workshop but space is limited to the first 20 kids who register and each child must be accompanied by an adult to assist in the stuffing process. Registration is required and begins on 2 weeks before the program.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! ~ Thurs., Feb, 6th 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a fun, free heart necklace craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

The Magic of Michael Mage ~ Saturday, February 8th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Known as a comedian stuck in a magician's shoes, national award-winning magician Michael Mage incorporates comedy and endless audience participation into this hilarious show. Join us for a family friendly presentation as the audience becomes the highlight of this comedy magic spectacle. No registration needed, all ages welcome.

Homeschool Art Explorers ~ Tuesday, February 11th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM ~ Valentine's Art Calling all homeschoolers age 6-12 years! Do you love art? Join other homeschoolers to discuss art techniques and make some beautiful creations! Please dress for mess as we may be doing some messier projects. Registration is required and opens 2 weeks before each session.

Jiggling Jello! ~ Saturday, February 15th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM This week is National Jello

Week, so let's play with our food! Come and squish jello through your fingers, paint with jello, explode jello, decorate jello and, of course, eat jello! This is a family program and no registration needed.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! ~ Thursday, February 21st ~ 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a fun, free paper lace snowman craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Arctic Adventures ~ Saturday, February 22nd ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM International Polar Bear Day is on February 27th. Come celebrate these wondrous creatures at Morley Library! We will read a story, play games, and make an arctic craft. Be prepared for an exciting adventure in the tundra without ever leaving the library! This program is for families with children 12 and under. No registration needed.

Frog-tastic Leap Day Celebration! ~ Saturday, February 29th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Leap Day only comes around every four years so let's make it memorable! Join us for frog-themed carnival games and crafts geared towards families with children 12 and under. No registration needed.

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Winnie the Pooh Party Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm Children ages birth – 2, join Mrs. D. to celebrate all things Pooh! Enjoy stories, rhymes, and dance with your little one. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and dress up as your favorite character. Registration requested.

Teddy Bear Sleep Over Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Children age 10 and under bring your favorite stuffed animal for stories crafts, food and fun! Then, get your friend ready for bed as they stay for an overnight adventure. Pick up your stuffed animal Wednesday morning 9:00 am to Noon. Registration Required.

Little Beans Story Time Monday, February 3 at 11:00 am Join Miss Linda at CouchLand Coffee House (29933 Euclid Ave.) for books, rhymes, and music perfect for ages 6 and under with an adult. Coffee and food are available for purchase before and after story time. Registration requested, call 440-944-6010.

Young at Heart Story Time Monday, February 17 at 11:00 am For ages 10 and under with an adult, join Miss Linda from the Wickliffe Public Library for an inter-generational story time at Tapestry Senior Living, 28500 Euclid Ave. We'll have stories and songs, a craft and refreshments. Registration requested at 440-944-6010.

Bumbling Bumble Bees Story Time Mondays at 6:30 pm February 3-24 Children ages 3-6 with an adult, join our Children's Librarians for stories, rhymes, songs, activities and more! Registration requested.

Little Ducklings Story Time Wednesdays at 10:00 am, February 5-26 and Thursdays at

6:30 pm, February 5-26 Kids ages birth-6 with an adult, join our Children's Librarians for stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities! Registration requested.

Family Story Time Wednesdays at 6:30 pm February 5-26 Kids ages birth-6 with an adult, enjoy stories, rhymes, dance and a small craft. Registration requested.

Little Readers Fridays at 10:00 am February 7-28 Children ages birth-6 with an adult, join us for stories, activities and fun! Registration requested.

Adventure Travelers Tuesday, February 4th at 3:15 pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, experience the custom, crafts and geography of various states and countries. Registration requested.

Arts & Craft Club Tuesday, February 11th at 3:15 pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade will be making a variety of fun projects and display them at our very own art show in May! Registration requested.

Wild Child Tuesday, February 18th at 3:15 pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade will explore nature themes with hands on activities, crafts, and stories. Registration requested.

STEAM Tuesday, February 25th at 3:15 pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, learn about topics in science, art, math, and engineering. Registration requested.

Tales for a Dog Saturday, February 1st at 9:30 or 10:00 am Readers Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Reading aloud in a non-judgmental environment helps children with confidence and fluency. Pre-register or drop-in.

Lego Club Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 pm Children and families build with us! Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Stop by for some building challenges and fun!

Young Adult Programs: Tween Time Wednesdays at 2:30 pm Children, 5th – 8th grade, join us for fun activities and socializing! Registration requested, call the Library and ask for the Children's Department.

