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Halloween*

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Family Matters with Amber



Kids Not Coming Home for the Holidays? Here's My Motto

It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!

-Winnie the Pooh

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I was in the middle-school puppy-love stage of life when I heard this quote by Richard Bach, "If you love something, set it free; if it comes back it's yours, if it doesn't, it never was." There is a fairly similar quote from the early 1900's by a Lebanese-American Writer and Poet named Kahlil Gibran. Both gave the same advice, and I followed it. Pretty smart I'd say, since the middle school crushes are long gone and I'm not one for chasing anybody.

That's a hard thing to do, isn't it, love someone so much that you are willing to let them go, for their own happiness, not knowing what the future holds or if you will be a part of it? I'm sure as young as I was back in the in 7th and 8th grades, I had not understood it that deeply. But I have since, and it has always been a wise place to come from. I believe this philosophy should be used in parenting.

This spring, I had the treat of all three of my children (and my granddaughter) home at the same time! It was the second time in a year! Given all of their responsibilities and logistics I just assumed it would not happen again for five more years. Our time was very short, I hadn't any big plans for them, the house was not nearly as clean as the last time they were here, and I hadn't been grocery shopping in a bit. I didn't have much money and not a whole lot to offer, but they still came. We had a blast! At the end of the weekend, as the last one drove away, I stood on my front porch waving goodbye, teary-eyed. I felt sad but I also felt honored. They had gone to great lengths and made sacrifices to do this. I had to ask myself why. Why do some kids come home, and some parents are continually heartbroken because their kids don't? I'm not entirely sure of the answer. But I am a self-evaluating person. Most of my life has been a series of questions about how and why I do things and whether the outcome was positive or negative. So I started to think.

We have a family motto, "*You do you*". It means we can all be ourselves, live our lives, and do our own thing without the pressure of doing it differently and on anyone else's timeline. When I text my kids, I don't expect them to drop everything to text back. If they are busy, or maybe they just don't feel like responding right then, it's alright. They will eventually. They sometimes apologize for not texting back sooner. I always tell them "No worries...*you do you*". I don't give them grief, and they give me the same grace.

As they each transitioned into adulthood, I never saw the need to be attached, know their every move, or what they were doing every second of every day. I let them live their



lives by respecting each one of them and their boundaries. I have also never relied on them for validation or put them in a position to be the source of my happiness. I don't ever make them feel obligated and have NEVER EVER guilted them (that's a big no-no in my book). I am happy when they're home, but I am happy even if they are not. I have a life and so do they. And we live it. If I invite them to something, and they don't oblige, I don't take it personally, and I don't think it's wrong for them to say no. It's their life and deserve to live it how they want. During my interactions with them I've made a practice of not being judgmental, bossy, or overly opinionated, and I have never uttered the words, "*I told you so*".

I have to believe that these parenting practices, loving them how they are, letting them fly, have led my kids to respect me, and not only come home, but confide in me, ask me for help, text/call, and have deep discussions with me. I've many times had other parents say to me, "I wish my kids did that". Well, I didn't tell them to, they just do it.

The holidays are approaching, and many parents would love for their children to come see them during college break, military leave, and even with their own families. But some won't, and some never do. Those quotes I mentioned above could apply here. I know we just have so much love for our children and want it back tenfold, that when they start pulling away, we sometimes just want to hold on tighter because we miss the little stages and want those feelings and

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Calling All Young 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 "Beauty in All Colors."

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 15, 2023. For contest guidelines and more information visit www.fhrc.org.



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connections back. But that's not the way to go. If you are struggling with an undesired RSVP from your kids for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this year, or you are discouraged because you never see or hear from them, it would be a good idea to put yourself in their shoes. Is the invitation something you are offering because you need them, are you trying to recreate old times? Is it because you just want to get them in front of you to see what they are up to, share your own whoas, or give them your opinion about how they are living their lives? Or is it a genuine kind gesture but they just can't make it this year? Try having empathy and understanding, you might not know everything that is going on and it may not be as easy as you think for them to make it home. If you get the feeling that they don't want to be around for other reasons and maybe not telling you, it might be time to ask a tough question, "Why?" Be open to the answer without a harsh reaction. Our best lessons about ourselves can be learned in relationships. With open honest communication

