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### A Developing Parent is a Better Parent

For a long time I have attributed my children's positive psychological development to a combination of luck and some inexplicable magic. After all, I had a unique and complicated upbringing and lacked experience with children. Heck, I didn't even have a mother! So, how was I supposed to have a clue what to do? Somehow I did it, but I've always believed it was some kind of miracle.

As my children navigate their 'adulting years', I have watched them tackle so many things and I couldn't be more proud of how they continue to grow and learn. On the contrary, I meet many people twice their age who have not yet matured and struggle with the same problems they have had all their lives. One of those people is their own father, with whom they unfortunately do not have a good relationship. Two of them do not have a relationship with him at all, and that's not because we didn't try.

There is no such thing as a "perfect" parent; we aren't going to do everything right. But if anything, I strongly believe self-awareness plays a key part in doing our best. I have come to realize that my success with my kids was not a matter of chance. It stemmed from several factors that were in my control, one of them being the most crucial; personal growth. I have always been a humble individual, constantly evolving and learning from my mistakes. We have all heard the 'apple/tree' analogy. It's likely you have also heard the phenomenon 'breaking the cycle'. If we are broken and remain broken, our kids will be too (so will our relationships). If we have the courage to hold ourselves accountable and learn to be better, that's where the real magic happens.

There is a misconception that kids (of any age) are naive or unintelligent. This couldn't be further from the truth. Children are often far more perceptive than adults give them credit for and they have incredible intuition. They are using their intellect and gut instincts every day.

They see and they know, but sometimes as parents our knee-jerk reaction is to protect our own ego, so we avoid difficult discussions (or admitting fault).

I've always long been an advocate of the "live and let live" philosophy; never been one to dictate others' actions unless they ask for guidance. Similarly, I've never believed there is a single "right" or "wrong" way to parent, as long as children are thriving. But (and it's a big but) if you are struggling with a "difficult" child, I would ask that you resist the urge to fix them, without first examining your own behavior. After being in the trenches, and not without some big missteps, I'm still respected and trusted by my kids. That's important, because respect and trust are fundamental for solid loving relationships. I can look back and know that when I did my best, my children's positive development was a direct reflection of my own personal development. When I did my worst, they did not benefit at all and were more difficult. When kids exhibit challenging behaviors, it is often more due to their surroundings than it is about them.

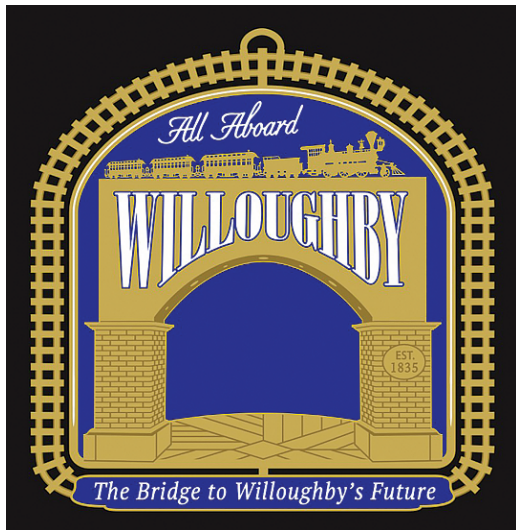
I'm no psychologist, and there are always variables to every problem, but I believe hands-down that the most significant factor in a child's successful development is a parent's commitment to self-improvement. I am not saying it's always the parent's fault, But I am saying that if we don't stop to evaluate how (or if) we are contributing to the issue, we don't likely have all the facts, therefore likely won't find the whole solution. Ideal parenting includes acknowledging your role in the dynamic and asking yourself, "Where do I come in here?" (That common phrase "it takes two" can be applied.)

It's almost never too late. Your background, past mistakes, or perceived shortcomings in the present do not matter. What matters is your awareness and your willingness to own them, and

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# SUMMER KIDS CAMP



## The benefits of attending summer camp

Summer camp is something akin to a rite of passage for millions of youngsters each year. Many adults look back fondly on their experiences at summer camp, often crediting such times as formative periods in their lives.

Summer camp benefits children in myriad ways. Recognition of the many advantages of attending summer camp

can serve as a great reminder of just how fun it can be for children to spend their time away from school at a camp of their choosing.

