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## 10th Annual Winter Hike

**Penitentiary Glen Reservation**

**February 12 • 1 to 4 pm**

It may not be Mount Everest or the Arctic tundra but Lake County has its own wintery wonders and amazing landscape to explore. Join us for our 10th annual Winter Hike Saturday, February 12, as we venture through Penitentiary Glen and into the wilderness in your own backyard. Hikers will embark on their choice of two hikes, varying in length and terrain. The novice hiker will enjoy a short hike with flat and mild terrain led by Lake Metroparks naturalists. More experienced hikers will enjoy the challenge of a longer self-guided hike featuring rolling terrain and a few steep hills. Along the way they will encounter naturalists as they learn hands on how to survive hiking in winter. Additional naturalists and volunteers will be roving along the paths to assist hikers in any way. Both hikes begin at 1 pm. Trail maps will be provided to all hikers.

Our program theme, "Clothed and Unafraid," reminds hikers of the importance of wearing comfortable footwear that is sturdy, warm and water-repellent. Hiking boots are recommended as the trails may be snow- and/or mud-covered. Remember to dress in warm, comfortable layers.

Warm yourself by a roaring campfire and enjoy s'mores after completing your hike. Enjoy hot soup, warm cornbread and beverages served inside the Nature Center and listen to the sounds of live music. Browse our selection of nature-related items in The Nature Store including birdfeeders, wildlife houses and other accessories, binoculars, books, field guides and clothing.

Note: No dogs are permitted at this event. Visit [bit.ly/LMcanine](http://bit.ly/LMcanine) for canine-friendly programs offered by Lake Metroparks.

Registration is required to participate in the 10th annual Winter Hike. A commemorative Winter Hike patch, s'mores, soup and beverages are included in the \$8 registration fee. All ages are wel-



### Winter Hike photos by Al Susinskas

come (younger than 18 with an adult). Register online at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com), in person at Lake Metroparks registration department or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226.

Additional natural fun at Penitentiary Glen Reservation:

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

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

Visit the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, where injured or orphaned native Ohio wildlife including hawks, owls and a bald eagle are housed for rehabilitation and care. See our wildlife ambassadors in the Wildlife Center Yard.

Explore the outdoors with an X-Plorer Pack filled with seasonal hands-on activities that help you discover nature in the park.

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# Summer Camp

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## Why Day Camp?

By Marla Coleman

Children learn life skills that become habits of the heart.

Another mother wrote that the family was on a ski trip. The son got to the top of a steep hill and started to panic. The mom said, "What would you do if you were at camp?" and he proceeded to engage himself in positive self-talk that was part of the camp culture: "It may take time, it may be hard; but stick with it, and you'll be fine!" He skied down with a huge sense of accomplishment and perseverance.

It's tough to be a kid these days. It's tough to be a parent. In a society where the nature of the family, the work place, and the community have changed dramatically, we can no longer assume that the natural process of growing up will provide children the experiences and the resources they need to become successful, contributing adults. In sharp contrast to the traditions of

growing up in the 50s and 60s, today we live in the first moment when humans receive more of their information second-hand than first! We are in a climate where it is harder to know what we need to survive, so drawing on experiences that give children healthy alternatives and opportunities to instill capabilities, the hallmarks of thriving, is the greatest gift you can give a young child.

Does it really matter if my child doesn't go to day camp, especially since she will go to overnight camp in a few years? She is only four years old — why does she need day camp?

Camp provides one of the very few links with a world larger than the consumer culture we inhabit — and day camp is one important choice in a quiver of options. The camp experience helps children and youth develop an appreciation of their place and

their responsibility in a much larger universe. A preschooler — or even an older child who might be reluctant to go to overnight camp — can join a community that is created especially for her to practice growing up. Why wait until age ten when the benefits of feeling connected and being able to contribute and navigate at an earlier age can be reaped? Under the supervision of inspiring guides and passionate coaches, children can feel successful and make new friends while having the time of their lives; they can experience belonging and contribution; they can have a sense of consistency and predictability in times of turbulence and change.

Day camp can begin as early as age three, and is geared to children who get to experience camp and still return home each evening! They have the best of both worlds

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## Imagine summer, think Hawken!

Summer programs for boys and girls ages 4-14.

### Day Camps

Far-out adventures close to home.

### Passport Camps

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### Travel Camps

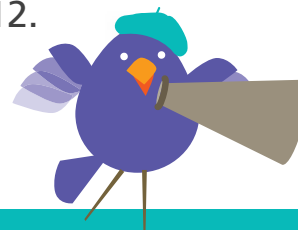
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# Art Camps at Rabbit Run

All summer long kids discover hidden talents at six different fine arts camps available at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association (RRCAA) in Madison.

**Youth Art Camp** is for anyone who likes to be creative and maybe make a mess in the process. For one or two weeks, campers ages 7 to 16 get elbow deep in paint, clay and other mediums as they create original two- and three-dimensional works of art.

**Art Camp** meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon in the pavilion in the Madison Village square and is conducted by Nancy Brotz, art instructor at RRCAA.

**Pop Star Camp** gets youth ages 5 through 10 up and moving as they learn to sing and dance like their favorite pop star. This one-week day camp is from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Pop Star Camp is led by RRCAA dance instructor Heather Felden and is held at RRCAA, 49 Park St., Madison, OH.

Specific dates for the Art Camps and Pop Star Camp will be announced in February.