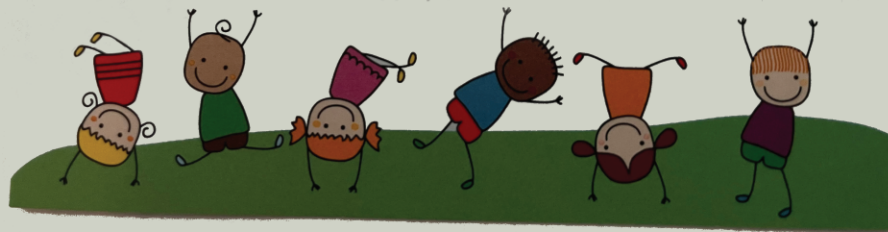
without judgment, without getting angry, doors can open up to better connections and maybe them coming home for the holidays (or even more- texting, calling, or confiding in you). I say quite often that parenting is not about us, but sometimes it is. Just because we are parents doesn't mean we are perfect. We are all flawed.

If you are commonly upset when your adult children pass on an invitation or opportunity to get together, put yourself in their shoes. Take a moment to try to understand. When they transition to a grown-up life of their own, our priorities are no longer their priorities. This is okay and quite healthy. They have detached, and that is something that is supposed to happen. Don't take it offensively, and if there is a reason that they don't RSVP with bells on, and you are their reason, be humble and hear them out. If they are brave enough to tell you...it is a *good* thing. It means they care.

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The Concord Campus serves children from birth through 6th grade. Class-

rooms are intentionally prepared and geared toward the developmental phase of children at each program level. Students also enjoy outdoor spaces, vegetable plots, and trails each day.

The Huntsburg Campus serves 7th to 12th grade and offers boarding and

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transportation options. This campus is home to local, national, and international students, representing a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, races, religions, and cultures.

The 97-acre campus includes a working farm, which provides students daily opportunities to handle adult-like responsibilities by giving them real-life experience in solving challenges and addressing fundamental needs – including economic, environmental, social, or intellectual matters, giving students experience in having a real impact and real agency.

Tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities are available.

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All 8 Lake County campuses that Little Scholars operates are 5 Star Step Up To Quality award recipients, indicating that each program meets or exceeds the top level early childhood education standards that the State of Ohio has published. Little Scholars was an early adopter of the Step Up To Quality standards, and feels that the quality oversight helps with their mission "To create opportunity for every child".

While licensure and awards are certainly important, Little Scholars takes the most pride in having effective, meaningful relationships with our teachers, administrative staff, community partners, families, and children! By cultivating these relationships, Little Scholars has been able to continuously improve policies, procedures, and best practices in

order to continue to lead the way for children and families in Lake County.

In addition to providing traditional, full day childcare programs that focus on kindergarten readiness, Little Scholars is a new recipient of the Early Childhood Education grant, which is funded through the Ohio Department of Education. This grant will allow Little Scholars to provide a completely free preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds in Lake County who meet family income criteria. The goal of this program aligns with the values on Little Scholars, and should prove to be an integral part of the education plan for children in the community.

Contact Little Scholars at 440-975-6645, or visit them at www.littlescholars.net to learn more about how to enroll your child or to join their team of incredible childcare leaders!



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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.

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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.



Tips for choosing high school electives

The curricula at many secondary schools is designed to provide students with the education they need to go on to higher learning and/or enter the workforce. While certain subjects are on the educational menu in every school, students also have opportunities to pick unique subjects that cater to their interests and potential career goals. Classes that the school requires are often listed as core classes. Those that students are free to choose are called electives.

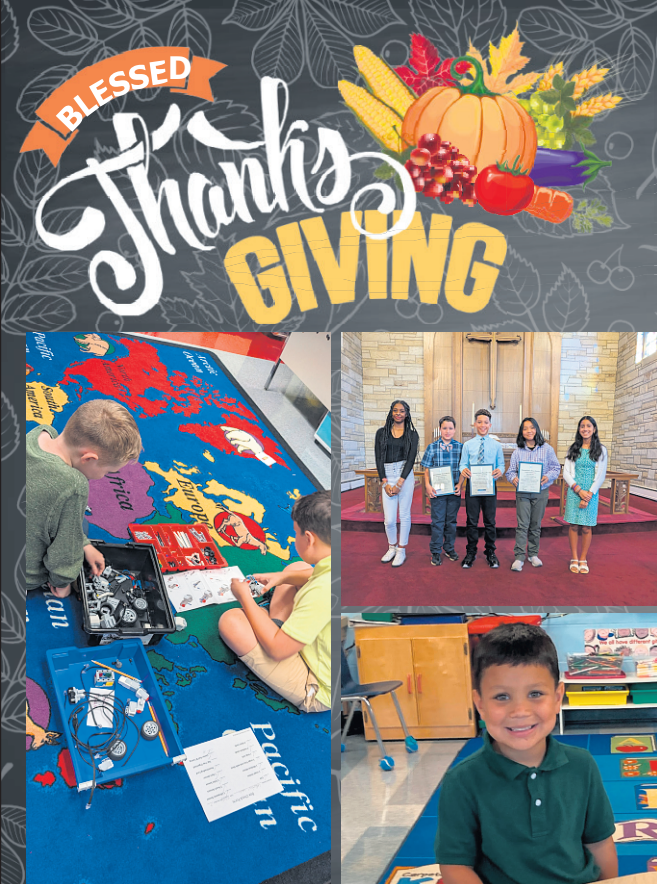
Electives exist outside of the required curriculum. Many education experts say that electives provide a great chance for students to experiment and determine if any niche subjects or topics appeal to

