

JUNE 2023

# COUNTY KIDS

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FOR THE  
SUMMER!**

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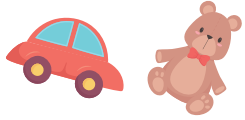
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Donate to a Food Bank



Write a thank you note to a police officer or fire fighter



Read a story to someone special



Donate gently used clothes



Leave a kind note for the mail carrier





Support a local business



Bring in groceries and help put them away



 **American Red Cross**  
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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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2. Share your kindness journey and document your acts of kindness using the Just Be Kind App or share your journey on social media tagging [@BeKindland](https://twitter.com/BeKindland) and using [#Kindland](https://twitter.com/Kindland). (This step is optional and not required to participate).
3. When you have filled out your form and marked off all of the squares you have completed, scan or take a photo of the form and email it to [amanda@projectlove.org](mailto:amanda@projectlove.org) OR mail your form to **Values-in-Action: Summer of Kindness, 6700 Beta Dr. Ste. 120, Mayfield, OH 44143.**
4. **DEADLINE** to receive forms: **Friday, August 18.**
5. You will receive one raffle entry for each square you have marked off.  
**The raffle drawing will take place on Friday, August 25.**

# Meaningful Summer Fun For Kids And Adults!

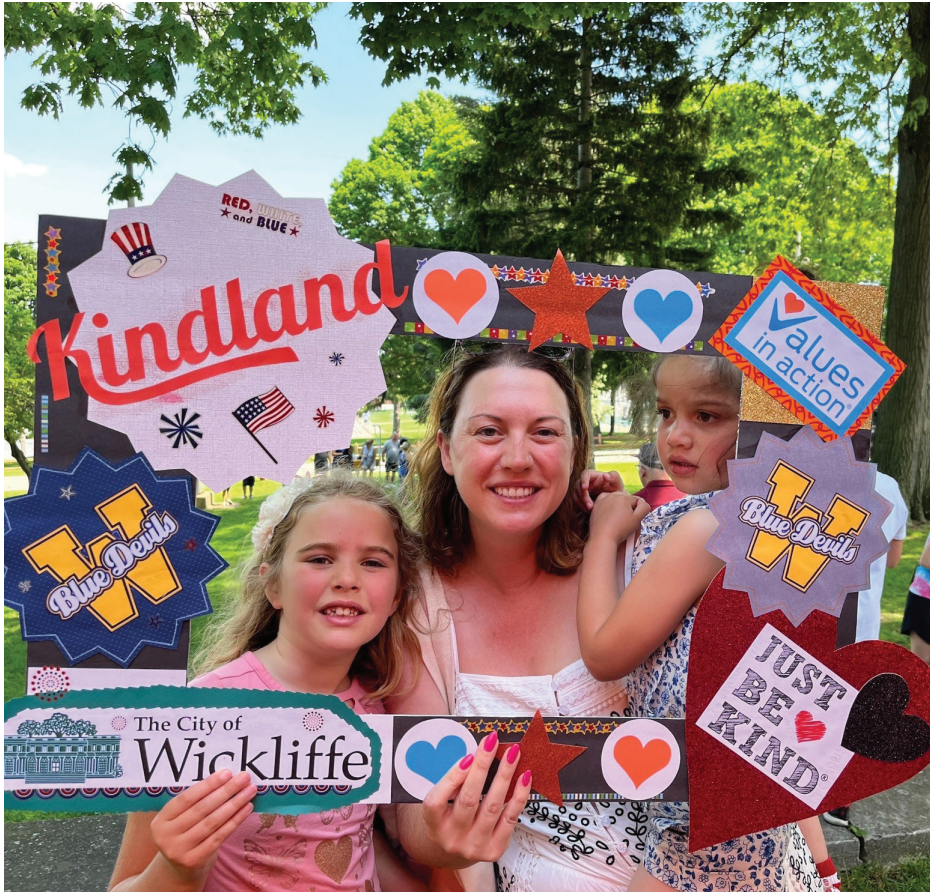
Presented by Cleveland, non-profit organization, Values-in-Action Foundation, the Kindland movement is bringing together communities, businesses, organizations, and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts of kindness around us to inspire a ground swell of positivity and goodness.

Kindland's "Summer of Kindness Challenge" provides families and individuals with a variety of positive activities – big and small - to do throughout the summer months with the goal to make Northeast Ohio the kindest place in the nation. The Kindland movement relies on the power of the people to do, recognize, report, and share the acts of kindness happening around us every day.