Campers delve into all areas of the theater arts including drama, music, dance, costumes, make-up, and stage craft in four theater camps. Combining the best of both worlds, campers have access to the professional-quality stage with state-of-the-art theatrical equipment at Rabbit Run, as well as access to the fresh air and beauty of Stanton Park where many traditional camp activities take place.

Campers also participate in arts and crafts and age-appropriate games including water games. At the end of each theater camp, actors share their talents with parents in an end-of-week program.

**Explorer's Camp**, for those who are new to theater, offers two weeks of camp with a different emphasis each week. This camp, for ages 7 through 15, runs June 5 through June 9 and July 17 through July 21. Campers may register for one or two weeks of Explorer's Camp.

**Just for Juniors Camp**, for children ages four through eight, runs July 24 through July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Just for Juniors introduces children to the world of theater through song, dance and lots of imagination.

The Master Class Camp, ages 10 to 15, for the serious young actor runs July 24 through July 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

New this year is **Youth Theater Camp**, a five-week camp for ages 8 through 15, running June 12 through July 14. Campers in Youth Theater Camp learn all the basic components of producing a show and will perform in a camp production on stage at Rabbit Run Theater the last week of camp.

To register or for more information, call RRCAA at 440-428-5913 or visit [www.rabbitrunonline.org](http://www.rabbitrunonline.org).

*Rabbit Run Community Arts Association is a non-profit organization offering year-round instruction in all the major disciplines of the fine and performing arts. Stanton Park is located at 5585 Chapel Rd., Madison.*



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## DAY CAMP FROM PAGE 3

— the camp community which is built exclusively for kids and their own home which provides the security they need at a tender age.

One day camp parent said, “While my children and I are constantly bombarded by the news which is focused on what is wrong with the world, camp is a living example of what is right.”

Day camp is a terrific first experience. Reminiscent of less complicated days, when people connected with nature, thrived on inter-generational relationships, and made new discoveries, everything is designed and scaled to ensure that children feel included, cared about, and capable. Beginning camp at an early age provides important advantages.

Camp is the best demonstration of moral and spiritual order — democracy is the core purpose. Children learn life skills and behaviors that become habits of the heart. While many then move on to overnight camp, others will be content to continue the day camp experience: after all, there is a camp for everyone — and that might well be day camp!

To learn more about camp and child development, please visit the American Camp Association's family-dedicated Web site: [www.ACAcamps.org](http://www.ACAcamps.org) or call the toll-free number 1-800-428-CAMP (2267).

*Marla Coleman is the parent liaison at Camp Echo in Burlingham, New York. A past board chair of the American Camp Association, she is a co-owner of Coleman Family Camps, which includes Camp Echo and Coleman Country Day Camp.*

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*The American Camp Association® (ACA) is a national organization with more than 10,000 individual members and nearly 3,000 member camps. ACA is committed to collaborating with those who believe in quality camp and outdoor experiences for children, youth, and adults. ACA provides advocacy and evidence-based education and professional development, and is the only national accrediting body for the organized camp experience. ACA accredits approximately 2,400 diverse camps nationally. ACA-Accredited® Camps meet up to 300 health and safety standards. Accreditation provides public evidence of a camp's commitment to the health, safety, and overall well-being of both campers and staff. For more information, visit [www.ACAcamps.org](http://www.ACAcamps.org).*

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## Summer Fun at Rabbit Run



### Art Camps

Campers get elbow deep in clay & paint as they create unique works of art. Ages 7 - 16

### Theater Camps

Have a blast learning all about theater arts in a fun and traditional camp setting.

### Pop Star Camp

Learn to sing & dance like your favorite pop star! Ages 5 to 10

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**Kindergarten** - Our five day, all-day Kindergarten program establishes a

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**A Day at All Saints School** - We begin each day with prayer and continue to emphasize our commitment through liturgies, service projects, Eucharistic Adoration and Sacramental preparation. Parish priests visit us each week. At All Saints we recognize that children vary in learning styles, talents and abilities, and we foster growth through a variety of teaching methods, learning activities and hands on experiences. All the courses of study meet Ohio state and Diocesan standards and reflect the Catholic school philosophy of providing a faith-filled environment. We provide children with the opportunities to develop their potential for knowledge,



self-inquiry and self-esteem. Our students graduate prepared for high school and life. They leave with great memories, close friendships, and a deepened faith.

Feel free to join us at our upcoming Open Houses on Sunday, January 29, 2017 (11:00-1:00 P.M.), Wednesday,

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# Reading Now Available for Everyone!



by **Carole Richards**

Meredith and Paige believe there are students in our schools that are unable to ever learn to read! This troubling statement says there are most likely some teachers and administrators with the same

belief. Bruce Meredith (*Former general counsel to the Wisconsin Education Association Council*) and Mark Paige Assistant professor of public policy at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, specializes in law and education.) recently wrote an op/ed article about the U.S. Department of Education, "Education Dept. has done what little good it could do." (*Los Angeles Times, January 9, 2017.*)<sup>1</sup> They state, "Rather than admit the impossibility of proficiency for all students, the Education Department took a hard line."

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- Mary Jo O'Neill, Parent Advocate

And it is my commitment to ensure that every student we work with can function successfully in our world. To learn more about Richards Learning Systems, and our partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools visit [www.cei4learning.org](http://www.cei4learning.org).

*Carole Richards is president of North Coast Tutoring Services, president/director of the Academic Fun & Fitness Camp at Lakeland Community College, and author of RICHARDS LEARNING SYSTEMS. She is a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at [caroler@cei4learning.org](mailto:caroler@cei4learning.org)*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-meredith-paige-abolish-education-department-20170106-story.html>

<sup>2</sup> Gillingham, Anna and Stillman, Bessie W., Remedial Training for Children with Specific Disability in Reading, Spelling, and Penmanship, 1940.