them. According to psychologist Regine Muradian, who works with students on learning and study skills, electives also can increase a student's desire to learn by offering a respite from the pressures of required courses.

Schools vary regarding how many elective classes high schoolers may take each year. Electives typically are a more prominent component of upperclassmen's schedules because they may have already completed most of the core curriculum requirements. Here are some tips for selecting electives.

- **Go with what you know.** Pick courses that tie into already established

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At this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our school, our churches, community, students, 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!

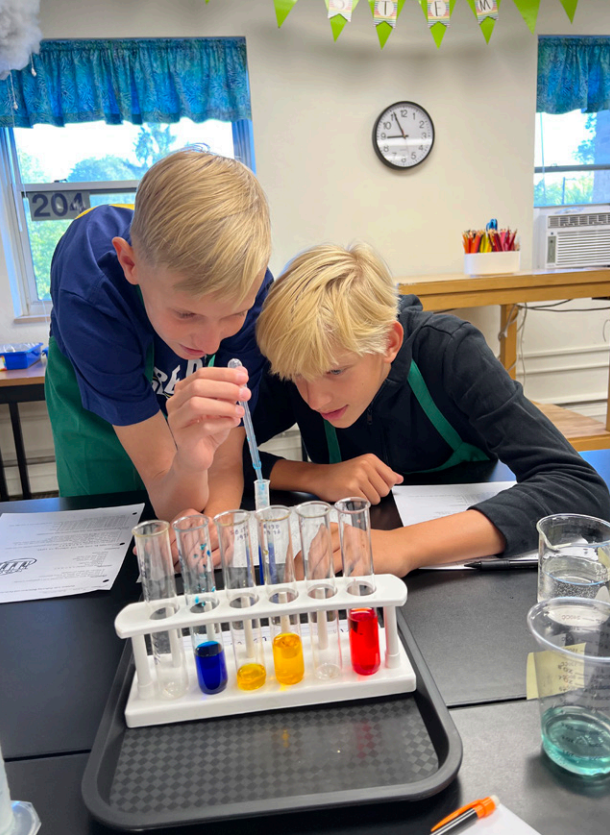
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interests. If you love to write and get to the bottom of a story, then a journalism class may be ideal.

- **Step outside your comfort zone.** Another way to pick electives is to try new things and explore classes in that way. Maybe you never thought about computer programming before, but think it could be interesting to dabble?

- **Choose with future major in mind.** If you have an idea of which subject to study in college, you can select electives that align with that major. Someone who plans to major in finance may select an elective in marketing or business management, for example.

- **Think about what colleges want.** Colleges accept applicants based on academic performance, but they're also looking for students who check an assortment of boxes. Think about which electives may help you look more attractive to admissions departments. Classes in STEM, public speaking, debate, and international affairs might help you stand out.

- **Diversify your skills.** Richard Detweiler, researcher and president emeritus of the Great Lakes Colleges, says a top preparatory factor to earning a six-figure salary is not one's college major, but having taken a large share of classes outside of one's major. Diverse courses throughout high school and college can put students on a successful path.

Choosing electives need not be complicated. Students can opt for different strategies to select classes that will complement core learning.



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Laurel is committed to enrolling aca-

demically qualified students and offers Variable Tuition, whereby tuition rates are customized according to each family's ability to contribute to their educational expenses. Additionally, Laurel offers merit scholarships, including the Sarah Lyman Scholarship which covers all four years of tuition and fees in Laurel's Upper School—five are made available each year to rising 9th graders and are awarded re-

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Visit LaurelSchool.org/ OpenHouse for open house information.