For each act of kindness completed on the challenge board, participants will receive an entry into the Summer of Kindness prize raffle. Completed challenge boards must be received by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and either be emailed to [amanda@projectlove.org](mailto:amanda@projectlove.org) OR mailed to



Values-in-Action Foundation, ATTN: Summer of Kindness, 6700 Beta Dr. Ste 120, Mayfield, OH, 44143. Print off your challenge board and get started now at [www.BeKindland.com!](http://www.BeKindland.com!)



## RAILROADS IN THE PARK

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June 3, 2023 - June 4, 2023 • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Visitor Center at the Lake Metroparks Farmpark will be filled with operating model train displays and N-Scale layouts. Other featured exhibits include G-Scale trains, Lionel O-gauge trains, LEGO train layout, Farmpark's G-Scale Garden Railroad layout in the courtyard plus a display on agriculture and the railroad.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094  
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# GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT'S

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Ellie Benedict

## 2023 summer Camps

### WEEK-LONG NATURE EXPLORER DAY CAMPS

for youth entering grades 3-4

### WEEK-LONG NATURE ADVENTURE DAY CAMPS

for youth entering grades 5-7

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## Who is Callum's Crew?

Callums Crew is the name of Callum Bennett's team that raises funds for the Down Syndrome Foundation. Callum is 21 months old, born with Down Syndrome and has overcome several challenges already in his short life, including multiple surgeries. His "crew" gets together for the Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk®. The Buddy Walk® was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness. It's a 1 mile walk, with thousands of people, most with DS and their family and friends. It will be held on August 5th at the western campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C West)! As always, it will be a fun-filled day of celebration, with lots of activities planned.

Callum's Crew will be hosting a local pre-walk cookout fundraiser on June 11, 4-7pm, at the West Geauga Recreation Council in Chesterland. To buy tickets or get more information, visit [my.cheddarup.com/c/callumscrew-cookout-fundraiser](http://my.cheddarup.com/c/callumscrew-cookout-fundraiser)



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## CALLING ALL READERS!

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library's 2023 Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is All Together Now!

Program runs May 30-July 22 and will include free events and activities for everyone. The library will offer a wide variety of programs, including storytimes, animal adventures, teen gaming clubs, arts and crafts, author events and much more!

The 2023 Summer Reading challenge is open to children, teens and adults. Participants will have the chance to earn rewards and enter to win prizes including gift cards, books and more.

Summer reading events are designed to encourage children to maintain their

reading skills during summer break and prevent the "summer slide."

Pre-register through Beanstack or at any Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library now!


For more information, visit [www.WE247.org](http://www.WE247.org) or stop by any of our four convenient locations:

Eastlake Public Library,  
36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

Willoughby Public Library,  
30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

Willoughby Hills Public Library,  
35400 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills,  
440-942-3362

Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305 St.,  
Willowick, 440-943-4151

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Summer Reading is back! June 1 - July 30

**All Together Now**



Thursday, June 1 at 6pm - Summer Reading Kick-off @ Main Library  
 June 1 - Aug. 22 All Together Now Community Quilt @ Headlands  
 Fridays in June & July at 11am - Funday Fridays @ Lake Branch  
 Thursdays in June & July at 10am My Community Story Time @ Main  
 Thursdays in July at 1pm - Tinkerlab Reading Hour @ Main Library

Visit [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) for our full schedule of events for children, teens, and adults!

Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch	Main Library	Headlands Branch	The HUB
5642 Andrews Rd. (440) 257-2512	8215 Mentor Ave. (440) 255-8811	4669 Corduroy Rd. (440) 257-2000	6477 Center St. (440) 205-6011

## We all know the value of a musical education for kids, but why does it feel like a chore to get kids to play?

Playing music builds confidence. It creates a bond with others. It unites both the creative and logical sides of our brain. It creates memories that last a lifetime.

Most music teachers still use rote memorization techniques and expect kids to spend their free time drilling old method books songs.

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## Willoughby United Methodist Preschool

Willoughby United Methodist Preschool has been serving our community for over 60 years! We are located at 15 Public Square in Downtown Willoughby and are proud to provide a caring and safe environment for your children. By following our mission, vision and values, we create a nurturing, stimulating and welcoming learning environment for all children. We provide our students with the tools they need for future happiness and success. Our unique programs incorporate a variety of educational theories, while always keeping the child's best interest in mind and allowing for hands-on, play-based learning.