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# Get Great Ideas at the Home & Lifestyle Expo

Lake County Chambers of Commerce hosting the March 4 & 5 Expo

Sooner than you know, spring will be here and home updates will be on the top of the to do list. To help with ideas and vendor choices, the Lake County Chambers of Commerce, comprised of the Eastern Lake County Chamber, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce, will hold its annual Home & Lifestyle Expo the weekend of Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor.

The Expo will kick off at 10am on Saturday, March 4 and run until 6pm. Sunday's hours are 11am-6pm.

The weekend promises to provide attendees ideas, inspiration, innovative products and practical advice in remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with the experts. Representatives from local companies, contractors, remodelers and designers we all be in location to answer questions, provide suggestions and explore ideas for all aspects of home improvement needs both inside and out.

Entertainment and education will be a big part of the weekend. The entertainment stage is located in front of Macy's and will feature a variety of presentations and demonstrations. The weekend lineup includes decorating tips and repurposing furniture, how to make a home rain barrel, dance demonstrations, fashion shows and musical entertainment.

The first 250 attendees each day will receive a free gift bag. Gift bags will be distributed at the top of the food court until they are gone. All attendees over the age of 21 will have the chance to enter a raffle drawing to win a \$500 mall gift card. To participate simply pick up an entry card at any one of the exhibitors' booths. Have the card stamped as instructed and submit the card to the stage to be entered into the drawing. The winner will be contacted by phone on Monday, March 6.

New this year is an area to create your own fairy garden. Funds raised by this activity will benefit the efforts of SS Kids, an initiative under Leadership Lake County which provides school supplies to families in need. The opportunity to check out



and take a chance on winning an outdoor playhouse built by Auburn Career Center students will also be available.

The Home & Lifestyle Expo is a free event, produced by the Lake County Chambers of Commerce and sponsored by many local companies which include premiere sponsors, Generator Pros/Shepp Electric and Perfect Power Wash and sponsors A-1 Concrete Leveling, Advanced Audiology Concepts, Advance Ohio, Calvetta Bros. Floor Show, Carpet One Floor & Home, Cougar 93.7/Mix

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For more information about the Home & Lifestyle Expo or to register as an exhibitor contact Linda Reed at the Lake County Chambers of Commerce at 440-357-7572 or visit [www.LakeCountyChambers.com](http://www.LakeCountyChambers.com).

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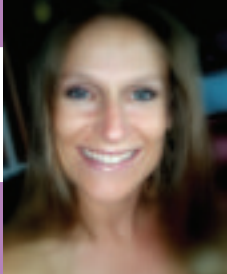
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# Family Matters

with Amber

## Third Annual Family Matters Photo Challenge: Follow MomGluck3 on Instagram

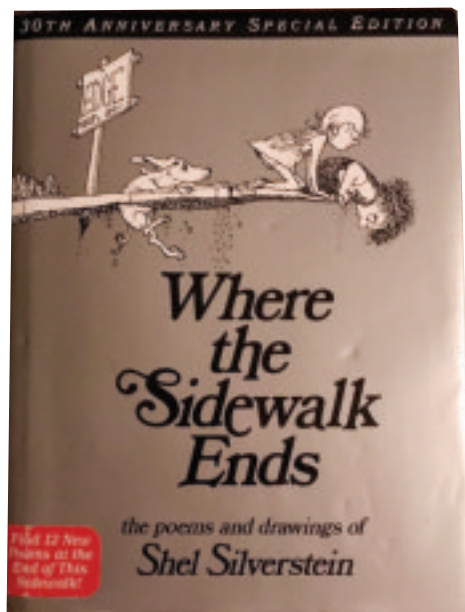
Of course we couldn't be Family Matters with Amber if we didn't do our annual February Photo Challenge! This is where we select a random set of words and give them to you to find the beauty and life in family or outside each day of February.

February can be cold in some places. It can get monotonous and downright blue for some. We try to lift up our spirits by documenting one thing each day that makes us grateful and see beauty and inspiration where we might not normally. Gratitude and art working together.

This year will be the first year you'll be able to share via Instagram! Follow me there @MomGluck3 to see what I post daily in February!

### Here's your challenge:

1. Memorable
2. Loving
3. Glorious
4. Vital
5. Strong
6. Simple
7. Dainty
8. Rugged
9. Sleek
10. Gentle
11. Delightful
12. Clean
13. Eager
14. Shallow
15. Quiet
16. Rainy
17. Sticky
18. Prickly
19. Beauteous
20. Ablaze
21. Swift
22. Awesome
23. Beaming
24. Salutations
25. Silver
26. Fluttering
27. Yellow
28. Ancient



*My teenage daughter found this book while cleaning her room. It is 'memorable' not only to her, as she recalls us reading a book at night before bed, but it's also quite memorable to me because it was one of my all time favorite books as a child (except the cover was white back then- yes, this is an "Anniversary Edition").*



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# FUN DAY MONDAY

Penitentiary Glen Reservation • February 20 • 10 am to 3 pm

Bring the family and friends for a good time learning about nature during Fun Day Monday at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Stop by the Nature Center anytime between 10 am and 3 pm on Monday, February 20 for free fun indoor and outdoor activities.