- Campers continue to socialize throughout summer. Socializing isn't just for the school year. While children in high school might be independent

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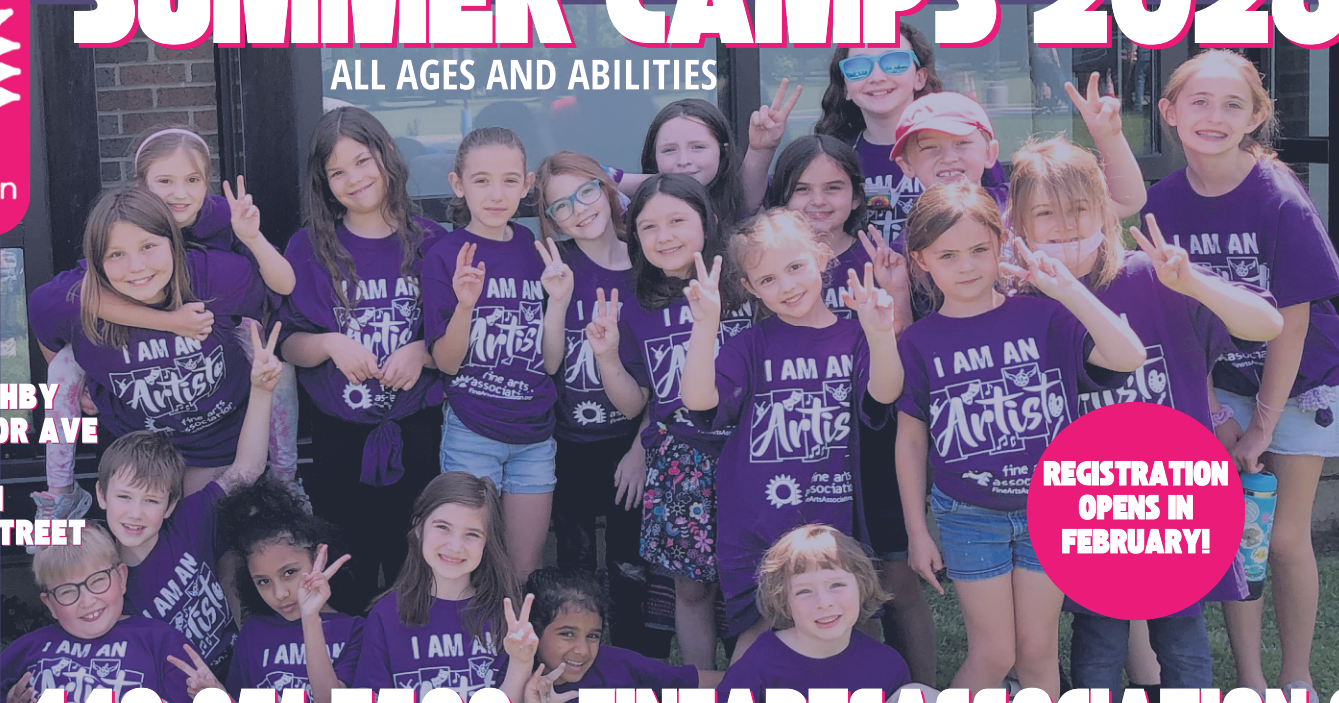
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- **Expose** students to manufacturing and the forging industry at a young age.
- **Engage** students in hands-on activities related to STEAM, and more specifically - the forging industry.
- **Create** memorable experiences for children in the community.
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## Fairmount Center for the Arts

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Guided by carefully selected, caring staff, campers build Friendships, Achieve new skills, and experience a powerful sense of Belonging (FAB). These transformative moments foster resilience, self-confidence, and independence, making Camp Fitch a life-changing experience. Camper surveys consistently highlight making friends, connecting with counselors, and enjoying activities as their top reasons for returning.

Our traditional camp combines classic activities like rock climbing, archery, canoeing, crafts, and mountain biking with

unique access to Lake Erie's beach and two additional waterfronts. Specialized focus programs, including Adventure Trips, Computer Camp, Diabetic Camp, Farm, and Equestrian experiences, offer something for everyone.

Overnight sessions run weekly from June 15 to August 2, with many campers staying for multiple weeks. High retention and referral rates reflect the unforgettable impact of our camp.