We are currently enrolling 2½, 3, 4, and 5 year old student for the 2023-2024 school year! Call 440-942-9520 or email [wumpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:wumpreschool@gmail.com) for more information and to schedule a tour!

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# Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics

Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics is a locally owned small business serving the community for 41 years. Our proprietor, Irene Graber, grew up dancing and eventually working at Lakeshore before taking ownership this past year. Lakeshore is a family friendly facility offering something for everyone from toddlers through teen and even an adult tap class! We offer year round recreational dance and gymnastics classes, school break camps, and summer day camps. Our recreational classes hold an annual Gym Show and Dance Recital in the



spring as an opportunity for friends and families to see what they learned all year. Lakeshore is also home to our competitive teams, Prestige Dance Company and Prestige Gymnastics.

Our Competitive teams have been doing great things this year. Prestige Dance company had a great season and will be attending Nationals in Sandusky in June. Our Emerald dance team also won a Golden Ticket to perform at the World of Dance Competition in New Jersey in July! Prestige Dance has 3 levels of competitive dancers and compete in a variety of styles including Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, and Contemporary.

Prestige Gymnastics, with over 60 athletes from ages 6-17 compete at levels 2-10 and Xcel for USA Gymnastics. This year our level 3-8s had 9 individual state champions and 4 regional champions. At level 9 regionals the top 7 can advance to Eastern Nationals where they compete against all the best athletes in the Eastern half of the United States. Lakeshore had 2 Level 9 gymnasts place 8th, making them 1st alternates to compete for their respective age groups, and our very own Ella Maloney placed 5th, advancing her to represent region 5 in Kissimmee, Florida at the Eastern Nationals, where she ended up 5th on floor, 7th on beam and 5th all-around! Some truly Prestige-ous accomplishments!



## Movie Night with Geauga Parks "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (PG-13)

Saturday, June 24, at Observatory Park, 10610 Clay Street, Montville Township, arrive around 8:30 p.m., movie shown at dusk. Costumes welcome! Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs and refreshments. Also featuring information from Geauga Public Health about their Safe Communities program. If inclement weather, movie shown indoors starting one hour earlier (8:30 p.m.). Find updates and more programs at [geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://geaugaparkdistrict.org).



# Adventure Zone

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# Family Matters with Amber



## The Ups and Downs of Empty Nest

A few months ago, I said I would talk a little about empty nest. Well here it goes. I'm in a strange but exciting place in my life right now. While those last few years of high school with my boy were rough, they are already long gone. He's 19 now and leaving this week for another travel adventure; this time Colorado! My daughters will be turning 26 and 22, and my granddaughter is already a year-and-a-half old! Wow...I didn't see this coming.

But how could I not? I suppose I was so busy raising them, and some days just surviving, that I never realized one day they would be all grown up. I heard someone say, when you hear people tell you, "Enjoy it, because it goes by fast", they don't just mean stay in the present and appreciate it. What they really mean is, it's gone in the blink of an eye (just like that Kenny Chesney song). I'd like to claim that someone didn't tell me about how this whole thing would go down, but I'm sure they did. I probably wasn't listening.

I imagine Empty Nest is different for every parent. For me, it's bittersweet. Some days I pinch myself and say, "Phew we made it! I'm done!"; other days I cry a little because I miss it. It has taken some getting used to. No longer a taxi, but also not certain of their whereabouts (or safety). Finally done with constant chatter and surprise cannon balls on my bed while I do my makeup, but sometimes a bit lonely sitting there at my vanity in the quiet. No longer tied to varying kids' schedules, but sort of lost in the beginning with the extra time. Even with them entering adulthood at different stages due to the age gaps, it's still been an adjustment. I guess that's to be expected.

I find the most difficult part of parenting now is that I have less control than I did before. When you have human beings walking around outside your body who have feelings, needs, dreams, and desires, but you have absolutely no control...it's like hanging off a cliff. Under-



standing what makes my kids tick after spending so much time and so many years with them...but watching them go through something challenging that I can't do anything about...? It's like no other experience as a parent.

