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# Family Matters with Amber

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## How One Conversation Can Change Everything

I'm excited for another month of County Kids! Since Covid, we're not as frequent, so I'm always happy for another column request. I love writing for you all and appreciate being able to reflect and share. Thanks for the emails, texts, and calls when you enjoy something you've read or when you haven't seen Family Matters with Amber in a while. I appreciate you!

Most know in May my youngest has turned 18 and graduated high school, and my girls are on their own (as I write this, they turned 25 and 21). Initially, this month's column was to be about how nobody tells you what it's like to walk smack dab into a wall called "Empty Nest". I'll still write about that because it's important, especially for mamas, but sometimes a single conversation causes me to change topics mid-stream, so instead I'm writing about something else some parent/s out there might need to hear today.

I network often as part of operating my editing/writing business. Recently I had a conversation with someone on the east coast. On our first call, we connected well, mainly about business, my ADHD diagnosis, and women's health. During our second call, I learned about her upbringing, family, and home life. Her mom is a single



mother of three, like me. My new Zoom friend in Cali is kind, intelligent, caring, hardworking, and down to earth. I could tell she was raised in a way that reflected her mom and the example she must have set. I respect her mom for that, I know it's not an easy road alone, and I said I felt her mom did a wonderful job raising her. She admitted it was not easy for her mom, and her mom did struggle, but she didn't hide it from her and her siblings. She explained how much she appreciated her mother's transparency, honesty, and willingness to allow the kids to see her as 'not perfect'. She appreciated how it allowed their relationship to become deeper and more genuine and helped her and her brothers not feel pressured to be perfect. My new friend then said, "I think that's why I connect with and respect you so much, you're

a lot like my mom". Wow! I was honored she felt that way! That was a compliment.

I'm there for my kids and tried being the perfect mom. As parents, we'd like to paint a picture-perfect facade and think we should always be strong; the one to support, provide, and protect. But there's times I've lost my cool or haven't been on my game. I've had my troubles; I've broken down, checked out, messed up, let someone down, cried and had to apologize. Those times weren't pretty. I wasn't pretty. I messed up, yes, but my kids were told the truth, not blamed, or left wondering if they'd done something wrong. My three most major and unforgettable mess-ups were met by each of my children in the following ways...

When my oldest was 12 she watched me struggle; *I felt like a failure*. She said, "Mommy, it's okayyyyy", as she patted my back and handed me a tissue, "you don't have to be perfect...or else we would think we have to be perfect too, and that's impossible". After that night she would leave encouraging rainbow sticky notes and sometimes include a candy bar. When my middle was 16, she knelt by me as I apologized for screwing up big time, and said, "It's okay Mama, it's a lesson learned right? We all make mistakes, but we learn from them, you will learn from this one, it will be okay, we love you". My son had this response at 17, "It's okay Mom, we all have our moments, you can't be perfect all the time, and I know you love me, everything worked out fine"...with a hand reaching for mine, "now go do the things you love-cook, put on the football game, music or a movie, and get ready for tomorrow... and thank you". *THANK YOU?* Through tears, "FOR WHAT Buddy!?! I just let you down!" His response, "You've always been there for me growing up, coming to all my games, driving me to practices and everywhere else, getting me through school, and finding me the right health care help, and supporting me when I need it". My kids were graceful, loving, forgiving, sup-

WELCOME AUTUMN  
 Roses are red. Apples are, too. I'm so glad to spend the day with you!

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**Celebrate the Holidays at the LCHC**  
 More information and events listed at [lakehistorycenter.org](http://lakehistorycenter.org) or 440-639-2945  
**Candy Cane Cottage Memories with WRJSL**

Anyone who shopped at Carlisle's department store in Downtown Painesville during the 1980s will surely remember the Candy Cane Cottage! This year we are recreating parts of the Candy Cane Cottage that was sponsored by the Western Reserve Junior Service League. We will have a talking tree and mouse houses. Along with other specially decorated rooms, Santa's workshop, Fantasy Land, Enchanted Forest and Santa room. Open during special events and visiting hours in December 2022.