More than just a summer experience, Camp Fitch is a year-round community where kids thrive. Whether through outdoor adventures or meaningful connections, we're dedicated to making kids better, forever.

We invite you to visit and experience the magic of Camp Fitch for yourself!

Register today and give your child the opportunity of a lifetime!

### GET READY FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER

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Our 2025 Youth Summer Camps are designed for kids ages 6+. Our camps are split into age specific groups to offer a unique blend of exciting activities, outdoor exploration, and off-site field trips that will inspire and empower every participant. Participants will be engaged in daily activities, crafts and more; we will attend weekly field trips and utilize our great city swimming pool.

Looking for a program/camp for your pre-k aged child? We also offer a 2 day per week camp for ages 4+; Mini Munchkin Camp!

We also have a variety of sport camps throughout the city, from baseball to soccer, we've got you covered!

In addition to our great summer camp and program offerings, be sure to check out our events and programming at our Osborne Park Pool. Don't forget about swim lessons!

Visit [www.willoughbyohio.com](http://www.willoughbyohio.com) for more information!

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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.

For summer 2025 Lakeshore has a few camp options! There will be both day camps & half-day camps for those 7-12 years old, half-day camps for the kiddos 3.5 to 6.5 years old & specialty 1-day camps along with skills clinics. Their websites CAMP tab has more info- Lakeshoregym.com

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.

Young gymnasts, preschool to school age, have their own training space, catering to each athlete with age-appropriate equipment. This year Lakeshore added homeschool & autism specific classes to their program.

Lakeshore offers boys and girls competitive gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics. Each team has a space designed specifically for them! With a new state of the art in-ground foam pit for even more training opportunities!



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.

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](http://LakeshoreGym.com)

## Questions to ask before enrolling in a summer camp

Millions of children spend a significant portion of their summers at camp. The American Camp Association reports that 26 million children enroll in summer camp each year, and many of those youngsters make memories that last a lifetime while building lifelong friendships along the way.

Camps have arguably become even more important in recent decades as more and more households have featured two working parents. Single-parent households also rely on summer camp to keep kids occupied and entertained while school is not in session and Mom or Dad is working. Such situations illustrate how important summer camp can be and underscore the significance of asking the right questions before enrolling a child in camp. In addition to inquiring about hours of operation, insurance and pricing, parents can ask the following questions before enrolling a child in summer camp.

### *What is the history of the camp?*

A camp that has been in business for decades is not necessarily superior to one that opened more recently, but it's still worth asking how long a camp has been around. It might be easier to determine if a given camp is what you're looking for if it's been around awhile. Such camps may have a significant number of Google reviews and may even provide testimonials from past campers and parents. A camp that's been around awhile also can share information regarding its return rate, which indicates the number of youngsters who have come back each summer. A strong return rate can indicate campers enjoy their experiences each summer.

### *Who is eligible to attend camp?*

Some camps restrict enrollment to youngsters within a predetermined age bracket, while others may be exclusive to legal residents of the town where the camp is being held. Eligibility is not only

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## Discover Animal Camp

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Animal Camp is a unique farm day camp experience for kids ages 5-13. Since 2006 we have honed an interactive self-directed, technology free experience for the children of our community.

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**Hawken Summer Programs**  
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At the YMCA, we believe every child deserves a summer filled with exciting activities and personal growth. From arts and crafts to swimming, team sports, and nature exploration, there's something for everyone. Our experienced staff members are dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring each camper has a positive and enriching experience.

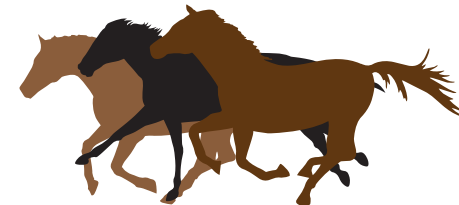
In addition to fun and games, our programs focus on developing essential life skills, including teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. Parents can feel confident knowing their children are engaged in a well-rounded program that promotes physical activity, creativity, and character development.