When they were little, sure it was hard watching one of my children get hurt or be disappointed, but I could help. Even if they were too young to have the language capacity to explain what was wrong, I at least had an idea of what to do. A change started happening when they were teens. They sometimes didn't know how (or want) to explain issues. Mom was still there, available on the daily, but they'd need to handle it for the most part. Now that they are adults...it's all out of my hands completely. The only one responsible for them now is themselves. I stand by as they 'adult'. I stay on the sidelines, and unless they ask for guidance, I'm just a spectator. I make myself available, but ultimately I'm observing and loving them from a distance.

I now live for random happy texts or calls from them. Hearing how excited they are to share something they accomplished, I relish in the moments, even the small ones. Like one of them exclaiming their credit score went up by x amount of points, or that they appreciate how I taught them to open mail because "it's easier than how they do it", lol, or they got a full night's sleep. Those things might not seem big, but after decades of being present at the end of each day to

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## Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library



From storytimes and adapted programming to book clubs and more, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library has something for everyone.

Join our Summer Reading Challenge May 30-July 22!

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

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# Enjoy Creating Memories & More at Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio

Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio, located in the Great Lakes Mall, is buzzing with activity seven days a week. From nurturing your little one's creativity without making a mess in your house, to sipping a Syrah with friends while painting a platter, the multi-medium studio allows both budding and accomplished artists of all ages to release their inner Rembrandt.

"Busy Bees goal is to be a destination to forget the stresses of the day, week, life and lose yourself in the creative pro-

cess. It's the experience that provides the benefit and enjoyment; spending time with your family, friends or for that much needed "me" time. This isn't about creating a museum quality masterpiece, this is "fun" art, not "fine" art." says owner Beth Brinton. "I tell people to come in, relax and enjoy the process. You don't have to have artistic ability. Just the desire to have fun and explore."

The studio, which recently celebrated its sixth anniversary caters to children and

adults and offers open studio times as well as instructor-led programs.

During Toddler Times, Busy Bees Art Instructors read a story and guide youngsters (along with their parent or caregiver) through a corresponding art project.

School-age children can choose among art classes and camps held during evenings, weekends and school vacations. Children's activities occur in the studio or offsite at schools, daycares or other locations. Among the keepsake projects offered are clay projects or pottery involving handprints, fingerprints, and footprints.

The 2022 Summer Art Camp schedule is now available. Parents can register children for one or up to eight different weeklong camps. "We work with various mediums to create projects based on the campers' likes and passions," Brinton explains. Campers create with clay, pottery, glass, mosaics, canvas and more.

Looking for an activity for the entire family? Family workshops allow parents and kids to collaborate on projects, such as painting a canvas, sculpting a clay object or painting a ceramic piece. It's a great alternative to screen time and get

the family together for an activity and conversation, a great way to create family memories.

Grown-ups need their creative time too, away from the kids, work, or school. For those occasions, Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio hosts Adult Workshops, Ladies' Nights Out, bachelorette parties, baby showers and other events. A party room is available for rent. Guests 21 and over are permitted to bring and enjoy adult beverages (BYOB).

Guests may create projects using a variety of every-changing mediums and techniques. Among them are mosaics, canvas painting, glass fusing, clay hand building, wine glass painting and candle making. The studio offers more than 200 different pottery pieces to paint, from kids' figurines to coffee mugs and serving bowls. Artistically challenged individuals needn't be scared away. "We have stencils, stamps, stickers, silk screens and all kinds of different tricks and tools they can use to enhance their design," Brinton says.

Call 440-571-5201 or visit them online at [mentor.busybeesart.com/](http://mentor.busybeesart.com/)

## Adventure Zone is the BEST VALUE in the Region in family entertainment

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### Headlands

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

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

## All Together Now Summer Reading Program

June 1 through July 30 For all ages The library's All Together Now Summer Reading program begins on Thursday, June 1. For every hour that kids read, they will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the library's prizes. Teens will earn tickets for every book they read or library program they attend. Last day to earn raffle tickets is Sunday, July 30. Kids (those entering sixth grade or lower) can sign up at any MPL branch. Teens (those entering seventh grade or higher) can sign up at the library or at [mentorpl.beanstack.org](mailto:mentorpl.beanstack.org).

**Write a Letter to The Very Hungry Caterpillar** All June Children's Area, Main Branch Kids can write a letter to their favorite book characters at Mentor Public Library. The library will feature a different character children can write to or draw a picture for each month. The library's favorite letters will be shared on its social media.

**Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt** All June Lake Branch Kids can win a prize when they find Waldo in the Lake Branch. Don't fall for the imposters!

**All Together Now Quilt** All June Headlands Branch Help create a community quilt. Patrons of all ages can design their own paper quilt square. At the end of August, the library will assemble the quilt in the Headlands Branch's story-time room

for the community to see.

**Headlands Take & Make Craft** Headlands Branch Pick up supplies for crafts that kids can make at home. For children ages eight and younger. While supplies last. New crafts every Monday.

**Walk in the Park: Junior Ranger Story Time** Mondays at 10 a.m. Starts at Main Branch This special story time starts with a walk from the library's Main Branch to nearby James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Then families will enjoy a story time themed to accompany Junior Ranger activities, which encourage kids to care for and learn more about National Parks. Please bring along a blanket to sit on. After story time, everyone will walk back to the library together. This story time is open to all ages with a caregiver. Junior ranger activities are aimed at ages four and older.

**Summertime Stories At Lake** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages five and younger) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes and a craft. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**Prepare for Kindergarten Story Time** Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Main Branch A short story time and then prekindergarten activities. Open to children entering kindergarten or wanting to get a jump on necessary skills. Kids are encouraged to participate without a parent. No registration necessary

**Pre-K Pop Party** Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch High-energy kids will love the library's Pre-K Pop Party. Each week, the library throws a party full of music, movement, rhymes, a story and lots of dancing. Open to kids ages three to six without an adult.

**PJ Family Story Time** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch Children can wear their snuggliest pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft and a snack. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**My Community Story Time** Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting June 8 Children's Story Room, Main Branch A special story time where the library highlights a different community helper each week. Some story times will have guest readers. No registration necessary.

**Reading Rockstars** Thursdays, from May 25 to June 29, at 4 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids (entering kindergarten through third grade) can strengthen their reading skills with stories, music, games, and more at the library. Library staff will encourage students to reach their reading goals. This program is supported by a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

**Finger Paint Fridays** Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids can explore their creativity with fingerpainting every Friday at the Headlands Branch. The library will provide paper, paint and aprons. This activity will largely be self-directed with limited assistance from staff. Registration is not required.

**Yoga Kids** Thursday, June 1, at 1 p.m. Main Lawn, 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.

**Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt** Thursday, June 1, at 6 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Kids can kick off Summer Reading with a scavenger hunt throughout the library property. Don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading while you're here.

**LEGO at the Library** Saturday, June 3, at 11 a.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages five to 12) can rock the blocks on the first Saturday of every month. No registration required.

**Safety Class for Kids** Saturday, June 3, at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages five to 12) can learn about safety from Dave Frank from C.O.B.R.A. Self-Defense in Mentor. Frank has 42 years of experience in law enforcement and has taught cadets in five different police academies since 1992. Registration required.

**Father's Day Photo Shoot** Monday, June 5, walk in from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The HUB Celebrate Father's Day with a fun photo shoot. Choose from a variety of backgrounds using The HUB's green-screen technology. Walk in. All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Geometry in Motion** Tuesday, June 6, at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Dance instructor Tom Evert will integrate movement and geometry using improvisation and dance. The program is free. Registration is required. The 1 p.m. session is for

kids ages five to nine. The 2 p.m. session is for kids ages 10 to 13. The program is possible because of a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

**Bee Kind Water Bottles** Tuesdays, June 6 or 13, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can make a Bee Kind water bottle using the equipment in The HUB's makerspace. Registration required.

**Travel Club** Wednesday, June 7, at 4 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) can experience a new country without boarding a plane. Make a craft, have a snack, and enjoy activities from a different country every month. Registration required.

**Puzzles, Puzzles, Puzzles** Thursday, June 8, at 1 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages three to five) will have fun putting together giant floor puzzles. Registration required.

**DIY Wood Photo Blocks** Thursdays, June 8 or 15, at 5 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can decorate wooden blocks with personal photos using the equipment in The HUB's makerspace. A perfect gift for Father's Day. Registration required.

**Headlands Jeopardy** Saturday, June 10, at noon Headlands Branch Kids can test their trivia know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. Signup required to play.

**ROBLOX Saturday** Saturday, June 10, at 2 p.m. Headlands Branch Join the library online or in-person for a different game from ROBLOX each month. Register to get in the game.