**Holiday Tea** — November 19 at 2 pm  
**Breakfast or Lunch with Santa** — December 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 9, 11, 1  
**Deck the Halls Open House** — December 2 & 3 11 am - 6 pm  
 Special Guest and events during these days.  
**Museum Visiting Hours** — December 6 - 21 Tues - Fri  
 from 10 am - 4 pm

**LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER**

**Ohio Arts COUNCIL**



# Fun For Fall

## WILLOUGHBY HILLS 2022 FALL RECREATION EVENTS

**Fall Craft Show at the Community Center** October 8 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Stop by for unique finds; start your Christmas shopping

**Halloween Party at the Community Center** October 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Games, treats and a costume contest!

**Photo Contest Start** taking your photos Photos due: October 30;

Winner announced at the reception on November 11 from 7:00-9:00 PM

**Letters to Santa** November 25 through

December 17. Santa is waiting for letters from the children of Willoughby Hills, don't let him down. Drop boxes will be located at City Hall, the Community Center and the Police Substation

**Winter Fest and Christmas Card Lane**

December 4 from 5:00-6:30 PM. A great event to kick off the holiday season

**Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus and the Santa Shop**

December 10 from 8:30-11:45 AM. Let Santa know what you want for Christmas (reservation required for breakfast)

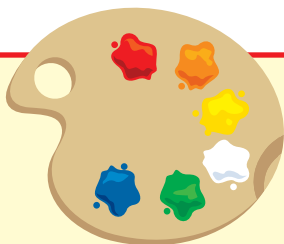
**Holiday Lights Contest Show** off your Willoughby Hills light display December TBA

**Santa's Traveling Light Parade** Keep an eye out for Santa, as he makes his way through the streets of Willoughby Hills December 12-15 (Stay tuned for route information)

Sign up to receive city alerts and the weekly newsletter, by emailing:  
[newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)

For updates and reminders, like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WilloughbyHillsREC](https://www.facebook.com/WilloughbyHillsREC)  
For more information contact Diana Parker, Recreation Coordinator (440) 975-3540 or  
Email: [recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)

Also, if anyone would like to get involved in volunteering opportunities at our events, please email: [recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)



## Calling All Artists!

The Fair Housing Resource Center Inc. ("FHRC") is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that offers several housing programs to benefit residents of Northeast, Ohio. FHRC's mission is to promote equal housing opportunities for all persons and to advocate for fair housing and diversity in Lake County and the surrounding communities through the education and involvement of the public, the governments, and the business community.

To celebrate Fair Housing, FHRC is sponsoring a poster contest. We ask that students create a poster that can be used to promote this year's theme of "Unity and Diversity."

The poster contest is open to all middle or high school students within the tri-county area of Lake, Ashtabula, and Geauga Counties. The first-place winner will be awarded a \$150.00 cash prize, 2nd Place winner \$75.00, and 3rd Place winner \$50.00. All entries will be judged on their artistry, creativity, originality, and their ability to communicate a clear and positive message about our "Unity and Diversity" theme. Posters are due to be turned in to FHRC at 1100 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH 44077 by 5:00 p.m. November 16, 2022. For contest guidelines and more information visit [www.fhrc.org](http://www.fhrc.org).

WILLOUGHBY HILLS  
*Fall Craft Show*  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8  
9AM-3PM | 35400 Chardon Road

Over 70 vendors with unique, handmade items on both levels of the Community Center. Raffles & refreshments too!

*Great gifts & goodies from local artisans.*

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Save the Date!

## WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE LIBRARY HALLOWEEN FUN



### HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Join us for a fun storytime with spooky stories and crafts.  
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 pm  
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200



### HALLOWEEN BASH WITH TURTLE DANCE MUSIC

Enjoy from home or watch the live event at the library! Turtle Dance Music will present their Spooky Halloween Show which engages children with comedy, singing, a monster mash dance party and more! After the show, kids can make crafts.

Wednesday, October 26, 1 pm  
Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362



Visit us at [we247.org](http://we247.org) and register today!



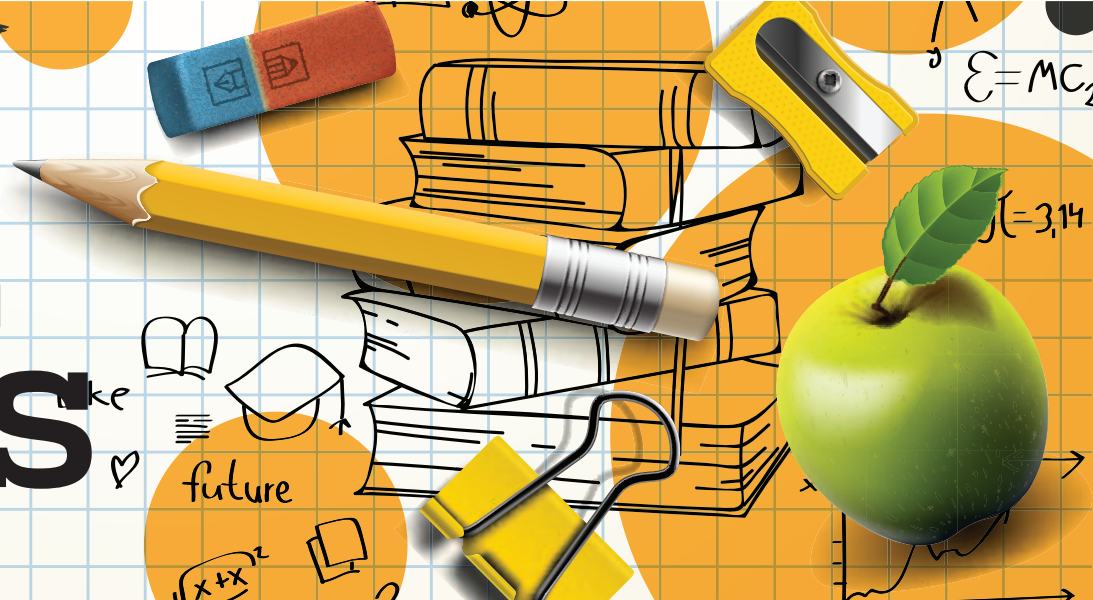
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# A Look at Area PRIVATE SCHOOLS



## Notre Dame Elementary and Middle Schools

On the 450-acre campus of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Elementary and Middle Schools, as well as, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, educate over 1100 students in preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Notre Dame Elementary has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and recognized twice with the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research.

We are excited to announce the restructuring of our school to include a middle school. Notre Dame Middle School features dedicated space for our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The middle school curriculum rigorously prepares our students to be successful in high school and offers honors classes in all three grades in ELA and math. Enriched learning opportunities are offered in academic core classes, as well as the special classes, to offer a rich and wide variety of learning experiences. Notre Dame Elementary and Middle



Schools provide a strong foundation for students to pursue their dreams, achieve academic excellence, realize their full potential, and help them to make a transformational difference in the world. Contact Barbara Williams in Admissions at (440) 279-1129 to schedule a tour or shadow day.

## 3 Tips to Boost Your Children's Self-Esteem This School Year

(Family Features) While packing bags and backpacks for school, there's one essential that may be overlooked: Children's self-esteem. Although many children may feel confident and self-assured at home, they can feel differently in the classroom. When children have high self-esteem, they're less likely to reflect negative feelings toward others.

"If children can treat themselves kindly, they'll treat others that way," said Carter Peters from KinderCare Learning Centers' education team. "When children feel encouraged, supported and loved, they are able to give those feelings to others."

### Consider these three tips to boost your children's self-esteem.

**Be Your Children's Cheerleader.** When praising or complimenting children for their achievements, be specific and include affirmation for positive character traits, such as "You were so kind to help Ms. Delmar take her recycling out" or "I'm proud of you for seeing she needed help and offering it." Being specific with



your compliments reinforces the idea that your children are kind and helpful. Eventually, they'll offer others the same positive affirmations and be less likely to look to outside influences to define their sense of self.

"When children have high self-esteem and self-worth, they know when someone's opinion of them is untrue," Peters said. "Children with high self-esteem become adults capable of believing in themselves."

**Give Children Space to Safely Express Their Emotions.** While it's important to intentionally connect with your children

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## Our Shepherd Lutheran School

508 Mentor Avenue, Painesville  
(Across from Lake Erie College)  
(440) 357-7776

[www.oslpainesville.org](http://www.oslpainesville.org)

Joyfully serving the communities of Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula for four decades, Our Shepherd Lutheran School's highly-educated and caring staff engages students with new and innovative programs, ideas, instruction, and hands-on learning while remaining dedicated

to the faith formation of students in a loving, Christ-centered environment.

They are a private kindergarten through eighth grade Christian school located across the street from Lake Erie College and housed in the Zion Lutheran Church campus. A low teacher-student ratio means greater focus on individual student's needs.

They are nationally accredited by National Lutheran School Association (NLSA) and recognized by the Ohio

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Department of Education (ODE). They feature full-day, five-day kindergarten; weekly STEAM programs; computer technology with robotics, iPads, Chromebooks, and a dedicated computer lab; Smartboards in the classrooms; science lab; middle school enrichment program; and an enhanced library/media center.

Email [admissions@ospainesville.org](mailto:admissions@ospainesville.org) for more information.



**Please join us for our free community Fall Fest event on Thursday, October 13th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be face painting, a bake sale, hot and cold cider, food trucks, a pumpkin carving contest, games for the kids and more!**

## Gilmour Academy

As an independent and Catholic school, Gilmour Academy is uniquely able to develop both the minds and hearts of its students.

Gilmour's identity as an independent school reflects a commitment to rigorous academic programming, smaller class sizes and a variety of real-world learning opportunities. This personalized education allows students to tailor their experience to their interests. They have opportunities such as AP courses; electives ranging from molecular genetics to web development, and set design to digital music; semester-long internships in research labs; or the chance to develop their own concentrated set of experiences and coursework around one of five VECTOR themes.

Gilmour's nature-based learning program includes opportunities for students in all three divisions. The school's 144-acre campus now features a chicken coop, greenhouse, an apiary, Giving Gardens and an outdoor learning pavilion, and environmental science coursework and sustainability initiatives have been added to the curriculum.

The Lorraine and Bill Doderer Center for Performing Arts, which opened in



March 2020, features a main stage theater, studio theater, practice rooms and exhibition spaces. This state-of-the-art facility is utilized to advance student engagement and expression through the arts.

Gilmour's unique combination of offerings allows each student to discover their passions within a rigorous academic setting that calls for students to write more, articulate better and develop their ideas further.

Gilmour's Catholic identity means students are learning in an environment that is inclusive, thought-provoking and rooted in the Holy Cross tradition. Gilmour empowers students of all faiths and

all ages to ask tough questions, think critically and grow spiritually. This gives them the strength to see how they can make a difference in the world.

Through its comprehensive curriculum, faith-based tradition, commitment to service and emphasis on leadership, Gilmour educates the whole person. A Gilmour graduate emerges with an understanding that they have both the talent and the responsibility to make the world a better place. At Gilmour, students from 18 months to 18 years do more than succeed - they thrive.

Gilmour Academy is located at 34001 Cedar Road, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040 (440) 473-8000 [www.gilmour.org/](http://www.gilmour.org/)



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## Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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VASJ welcomes any student who would like to find meaning in Catholic traditions and has a sincere desire to develop a closer relationship with God as lived through the teachings of St. Angela Merici and Blessed Father William Joseph Chaminade.