Conveniently located in Painesville, Madison and Willoughby along with flexible scheduling options, the Lake County YMCA Day Camp is the perfect solution for busy families. Our affordable rates and financial assistance programs make summer camp accessible to everyone. Join the Lake County YMCA Day Camp today by visiting [lakecountyyymca.org](http://lakecountyyymca.org)

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or multiple sessions. All activities are supervised by experienced counselors, many of whom are Animal Camp graduates! (Typical ratio camper to counselor 4:1) Horseback riding helmets are provided, sneakers or boots, water bottle, and lunch are required. Please email Krista with any questions, or information requests. Like Rising River Farm on facebook to stay up to date on available experiences and activities. Visitation of the farm is encouraged prior to the commencement of camp and may be scheduled via email. Rising River Corporation is a 501c-3 dedicated to Equine Education, Vocational opportunities, and horse rescue/sanctuary. The majority of the animals on the farm are rescue animals.

**Animal Camp: Hosted by Rising River Farm 6618 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls Ohio, 44022,**  
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a significant variable in regard to determining who can and cannot attend a given camp; it's also notable because parents may want their children to attend a camp that will feature some familiar faces. Attending camp alongside classmates or neighbors or teammates can calm kids' nerves and make them more excited about going to camp each day in the summer. But camps open to children from other towns also can be beneficial by allowing children to expand their social networks beyond their own towns.

### What is the experience of camp staff?

Camp directors and staff members spend a lot of time with campers each summer, so it's important that parents ask who these people are, how they're trained and how much experience they have. No business can avoid employee turnover completely, so parents who hold out for a camp that's had the same employees for decades will likely find themselves with an unhappy non-camper come the start of summer. But questions about turnover rate, training and the counselor selection process are viable questions to ask prior to enrolling a child in a particular camp.

### What is the camp itinerary?

Kids might grow bored if camp features the same itinerary each day, and parents might feel such camps are not worth the investment. Ask about the typical camp itinerary, including field trips, daily activities, special events, and entertainment. The more entertaining and fun a camp is, the more likely youngsters are to love



spending time there.

### Is physical activity part of the camp?

Many students attend academic camps or camps where they learn to play music or further their existing skills. But parents know that physical activity is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle and a great way to make the best of the summer sun. When considering a specialty offering like band camp or STEM camp, ask about what role, if any, physical activity plays in a typical day.

Summer camps will be up and running before parents know it. Asking the right questions can help parents identify the best camp for their children.



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# Busy Bees offers Creative fun all summer long!

Creative fun all summer long! Busy Bees Summer Art Camp is the place for the kids to “bee” this summer!

Parents looking for “that something different” for their creative kiddos should check out the summer camps offered by the Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio in Great Lakes Mall.

Since 2015, the studio has provided a cheerful creative outlet for school-aged children to explore and create throughout the summer. “Within the camps, our instructors take kids on a journey, exploring our mediums, from paint your own unfinished bisque pottery pieces to mosaics, canvas painting, glass fusing, clay hand building, and board art,” says owner Beth Brinton. “There’s really nothing as special as seeing a child’s face light up when they finish creating something.”

Beth and her artsy staff have come up with a range of half-day and full-day camps to appeal to kids ages six to 12. Running the second week of June through the first week of August, each day of the week focuses on a special medium and theme! The Summer Art Counsel-

ors are an incredible group of people who love sharing and exploring the arts with our local youth. All counselors are First Aid certified and are background checked.

“The kids will create one to three pieces of artwork each day during the camps,” says Beth. “And their pottery, or clay or glass pieces will be kiln fired at the studio which is a really unique experience for the kids. Non-fired projects such as canvases, candles, and mosaics will be available for the kids to explore as well.

Busy Bees Pottery & Art Studio is located in the heart of Great Lakes Mall, near the Fuji Japanese Steakhouse entrance, at 7850 Mentor Avenue, in Mentor. You should book parties in advance, but for regular art projects, walk-ins are always welcome. Register for summer camps online.

*The studio is open seven days a week, Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 11a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 440-571-5201 or visit www.Mentor.BusyBeesArt.com. From ceramic and hand-built pottery to glass fusing, painting, jewelry making and more, you can get creative and have a lot of fun at Busy Bees Pottery and Arts Studio.*

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## Forge the Future Summer Camp

July 14-17, 2025  
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Cuyahoga Community College  
Advanced Technology Training Center  
3409 Woodland Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115

Registration Fee: \$75 per student  
Register online at  
[www.forging.org/CAMPOH25](http://www.forging.org/CAMPOH25)

Questions?  
Please contact Amanda Dureiko, Director  
Foundation and Workforce Development, at  
[amanda@forging.org](mailto:amanda@forging.org) or call 216-781-6260.