**DIY Sharpie Mugs for Teens** Saturday, June 10, at 2 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens can customize a mug with their own artwork. Registration required.

**Star Wars Jedi Training** Tuesday, June 13, at 1 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can experience Jedi training at the library. Dress as your favorite character. Registration required.

**Master Builders** Wednesday, June 14, at 4 p.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages five to 11) can build with LEGO blocks, magnetic tiles, magnet sticks and Brain Flakes. New themes will spur creativity each month. No registration required.

**Next Level Video Game Club** Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids (ages eight and older) can play games like Smash Brothers, Mario Kart and Nintendo Sports on Switch. They're also welcome to bring their own portable device. Registration required.

**Paint A Flower Pot** Thursday, June 15, at 1 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) can decorate a small flower pot. They'll also be given seeds to plant and soil. Registration required.

**Teen Advisory Board** Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch

teens (grades seven through 12) to suggest and discuss teen services at the library. Help develop programs and make recommendations for teen spaces. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

**Donuts with Dads Storytime** Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages three to six) along with their dads can enjoy a special story time with donuts to celebrate Father's Day. Registration required.

**Saturday Family Story Time** Saturday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m. Lake Branch Children of all ages (along with an adult) can enjoy stories, music, rhymes and a craft at the library's new Saturday story time.

**Crafty Kids: Button Flower Garden** Monday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can craft a fabulous flower garden using spare buttons. Registration required.

**Dungeons & Dice Club** Tuesday, June 20, at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Heroes (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.

**Rainbow Suncatcher** Wednesdays, June 21 or 28, at 5 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can make a rainbow suncatcher to brighten your favorite window with words of encouragement, love, friendship and kindness. Registration required.

**Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club** Saturday, June 24, at 2 p.m. Headlands Branch Tweens and teens (ages 12 to 17) can explore history with some of the best graphic novels created. Each month, they'll discuss a different historical fiction graphic novel. In May, they'll talk about "When Stars Are Scattered," the story about brothers growing up in a refugee camp in Kenya. Book club members will receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group. Registration required.

**Reading Rocks** Monday, June 26, at 3 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) can decorate a rock or two to go along with the library's summer reading theme, All Together Now. Then they can leave it around the Mentor area and spread some community cheer. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

**Curious Kids** Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. Headlands Branch Each month, curious kids will flex their creativity and learn about their world with arts, crafts and STEM activities in the library's new club. Registration required.

**Teen Book Club** Thursday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch

(ages three entering seventh through 12th grade) can read and discuss a classic at the library. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. This month they'll discuss Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird."

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**Elementary Art** – Tuesdays, 4-6pm. For ages 6-12. Every week we'll restock our collection with new & interesting art supplies. Explore new media to see what you like and make something beautiful! Possible materials include: alcohol markers, oil pastels, collage work, clay, acrylic paint, watercolor, gouache, origami, and more!

**Chapter Chats** – Tuesdays, 6-6:30pm. For ages 6-9. Keep your reading skills sharp with a new beginner chapter book read aloud each week. Take turns reading and then chat about what we've read together.

**Music In Motion** - Wednesdays, 10:30am. For ages 2-5 years. Stories, rhymes, music & instruments for active kiddos! Child attends with caregiver.

**Spanish 4 Niños** – Wed, 11:15-11:45am. For children 12 and younger. A storytime where everyone says HOLA! Learn some simple Spanish words while dancing, singing & listening to stories. We'll learn about Hispanic culture every week through stories.

**Books at Bedtime** – Wednesdays, 6-6:30 pm. For children 12 and younger. A family bedtime storytime best enjoyed while cuddling a stuffed animal. It's a perfect way to end the day! Child attends with caregiver. Pajamas welcome!

**Little Learners Graduates** – Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am. For ages 3-6. Have you already experienced Little Learners? Are you getting ready for kindergarten in 2023-2024? Join us for Little Learners Graduates! This is an accelerated program that will focus on appropriate classroom behaviors, manners, social skills, and emotions. Activities, games, and stories will all be a part of this storytime.

**Folktale Friday** – Fridays, 10:30-11am. For ages 18 mos - 6yrs. Every week little ones will explore folktales and fairytales from around the world with stories and songs in this very active storytime. Let's get ready for school, avoid the summer slide and have fun! No registration required.