Discover how animals are active in winter as told by the signs they leave behind. Activities include scavenger hunts, a seasonal craft, hikes through the scenic trails, the live animals from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and much more. Naturalists are available to answer all of your nature-related questions and to help guide you throughout the day. Free admission.

Stop by the Nature Center anytime between 10 am and 3 pm on Monday, January 16 for free fun indoor and outdoor activities.

- Indoor & outdoor scavenger hunts
- Simple to complete nature craft
- X-Plorer packs filled with hands-on seasonal activities

- Animal Encounters from the Wildlife Center
- Roast marshmallows at the campfire
- Snowshoe rental (weather permitting)
- And much more!

Explore the park on snowshoes. Rentals are available for a small fee on a first-come, first-served basis, weather permitting. Stop in the Nature Center for details.

There are many everyday free activities happening at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit. Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife outside through the Window on Wildlife. Visit the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center to see the Lake Metroparks wildlife ambassadors, including hawks, owls and eagles. Enjoy a hike on more than 8.5 miles of scenic trails (open year-round).

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The



**Fun Day Monday wildlife chat - photo by Earl Linaburg**

Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm, is a great resource for “fun” nature-related toys, field guides for adults and children, nature-inspired t-shirts, binoculars by VOR-TEX, bird feeders and wildlife houses. Snacks and beverages are also available for purchase.

Join us for more Fun Day Monday activities on Monday, April 17 during spring break.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). The park features 424 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and 8.5 miles of hiking trails and has been designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife as a “Watchable Wildlife” site. For more information about Fun Day Monday activities, visit <http://bit.ly/LMfunday> or call 440-256-1404

## LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK Farmer Monday

**Monday, February 20**

**9 am to 5 pm • Presidents’ Day**

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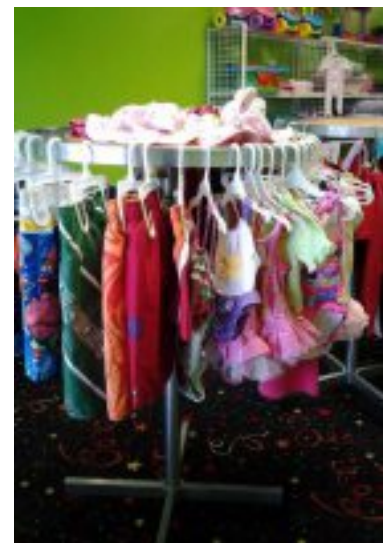
Enjoy several hands-on activities and demonstrations throughout the day.



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## Four Seasons Kids Resale shop

If you haven't been to Four Seasons Kids Resale shop in Willowick yet, you don't know what you're missing! The store features gently used (and some new) clothes and children's items from infant to preteen at great prices! They receive new items daily and are happy to accept donations for credit that's good up to a year. Located at 31541 Vine Street in the BMV plaza, they frequently host “50% days” and other specials which can be found on the shop's Facebook page. Michal Bonfanti, an Eastlake mother of 2 herself, has owned Four Seasons Kids since 2015. She loves helping customers find just what they're looking for and would be happy to assist you so stop up and see what she and the store have to offer! You can also see their ad right here in County Kids monthly featuring a \$5 off \$25 coupon!





# Youth Ministry Souper Bowl Event Tackles Hunger Issue

Sixth- through twelfth-grade students involved in Builders of the Kingdom (BOK and BOKjr.) youth ministry programs at St. Gabriel Church are participating in an innovative hunger awareness fundraiser called the Souper Bowl Party on Saturday, February 4 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of St. Gabriel School. The party features a dinner of delicious soup, bread and salad donated by a host of area restaurants and entertainment by Mentor High School's Top 25. All proceeds benefit the St. Gabriel Food Pantry.

This is the 10th Annual SouperBowl event that has raised thousands of dollars for local charities. Each year the youth select a charity to benefit. This year's charity selected is the St. Gabriel Food Pantry.

"It's exciting for me to see our young people reaching out to serve and help others," said Paul Kelly, Youth Faith Formation Director. "This is the call of Jesus, 'to love one another as I have loved you.' Young people want to help and this is something practical they can do."

The St. Gabriel Food Pantry, an agency of the Cleveland Food Bank, has serves over 30,000 meals each month to Mentor, Concord and Painesville areas. Currently, it is staffed by approximately 65 volunteers.

Food item donations for St. Gabriel Food Pantry may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 10 am to

1 pm. Non-perishable items and/or cash donations can be dropped off at the parish office if the Food Pantry is closed.

"This is the 39th year that the Food Pantry has been in service to the community, starting in 1978. It has gone from being open two days a month to its current operation of being open 5 days a week" said Chris Siemen, Food Pantry Operations Manager. "The Pantry has been able to do so and continue to serve so many only due to the amazing generosity of the St. Gabriel parish and surrounding community. The community without fail has been exceedingly wonderful in their monetary donations, and many different ministries of St. Gabriel have supported the Pantry with food drives which have led to numerous and plentiful canned and other food donations. Without the support of St. Gabriel, the community at large and events like the Souper Bowl, the Pantry would not have been able to help as many as we have over the past 39 years."

Event ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 5 and under eat free. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at parish office or door at event. Call the church office at 440-352-8282 for more information.

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Walk the trails with snowshoes (available for rent, weather permitting).

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

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland. The park features 424 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and 8.5 miles of hiking trails and has been designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife as a "Watchable Wildlife" site. For more information about the 10th Annual Winter Hike, visit <http://bit.ly/LMwinterhike>.