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As a community working together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, we guide our students to grow in Catholic values and service to the community. Mater Dei students attend daily religion classes and weekly school Masses. They are empowered to grow spiritually, academically, and socially through worship, a challenging curriculum, service, and extracurricular activities.

Our students and families can expect a proven quality Catholic education with

a stimulating academic curriculum based on 21st century skills, all within a faith-filled environment. This includes opportunities for high school credit classes for our 8th graders, Title I reading and math support in the elementary grades and specials classes including Spanish and Technology for all students. Classrooms are interactive and students are challenged to become critical thinkers. In addition, Mater Dei Academy is engaged with the community institutes of higher learning such as Cleveland State University to support our STEM-style of learning.

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Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics

Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics offers something for every age and skill level. They strive to train the total athlete in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Their 27,000 square-foot facility is home to competitive teams, Prestige Dance Company & Prestige Gymnastics.

Lakeshore has two large dance studios with viewing windows and custom-built professional floors. From 16 months to adults everyone can find a class to take! They have 4 competitive dance teams ranging from 4 years old to teens, that compete in all genres.

Their 2023 season was fantastic; multiple 1st places, judges awards, and they were finalists at the World Dance Championships!

Young gymnasts, preschool to school age, have their own training space, catering to each athlete with age-appropriate equipment. This year Lakeshore added home-



school specific classes to their program.

Lakeshore offers boys and girls competitive gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics. Each team has a space designed specifically for them! In the 2023 season Prestige went to Level 9 Nationals (for the first time ever!), having Ella Maloney place 5th All Around!

At every age, Lakeshore's quality facility, equipment, and professional staff, provide their athletes with a

home away from home.

Owner, Irene Graber, is thankful for her dedicated staff and all the awesome Lakeshore families. 2023 was a year full of amazing accomplishments, which she hopes to see more of in 2024.

Lakeshore Dance and Gymnastics is located in Mayfield Village off of Wilson Mills Road at 760 Beta Drive, Suite G.

Register online at LakeshoreGym.com

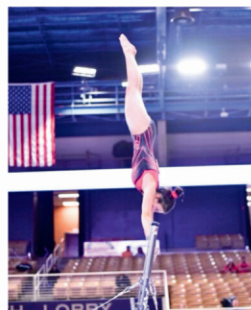
The Family Resource Center of Wickliffe has a new home

The Family Resource Center of Wickliffe is thrilled to finally be settling into our new home! We moved out of our previous location in the old Wickliffe High School in May 2023, and throughout the summer, we have been unpacking and settling into our space at the brand new Campus of Wickliffe!

The Campus of Wickliffe officially opened in August 2023, and is the new school building which houses Wickliffe City School District preschool students through grade 12. The new building is located directly behind the old Wickliffe High School, which is currently in the midst of demolition. The Family Resource Center of Wickliffe address remains the same - 2255 Rockefeller Rd., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

Despite the transition, we have been hard at work here at the Family Resource Center of Wickliffe to fulfill our mission of bringing together services and activities that educate, develop skills, and promote health and well-being in order to improve the outcomes of students, families, and individuals in our NE Ohio community and beyond.

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Gymnastics

- Competitive Teams (Boys & Girls)
- Recreational • Tumbling • Rhythmic

Dance

- Competitive Team • Ballet • Tap • Jazz
- Hip-Hop • Acro • Modern • Lyrical

& More

- Birthday Parties • Parent/Toddler

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On Aug. 9 and 11, we hosted our 3rd Annual Back-to-School Bash. We distributed free school supplies, clothing, toiletries, and non-perishable food to over 100 students and their families. We also had 14 local organizations join us for an agency fair so that families could learn more about the services they have to offer the community.

As we continue to settle in and navigate the territory that comes along with being in a new building, we encourage everyone to stay engaged with us through our monthly e-newsletter, website, and social media accounts! This is where we will continue to post FRC news and updates. We thank our clients and donors for their support and patience during this transition, and we are so looking forward to serving the community in our new space for many years to come.

How to Set Up the Ultimate Workstation for Kids at Home

(StatePoint) Want to help guarantee your child's academic success? While you can't control what goes on in the classroom, you can facilitate their study time at home by setting up an A+ workstation. Here's how:

1. Choose a location: Select a location that's well-lit, preferably with some natural light, and away from noise and distractions. Whether it's your child's bedroom or a corner of the dining area, the area should be large enough for all their supplies and tech to stay organized.