**Virtual Aquarium Tour** – Tuesday, June 6, 10:30-11:25am. For ages 18 mos-12yrs. Swim with fish and other ocean life... virtually! Join us in the Story Room for a 50 minute virtual tour of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Afterwards, swim around the Children's floor for a "fishy" surprise!

**Pride Pin Party** – Saturday, June 8, 4-5pm. For ages 9-12. Make some pins to show off YOUR Pride! LGBTQIA tweens and allies, join us in the Project Room to design pins, buttons and keychains. All materials provided.

**Bead Buddies** – Saturday, June 10, 11am-12pm. For ages 6-12. Learn how to weave a beaded keychain buddy and make a fun piece of jewelry.

**Paws 2 Read** – Thursday, June 15, 4-5pm and 6-7pm. For grades K-3. Registration required. Relax and read to a therapy dog in a cozy, pressure free environment. Sign up for your 15 minute time slot in person or by phone at (440) 352-3383, ext. 200.

**Kindness Rocks!** – Saturday, June 17, 11am-12pm. For ages 2-12. Registration required. Finding a kindness rock can brighten someone's day! Come to the Children's Project Room and paint a rock to share. After painting, a clear, non-toxic sealant will be applied to weatherproof your rock. Children should dress for mess!

**Jiggling Jello** – Monday, June 19, 11-11:45am. For ages 18 mos-2 yrs. Registration required. Bring your toddler in for a fun sensory experience with Jello. We provide all materials and aprons, and we'll take care of the cleaning up! Please register only the child who will be participating. Dress for mess!

**Tweens Scream for Ice Cream** – Saturday, June 24, 11-11:30am. For ages 6-12. Registration required. Learn how to follow a simple recipe while making edible ice cream playdough! YUM! Please register only the child who will be participating and register multiple children separately.

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#### Summer Photography Contest

Submit a photo capturing kindness, friendship, or unity to the Willoughby Library's Teen Department now through July 7. Submissions will be judged in three age groups: 10-12, 13-15, and 16-18. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each group. Refreshments provided. Supported by Willoughby Arts Collaborative and Willoughby-Eastlake Library Boosters.

#### Book Tasting and Arts & Crafts for Teens

Join us for this series to sample the best teen summer reading books and engage in arts & crafts activities. Select a title from our recommended reading lists (or explore on your own!) and read/review the first chapter. We will share our findings as a group. Following our discussion, take time to relax and focus on a selected creative activity. Thursday, June 1, 2 pm Willoughby Public Library,

**Sensory Messy Play** Make a mess, have fun, and don't stress about the clean up! Wear clothes you don't care about. Saturday, June 3, 11 am Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

**Khin's Craft Corner** Make a craft with Miss Khin from the comfort of home! A new pre-recorded video will be available monthly. Monday, June 5 Online Program  
**Outback Ray** Join us for an amazing animal show with Outback Ray! Tuesday, June 6, 3 pm 38115 Euclid Avenue, Downtown Willoughby (adjacent to the Willoughby Library)

**Summer Nature Walk and Craft** Take a nature walk, complete a scavenger hunt and make a fun craft with air dry clay. Wednesday, June 7, 2 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library, 440-942-3362

**Family Game Night** Bring the whole family for a fun night of games. We will provide a handful of board games, however please feel free to bring your favorite from home. We will also have our Switch available to play. Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-8 pm

Willowick Public Library, 440-943-4151  
**Teen Dungeons & Dragons** Join us for a 5th edition adventure of Dungeons & Dragons. No experience necessary. Space is limited, onlookers welcome. Ages 11-18. Thursdays, June 8-July 27, 6 pm Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

**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. Thursday, June 8, 3-5 pm Lake Humane Society-Mentor

**Willoughby Library @ Heart of Willoughby Outdoor Market** Find the library booth at the Outdoor Market! We'll be there to answer questions and have storytime at 10 am for the whole family. Saturday, June 10, 8 am-12 pm Downtown Willoughby

**LEGO Club** We provide the LEGOs; you provide the imagination. Saturday, June 10, 1:30 pm Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

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read-alouds, first chapter book tastings and group discussion and play, we'll help young readers find their next favorite book. Ages 6-12. Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm Willoughby Public Library

**Dino in Ohio** This interactive performance includes a rambunctious baby Dino, a ferocious 14 foot long T-Rex and their knowledgeable handlers. Learn about dinosaurs from our experts and get your picture taken! Tuesday, June 13, 2 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library

**Zoom Adaptive Storytime** Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support varying developmental needs. Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 pm Eastlake Public Library

**Learn to give CPR to children and babies** Learn how to recognize signs of respiratory trauma and perform CPR on young children and babies. Be prepared to respond to crisis situations and help save a life! Instruction by Valerie Woods, LPN, certified by American Heart Association. This session covers basic (not for certification) CPR training. Each participant receives an AHA reference guide. Ages 10-18. Limited to 9 participants. Refreshments provided. Wednesday, June 14, 2 pm Willoughby Public Library

**Tween & Teen Anime Awesomeness** Join us for a new anime each session. You can draw, chat, snack, and have anime-zing time. Ages 10 and up. Wednesdays, June 14 & 28, 3:30 pm Willowick Public Library

**Nature Fun** Children ages 3-10 and their caregivers are invited to Osborne Park in Willoughby for a nature walk and activity. We will meet at the Osborne Park Pavilion. Please register each child for each date you plan to attend. Thursday, June 15, 2:30 pm Osborne Park-Willoughby

**Music and Movement** Join us for Music and Movement followed by an optional opportunity to socialize and play with toys provided by the library. Ages 2-5. Friday, June 16, 3 pm Willowick Public Library

**Drop in Craft Making** Drop into the Children's Department to explore our craft making stations. We'll have some planned projects as inspiration and you can use

your imagination to create a unique project. No registration required. While supplies last. Saturday, June 17, 10 am-2 pm Willoughby Public Library

**Play Catch with Our Librarians** Visit us on the lawn next to Willoughby Public Library to play catch with friends, family and staff.

Refreshments provided. Weather permitting. Saturday, June 17, 2 pm 38115 Euclid Avenue, Downtown Willoughby (adjacent to the Willoughby Library)

**Summer Celebration** Enjoy outside games, messy play, bubbles and an obstacle course. We will also have Tie dye. Please bring your own item to tie dye. One item per person. Sponsored by the Willoughby-Eastlake Library Boosters. Tuesday, June 20, 2-4 pm Willoughby Public Library

**Teen Skin Care** Learn easy skin care routines and discover products with skin-loving ingredients. Ages 12-18. Thursday, June 22, 6 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

**Teen Gaming Club** Make friends and play video or board games provided by the library, bring your trading card games to play against others. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18). Saturday, June 24, 2 pm Willowick Library

**Buns, Braids and Barrettes - Hair Styling Tutorial** Learn how to style your little one's hair with local stylist Angela Yates from Pretty in Polish. She will be demonstrating simple styles for you to practice. Hair ties and combs will be provided, though if you have products or tools you prefer feel free to bring those. Tuesday, June 27, 6:30-8:30 pm Willowick Public Library,

**Teen Game Night** Enjoy an evening of friendly game-playing competition. An assortment of board and video games will be available for us to enjoy! Ages 12-18. Refreshments provided. Thursday, June 29, 6 pm Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

**S.T.E.M for the Fun of it!** Join us each month for a fun S.T.E.M activity. Ages 5-8. Thursday, June 29, 2 pm Willoughby Public Library, 440-942-3200

## EMPTY NEST FROM PAGE 7

celebrate with them, I'll take what I can get.

I will always miss nights at the dinner table without cellphones while we shared something funny and something we learned that day, tucking them into bed (even as teens), hearing them laugh uncontrollably together in the other room. I will always miss how special the holidays felt for them (and me). They're out making their own memories now; I just always hope they remember ours.

Some perks of Empty Nesting? Now when I go grocery shopping, I have realized I can put my favorites in the cart instead of everyone else's! I sometimes eat ice cream for breakfast, and I lick the spoon in-between scoops! My house usually stays clean after I clean it and

I travel when I want to on a moment's notice. I go to sleep fairly early, and don't ever worry if homework is turned in or if anyone has missed the bus. With a bunch of extra time on my hands I get to focus on building my business after having had it for 12 years working two jobs. I'm returning to old dreams and plans...and creating some new ones. I feel so blessed to have made it this far in my parenting journey, and I appreciate you riding the parenting wave with me.

*If you have enjoyed reading my family's stories for the last 12 years, thank you! Don't worry, we're not done yet. We've just started a Podcast: <https://familymatterswithamber.podbean.com/>. We are also on Instagram @family\_matters\_with\_amber. See you there!*

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