Explore the world of forging through the Forging Foundation’s four-day **Forge the Future Summer Camp**. Students 11-15 years old will have the opportunity to tour a forging facility, participate in STEAM and team building activities, and learn how to forge. Plus, campers will get to take home their own forging!

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### Visitation:

Animal Camp visits will be offered on an individual basis. Visitation must be scheduled with limited availability.

### Rising River Farm

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## BENEFITS OF SUMMER CAMP FROM PAGE 4

enough to come and go with their friends during summer break, kids who are still in elementary school or middle school might not be old enough to handle such freedom. That can make it hard to stay in touch with friends, which in turn can contribute to feelings of boredom and loneliness. Camp provides ample opportunities for young children to socialize during a time of year when they might not see their school friends as often as they're used to.

- Campers can expand their horizons. Though some summer camps are exclusive to residents of certain communities, many tend to feature children from numerous towns or municipalities. Such camps provide an opportunity for campers to expand their horizons by engaging with youngsters who come from different backgrounds. Indeed, the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University notes that summer camp may be the first time children spend substantial amounts of time with people whose backgrounds differ from their own.

- Camp can get kids off their devices. Modern children are growing up in a digital world, and parents know how hard it can be to get kids to put down their devices and get outdoors. But the key to making that pivot could be access to outdoor play spaces. A 2025 study from researchers at the University of Michigan published in the journal

Health and Place found that efforts to reduce kids' screen time are more successful when children are given a chance to play outside. Many summer camps are structured around outdoor play, making them a potentially invaluable ally as parents seek to help children cut back on the time they spend using their devices. Children who do not attend camp and live in households where both parents work or in single-parent households where Mom or Dad works may be forced to spend much of summer indoors, which could increase the frequency with which they turn to devices to occupy their time.

- Camp adds structure to summer days. Once a school year ends, the structure a school day provides vanishes into thin air. Couple that with extracurricular activities that go on hiatus during summer vacation, and kids accustomed to structure are left with little to do and no need to schedule their time. That can add an aimlessness to summer days. Camp can provide the structure kids are accustomed to but still offer a break from responsibilities like homework or the commitments required of extracurricular activities.

There's no shortage of benefits to enrolling youngsters in summer camp, where kids can socialize, grow and get off their devices while engaged in structured but stress-free activities.

## BETTER PARENT FROM PAGE 2

if need be, address them. If we can take responsibility for our own part, our children will respect us for doing so and bonds can be repaired. Kids are inherently forgiving, it comes naturally to them. As adults, we often lose this, especially when it comes to forgiving ourselves.

I am not perfect, nor will I ever be. But raising my kids successfully was not a stroke of luck. I am a lifelong learner, committed to growth, and have taken responsibility for myself and my mistakes. This has preserved our bonds and, in doing so, shown them the way. They need not feel ashamed for being imperfect and they can always be better.



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Mentor-on-the-Lake 44060

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(440) 257-2000

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

### Spring Reading Challenge

#### Starting March 20 All Branches

Grow your mind this spring with the library's Spring Reading Challenge — sponsored by Holden Forests & Gardens! Pick up a reading tree from one of Mentor Public Library's branches. Each book read adds a leaf to the tree. Readers who complete their tree by the summer solstice (June 20) will be entered into a drawing to win a 1-year membership to Holden Forests & Gardens.

**Family Story Time** Mondays at 10 a.m., starting March 10 Children's Story Time Room, Main Branch Children will enjoy stories, songs and activities that promote early literacy and healthy development. Geared toward children aged two to six, but all ages are welcome. And story time ends with a parade!

**Tiddlywinks** Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting March 11 Children's Story Time Room, 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.,

starting March 11 Lake Branch Kids (ages six month to five years) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Preschool Story Time** Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m., starting March 11 Children's Story Time Room, Main Branch Kids (ages three to six) will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Children attend without an adult.

**PJ Story Time** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., starting March 12 Children's Story Time 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.

**Itty Bitty Bookworms Storytime** Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Headlands Branch Enjoy a fun morning of stories, song, rhymes and a craft. Perfect for the Pre-K crowd. Due to limited space, registration is required.