**Learn more about VASJ by attending one of our upcoming Open Houses:**

**Sunday, October 9, 2022 • 1-3 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022 • 6-8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 • 6-8 p.m.**

For more information, visit [vasj.com/admissions](http://vasj.com/admissions). Go Vikings!

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one-on-one, it's equally important to give them space to come to you for help. Let them know you notice when they don't seem like themselves but try not to push them to share before they're ready.

You can talk with your children about the ways they can communicate with you, aside from one-on-one conversations. If they find it easier to communicate their feelings through writing, you can go to the store together to pick out a journal. Children who are not yet proficient writers may prefer to draw pictures about their feelings. No matter the method, be sure to make time to check in with your children.

Teach Emotional Literacy and Replacement Skill Behavior. You can help your children move beyond comprehension of basic emotions - happy, sad, mad - and toward an understanding of more nuanced emotions. When children can identify their feelings, they're closer to developing healthy responses.



Commonly labeled "bad behaviors" are often young children's way of communicating something is wrong, so they may need help identifying the emotion driving their actions. It's important for children to understand that while their feelings are acceptable, their behavior may not be. That's where replacement skills - acceptable ways to express emotions - come in. For example, try saying "It's OK to be mad. It's not OK to hit other people. When you're mad, you can hit a pillow."

For more tips to help boost children's self-esteem, visit [kindercare.com](http://kindercare.com).



At this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our school, our churches, our community, our students, our families, and our teachers and staff that together make Our Shepherd Lutheran School an exciting and inspiring educational experience!

Our Shepherd continues to serve kindergarten through eighth grade students and families in Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties with academic excellence built on the foundation of Christ!

High academic standards, low student-to-teacher ratios, and innovative teaching platforms provide students exceptional learning as well as life skills.



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**OCTOBER 30, OPEN HOUSE GRADES 7-12**  
RSVP at [gilmour.org/openhouse](http://gilmour.org/openhouse)



## NEW: Nature Game Day

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sunday, October 2 • noon to 4 pm • FREE event

What do dragonflies eat? Do you know Ohio's state bird? Test your nature knowledge at Lake Metroparks's Nature Game Day, a new event filled with games that are fun for the whole family! From trivia to easy physical challenges, see if you have what it takes to be a true nature expert! Lake Metroparks will host Nature Game Day event on Sunday, October 2 from 12-4 pm at Penitentiary Glen Reservation.

In addition to nature discovery through games and trivia, miniature steam train rides will be offered courtesy of the Lake Shore Live Steamers from 1 to 3 pm. Trains are weather dependent and do not run for safety reasons in inclement weather or poor weather-related conditions. Note: For safety reasons, pregnant women are not permitted to ride the trains. All children must be able to sit in their own designated seat, lap sitting is not permitted. Train departure is within the hour.

Additional information about Nature

Game Day can be found at <https://goto.lakemetroparks.com/nature-game-day>.

Other activities to enjoy at Penitentiary Glen Reservation: hike more than eight miles of scenic trails, and interact with nature in Nature Play, a children's outdoor wild play space. Discover the wild-life found in fields, wetlands and forests through the interactive play in the Life Cycle Secrets exhibit at the Nature Center. Check out the Lake Metroparks Fall Art Show, Harvest: An Introspective, on display from 9 am to 5 pm through October 9. Browse the nature-themed gifts at The Nature Store including nature-related toys, children's books, bird feeders, t-shirts, field guides and more. Snacks are also available for purchase. Nature Play will be open, weather permitting. The Nature Center is open from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

Admission is free for all ages. Registration is not required.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland (44094).



This fall, discover what goes into the harvest and gain a new appreciation for farming through hands-on activities and demonstrations on themed weekends at Lake Metroparks Farmpark.

### Apple Butter & Cider Weekend - October 1 & 2

Discover how apple butter and cider are made and sample a variety of apples, apple cider and Farmpark's own apple butter.

### Corn & Pumpkin Weekends - October 8 & 9 and 15 & 16

Participate in a range of family-friendly activities centered around the fall crops including pumpkin bowling and painting, corn doll making and a three-acre corn maze.



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## MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Main Library

8215 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-8811

### Mentor-on-the-Lake

5642 Andrews Rd.  
Mentor-on-the-Lake 44060  
(440) 257-2512

### Headlands

4669 Corduroy Rd. Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2000

[www.mentor.lib.oh.us](http://www.mentor.lib.oh.us)

*Our library programs are hosted in-person at one of our branches, unless indicated otherwise. When registration is required, you can sign up by calling the library or at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org).*

**Inktober** All October Lake Branch Join Mentor Public Library for a month-long celebration of drawing! The library will have sketchbooks and a daily list of prompts to help everyone get started at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. The library will also have books that patrons can check out on drawing techniques. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate. After Inktober, everyone is invited to a gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at MPL's Headlands Branch to share their drawings. No registration required.

**Haunted Houses: Ozobot Escape** Monday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) will work as a team to design their own haunted houses. Then they'll see if they can create an escape route for their team's ozobot. Ozobots are robots that can teach children the basics of coding through creative play. Registration required.

**Halloween T-Shirts** Tuesdays, Oct. 4 & 11, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages four to 12) can celebrate Halloween by customizing a shirt using The HUB's makerspace equipment. Please bring your own shirt. Registration is required. The library is hosting two sessions of this craft to make room for as many people as possible. Only register for one.

**Studio MPL Art Club** Wednesday, Oct. 5, walk in from 4 to 6 p.m. Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can come to the library's Lake Branch for a fun art project. Dress for a mess! No registration required.

**Yoga Kids** Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages three to six) along with their grownup are invited to stretch their minds and bodies during this special yoga story time. Yoga Instructor Darlene Kelbach will lead everyone through breathing and movement exercises, all put together with a story and music. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel for both child and adult. Registration is required.

**Pixel Perfect Video Game Club** Thursday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch The library's newest videogame club Pixel Perfect combines the best of MPL Arcade

# Welcome to your Library



and its Minecraft Club! Kids can enjoy age-appropriate games on Switch and Wii U. They're also encouraged to bring along mobile devices to play Minecraft on. Registration required.

**A Boo-tiful night** Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Enjoy a family Halloween movie outdoors at MPL's Main Library. The library will provide popcorn and hot chocolate. Bring your blankets and chairs. Costumes are encouraged.

**Jr. Pinterest** Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Each month, kids in second through fifth grade can make a new craft creation inspired by Pinterest. Registration required.

**Flashlight Fun** Thursday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages three to five) can enjoy a special story time where the library dims the lights and shares stories specifically designed for reading with a flashlight. They'll also play a flashlight game or two to add to the fun. Registration required.

**Candy Factory STEM** Friday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. Lake Branch Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can visit the library's candy lab and conduct simple candy experiments with chocolate, gum drops, and more. Registration required.

**Dungeons & Dice Club** Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can join an adventuring party and write their own destiny in the library's new tabletop gaming club. Become a fierce barbarian or powerful wizard. Take on a premade character to explore dungeons, fight monsters and save kingdoms. Game supplies and character sheets will be provided. Registration required.

**Halloween Glow Bingo** Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Kids (five to 11) can play a classic game with a Halloween twist – glow-in-the-dark bingo! Participants are encouraged to wear white or black-light reactive clothing. Registration required. Families are asked to sign up together if they are attending as a group.

**Halloween Door Signs** Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Teens (and adults) are invited spend an evening assembling, painting and decorating a wooden door sign that's perfect for Halloween. Registration required.

**Super Smash Bros Ultimate** Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Teens (sixth through 12th grade) can test their gaming skills or find that extra player for their party at the Lake Branch's Video Game Club. This month, they'll play Super Smash Bros Ultimate. Registration required.

**BUILD Club** Thursday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (kindergarten through fifth grade) can enjoy the library's BUILD Club. Kids provide the creativity and the library provides the building materials and a different theme or challenge each month.

**Monster Mash: Create Your Own Halloween Themed Trading Card** Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages seven to 12) can create Halloween-themed trading cards using watercolors and enjoy spook-tacular treats. Costumes are welcome but, remember, you'll be painting. Registration is required.

**Preschool Dance Party: Ghostly Gala** Monday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages two to six) can grab their costumes and boogie! Enjoy an afternoon of dancing, moving and grooving. Registration required.

**Hocus Pocus 2** Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Children (ages five to 12) can enjoy crafts, activities and treats based on the popular Halloween film. Costumes are optional. Registration required.

**Cooking with Kim** Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Learn some basic cooking techniques and make simple no-cook snacks. Open to kids, ages eight to 12. Registration required.

**Pumpkin Painting** Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids can paint

a spook-tacular pumpkin of their own! Registration required.

**Halloween Cookie Decorating for Teens** Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens (seventh through 12th grade) can decorate some ghoulishly good cookies. Costumes welcome. Registration required.

**Trick or Treating at the Library** Monday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Main Branch Children can don their costumes and trick-or-treat through the library. No registration required.

## WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Eastlake Public Library

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

### Willoughby Public Library

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

### Willowick Public Library

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

### Willoughby Hills Public Library

35400 Chardon Rd.  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3362  
[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

### October Two-Sentence Horror Story

**Contest** Starting October 1, write and submit your own two-sentence tale of horror. E-mail your story to [virtual.reference@welibrary.info](mailto:virtual.reference@welibrary.info) Attn: Miss Bryn or drop off at the Willowick Library. Winners will be announced on October 27 and receive an Amazon gift card. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18). Willowick Library

**Khin's Craft Corner** Make a craft with Miss Khin from the comfort of home! A new prerecorded video will be available the first Monday of each month. Monday, October 3.

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

**Zoom Adaptive Storytime** Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support varying developmental needs. Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

**Teen Homeschool Wednesdays** Join us for a series of programs aimed at helping homeschoolers. We focus on activities that allow students to be creative, explore interests, and learn new skills. We encourage teen homeschoolers to meet and collaborate with one other on shared learning experiences. Open to grades 6-12 (ages 12-18). Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome! 2-4 pm.

October 5: Kites-Explore the world of kite-making by looking at how kites fly and different designs. Each participant will select a design and craft a kite of their own! Willoughby Library 440-942-3200



**WEPLCON** Join us for a day of celebrating anime and geeky fandom! Featuring raffles, panels, cosplay and more. Saturday, October 8, 11 am-3pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Homeschool Book Club: Funny Business** Children 8-12 will read and discuss Funny Business edited by Jon Scieszka. The short stories in this book by some of today's most exciting authors will engage even the most reluctant readers. Tuesday, October 11, 1 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Rescue Readers** In 20-minute sessions, emerging readers will gain confidence, improve skills, and provide soothing company to cats and small critters as they await adoption at Lake Humane Society in Mentor. Thursday, October 13, 3-5 pm

Lake Humane Society-Mentor  
**Sew a Stuffed Pumpkin** Sew a stuffed pumpkin on our sewing machines. We will provide all the supplies needed. Limit 8 teens. Grades 8-12 (Ages 14-18). Thursday, October 13, 5:30 pm Willowoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Family Movie Night at the Hills** Watch movies recently released on DVD up on the big screen. Doors open at 3:30 pm with the movie starting at 4 pm.

Wednesday, October 12, 3:45 pm  
Willoughby Hills Public Library 440-942-3362

**Willo-WICKED Halloween Party** Join us for a wicked good time at our annual Halloween party. We'll be crafting, dancing, reading and more! Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm Willowick Library, 440-943-4151

**Homeschool Trivia** Children 7-12 will learn about various topics during a fun, no-pressure trivia game! Space is limited. Tuesday, October 18, 1 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

**Halloween Spooktacular** Join us for a spooky and fun storytime with stories, crafts and more. Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

**Spooky Terrarium** It's the season of spooks! Join us to create your very own one-of-a-kind spooky terrarium. Grades 6-12 (Ages 12-18).

Thursday, October 20, 6 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Self-Assessment and Discovery** Join us

for an activity and discussion aimed at self-assessment and discovery. Each participant will gain info useful in creating a study plan and defining career aspirations. Open to tweens and teens. Thursday, October 20, 6-8 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200

**Predicting Weather in the Zombie**

**Apocalypse** You've come so far! But in the months ahead, how will you know how to be prepared for the weather? Learn how weather is predicted to ensure you won't get lost and can protect your crops. Join Tom Laskowski of Native Skills Institute and Survival School.

Thursday, October 20, 7 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Lego Club** We provide the LEGOs; you provide the imagination. Saturday, October 22, 1:30 pm Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Teen 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, October 22, 2 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Hills Halloween Bash with Turtle Dance**

**Music** Enjoy from home or watch the live event at the library! Turtle Dance Music will present their Spooky Halloween Show! which engages children with comedy, singing, a monster mash dance party and more! After the show, kids can make crafts!

Wednesday, October 26, 1 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Zombie Apocalypse Escape Room** 45 minutes. That's all the time you have. You are trapped, facing a certain doom, and survival is entirely in your hands. Escape the Zombie Apocalypse by registering for a time slot and solving the riddles during that time. Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Friday, October 28 or Saturday, October 29, 10 am-4 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**Learn and Play Chess Club** All ages and skill levels are welcome. Enjoy playing against people of various experience levels, in a friendly environment. An excellent opportunity to learn strategies and develop skills.

Saturday, October 29, 12-4 pm

Willoughby Library 440-942-3200



## 2022 Fair Housing POSTER CONTEST

theme

**"Unity and Diversity"**

Open to all middle and high school students in Ashtabula, Lake, and Geauga counties

### Submissions due by:

November 16, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

### Winners announced:

November 17, 2022

### Submit Entries:

Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc.

1100 Mentor Avenue,

Painesville, Oh 44077

P: 440-392-0147

Email: Hollie@fhrc.org

Visit [www.fhrc.org](http://www.fhrc.org) for more information!

### Cash Prizes

1st Place: \$150.00

2nd Place: 75.00

3rd Place: \$50.00



# WILLOUGHBY LIONS CLUB

[e-clubhouse.org/sites/willoughby/](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/willoughby/)



**Historical Medallion  
featuring the Gazebo in  
Downtown Willoughby.  
Perfect for your  
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**\$15<sup>00</sup>  
each**

Available at the Recreation Dept.

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or call **440-223-6138**

Proceeds go toward adding two benches on the Bridge over the Chagrin River on Mentor Ave

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portive, and trusting.

In my experience our kids don't need perfection, they need *real*. Hiding grief, struggle, or pain from them isn't always right, because they won't understand how to process or overcome it themselves, foster empathy and compassion for others, or deeper relationships with you. Be brave and courageous, let them in a little. Teach them it's not always easy, but it *will* be okay. They might just become part of your support system. Mine did.

Connect with me @ [familymatterswithamber@gmail.com](mailto:familymatterswithamber@gmail.com), with others via Facebook @ the new Family Matters with Amber group, or read more @ [www.familymatterswithamber.com](http://www.familymatterswithamber.com).



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BOOTH**

**BYOB**

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WATCH PARTY**

**BALLOON +  
PAINT ARTISTS**



*October 16, 2022*

12 PM - 6 PM

Bring the whole family for a fall fun-filled day of delicious food, entertainment, and exciting activities at Tall Oaks Event Complex in Kirtland, OH! Fun for all ages! Rain or Shine!

**OUTDOOR  
GAMES**

**TRICK OR  
TREATING**

**HAY RIDES**

**PUMPKIN ART  
CONTEST**

**INFLATABLE  
BOUNCE HOUSES**

SCAN FOR TICKETS