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## Concussion Roulette Program at Madison Public Library

Does your child play football, soccer, baseball or other sport? Are you worried about him or her getting hurt? Did you know 1 in 5 high school athletes experience concussions and 70% of them return to play despite concussion symptoms? Learn about the risks and results of concussions when Dr. Misty Senz presents "Concussion Roulette and Peak Performance" at Madison Public Library on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7 p.m. Dr. Senz says, "We're learning new information every year about these injuries. I feel very confident that we can keep your kids safe. We just have to be smart about it."

Madison Public Library is located at 6111 Middle Ridge Road in Madison between Madison High School and Madison Middle School. If you have questions about this or other library programs, call the library at 440-428-2189.



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**MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**ACT Prep Classes** every Monday in February, 5:30 – 7:30pm The library and Madison High School are partnering to offer an ACT prep course, designed & presented by the Madison High School faculty. In these classes students will be provided with: -overview of the ACT -test taking strategies -opportunity to use online test preparation software. A materials fee of \$20 for the four session class will be charged. Signups and payment will be taken in person at the library circulation desk starting the first week of January.

**Family Storytime** Wednesdays 6:00pm. This program is for families with multiple young children to attend a storytime together. The program emphasizes stories and activities for babies and young toddlers. Please register each correctly aged child for the program. However, if you have older children, you are more than welcome to bring them to the program as well.

**Preschool Storytime** Thursdays 10:30 or 11:30am This storytime is for children 3-5 years old, but not yet in Kindergarten Children attend independently. This program is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers remain in the children's area during the program.

**Board to Pieces** Thursdays at 3:00pm This program is for high school age kids. Play various improvisational and role-based games. These games foster soft skills that youth will need later in life and in the workplace.

**Rabbit Run Art Club** Thursday Feb. 2 at 4:30pm Nancy Brotz of Rabbit Run Community Arts Association teaches this program for school age children. Call Rabbit Run for more information: 428-5913

**Baby/Toddler Storytime** Fridays at 9:30am or 10:30am This storytime is for babies 0 – 24 months old, and they attend with a caregiver. It's a great way to introduce babies to the library and to other children their age!

**High School Lock-In** Friday Feb. 3 at 7:30pm until Saturday at 7:30am As always we will provide pizza, pop, and a darkened library for hide and seek. The rest is up to you. Do you stay up all night watching movies, playing video games, looking at YouTube videos, or just talking to your friends? Permission slips available in the library starting January 23rd. Parent/Guardian must come into the building to sign the permission slip. Sign up must be done no later than February 1st.

**Baby/Toddler** Mondays at 6:00pm This storytime is for babies 0 – 24 months old, and they attend with a caregiver. It's a great way to introduce babies to the library and to other children their age! Register online or call the library at 428-2189

**Young Child Storytime** Tuesdays 9:30am &



10:30am This storytime is for children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play before and after this program.

**Middle School Book Discussion** group Wednesday, February 8

3-4:00pm Students from Madison Middle School can have a grown-up sign a permission slip to walk to the library after school for book club. Each meeting will last about an hour and will include a snack, an game, or a craft and fun! Pick up is at 4:00.

**Majestic Wings: A Celebration of Black History** Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 pm Majestic Wings Educational Services presents an interactive historical and cultural program tracing black history from Africa to the Civil Rights movement. Free and open to the public.

**Mad 4 Otaku** Thursday, February 9 For High School and Middle School students Do you enjoy watching anime, reading manga, or cosplay? Then this is the place for you. Come to the library after school and hang out, watch anime, and discuss manga and anime. We will also discuss about art forms, cultural differences, mythology, and all things Japanese. No advanced registration required. Middle schoolers must bring a permission slip signed by a parent. If you are not in the know Otaku (oh-tah-koo) is a Japanese word meaning "geek". This word has been embraced by Western fans of manga and anime.

**STEAM for Homeschoolers** Friday, February 10 at 1:30pm For 2nd - 6th grade No advanced registration required Join other homeschoolers for a different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math) activity each month.

**Graphic Novel Club** Friday, February 10 at 3:00pm This book club is for high school students. Are you looking for other people who love comics and graphic novels as much as you do? This is the place to discuss your love or loathing of DC or Marvel or perhaps find new authors and stories from the independent publishers you didn't even know existed. No registration required.

**Lego Create!** Saturday, February 11 at

11:00am This program is for age 4 through second grade, and no advanced registration is required.

Each month will feature a different theme for inspiration as children build with library provided LEGOS. This program will promote imagination, creativity and play.

**Fleet 31, Northeast Ohio** Saturday, February 11 at 11am – 3pm

This is a Star Trek fan organization based on community service and activities. They welcome new member, and no registration is necessary.

**Lego Robotics** Saturday, February 11 at 2:00pm This program is for third through sixth grade, and no advanced registration is required. The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer. This program will promote learning about simple machines, robotics and programming

**Anti-Valentine's Day** Monday, February 13 from 3-4:30pm For 9th-12th grade Not every activity around February 14th must be mushy. At the library, prior to this most loving of days, high schoolers are welcome to Un-Celebrate Valentine's Day. With activities including writing sad heart notes, decorating homemade broken heart cookies, and creating the ultimate breakup playlist, what better way to hang out with your un-attached friends?

**Princess Party** Friday, February 17 at 11-12:00 For girls K-5 Join us for princess-like activities, including meeting some of the Geneva Grapettes!