**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., starting March 14 James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids and caregivers will have fun clapping, marching and moving to music together. For ages two to six.

**LEGO at the Library** Saturday, March 1,

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.

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss** Monday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children's Area, Main Branch Families can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, activities and crafts inspired by his books and characters. No registration required.

**Grab-n-Go Seasonal Crafts** Monday, March 3 Lake Branch Kids can enjoy a seasonal craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

**Dr. Seuss Family Story Time** Monday, March 3, at 10 a.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a Seuss-ependous story time. Lots of Seussical fun. No registration required.

**VolunTEENS** Monday, March 3, at 3:30 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Teens (15 and older) can help the community and earn volunteer hours at the library. Contact the Adult Information Services Department for more info at 440-255-8811 ext. 1.

**Book-to-Movie Book Club** Monday, March 3, at 4 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch New book club! Kids (ages eight to 12) will read part of a classic children's book, watch a snippet of the movie it inspired, and enjoy related activities. This month: "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. Registration required.

**Spring Break Cups** Tuesday, March 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The HUB Teens (ages 12 to 17) can customize a cup using The HUB's Cricut Maker. No registration required.

**The Fine Arts Club** Tuesday, March 4, 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, the club will explore the Japanese poetry form of haiku. Registration required.

**Pressed Flower Lanterns** Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens (and adults) can make their own pressed flower lanterns using recycled Oui jars. Beautiful and easy to create! Registration required.

**Travel Club — USA** Wednesday, March 5, at 4 p.m. Children's Story Room, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) will enjoy crafts, activities and snack celebrating a different state each month. Kids can also collect a pin from that state. In March, the club visits Louisiana in time for Mardi Gras. Registration required.

**Paws to Read** Wednesday, March 5 Ses-

sions 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.

**Headlands Trivia** Saturday, March 8, at noon Headlands Branch Kids can test their know-how and learn something new with a fun afternoon of trivia challenges. Signup required to play.

**National Barbie Day** Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages six to 12) can celebrate the iconic Barbie doll with creativity. Paint a 3D printed doll chair while watching "Barbie and the Three Musketeers." Don't forget to bring your favorite doll. Registration required.

**ROBLOX Saturday** Saturday, March 8, 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.

**Next Level Video Game Club** Saturday, March 8, at 2 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.

**Toddler Playdate** Monday, March 10, at 10 a.m. Lake Branch Connect with other families that have toddlers (ages 18 to 36 months) and test drive toys from the library's collection. No registration required.

**Mentor-on-the-Lake Movie Night** Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. Lake Branch Come watch "The Giver" based on the classic Lois Lowry book. Twelve copies of the graphic-novel version of "The Giver" will be raffled off at the conclusion of the movie. Registration required. The film is rated PG-13.

**The Easter Bunny's Green Screen Portraits** Tuesday, March 11, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The HUB Use The HUB's green screen to make a unique Easter portrait. Walk-in. All ages. No registration required.

**Firehouse Friends** Thursday, March 13, at 10 a.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Join Fireman Dan from Mentor Fire Department as he reads stories and offers tips on staying safe. No registration required.

**Energy Explorers with NOPEC** Friday, March 14, at 1 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (kindergarten through fourth grade) will enjoy hands-on activities to see how energy works. The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council will bring its energy bike. Parents must sign a waiver



or kids to ride it. Registration required.  
**Egg Hatching at the Library** March 17 until the eggs hatch Children's Area, Main Branch Beginning Monday, March 17, come visit the chicken eggs that will be hatching in the Children's Area of Mentor Public Library's Main Branch. The library will have an incubator set up and visitors may even get to see the eggs hatch. You can also follow the chicks' progress on the library's Twitch channel, twitch.tv/mentorpubliclibrary. After the chicks hatch, they'll stay at the library for about a week before relocating to their forever home.

**Bluey Bash** Monday, March 17, at 11 a.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages two to six) can celebrate everything Bluey with crafts, activities and even snacks inspired by their favorite television show. Registration required.

**Thrills and Chills Teen Book Club** Monday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Eastlake Branch The library's book club for teens — with books selected by its club members! In February, they will read and discuss Robert Beatty's "Serafina and the Black Cloak." The club is open to 14-through 18-year-olds in ninth through 12th grade. Registration required.

**Sew Much Fun** Tuesday, March 18, at 2 p.m. James R. Garfield Room, Main Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can have fun learning how to sew and making a beginner-level craft to take home. Registration required.

**Craft-Tea Teens** Wednesday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Teens (in seventh through 12th grade) can create a mini-garden while sipping on tea or hot cocoa. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

**Silly Bunny** Wednesdays, March 19 or 26, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (ages six to 11) can make a simple Wood Bunny with help from The HUB's laser engraver. Registration required.

**Kindergarten Readiness Workshop** Thursday, March 20, at noon Village Room, Main Branch This 2-part seminar will be hosted by Sylvan Learning Center and MPL's Children's Department. During the first half hour, Sylvan staff will talk with caregivers to help them understand what it means for a child to be kindergarten ready. Library staff will have activities for the kids to enjoy. For the second half, kids and caregivers will come together for more practical tips and fun activities. For kids (ages three to five,) along with their grownups. Registration required.

**Bingo Club** Thursday, March 20, at 4 p.m. Children's Story Time Room, Main Branch Kids (ages seven to 12) can win prizes by

playing bingo. Each month, the game will have a different theme. Registration required.

**Spring Flower Handprints** Thursdays, March 20 or 27, at 4 p.m. The HUB Kids (birth to 11) can create a cherished keepsake with their hands and a canvas. Registration required.

**Elephant & Piggie Party** Friday, March 21, at 1 p.m. Lake Branch Kids (ages four to eight) can celebrate Elephant and Piggie with stories, games, crafts and a snack inspired by Mo Willems' popular series. Registration required.

**Superhero Party — Good Manners** Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. Village Room, Main Branch You don't need to be Superman to have super manners! Kids (ages four to eight) can don their finest superhero attire while learning about polite words and dining manners from Miss Kimberlee from the Ohio Etiquette Factory. Registration required.

**Galaxy Jars** Tuesday, March 25, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The HUB Use The HUB's laser engraver to make your own galaxy jar. All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Taylor Swift Party** Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Village Room, Main Branch Kids (ages eight to 12) can enjoy a Taylor Swift party with crafts, singalongs and friendship bracelets. Registration required.

#### WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Eastlake Public Library**  
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**Willoughby Public Library**  
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**Willowick Public Library**  
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**Willoughby Hills Public Library**  
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**LEGO Club** Bring the whole family and join us for LEGO and Duplo playtime! All ages are welcome. Saturday, March 1, 1:30 pm Willowick Public Library  
Saturday, March 1, 10 am Eastlake Public Library

**Messy Monday Storytime** Join us for Messy Monday Storytime, where kids ages 2-5 can dive into stories, explore hands-on activities, and enjoy a little messy fun! Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 10 am Eastlake Public Library

**Empowerment Circle: Presented by Forbes House** Interactive discussions, educational presentations, and group activities. Ages 11-18.

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:45 pm  
Willowick Public Library

**Movement and Music** Join us for a fun Music and Movement program followed by an optional opportunity to socialize and play. Ages 2-5.

Friday, March 21, April 18, 3 pm  
Willowick Public Library  
Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 6:30 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 10-18. Wednesdays, March 5 and 19, 3:30 pm Willowick Public Library,

**Family Playgroup** Play, interact, and connect with other families!

Friday, March 7, 10 am  
Eastlake Public Library  
Friday, March 7, 10 am  
Willowick Public Library

**Adaptive Storytime** Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this online interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support varying developmental needs.

Zoom: Tuesday, March 4, 6 pm  
In-Person: Tuesday, March 11, 6 pm  
Eastlake Public Library

**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, March 8, 1 pm  
Saturday, March 22, 12 pm  
Willoughby Public Library

**First Chapter Reading Club** Join us for a reading and discussion group that introduces readers in grades 1 - 5 to different subjects and genres each month. Through read-alouds and group discussion and play, we'll help young readers find their next favorite book.

Monday, March 10, 6:30 pm  
Willoughby Public Library

**Pete the Cat Leprechaun Party** Join Pete the Cat and Miss Micki as we read a book, do a craft, and look for the leprechaun's pot of gold. vWednesday, March 12, 6:30 pm Willoughby Public Library

**Teen Homeschool: Food Bank** Tour the Greater Cleveland Food Bank facility and learn about the organization's mission and operations. Participants ages 14+ may stay to volunteer by repack-

ing donations to make them easier to distribute. Presentation open to grades 6-12 (ages 12-18). Volunteering open to grades 8-12 (ages 14-18).

Thursday March 13, 2 pm (presentation), 3 pm (volunteering)

Willoughby Public Library  
**Tiny Art Show Reception** We will reveal the tiny masterpieces created by participants of the Tiny Art Show program.

Attendees will vote for the "Crowd Favorite" artwork. All are welcome.  
Wednesday, March 19, 6-7:30 pm  
Willoughby Hills Public Library

**BollyMoves: Dance & Culture Fun** Join San's Dance Vibes for a lively workshop where families will enjoy a vibrant performance, learn fun dance moves, and explore Indian traditions through music and storytelling. Sat., March 22, 11 am Eastlake Public Library

**Homeschool Scientist – Spring** Join the Holden Arboretum for their Sprouting Young Scientists program designed to educate early learners about plant science through literacy and language. Includes hands-on activities and instruction. Ages 4 - 6. Wed.ay, March 24, 2 pm Willowick Public Library

**Meet Julie: An American Girl Program** American Girl fans in grades K - 6 are invited to join us for a celebration of Julie! We'll learn more about Julie's time period with a craft and activities. Children are welcome to bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal.

Tuesday, March 25, 4 pm  
Willoughby Hills Public Library  
**Preschool Playdough Party** Each month will feature a different theme with various playdough activities for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and caregivers.

Wednesday, March 26, 2 pm  
Willoughby Public Library,  
**Teen Karaoke** Sing with friends and compete for the highest score, work together to harmonize and hit the right notes, show off your singing skills, and become the karaoke superstar you were born to be with Let's Sing 2025 on the Library's Nintendo Switch!

Wednesday, March 26, 4 pm  
Willoughby Hills Public Library

**How to Appeal to Colleges for More Financial Aid** University Director of Financial Aid Jennifer Harpham will provide guidance for families on how to successfully appeal to colleges to get as much financial aid as possible. For new and returning students and their families. Thursday, March 27, 6:30 pm Willoughby Public Library



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# KidShow



# COLORING CONTEST

## PRIZES

### 1st Place ages 4-6

Mixed Media Studio Easel Art Set By Artist's Loft (\$100 prize)

### 2nd Place ages 4-6

100 Gel Pens with Stand by Artist's Loft (\$30 prize)

### 1st Place ages 7-10

Mixed Media Studio Easel Art Set By Artist's Loft (\$100 prize)

### 2nd Place ages 7-10

100 Gel Pens with Stand by Artist's Loft (\$30 prize)

## Contest Rules

1. One entry per child.
2. Entries can be colored using crayons, markers or colored pencils.
3. All entries must include child's name, address, phone and age.
4. All entries must be submitted by 6:00pm on Saturday, March 22, 2025.
5. Winning entries will be displayed at Michaels until March 31, 2025.
6. All entries become the property of Michaels.
7. Winners will be notified by phone on March 26, 2025.
8. Decision of the judges is final.

## Coloring Contest Entry Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle one): 4-6      7-10

Drop off completed entries at the March 22 KidShow at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor. Entries will be accepted at the KidShow Registration Center at the top of the Food Court or at the Michaels store across from the mall at 7900 Plaza Boulevard. Deadline for entries is 6:00 pm on March 22, 2025.

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#### **In House Field Trips**

- Dino Ohio
- Franks with Fathers
- Balloon Twister
- Body Art (Face Painting)
- Tada Magician
- Lake Metro Parks (Ice Cream)
- Carnival Games/Dunk Tank
- OMG Gaming Bus
- Jungel Terry
- End of Summer Pizza Party

#### **Offsite Field Trips**

- Lake Farm Park
- Preston Hope Park
- Adrenaline Monkey
- Rollhouse
- Sky Zone
- Jump Yard
- Movie Theatre
- Walsh Splash Park
- Cleveland Aquarium

\*There is a summer fee of \$225 for all offsite field trips (Must be paid at the time of enrollment). Weekly Tuition is \$280 in Mentor and \$260 in Chesterland. No cost for in-house field trips.

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