Themes are subject to change, check the website for information:

February 5—Wintertime Bird Feeders

February 12—Candy Game

February 19—Wintertime Coloring Pages

February 26—Reader's Theatre

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Willowick Library Saturday Family Films

Join us for a Saturday matinee at the Willowick Library. Movies begin at 2 pm. Bring your own snacks, blanket and enjoy! Saturday, February 1 – Featured Movie: Aladdin Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Basement Writers Write with us in our creative writing group. Bring your writing and ideas to share. All writing welcome. Positive feedback and fun environment provided. Grades 7-12. Ages 13-18.

Monday, February 3 & 17, 7-8 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

SciPlay! Have a blast with a variety of STEM-related activities, including some inspired by African American scientists and inventors.

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-8 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Teen Art Club Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for art club. We supply the paint/pencils, you supply the genius. Ages 11-18.

Tuesday, February 4, 7-8 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Tween Crafts & More Club Children ages 9-12 are invited to create a variety of different projects together. Register for each class you plan to attend.

Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Adapted Storytime Specifically for children with special needs, this storytime features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment.

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Money Management for Teens Join us with a representative from PNC Bank to discuss money management. Learn tips from a professional! Grades 7-12. Ages 13-18.

Tuesday, February 11, 7-8 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Switch Party for Tweens and Teens Bring your Switch (and favorite game) for a fun-filled hour of competition. If you don't have your own Switch, we have one you can play. Ages 10-18.

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30-8:30 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Tween and Teen Switch Party Enjoy playing Nintendo Switch games with your friends. Ages 10-18 years.

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30-8:30 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Homeschool Travelers Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location & fun activities. Wednesday, February 12, 2:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

All Things Disney Discussion Group for Teens & Adults Join other Disney fan(atic)s to talk about everything Disney-TV shows, movies, theme parks, etc. Ages 12 & up.

Wednesday, February 12, 7-8 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Sewing for Teens Learn to sew a decorative pillow. Library provides the sewing machine, fabric, pillow form and tools needed.

Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Valentine Party Enjoy fun stories, crafts and games to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 pm
Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Gaming Club Make friends and play video games provided by the library. Bring your trading card games to play against others or play a board game. Grades 6-12. Ages 11-18.

Saturday, February 15, 2-4 pm
Willowick Library 440-943-4151

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

Saturday, February 15, 2-3:30 pm
Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Special Needs LEGO Club at Willowick Library meets on the same dates from 10:30 am-12 pm. Saturday, February 15, 1:30-3 pm
Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Saturday, February 22, 2-3:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Cardio-Drumming for Teens and Adults Exercise can be fun! Join Melissa and Melissa from Will-Power Nutrition for an hour of drum sticks, music, movement and fun. Wear comfortable clothing. Space is limited. Ages 13 & up. Tuesday, February 18, 7-8 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Super Sleuth Jr. Book Club Calling all junior detectives! Join us for an all new kids book club. Books will be available for checkout at least 3 weeks before each meeting. Club meet monthly from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Wednesday, February 19, The Case of the
Time-Capsule Bandit by Octavia Spencer

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Homeschool Thursdays Children ages 6-12 will enjoy a variety of different hands-on projects. Space is limited. Thursday, February 20, 1:30-2:30 pm or 3-4 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! Grades K-5. Choose one time slot.

Saturday, February 22, 9:30 and 10 am
Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Homeschool Technology Each month we will explore different facets of technology starting with the very basics. Ages 10 & up.

Monday, February 24, 1:30 or 3 pm
Willowick Library 440-943-4151

Learn and Play Chess Club Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts, including instruction & play, fun and refreshments. This is also a perfect opportunity for Scouts to earn their Chess Merit Badge. All ages and chessboards welcome!

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

LEAPS of Fun Join us at the library for self-paced activities on this extra day of the month. We will have games, crafts and more.

Saturday, February 29, 11:30 am
Willowick Library 440-943-4151



FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1

BRIDAL SHOW

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Calling all brides to be! Join us at Great Lakes Mall for the annual Bridal Show on Saturday, February 1 from 10:00am-5:00pm. For more than 25 years PMA Shows has been bringing brides to the Great Lakes Mall Bridal Show! We invite you to attend, experience, and enjoy the following benefits:

Free Admission, Free Bridal Swag Bag

Free Fashion Show 3:00 pm Macy's Court, Free Weddings in Cleveland Magazine, Free Prizes, Free Food Samples, Cake Tastings & More

With more than 50 local, expert wedding vendors to help you plan your perfect day, you don't want to miss this event. RSVP now via the PMA Shows website (www.pmashows.com) to save yourself time and automatically entering you for the GRAND PRIZE of \$500 to the show vendor of your choice when you check in at the PMA Shows registration table located near the stage in the Macy's Court.

FEBRUARY 1

Geneva Winterfest 2020

Brush off that cabin fever at Winterfest 2020 in Downtown Geneva! The parade steps off at NOON, followed by the annual Chili Cook Off and hot chocolate bar in the Depot Street lot. Don't miss the FREE horse drawn carriage rides and snowmobile showcase.

Meet princesses Anna and Elsa at the Geneva Community Center and participate in the big LEGO build off and the cookie decorating station from 12:30 to 3! Jungle Terry will take the stage from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bounce all you want at the Geneva Recreation Center from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Big Dog Bounce event!

Get free hot chocolate and Dunkin Munchkins from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Geneva Fire Station and listen to the Geneva High School Jazz Band.

Watch ice sculptures take form at the Geneva Rotary Pavilion from noon to 3 p.m. with FREE hot chocolate from the

Geneva Kiwanis Club.

Eat a FREE rigatoni lunch at the Park Street Christian Church from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Purchase wine samples from around the Grand River Valley at the wine bar at Luisa's Mexican Grill - on an outdoor bar MADE OF ICE! ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FEBRUARY 7

Little Princess Dance

Friday, February 7, 7:00 - 9:00pm
Mentor Senior Citizens Center, 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor. A special Valentine's Day Dance just for Fathers and Daughters. Make special memories as you dance the night away. Cost is Resident:\$14 per person. Preregistration is required. Call 440-974-5720.

FEBRUARY 8

Bestie Bash Hearts And Crafts

February 8 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. Find us near Shelby's Sugar Shop in the Great Lakes Mall. Bring your kiddo's (and their besties!) and spend some time together craftin', singin' and dancin' at this super fun KidX event. Best of all it's FREE!

FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 8

Quilts 2020

The 29th annual Quilt Show at Farm-park, displaying works from a juried show of regional quilters. Enjoy beautiful quilted works, including traditional bed quilts, contemporary wall art and apparel. Information about the quilts, including artist name, city and story behind their work is posted on each piece. Mark your calendars for the Quilt Vendor event (Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 1), a jam-packed three days of quilts, demonstrations and shopping for all your quilting needs. Farmpark, 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd. (Rt.6) Kirtland, Ohio 44094

FEBRUARY 10

Wildwood Valentine Hearts Party

Monday, February 10, 4:00 - 5:00pm
Wildwood Cultural Center & Park
7645 Little Mountain Rd, Mentor. Kids ages 4 to 8 years old. Enjoy our awesome heart decorations and make beautiful, funny or cool valentines to

give your family and friends. Come with a friend or make some new ones! Resident: \$6 / Nonresident: \$7 Call 440-974-5735 to register. Free

FEBRUARY 13

Galentine's Sip 'N Shop

February 13 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Find us in the Macy's concourse at the Great Lakes Mall. Grab your gal pals and join us for Galentine's Sip 'N Shop! With your ticket, enjoy 4 samples of local wines (in your complimentary stemless wine glass) as well as mocktails, small bites and sweet treats, pampering sessions, fashion, prizes and more! Find us outside the Macy's concourse at Great Lakes Mall!

Tickets are \$10 + fee if purchased in advance here or \$15 at the door (cash only at the door). Proceeds benefit the United Way of Lake County. Must be 21 years or older to participate. Tickets can also be purchased at the mall office Monday-Friday between 8:00am-5:00pm for \$10 in advance when paying by cash.

FEBRUARY 17

Cool Blades Skate Camp

Monday, February 17, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Mentor Civic Ice Arena, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Kids are off school, so bring them to have fun at the Cool Blades Skate Camp. This one-day camp is jam packed with skating and other fun activities. Ages 5 to 13. Cost: Residents \$40/Nonresidents \$45. Preregister 2 weeks in advance and save \$5. Register by calling 440-974-5730.

SAVE THE DATE!
22ND ANNUAL KIDS SHOW
Saturday, March 28 - 10am-6pm and
Sunday, March 29 - 12pm-5pm
WHERE: Great Lakes Mall, 7850
Mentor Avenue, Mentor
FEE: Free
SHOW PRODUCER: ProMark
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www.KidShowInfo.com or
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