**Mardi Gras** celebration with treats and fun for everyone! Tuesday, February 28 4-7:00pm

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**Main Library**  
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**Snappy Little Story Time** Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch Mentor Public Library's newest story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time. There will be songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories all geared to the little listener. Please note there will be no craft. Open to ages birth to age 5. No registration is necessary.

**Family Story Time** Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. at Main Branch Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tiddlywinks** Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Come and enjoy an interactive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes just right for little listeners. For children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

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

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

**Mother Goose on the Loose** Fridays at 10 a.m., starting Feb. 10 Read House A 4-week interactive program for children up to 30 months. The program uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process in babies and toddlers. Registration is necessary and begins Jan. 27.

**American Girl Book Club** Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m. Meet Felicity. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Felicity" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m.



Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room  
Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

**Friends of the Mentor Public Library Bag Sale** Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Read House Book sale open to the public at the Read House, just east of the Main Branch. Parking is in the Main Branch's lot. The money raised supports library programming and special events.

**Kids at Work: A Lego Brick Building Blub** Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Build with Mentor Public Library's Lego bricks around a monthly theme or build something else of your choosing. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

**Celebrate Chinese New Year** Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Find your animal on the Chinese zodiac, make a Chinese New Year craft and play a special game. Registration required and has begun.  
**Make a Craft** Monday, Feb. 6 Main Branch in the Children's Department Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

**Rhyme Time** Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Technology** Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The second session focuses on technology. Registration is required and opens Jan. 24.

**Pizza & Comics Club** Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 5 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room Mentor Public Library has a book club in stories where they can talk comics. The Pizza and Comics Club will meet to discuss sequential art and nosh pizza on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact MPL Reference staff for more information and a copy of this month's comic.

**Little House on the Prairie Celebration** Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder 150th birthday with prairie crafts, games and snacks. Open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration is necessary and begins Jan. 24th.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children, eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss,

and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

**Wordplay Creative Writing Club** Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Get creative with words. Every month, kids from third through sixth grade can play games, write and share their stories. Bring your imagination and the library will supply the pens, paper and snacks.

**Winter Luminaries** Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids from five to 12 years old can make their own winter luminaries and enjoy hot chocolate while they work.

**Studio MPL Jr. Artist** Thursday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for young kids (from kindergarten through second grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**Valentine Love Lights** Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a lovely tea-light craft while supplies last. No registration is required.

**LEGOMania** Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Stop by the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch to get creative with the library's Legos. Each session will feature a theme, but kids are free to build whatever they want. All ages are welcome, but children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

**Ultraviolet Designs** Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can make artwork that goes beyond the visible light spectrum and create masterpieces that glow under black light.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Engineering** Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The third session focuses on engineering. Registration is required and opens Jan. 31.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get your game on. Challenge your friends at this monthly video game tournament held at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Paws to Read** Wednesday, Feb. 15 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m.

Main Branch in the Children's Department Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

**MPL Arcade: Video Game Club** Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon

of gaming with the new video game club, MPL Arcade. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U, as well as fun board and tabletop games. For kids in third through sixth grade. Registration is required.

**Lake Branch Minecraft Club** Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account.

**Let's go Lego Club** Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

**Batman's Snack Attack** Monday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can fly to the Lake Branch for some Bat-crafts and a Bat-snack. (Snack not made from actual bats.)

**Studio MPL Art Club** Monday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from third through sixth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**Write On: A Writing Club for Teens** Monday, Feb. 20, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room A monthly creative writing club for teens. Each month focuses on a different prompt. It's a fun way to expand your creative writing, get some great ideas, and meet other teen writers. All writing levels welcomed, and snacks will be provided.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Arts** Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The fourth session focuses on art. Registration is required and opens Feb. 7.

**Bad Art Exhibit** Thursday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room It's time to have fun and make some art—specifically, bad art. Kids (seven to 12 years old) can create atrocious artwork with the supplies provided. Once everyone is finished, the artists will vote for their favorite—that is, the lousiest—work of art. The winner will receive a prize and the art will go on display in the Children's Department. Dress for a mess! Registration is required and begins Feb. 9.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends to a quest in Roblox. Join your friends for gaming fun at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Math** Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The final session focuses on math. Registration is required and opens Feb. 14.

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**Baby Bookworms** (for babies not yet walking) Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM For babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers. Enjoy one-on-one lap time engaging in stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more. 20 minutes of stories, songs, etc. followed by 10 minutes of playtime and caregiver interaction.

**Toddler Tales** (3 and under) Mondays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, songs & fingerplays especially for little ones! Child attends with caregiver.

**Music in Motion** (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! This storytime is geared towards active children. Child attends with caregiver.

**Preschool/Kindergarten** Storytime (3 - 6 years) Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend without caregiver.

**Books at Bedtime** (18 months - 5 years) Mondays: 6:30 – 7:00 PM OR Wednesdays: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Pajama storytime geared towards families while cuddling a favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver.

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

**N B TWEEN** (9 - 12 years) Thursdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver.

**Saturday, February 4 – Kids Super Bowl Party!** – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids grades K-3rd. Join us for a Super Bowl Party! We will read football stories, make a football craft, and play super fun football games. Are you ready for some football? Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on January 21st.

**Thursday, February 9 – KIDS CRAFTER-NOON!** – 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may







need help. No registration needed.

**Saturday, February 11 – Tween Valentine’s Day Party!** – 11:00 – 11:45 am For tweens ages 9-12. Tweens will make Valentine’s Day artwork or cards, play a game, and have a snack. Tweens will surely “love” spending time together and partying with their friends! Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on January 28th.