2. Use color wisely: Research has shown that certain colors have the power to boost productivity and creativity or promote a sense of calm. Decorating the space with care could potentially help your student weather crunch periods with ease. You may also opt to color code binders, dividers and other supplies by coursework so that your child can quickly identify the items they need.

3. Update tech: Equip the workstation with the latest technology and educational tools. For easy essay composition, your child's suite of devices should include a tablet or laptop and a printer. To get your student prepped for math and science classes, be sure to supply them with a graphing calculator featuring the latest capabilities. The fx9750GIII, for example, is not only stylishly available in trending colors, it's capable of programming in CASIO Basic and Micro-Python. Python files are easily stored and transferred via USB to a computer. With graph and statistical functions, exam compatibility mode and a suite educational resources, your student will be well prepared to take on all their STEM



coursework and test prep.

4. Prevent clutter: Clutter can pile up all too easily, making it difficult to find notes and assignments. Keep the mess to a minimum with the addition of a few organizational tools. Hang a corkboard to post reminders and to-do lists. Add wall shelving or a sorting tray to keep papers filed by subject area or due date, and use small baskets or cups to collect erasers, paper clips and other small supplies. Finally, be sure the workstation has its own waste bin, so that items that are no longer needed can be efficiently tossed or recycled.

5. Consider ergonomics: Eliminate distractions by making sure the workstation is ergonomic-friendly and comfy. If your child sits at a desk, ensure their computer monitor is at eye level and that their feet touch the floor. Adjustable laptop tables can transform a makeshift work area on the couch or bed into a comfortable workstation.



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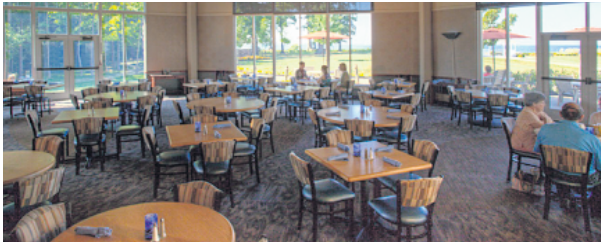
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Inktober All October Headlands Branch Join Mentor Public Library for a month-long celebration of drawing! The library will have sketchbooks (while supplies last) and a daily list of drawing prompts to help everyone get started at the Headlands Branch. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate. After Inktober, everyone is invited to a gathering on Monday, Nov. 6, at MPL's Headlands Branch to share their drawings. No registration required.

Write a Letter to Clifford the Big Red Dog All October 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.

Monthly Make a Craft All October Children's Area, Main Branch Kids can make a craft the next time they visit our children's department (while supplies

last.) The crafts are for in-the-library use, not take-and-makes.

Little Ghost Scavenger Hunt All October Lake Branch Little ghosts have escaped from the Lake Branch's lighthouse tower and are haunting the bookshelves. Find them to win a prize. New hiding spots daily. Kids can play once a day.

Fall Scavenger Hunt Oct. 16 to Oct. 28 Children's Area, Main Branch Locate fall items hidden throughout the library to win a prize. Stop by the children's desk for a checklist.

Family Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. Main Branch Bring your kids and enjoy stories, songs and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development. Geared toward ages two to six but all ages welcome.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch Kids (from birth to three years old) will love this interactive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes.

Storytime Stars 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.

Preschool Story Time Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Main Branch Kids (ages three to six) can enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Adults don't need to attend this story time along with their child.

PJ Family Story Time Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Kindergarten Prep Story Time Thursdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch A short story time followed by pre-kindergarten activities. Open to those kids entering kindergarten soon or wanting to get a jump on useful skills. Kids are encouraged to attend without a parent.

Musical Munchkins Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages five and younger) can enjoy an interactive musical story time with singing, stories, and exploration of simple musical concepts. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Finger Paint Fridays Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids can explore their creativity with finger-painting 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; but, space is limited, so children may need to wait their turns.

Wiggle, Giggle & Shake Fridays at 10 a.m. Main Branch Kids and caregivers will have fun clapping, marching and moving to music together. For ages two to six.

The Fine Arts Club Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch Using history and hands-on experience, children (ages seven to 12) will learn about dance, theatre, poetry, painting and other forms of art. This month, kids can explore theatrical costume design. Registration required.

Pumpkin Palooza Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Good gourd! Kids (ages five to 11) can enjoy an evening of pumpkin-themed crafts, games and snacks. Registration required.

Travel Club Wednesday, Oct. 4, 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.

Dragon Swamp Lantern Wednesdays, Oct. 4 or 11, at 5:30 p.m. The HUB Teens (ages 12 to 17) can make a dragon swamp lantern that's spectral and spectacular! They'll use dragon decals,

twine, fairy lights and The HUB's Cricut. Registration required.

Paws to Read Wednesday, Oct. 4 Sessions start at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Headlands Branch Kids who can read independently are invited to practice their reading skills in these 30-minute sessions with a licensed therapy dog. Perfect for the reluctant reader! Registration required.

Toot Your Flute Day Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) can celebrate International Toot Your Flute Day with a free lesson in playing the recorder flute. Then they can take their new recorder home. Registration required.

Yoga Kids Thursday, Oct. 5, 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.

Sweetest Day Honey Bee Thursdays, Oct. 5 or 12, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can personalize a sweet gift in time for Sweetest Day using The HUB's Cricut. Registration required.

Pumpkin Patch Painting Contest Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages four to 12) can paint a pumpkin. Afterward, the pumpkins will be on display in the library's children's area where patrons can vote for their favorites. Registration required.

LEGO at the Library Saturday, Oct. 7, 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.

A Boo-tiful Night Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. Main Lawn, Main Branch Families can enjoy a special Halloween movie outdoor on the Main Branch's lawn. Bring blankets and chairs. Costumes encouraged but not required. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. No registration required.

Master Builders Wednesday, Oct. 11, 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, Oct. 11, 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.

Autumn & Halloween Tote Bags Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens (and adults) can make custom tote bags with fun fall iron-ons. Registration required.

Creative Writing Spooktacular Thursday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids in third through fifth grade will write spooky tales to share with their family and friends. Registration required.

Fun with Fairy Tales & Fables Friday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch Kids (ages four to six) will learn reading is fun with a story and activities inspired by fairy tales and fables. This month's story is the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Registration required.

Headlands Jeopardy Saturday, Oct. 14, 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, Oct. 14, 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.

Teen Halloween Cookies Decorating Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens (seventh through 12th grade) can decorate cookies at the library. Costumes not required but always fun. Registration required.

Crafty Kids: Halloween Pony Bead Keychains Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can make Halloween keychains using pony beads. Registration required.

Glow-in-the-Dark Trick or Treat Bags Tuesdays, Oct. 17 or 24, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can create a glowing ghoulish treat bag that's perfect for Halloween. Registration required.

Kids Create Fall Stationery Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages seven to 12) can create awesome and artistic autumnal stationery. Registration required.

Not-So-Spooky Family Story Time Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Families can enjoy Halloween

stories, a craft and sweet treat during this special story time. Costumes are encouraged. Registration required.

Understanding the Moon Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. Lake Branch Join the Mentor-on-the-Lake Star Seekers to learn more about our lunar neighbor. Learn what you can see both with a telescope and your naked eye. All ages welcome. Registration required.

Saturday Family Story Time Saturday, Oct. 21, 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.

Curious Kids Wednesday, Oct. 25, 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.

Spooky Camp Story Hour Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Children and their families will gather round a faux campfire to hear spooky stories. Treats provided. Costumes encouraged! Registration required.

Teen Book Club Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Teens (those 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 "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley.

Star Wars Spelling Bee Saturday, Oct. 28, at noon Village Room, Main Branch Brush up on your banthas! Kids (ages eight to 12) can test their spelling skills and Star Wars knowledge with the library's Star Wars Spelling Bee. The competition will only include Star Wars terms. Prizes for first, second and third places. Registration required.

Preschool Dance Party: Monster Mash Monday, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Get your costumes ready for the dance party that's also a story time. Kids (ages three to six) will enjoy dancing to Halloween music and listening to stories. Registration required. Costumes encouraged.

Drawn In To Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 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 October, they'll talk about "Gris Grimly's Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley, Gris Grimly and Bernie Wrightson. Book club members will receive their own journal where they can write, draw, and share their stories with the group. Registration required.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Park Monday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. Offsite at Veterans Park (5730 Hopkins Road, Mentor) Dan Maxson from the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse will lead a fun evening of spooky stories and local ghost lore. Meet at the pavilion in Veterans Park. Registration required.

Trick or Treating at the Library Tuesday, 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.

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Fall-Tography Contest Oct 2 – Oct 15

Morley Library invites kids show off their photography skills with a fall-themed photography contest. Photos should fall into 3 categories: people, animals, and plants. Photos should also reflect the autumn season in some way. Photos can be submitted in person or sent to kids@morleylibrary.org. The pictures will be uploaded to our Facebook page and hung up in the Children's Department where patrons can vote on their favorite pictures in each category. Open to kids up to age 12. The winners in each category will receive a small prize.

Toddler Time – Mondays, 10:30-11am. For ages 0-3 years. Join staff for stories, songs, activities, and BUBBLES! Child attends with a caregiver.

Menagerie Mondays – Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm. For ages 8-12. Stop in every Monday afternoon for a new fun activity! The first Monday of the month will be video games, second Monday will be cooking, third Monday will be Dungeons and Dragons, and the fourth Monday will be a sewing project. If there is a fifth Monday in a month, that will be Mystery Monday with a fun surprise activity!

Baby Bookworms – Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11am. A storytime designed for babies

not yet walking and their caregivers to learn rhymes, listen to stories, dance, and have fun together!

Preschool Parade – Tuesdays, 11:15-11:45am. For ages 3-6. Join us for a movement-based story time that always ends in a parade! Child attends with a caregiver.

Fireside Lore: The Llorona Tales – Tuesdays, 5:30-6pm. For ages 7-12. Join us for spooky stories from Latin America like la Llorona, el Chupacabras, el Hombre Caiman, and many more! We'll tell scary stories around a "campfire" and share some snacks and hot drinks, then we'll learn more about the origin of the stories. *Are you brave enough to hear creepy stories in the "dark"? This program is geared towards children between 7 and 12 years of age. Please note: to honor the tradition surrounding these stories, some tales will include limited violence and death that may be intense for some young listeners. If this doesn't sound like the right fit for you, try one of our other great programs!*

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.

Little Learners – Wednesdays, 11:15am-12pm/Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am. For ages 3-6. Calling all preschoolers! Get ready for kindergarten through games, songs and stories. Practice being away from caregiver, listening to a teacher and working in a classroom setting. Children will attend without caregivers, but caregivers must remain on the floor. Wednesday and Thursday classes are the same.

Books That Go Bump in the Night – Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm. For ages 6-12. Every Thursday night through October we'll be sharing shivery short stories that are sure to rattle your bones!

Spanish 4 Niños – Fridays, 10:30-11am. For ages 3-6. A Storytime where everyone says HOLA! Learn some simple Spanish while dancing, singing & listening to stories. A fun storytime for all, whether you're trying to pick up a bit of Spanish or not!

Spooky Bead Buddies – Saturday, Oct.

7, 11am – 12pm. For ages 12 and under. In time for spooky season: join us in the project room on the Children's floor and make a beaded keychain buddy to accompany you on all your October adventures!

Halloween Happenings – Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 12 and under. Celebrate Halloween with Morley! We'll have carnival games, goodie bags, a photo booth, and a popcorn bar available as supplies last. Costumes welcome!

Dia de los Muertos Celebration – Saturday, Oct. 21, 11am-1pm. For all ages. Come and join us on Children's Floor to celebrate this traditional Hispanic festival honoring the dead with traditional dance, crafts and sugar skull decorating while supplies last.

Terrifying Treats – Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:30am-11:30am. For ages 3-12. Registration required. Join us in the project room to make terrifying treats! Build a graham cracker house and pudding cemetery.

Five Nights at Freddy's: Library Lock-down – Saturday, Oct. 28, 1pm-2pm. For ages 9-12. Registration required. Stop by for a scary good time! Write a horror story, paint your own 3D printed Freddy figurine, and help guide Freddy as an ozobot through a maze, all the way to the to the security office!

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Banned Books Reading Challenge

Read 5 challenged and/or banned books from October 1-November 1 and win a prize. Everyone who completes the challenge will enter a drawing for a larger prize. That drawing will happen after 1 November. A list of challenged

adult/young adult/juvenile books will be available on the WEPL website throughout the month. Register at Beanstack today!

Begins October 1- All Willoughby-Eastlake Library Locations

Nature Walk & Pumpkin Painting Children 3+ can take a fall nature walk with scavenger hunt and then get messy & paint a small pumpkin to bring home! Please register each child separately.

Wednesday, October 4, 1:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Public Library

Tween & Teen Anime Awesomeness

Join us for a new anime each session. Draw, chat, snack, and have anime-zing time! Ages 10 and up.

Wednesdays, October 4 & 18, 3:30 pm
Willowick Public Library

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 5, 3-5 pm Lake Humane Society-Mentor

WEPLCON Join us for a day of celebrating geeky fandom. Featuring raffles, panels, cosplay, and more. Saturday, October 7, 11 am Willowick Public Library

Sit, Stay, READ! Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! Spaces are limited. Registration required. Grades K-5. Saturday, October 7, 10 am and 11 am (Choose only one time slot.) Eastlake Public Library

First Chapter Reading Club For book lovers and reluctant readers, this group introduces school-aged readers to different subjects and genres. Ages 6-12. Monday, October 9, 6:30 pm Willoughby Public Library

Adaptive Storytime Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support varying developmental needs. Family program. Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 pm (Zoom) Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 pm (In-Person) Eastlake Public Library

Family Movie Night at the Hills Watch movies recently released on DVD up on the big screen. Doors open at 3:45 pm with the movie starting at 4 pm. Outside food and drink is permitted. Wednesday, October 11, 4 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library

Craft & Play Make a craft, then stay & play! Wednesdays, October 11–November 15, 10 am Eastlake Public Library

Teen Homebased Wednesdays Join us for a series of programs encouraging homeschoolers to explore and learn.

Topics include yoga activity, Ohio's forests and wildlife, craft-making for gift-giving, and winter sowing. Open to grades 6-12 (ages 12-18). Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome!

Wednesday, October 11, 2 pm
Willoughby Public Library

Tween Coding and Circuits Learn about basic coding and circuits using the MicroBit single board computer. Ages 8-12.

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 pm
Willowick Public Library

"SymFUNNY" Music Program! Enjoy an interactive program about the art, science and especially FUN of music! Led by local author Jeannie Fleming-Gifford. Ages 3-8. Friday, October 13, 10 am Willoughby Public Library

Family Play Group Gather your friends and hang out to play with our toys and books.

Friday, October 13, 11 am
Willowick Public Library

Homeschool Trivia Children 6-12 will learn about various topics during a fun trivia game. Friday, October 13, 1 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library

Babysitting Basics Join instructors Lora Kirkpatrick and Sherri Lee of the Lake County YMCA Child Watch program to learn what it takes to be a good babysitter.

Friday, October 13, 1 pm
Willoughby Public Library

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 14, 2 pm Willowick Public Library

Homeschool Gym Class Children ages 6-12 will have a chance to get active with different physical activities each month. We'll be outside in September if the weather permits. Space is limited! Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 and 3 pm Willoughby Public Library

Hills Halloween Bash Celebrate Halloween and don't forget your costume! Wednesday, October 18, 1 pm Willoughby Hills Public Library

WilloWICKED Halloween Costume Party Enjoy crafts, games and stories during our annual Halloween event!

Don't forget your costume! Thursday, October 19, 6:30 pm Willowick Public Library

Music and Movement Join us for a fun program followed by an opportunity to socialize and play with toys provided by the library. Ages 2-5 years old. Friday, October 20, 3 pm Willowick Public Library

Homeschool Interest Fair Join us for an opportunity for homeschool students ages 8+ to study a topic and then present what they find. Students can write a report, display a model or collection, or present the results of a science experiment. Please provide your own tri-fold poster board. Monday, October 23, 2 pm Willowick Public Library

Mindful Kids Help your school-aged students de-stress with simple yoga, guided meditation, activities and crafts. Children K-5 with caregivers. Monday, October 23, 6:30 pm Willoughby Public Library

Whoose Bones Are Those? Hands-on event where we'll dissect real owl pellets. Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 pm Eastlake Public Library

WilloBoo@Willoughby Library Stop by Willoughby Library for trick or treating and spooky fun! Wednesday, October 25, 6-8 pm Willoughby Public Library

Twisted Toys for Tweens & Teens Deconstruct some toys and create your own Franken-Toy. Ages 10 and up. Thursday, October 26, 6:30 pm Willowick Public Library

Homeschool LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination! Friday, October 27, 11 am Willowick Public Library

Learn and Play Chess Club All ages and skill levels welcome. Instruction for beginners available from 1-1:30 pm and instruction for intermediate players from 1:30-2 pm. Saturday, October 28, 12 pm Willoughby Public Library

Lab-oh-ratory Fun! Drop in for hands-on Halloween science, games & treats. Saturday, October 28, 1 pm Eastlake Public Library



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