**Saturday, February 18 – Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show** – 11:00 – 11:45 AM Join us for this educational, entertaining show and meet Outback Ray’s amazing animals! From Spongebob the Python to Oscar the cockroach and everything in between! Fun for the whole family, no registration needed.

**Tuesday, February 21 – LEGO Club!** – 3:30 – 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 3:30-5:00 PM for the Morley Library LEGO Club! Build a LEGO creation and have your picture taken for the LEGO Club Wall! All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

**Thursday, February 23 – KIDS CRAFTER-NOON!** – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children’s Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Saturday, February 25 – Dinosaur Dig** – 11:00 – 11:45 AM  
For families with children 12 and under. Join Miss Robin in the Story Room on her journey to find dinosaurs! We will read books about dinosaurs, make a craft, and even create our own dinosaur fossils! It will be a T-riffic time! No registration needed.

**Monday, February 27 – Let’s Make a Puppet Theater!** – 4:15 – 5:00 PM  
Calling all kids in grades K-3rd! Let’s use our imaginations to create a one-of-a-kind mini puppet theater! We will also make some puppets to use inside our theaters. Please bring a paint shirt as we will be painting. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on February 13th.

### WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**After School Adventures:** (K-4th grade)  
Tuesdays at 3:15 PM, Now-March 7 Different activities each week.  
Registration required.

**Tales for a Dog:** (Kindergarten & up)  
Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, February 4, March 4 at 9:30 or 10:00 AM Registration required.

**Lego Club:** (Kindergarten & up) Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, February 11, March 11 at 2:00 PM Registration required.

**Birth-2 Year Old Story Time** Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, Now-March 8 Thursdays at 6:30 PM, Now-March 9 Registration required.

**3-6 Year Old Story Time** Mondays at 6:30 PM, Now-March 6 Thursdays at 10:00 AM, Now-March 9 Registration required.

**Preschool Blast** Kids 6 and under with a caregiver Fridays at 10:00 AM, Now-March 31 Drop in every Friday morning for preschool programming. We will offer one of our well-loved programs (Wee Play, Storybook Theatre, Make & Take Craft) or a surprise new program! Drop-in, no registration necessary.

**Family Reads On-the-Go!** 3rd week of the Month, during open hours Weeks of February 20, March 20 Pick-up a copy of next month’s family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** Friday, February 24 at 6:30 PM Have you ever wondered what happens at the library after we close for the night? We are going to share our secret world with your favorite stuffed animal friend for an evening AND morning of FUN! Children ages 3-10 and their ONE favorite stuffed animal will arrive at the library after-hours in their PJ’s ready for activities and nighttime stories. After tucking in your stuffed animal for the night, go home and return the next morning between 9:30am and 11:30am to see pictures of the adventures we had along with a small breakfast. Registration is required. Call 440-944-6010.

### Young Adult /Tween Programs:

**Tween Time** (5th-8th grade)  
Every Wednesday after school at 2:30 PM  
If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities. Registration required only for the following themed programs. Stop by the Children’s desk or call 440-944-6010 to register by phone.  
February 1: Minute to Win it Games!  
February 8: Valentine Craft  
February 15: Candy Ball Game  
February 22: Empty YA craft boxes day

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#### Willoughby Hills Public Library

35400 Chardon Rd.



**Madison Public Library’s Grand Reopening Celebration will be Friday, February 17, at 5:00pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, food and music! Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the opening of the refurbished library.**

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

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### Homeschool Science Adventures

Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. (Ages 6 and up). Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete. Thursday, February 2, 10 or 11:30 am Willoughby Senior Center  
**LEGO Club**

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! Saturday, February 4, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880  
Saturday, February 18, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

### Monstrous Valentine Jamboree

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with games, crafts & more, all with a monstrous twist! All ages welcome! Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

### Homeschool Art Adventures

Each month we will learn about an artist or art technique and then create our own works in that style. Dress for making a mess! Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete. Thursdays, February 16 10 am (Ages 5-7) 11:30 am (Ages 7+) (Younger siblings may attend but must be at least 5). Willoughby Senior Center

### Homeschool Travelers

Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location, complete with facts and fun activities. Thursday, February 16, 2 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Barks for Books** Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, February 18, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Special Needs Storytime** This storytime, specifically for children with special needs, features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment. All ages welcome! Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**OMG! Do You Believe What They Did on “The Walking Dead” or “Fear the Walking Dead?”** Even though the Willoughby Library is going through some renovations, we’ll still get together (somewhere in the building) and talk about our favorite programs “The Walking Dead” and “Fear the Walking Dead.” We can even continue to play Walking Dead Monopoly. (Ages 13 and up). Tuesday, February 21, 7-8 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song** Celebrate African American History month with stories, crafts and a special performance by Voices in the Valley Children’s Choir. Wednesday, February 22, 6-7 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

**Teen Art Club** Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18.) Thursday, February 23, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Mardi Gras Fun!** Make masks, play games and try delicious king cake! All ages welcome! Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880







## **FEBRUARY 4** **Father-Daughter Skate**

Sat, February 4, 12:00pm – 3:30pm at Mentor Civic Ice Arena, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Dads will enjoy an afternoon of fun with their daughters age 3 and up. The event includes lunch, a photo and ice skating! To register call 440-974-5730.

## **FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market - Winter Market** Here you will find many of the quality products sold at the summer market. The market runs now through March 18th from 9am to Noon. Pastured meats, free-range eggs, winter vegetables, honey, maple syrup and bakery are just a sample of what is offered. Lowe's Greenhouse and Gift 440 474 9885

## **FEBRUARY 10**

**Cocoa & Canvas Workshop** Kids ages 8-14 will create a cool "PEACE" artwork on canvas while enjoying pizza, hot cocoa and cookies. (Hey, parents, this is a perfect time to attend the One Act Festival at Fine Arts.) EVERYTHING included in workshop fee. 7:00-9:30 p.m. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 Cost: \$32 Call 440-951-7500 or log on to [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) to register and for further information.

## **FEBRUARY 11**

**Tree Tapping Ceremony** The official start to the Maple Syrup Season with demonstrations and hot chocolate and donuts. Tap your own tree in the park and put your name on it for the length of the season. Burton Log Cabin & Sugar Camp Burton Chamber of Commerce | 440-834-4204 | [www.burtonchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.burtonchamberofcommerce.org)

# February

## **FEBRUARY 11**

**Daddy Daughter Social 2017** Morse Ave. Community Center 244 Jefferson - Painesville 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Pizza, Snacks, Crafts, Games, Prizes, Dancing, Fun! \$15/couple \$5 each additional child. Ages 4-12. Call 440-392-5912 by February 8th to reserve your spot! Space is limited. City of Painesville Recreation [www.painesville.com](http://www.painesville.com)

## **FEBRUARY 20**

### **All the Arts Camp**

Have a day off school? Come to Fine Arts for FUN! Kids in grades K-5 will enjoy hands-on arts explorations in dance, music, visual arts and theatre in this awesome one-day camp. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Includes Before Camp Care from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby Cost: \$50/camper Call 440-951-7500 or log on to [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) to register and for further information.

## **FEBRUARY 20**

### **Presidents Day—A Fee-Free Day!**

Home of Pres James A Garfield 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 11:00 am - 3:00 pm February 20 is Presidents Day, and what better way to celebrate than visiting a presidential home? James A. Garfield NHS will be open for tours of the Garfield home, presidential trivia, kids' activities, crafts, and more! We might even get a visit from a president or two! The Site will be free of charge today, so come out, learn, and enjoy at the home of Mentor, Ohio's favorite son: President James A. Garfield! [nps.gov/jaga](http://nps.gov/jaga), 440-255-8722

## **FEBRUARY 25**

**Family Feud Night** 6:30pm – 8:30pm Mentor Beach Park, 7779 Lakeshore Blvd, Mentor-On-The-Lake. Play the Feud! Gather six of your closest friends and register for this fun-filled night of entertainment. Snacks provided and you may bring your beverage of choice. Adults 21+ Preregistration required. Call 440-974-5720.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Contact Us!** Do you have a special event or meeting you'd like to be listed in our community calendar? If so, please email your information to [countykids@news-herald.com](mailto:countykids@news-herald.com) Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.



## **Farmer Monday**

### **Farmpark**

### **February 20 • 9 am to 5 pm**

Bring the children to experience life on the farm making ice cream, meeting newborn animals and more at Lake Metroparks Farmpark during Farmer Monday, 9 am to 5 pm Monday, February 20. Children participate in hands-on activities and snowshoeing scheduled throughout the day in addition to the regular Farmpark daily activities.

Regular Farmpark admission applies. Farmpark members and children under 2 get in free.

Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd. (Route 6), one mile east of Route 306 in Kirtland, Ohio (44094).



## **10th Annual Dinner with the Presidents**

**Meet President & Lady Washington  
President & Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and  
President & Mrs. James A. Garfield,  
& First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt**

*Portrayed by Dale & Nancy Fellows, John & Marian Kind, Ed Haney,  
and Debbie Weinkamer*



**Yours Truly Restaurant ~ Mentor  
7280 Center Street, Mentor  
Monday, February 20, 2017  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

A family event in honor of Presidents Day. No reservations necessary. Order from the regular menu.

*Mentor Public Library will provide Presidential books & activities*

**For more information, visit [www.ytr.com](http://www.ytr.com),  
or call Yours Truly-Mentor at 440-255-3003.**





## What Rhymes with...

List 10 words that rhyme with "seed."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Some answers: bead, breed, creed, deed, feed, heed, lead, need, reed, seed, steed

## Fiber from Seed



Have you ever seen a stalk of cotton? There are many seeds in cotton fibers, and until Eli Whitney came along, workers had to remove those seeds by hand, which took many hours.

Whitney invented the cotton gin to remove the seeds from cotton fibers in the late 1790s. Although the machine was a success, it did not make Whitney rich. Many farmers did not want to pay Whitney to separate their cotton and made cotton gins of their own.

Whitney invented many other things, including a way to make muskets by machine. It was his work in manufacturing where he made most of his money.

# Jokes and Riddles.

Q: What do you give a sick pig?

A: Oinkment.

Q: What's the easiest way to count cattle?

A: With a cowculator!



## Fact or Fiction? Animal Name Challenge

Farms are home to many animals, some of which go by other names. A male cat, for example, can also be called a tomcat, a female cat a queen and a young cat a kitten. Here are some questions about animal names. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) A male cow is called a bull. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) A young cow is called a cub. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) A male chicken is called a rooster. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) A female chicken is called a hen and her young are called chicks. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Young dogs are called colts. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Young ducks are called goslings. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Male hogs are called boars and female hogs are called sows. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Young horses are called foals. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) A young male horse may also be called a colt and a young female horse may be called a filly. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Young rabbits may be called bunnies or kittens. *Fact or Fiction?*



Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, a young cow is called a calf, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, young dogs are called puppies and young donkeys are called colts, 6) Fiction, young ducks are called ducklings and young geese are called goslings, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact