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Sailboats on the beach at sunset at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
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Yogi Darlene Kelbach of Harmony Yoga warms up the class

Photos courtesy of Mentor Public Library

Fairy Yoga Story Time at Mentor Public Library

Sometimes, story time is more than fun and educational. Sometimes it's magical.

Mentor Public Library paired story time and yoga for an enchanted session of Fairy Yoga on Thursday, June 7, at the library's Main Branch.

During story time, MPL Children's Associate Lisa Layton read the picture book "Fairy Felicity's Moonlight Adventure" by Alison Murray while the children acted it out using yoga poses. Meanwhile, Darlene Kelbach of Harmony Yoga served as yogi.

Afterwards, the children got crafty, making charm necklaces and glowing fairy homes.

For more information on free programs and events at Mentor Public Library, including summer reading, visit www.mentorpl.org.



The children stretch to get ready for Fairy Yoga at Mentor Public Library.

LAKE COUNTY YMCA 2017 DREAM HOUSE TOURS BEGIN JULY 1

The Lake County YMCA 2017 Dream House, located at 6295 S.O.M. Center Road (OH-Rt 91) in Willoughby Hills, will open daily for tours beginning July 1 thru August 6 from 11AM – 7PM (July 4 tour hours are 11 AM-4 PM).

Everyone (18 and over) needs to purchase a ticket to tour the house and has the opportunity to win the beautifully decorated and furnished Dream House or the cash option of a quarter million dollars (\$250,000). Please note, Dream House tours and parking are not handicap friendly, please visit www.ymcadreamhouse.org for details.

One Dream House ticket is \$15 or three or more for \$13 each (3 for \$39). Individuals that purchase a 3 pack of Dream House tickets will also receive One entry in a second drawing to possibly win a 2017 Chevy Malibu (sponsored by The Chevy Network/ Classic Chevrolet). Car tickets cannot be purchased separately. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ymcadreamhouse.org

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Twenty semi-finalists will be chosen from all tour ticket stubs purchased for the Dream House and Ten semi-finalists will be chosen from the tickets for the Chevy Malibu drawing. Semi-finalists will be notified by phone and by mail and invited to the final drawing at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 13.

Pony rides at Lake
Metroparks Farmpark
photo by Bridget Gandee



FarmFest

Ribs, Brew & Music

Lake Metroparks Farmpark
Friday, July 7: 5 to 9 pm
Saturday, July 8, 9 am to 9 pm.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark presents FarmFest 2017: Ribs, Brew & Music on July 7 & 8. This year, the event has been expanded and will feature more food vendors serving BBQ and ribs, live music, children's activities and craft vendors. New this year, wine from Chalet Debonne and beer from Double Wing Brewery will also be available (5 to 8:30 pm on Friday and noon to 8:30 pm on Saturday). Admission is FREE for all ages.

Friday's activities will take place from 5 to 9 pm. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase a meal from one of the BBQ vendors. Children will enjoy a variety of activities including barrel train rides, pedal tractors, fishing, cornhole, Ohio Disc Dogs demonstra-

tions, Showman's Circle play area and the Touch a Tractor area. Enjoy the sounds of Jeremy James and the Back Traxx Band.

Activities take place from 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday including fishing, wildlife presentations highlighting animals from Lake Metroparks' Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, a competition featuring the Ohio Disc Dogs and performances by The Chardon Polka Band and Jeremy James. Experience Farmpark with popular daily Farmpark activities like cow milking, wagon rides, ice cream making, equine activities, a border collie sheep herding demonstration and meeting a variety of farm animals. Cap off the night with a performance by Sumrada.

A schedule of events is available to download at bit.ly/LMfarmfest.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd. in Kirtland, Ohio (44094).



Headlands BeachFest

Sat, July 22, 11am - 7pm

Headlands Beach State Park. Experience this one of a kind outdoor celebration where the arts meet wind, water, and sand! Don't miss the Ohio Master Sand Sculpting Competition featuring some of the most talented sand sculptors in the United States. Fly a kite, build a sand castle, kayak, make a craft, play games, enjoy continuous live music and strolling entertainment. Free admission, plenty of free parking.



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Do Smart Phones Help Our Children?

by Carole Richards

Most of us communicate by text, voicemail, email, Twitter, Facetime, UTube and many other platforms. However, social interaction is missing. These handy smart phones and pads

greatly reduce the need to talk in person. Our children are not learning to socialize, and socialization is an important life skill and needed in the workplace.

In addition, research shows that our children are intentionally programmed to become addicted to their devices. A week ago, 60 minutes with Tristan Harris, a former Google product manager, said, "That phone in your pocket is like a slot machine. Every time you check it, you "pull the lever which makes google more valuable."

2015 study by the nonprofit group Common Sense Media: the average adolescent spends nine hours a day smart phones and TV ... more time than they

spend with their parents.

And, smartphone screens may be changing the way the brains work. Dr. Victoria Dunckley, an integrative psychiatrist in Los Angeles, says screen time could be leading to "sensory overload, lack of restorative sleep, and a hyper-aroused nervous system," or what she calls "electronic screen syndrome."

I've worked with children for more than forty years. In the last ten years, I have seen many children and adolescents diagnosed with anxiety disorder. A 2016 study in the journal of Anxiety Disorders Association of America found social media could be linked to increased depression.

The smartphone screen's blue light may stop our brains from producing melatonin. This can increase distraction, create sleep problems and increase the risk for obesity.

So what does a parent do? We can't throw away all the smartphones. They are everywhere. However, use your common sense about handing your child a cell phone. Does an eight year old really need a smartphone? You know where

your child is: in school, at an activity, with a friend or at home. You can reach them.

Does your ten to twelve year old need their own phone? They will certainly insist that they do. However if they don't have a phone, it may eliminate social media stress and bullying problems.

You might think you are holding your child back from learning the new technology. I promise you they will figure it out and very fast when the time comes.

At our Academic Fun & Fitness Camp, we do not permit any electronic devices. Kids are free from that distraction for 7 ½ hours each day for six weeks. And, they are happily surviving.

I know smartphone technology is here to stay and will continue to advance. However, as a parent, consider carefully how soon you will expose your child to these addictive devices. And, once they have a phone, how much time they are allowed to use it? And how do you monitor usage? Their brains may depend on you to set boundaries.

Back to socialization ... our kids need to talk with each other, not just com-

municate via their electronic toys. Their futures depend on it. Our workforce depends on it.

Carole Richards is president of North Coast Education Services, president/director of the Academic Fun & Fitness Camp held at Lakeland Community College, and author of RICHARDS LEARNING SYSTEMS. As a literacy expert, she is a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at caroler@northcoasted.com.



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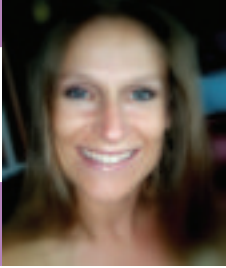
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Family Matters with Amber

Family Time Spent Outside

This is a great time of year, and we live in a terrific area for getting outdoors! Sometimes our busy lives keep us from having downtime. Our phones and devices do the same. Sometimes we think we are busy doing, but we are really just spending time staring at a screen or getting caught up in the rabbit hole I call the internet (or anything online that can keep us from looking up once in a while).

My kids and I make it a habit to try to get out of the house on nice days. We love visiting the Metroparks, where we have such great land to take long walks, bike rides, or have a picnic. One of our favorite place to go lately is Lake Erie Bluffs. If you haven't been there, it truly is phenomenal! With the fifty foot observation tower, the wildlife, trails, beach access and location, it's both peaceful and breathtaking.

I've always found that there is something very special about getting outdoors with your family, where long conversations can happen, the phone doesn't ring (just make sure to turn it off or leave it in the car) and hands can be held. Jokes can be told, stories shared, plans made or even just sitting still like we did one time with the Subway picnic lunch we grabbed on the way.

The day before my oldest went to college for her very first semester, we visited the bluffs to spend some quality time together. That day she took several great photos that she was able to look back on when she got homesick and missed the lake and her family. It inspired her to take her own nature walks on campus and look for things to photograph.

We're from New England, living there has spoiled me. I never had to drive far to get to the ocean. Choosing to live here, in NE Ohio, I feel like it's home. With so many points of access to the water, the lake being so big, it's just beautiful and peaceful no matter the



weather. We've been known to go walking in the Metroparks in the snow! Talk about majestic!

Since my dad isn't from Ohio, we love to take him places by the lake when he visits. This past month when he was here we brought him out to the bluffs. I'm not sure he ever realized how big the lake was, or how beautiful. The walk up to the top of the observation tower was a little bit of a trek, but totally worth it! (It can get a little windy so bring a sweater!) While we were at the bluffs we skipped rocks with dad as I did with him as a little girl. We saw beautiful birds, a gorgeous yellow butterfly stopped and sat on the ground right in front of us, and we walked the trail right over the metal bridge.

Family time doesn't have to be indoors, or even have to cost money, and the best part is the time spent together will always be remembered. Opposed to attending a movie, concert or museum, being out in nature is **free**, and has your focus on the people you're with, the conversations you're having and natural surroundings.

For more family activity ideas and some photos of our trip to the bluffs visit my blog: www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com

Lake Erie Bluffs has two entrances: 3301 Lane Rd. & 2901 Clark Rd. (both in Perry Twp, 44081) Hours are 6am-11pm. Observation Tower Parking is closest at Clark Rd.

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Celebrate National Ice Cream Month at Lake Metroparks Farmpark during Ice Cream Weekends. Try your hand at making ice cream and meet the dairy cows that produce milk and cream. Find out where your favorite ice cream flavor comes from. Enjoy an ice cream sundae (additional charge applies) and participate in old fashioned games, crafts, and more. Visit the hands-on Cow to Cone Indoor Play Area to discover how the ingredients in ice cream go from cow to cone; play area open July 2 through September 4, 2016 from 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Regular Farmpark admission applies.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd in Kirtland. Take I-90 to the Rt. 306 exit. Head south on Route 306 five miles to Chardon Road (Route 6), turn left on Route 6, and head east one mile. Entrance to Farmpark is on the right.

LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

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Friday, July 7
5 to 9 pm

Saturday, July 8
9 am to 9 pm



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RIVER JAMBOREE - NATURE'S FISHERMEN

Hidden Valley Park

Sunday July 16, 2017 • 1 to 4 pm

In Lake County, we have a wonderful bounty of freshwater resources, including the Grand River. This FREE family event will focus on those species and qualities that make the Grand River unique. Join us as we get wet, use nets and explore this amazing river!

Discover animals of the Grand River
Have fun trying out different aquatic and insect nets

Check out our activities station to learn more about Grand River wildlife

Visit with local conservation partners: Lake County Soil and Water, and more.

Have you ever seen a fisherman standing on the bank of the Grand River? You might be surprised that they are not the only ones fishing on the river. Birds, insects, and other wildlife have to fish for their food. Come discover the amazing wildlife around Grand River at our activity stations and see what you can catch using different aquatic and insect nets. This is a great summertime event for all ages.

The River Jamboree program is free for all ages. Register online at lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226.

PGIFs: Penitentiary Glen Incredible Fridays

Ages 5 to 10 (all children with an adult), FREE

Join us every Friday at 11 am for PGIFs -- Penitentiary Glen Incredible Fridays! This is a series of nature-based family programs. Activities will include games, outdoor exploring, and naturalist presentations on a wide variety of fascinating topics! All programs are one hour long and held at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Adults must accompany children. Programs are designed for children ages 5 to 10 with an adult.

June 30 - Red, White & Blue

July 7 - Dragon & Damsel Flies

July 14 - Earth Rocks

July 21 - Muskrat Love

July 28 - Monarch Madness

August 4 - Return of the Otter

August 11 - Star Lab

It's all about the Birds & the Bees

by Tom Koritansky, Natural Resource Manager

Our world would be an entirely different place without pollinators. Many of the foods we eat, clothes we wear, medicines we need and the incredible diversity of nature we enjoy would not be found if it were not for these insects and other animals.

Pollinators are a fascinating part of the natural world, and are essential for thriving ecosystems as well as our own survival.

Foods such as apples, strawberries, tomatoes and many others all form because they are pollinated by insects. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, more than 150 crops that contribute more than \$10 billion to the U.S. economy each year are dependent on pollinators. Some medicines that are derived from plants like foxglove, elderberry and willows would not be produced if it were not for pollinators.

Plants that produce seeds need to be pollinated in order to reproduce. The seeds store complete sets of genes needed to create new plants. In order for seeds to develop, genes from different parts of plant flowers must be exchanged.

Pollination describes the process of completing this exchange and pollinators are the insects or other animals that help complete it. Pollen, produced in flowers, contains the genes needed to be exchanged. Insects or other animals pollinate plants by collecting pollen, and then transfer it to other parts of the flower where it becomes fertilized, leading to seed growth.

When pollinators visit flowers, they are often searching for pollen and nectar to use as a food source. Pollinators will visit many flowers in their search. As they move about the flower, they collect pollen grains on their bodies. Sometimes pollinators collect pollen on purpose and sometimes it happens accidentally. Nearly 90 percent of plants are pollinated by insects and other animals such as bees, birds, butterflies, beetles, flies, moths and bats. Other plants, particularly coniferous trees and grasses, are wind pollinated and a few others are water pollinated.

The relationship between plants and pollinators has evolved over time and benefits both organisms. Pollinators provide the key to successful reproduction for plants and plants provide a food source for pollinators. Over time, plants

have evolved some remarkable characteristics to make themselves more attractive to pollinators. Some plants have evolved showy colorful flowers, while others are very fragrant or form unique shapes. All of these adaptations developed to attract particular pollinators who have also evolved to use the flowers of plants they pollinate most.

The diversity of pollinators is truly remarkable. More than 4,000 species of bees in the U.S. alone pollinate a myriad of plants. Plants most desired by bees are those that are bright blue or yellow and sweet smelling. Plants pollinated by butterflies tend to have flowers growing in clusters like milkweed that provide large areas to land. Hummingbirds are attracted to shades of red and flowers growing in tubular shapes that makes pollen transfer easier. Flies are often attracted to flowers with putrid odors like skunk cabbage and colors that are dull, dark brown and purple. Beetles are found pollinating flowers with more exposed reproductive parts like goldenrods. Moths typically pollinate plants at night and therefore look for those with flowers that open in the late afternoon throughout the night. Bats are important pollinators of southern and tropical areas—more than 300 species of fruit are pollinated by bats.

Today, pollinators face troubling challenges that have resulted in notable population declines. Things like disease, the misuse of pesticides and habitat loss have contributed to their decline. However, there are things we can do to help the survivability of pollinators. One of the most important ways to help pollinators is to provide plentiful habitat with an abundance of wildflowers that bloom throughout the growing season. At Lake Metroparks, large open meadows like those at Skok Meadow, Hidden Lake, Lake Erie Bluffs and Penitentiary Glen Reservation that are rich in wildflowers support varieties of pollinators and are great places to catch them in action. We can also help pollinators by incorporating native wildflowers into our own home gardens. It is best to plant a variety of plants with different flower shapes, colors and blooming periods. Plants like lanceleaf coreopsis, great blue lobelia, wingstem, common milkweed and New England aster are a few choices to include in a garden that will attract pollinators throughout the growing season.



Hummingbird moth about to land on bee-balm - Photo by John Pogacnik

LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

ICE CREAM WEEKENDS

JULY 15 & 16
22 & 23
9 am to 5 pm

A photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting at a table, eating ice cream. The girl is wearing a pink shirt and has her hair in pigtails. The woman is wearing a white shirt and glasses. They are both smiling and looking at the ice cream. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting.

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CREATE! Monday, July 3 at 6:30pm Flag String Art! Nancy Brotz leads this workshop. Material fee is \$8. Sign up online or call the library at 428-2189.

Tween Chess Club Wednesday, July 5 from 3-4pm This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking skills through playing the classic strategy game of chess. This program emphasizes play as a pathway for youth to explore, learn, and develop the soft skills they will need later in life in the work environment.

Family Fun Day and Community Yard Sale! 9-4pm Saturday, July 8 This fun event is on the library lawn. Come and find some treasures and have a free lunch, courtesy of Friends of Madison Library.

Teddy Bear Picnic 11am -12pm Monday, July 10 Bring your bears and your lunch and enjoy teddy bear stories and songs on the lawn. No registration necessary.

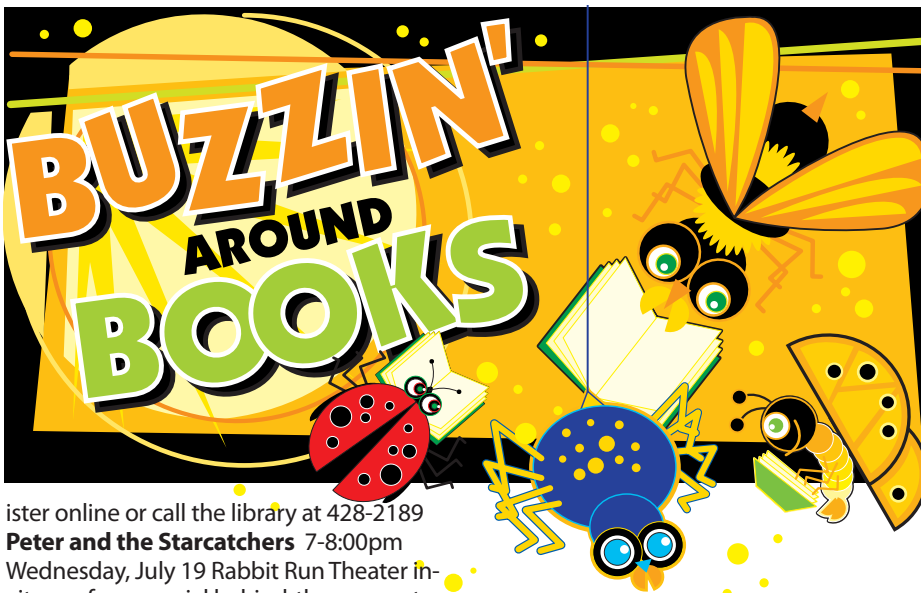
Flute Emporium: A Family Concert July 11 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. 5 per family with international musician Simeon Wood. Hear a wonderful blend of music on flutes, whistles, and other instruments, interspersed with Simeon's humor. This is an open event. Registration is not required.

Middle School Book Club 6-7pm Wed, July 12 This month we'll discuss Coraline, by Neil Gaiman, a chilling twist on Alice in Wonderland. No sign-up necessary.

Let's Talk About It! Special Summer Edition 7pm Thursday, July 13 This is a fun, open discussion with our director Nancy Currie. You don't have to read the book to join in on the discussion. Humorist Dave Barry and mystery writer Ridley Pearson joined forces to create a series of prequels to Peter Pan beginning with Peter and the Starcatchers. The original Peter Pan left a lot of unanswered questions. So Barry and Pearson decided to provide some answers. This is an open event. Registration is not required.

Tween Lock-In Friday, July 14 7:30pm until Saturday, 7:30am. 4th through 8th grade Join your friends for games and staying awake all night!! Even though this event is open to the public, an adult MUST sign up in person at the library.

Build a Better World Program: Cultivate Creativity Monday, July 17 from 11 - 12pm All children entering grades 2 through 5 in the fall, and children entering Kindergarten and first grade with a caregiver, are welcome to build a better world at the library this summer. Join us for books, crafts, and games. Each week is a different theme. Reg-



ister online or call the library at 428-2189

Peter and the Starcatchers 7-8:00pm Wednesday, July 19 Rabbit Run Theater invites us for a special behind-the-scenes tour of what goes into making a show. Bring a picnic and then see a short preview of the show Peter & the Starcatcher due to open later that week. This event is free and open to all ages!

Outdoor Family Mini Concert Tuesday, July 25 from 6-7:30pm Bring a picnic if you like, sit on the library lawn, and sing along with Susan Hagan!

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Make-It Mondays Mondays at 1 p.m. from July 3 through 24 Read House Lawn Join the children's department for different building projects each week during summer reading.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room 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 3 to five years old.

Family Story Time Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Fridays at

11 a.m., at Main 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.

A Walk in the Park Thurs. at 10 a.m. The only thing better than story time is story time during a visit to the park. Meet at the entrance to the library's Main Branch at 10 a.m. Then join us for a walk down to Eleanor B. Garfield Park for a special story time and a snack. After the story time, everyone will walk back together. For children from newborn to three years old, along with parents. Registration is required.

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. 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.

Get Read, Get Set, Blow Up & Read Saturday, July 1, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Get some fresh air, learn about science, and blow things up as part of the library's Summer Reading Program. Registration required.

Make a Craft Monday, July 3 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.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, July 5, at 4 p.m. Meet Addy. 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 Addy" before this program. Registration is necessary

Time Travelers Club—Classic Card Games Wednesday, July 5, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can join our Time Travelers Club where they try out games and crafts from different eras. This month, play classic card games. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Minecraft Club Thursday, July 6, 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.

Family Afternoon Movie Saturday, July 8, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon movie. On the second Saturday of each month, the library will show a family movie and provide popcorn. All movies will be rated G or PG. Find out which movie will be playing each month in the Children's Department. This event is for families with children 13 and younger. Ages 8 and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

LEGomania Saturday, July 8, at 2 p.m. 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.

Retro Gaming for Teens Saturday, July 8, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Teens can challenge their friends to an old-school gaming throwdown. Beat them at such classics as Mario Bros., Pac-Man, Galaga, and more. Play on retro gaming systems and have fun with the games of yesteryear. Registration requested.

Rock the Mic Club Monday, July 10, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A monthly club that meets on the second Monday of each month where kids can come and practice speaking in front of their peers, tell jokes, play an instrument, sing, practice for a school report, or perform a monologue. This club will build self-esteem and confidence while having fun. A snack and drink will be provided.

Let's Build! Rhyme Time Tuesday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly pre-

school story time.
Comics Club Tuesday, July 11, 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.

Around the World Wednesday, July 12, at 1 p.m. Read House Lawn Take a trip around the world at this fun packed afternoon. Kid entering kindergarten through sixth grade can try a game from China, a snack from Germany, a craft from Brazil and more. Registration is required and begins June 28
Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wed., July 12, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch 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.

Bridge Building Contest Wednesday, July 12, at 5 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids from five to 11 years old can compete and complete three stages of the library's building competition. Top three builders will win a \$10 gift card to Toys 'R Us. Registration is required and begins June 28
Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday, July 15, 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, July 15, 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.

Paws to Read Wednesday, July 19 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Main Branch 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.

Clashing Controllers Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Techno Tweens Saturday, July 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends

to a quest in Roblox. Registration is required.

The Creation Station: Paper Circuits Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can make, create and innovate at the Lake Branch Creation Station. This 4-part series will use the new mobile Makerspace. This month, teens can create greeting cards that light up with simple electrical circuits.

Mystery Bag Challenge Monday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids will need to think creatively during this building challenge. Kids entering fourth through eighth grade can enter and even race against their friends.

Read With Me Tuesday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch A literacy-based story time for kids from newborn to three years old. Children can enjoy stories, songs and activities while parents and caregivers learn tips to promote early literacy at home. The library will also supply book recommendations and craft supplies to enhance story times at home.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Bring the family to a calm evening of coloring at the Headlands branch. Supplies provided.

Drive-In at the Library Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room A special, 2-day event for families. On Thursday July 27, families can come to the library and decorate their own car made from a cardboard box. Craft supplies will be provided. The next day, July 28, families will return to watch a movie in their decorated cars in the library's very own drive-in. Popcorn will be provided. Ages 8 and younger, with parent supervision. Registration is required and begins July 13.

Stop-Motion GIFS Saturday, July 29, at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Teens can learn how to make their own stop-motion films, as well as fun GIFS, using LEGO blocks and a tablet.

MORLEY LIBRARY

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Tween Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 1, 11:00 – 11:45 AM For tweens ages 9-12.

Come "chill out" with friends and ice cream! We'll talk all about our favorite frozen treat, make an ice-cream themed craft, and make our own yummy ice cream sundaes! Registration is necessary.

Family Afternoon Matinee: Cars – Wednesday, July 5, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Unwind with our NEW Family Afternoon Matinees in the Story Room. Families with children

ages 12 and under can grab a floor cushion and get comfy—we'll be showing a different family-friendly movie every Wednesday afternoon during the Children's Summer Reading Club! Covered beverages and movie snacks are permitted but they must stay in the Story Room and we ask families to please clean up afterwards. Parents must stay with children 8 and under--this is not a drop-off program. No registration needed.

Juggler Matt Jergens - Friday, July 7, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Matt's back at Morley Library! International gold medalist juggler Matt Jergens will perform his award-winning show featuring amazing juggling skills, music, high energy, laughter, and fun. Watch Matt spin plates, juggle hilariously crazy items, and ride a giant unicycle! This is a ticketed event. Tickets are FREE and will be available to pick up at the Children's Desk starting Friday, June 30th. Seating is limited

Paws 2 Read - Saturday, July 8, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Bark all about it, Paws 2 Read is back! Paws 2 Read is a program that encourages readers of all abilities to relax and read in a comforting environment with a friendly, certified therapy dog for 15 minutes. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on June 24th. To register, call the Children's Room at 440-352-3383 to choose a dog.

The Construction Zone! Magnetic Building Toys - Tues. July 11, 3:30 – 4:30 PM Caution: You're about to enter THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE! Kids 12 and under can drop in for this fun, free building program. Parents must stay with children under 9 years old. No registration needed.

Family Afternoon Matinee: Finding Dory – Wednesday, July 12, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Afternoon Matinees in the Story Room. Covered beverages and movie snacks are permitted but they must stay in the Story Room and we ask families to please clean up afterwards. Parents must stay with children 8 and under--this is not a drop-off program. No registration needed.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! Thursday, July 13, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free sunshine magnet craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Build Musical Instruments! - Saturday, July 15, 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Families with children 12 and under can join Miss Robin in the basement Meeting Rooms to make some fun DIY musical instruments before heading down to Party in the Park! Use an assortment of recycled materials provided and examples of different instruments to make. This is a go-at-your-own-pace program, so feel free to drop in any time between 11:00 - 11:45 AM. No registration

needed.

The Construction Zone! Marble Race Tracks - Tuesday, July 18, 3:30 – 4:30 PM Caution: You're about to enter THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE! Kids 12 and under can drop in for this fun, free building program. Parents must stay with children under 9 years old. No registration needed.

Family Afternoon Matinee: Zootopia - Wednesday, July 19, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Unwind with our NEW Family Afternoon Matinees in the Story Room. Covered beverages and movie snacks are permitted but they must stay in the Story Room and we ask families to please clean up afterwards. Parents must stay with children 8 and under--this is not a drop-off program. No registration needed.

Visit Jumper the Kangaroo from Sky Zone! Friday, July 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM Stop by the Children's Room to say hi to Jumper the Kangaroo from Sky Zone in Highland Heights! Show him your Summer Reading Log and receive a complimentary 30-minute jump session coupon for Sky Zone! No registration required. Don't forget, it's also the LAST day to turn in your Reading Log for tickets for the big prize drawing.

WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us

Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up) Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, July 1 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM Registration required.

Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up) Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, July 8 @ 2:00 PM Registration required.

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

Birth-2 Year Old Story Time Wednesday at 10:00 AM OR Thursday at 6:30 PM July 5-July 27

3-6 Year Old Story Time Mondays at 6:30 PM OR Thursdays at 10:00 AM July 3-July 27

Lil'Groovers!: (Kids 6 and under, with a caregiver) Fridays at 10:00 AM July 7-July 28 Enjoy movement activities and more!

Summer Tween Time (Completed 4th-8th grade) Wednesdays @ 11:00 AM July 5, 12, 19, 26 Check website for weekly themes and information.

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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www.welibrary.info

Willoughby Otaku Anime Club Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. Ages 13 & up. Saturday, July 1, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library

Small Town Monsters & SasWhat Talk Bigfoot Mark Matzke, creator of the podcast SasWhat, and filmmaker Seth Breedlove will present their unique perspectives on cryptozoology and folklore. Wednesday, July 5, 6-7 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Teens Make Stuff @ the Willoughby Library Come to the Willoughby Library and learn how to make useful things such as picture frames, pots to plant in and cute animals made out of socks. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, July 5, 7-8 pm

Willoughby Library
Small Town Monsters Movie Night
Filmmaker Seth Breedlove will introduce and show his films *Beast of Whitehall* and *Boggy Creek Monster*. Thursday, July 6, 6-7:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, July 8, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library
Superhero LEGO Club Wear your favorite Superhero costume or shirt and join us to make special Superhero LEGO creations. Saturday, July 8, 2 pm Willowick Library
Storygami: Build with Paper! Ohio Author and Professional Storyteller Christine Kallevig folds giant-sized paper as she tells stories for ages 3 & up. Each fold represents an action, setting or character, so by the time the story is over, a surprise origami is magically created. The audience will build with paper too! Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library

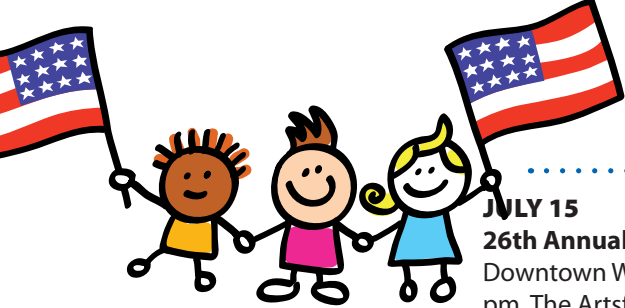
Dungeons & Dragons Join us for a 5th edition campaign of *Dungeons & Dragons*! No experience necessary. Space is limited, on-lookers welcome! (Grades 9-12). Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, 4-8 pm Willowick Library
Splatters, Disasters & Mayhem Wear old clothes because this art/science mashup is going to be MESSY! All ages welcome! Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Sing it! Swing it! String it! Building Stories with String Dave Titus, international storyteller and founder of String Figures will create string stories. Twist it, tie it and with a clap, snap a character together with strings. Everyone gets their own story string to take home! Ages 5-12. Parents welcome! Wednesday, July 12, 6-7 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Tie Dye Party You bring a shirt, we supply the dye! Ages 0-12th grade. Thursday, July 13, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library
Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library
Wednesday, July 19, 2-3 pm Willoughby Hills Library
BYOT Sharpie Tie Dye @ ArtsFest! Bring your own t-shirt and decorate Sharpie starbursts! Saturday, July 15, 10 am-5 pm Willoughby Library
Video Game Club Play current console games and retro games! Feel free to bring your own games to share! Ages 12 & up. Saturday, July 15, 12-3 pm Willowick Library
LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! Saturday, July 15, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library
Saturday, July 15, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Saturday, July 22, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Library

Outback Ray Outback Ray is back to show off his awesome animals! Space is limited so register early! Monday, July 17, 3 pm Willoughby Library,
LEGO Catapults Young builders will work in teams to use the engineering design process to construct, test and improve their own prototypes using LEGO's and rubber bands. Presented by the Great Lakes Science Center. Friday, July 21, 2-4 pm Willoughby Hills Library
Summer Eclipse Extravaganza Join us for space-themed fun as we celebrate the end of Summer and the upcoming solar eclipse! All attendees will receive their very own FREE eclipse viewer, provided by the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning! All ages welcome! Saturday, July 22, 1:30 pm Eastlake Library
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, July 25, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library
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, July 27, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library



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JUNE 30 - JULY 4

Fairport Mardi Gras

Fairport Harbor Beach Huntington Drive - Fairport Harbor, We invite you to come down to our beautiful beach and enjoy the Fairport Mardi Gras festival.

We will be having the annual parade, Senior Citizen Day, 5K Race/2 mile walk, Kid's Day, Veterans Day, and fabulous fireworks!

JULY 1

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival Performs Outdoor Shakespeare

Home of Pres James A Garfield, 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. 'The Taming of the Shrew' Several of Shakespeare's plays are found on the shelves of the Memorial Library at James A. Garfield National Historic Site. This evening, enjoy Shakespeare "au naturel"—in the great outdoors—as the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival presents its interpretation of the comedy The Taming of the Shrew on the expansive lawn behind the Garfield home! The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival is the one of the nation's largest free outdoor Shakespearean companies and celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2017! No reservations are required and the performance is FREE. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner! No alcoholic beverages permitted. For more information about the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, visit www.cleveshakes.org.

JULY 11

Mentor's Got Talent Show For Kids

Tue, July 11, 10:00am - 11:30am Civic Center Park, 8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor. Calling all Stars!! Can you sing, tell some jokes, dance, or maybe know a couple magic tricks? Join us at the Amphitheater to show off your talent. Small prizes will be awarded to each age group. Contest is for children ages 4 - 17. FREE! This is a free event but each child must pre-register by July 7.

JULY 15

26th Annual Willoughby ArtsFest

Downtown Willoughby 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. The Artsfest is a great opportunity for visitors to see and purchase a wide range of juried art and also enjoy, music and the quaint downtown Willoughby restaurants and local merchants. willoughbyartsfest.com

JULY 15 & 16

Lake County Air Show

Lost Nation Airport, 1969 Lost Nation Road - Willoughby 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Lost Nation Airport will be hosting the "Tribute To Legends" air show. Bring the family and help us honor our veterans! Come out for a day of food, fun and flying at the Lost Nation Airport! There will be Vintage Military airplanes along with some spectacular air acts! www.facebook.com/lakecountyairshow

JULY 15 & 16

Civil War Encampment Weekend Fee Free Days!

Home of Pres James A Garfield, 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Back by popular demand for an eighth straight year! Enjoy a weekend Civil War encampment on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Learn more about camp life, the experience of battle, and future President James A. Garfield's experiences fighting for the Union. Includes numerous reenactor groups and some live firing demonstrations with blank cartridges. Free of charge.

JULY 22

Headlands BeachFest

9601 Headlands Rd - Mentor 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. This is NOT your typical day at the beach. Bring your friends and family and join the City of Mentor for the largest free beach party of the year! Watch World Champion sand sculptors create amazing sculptures as they compete for the grand prize Stroll and shop dozens of arts and crafts vendors Enjoy live beach music and strolling entertainment Watch beautiful performances by

the Ohio Society For the Elevation of Kites Build sandcastles For kids - create beach-related craft projects Enjoy delicious food such as pizza, tacos, ice cream, BBQ and more a large selection of food trucks Headland's Beach Fest is a family-friendly celebration of wind, water and sand. The event is held rain or shine. Free admission and parking.

JULY 23

2017 Mentor Speedboats

Headlands Beach State Park 9601 Headlands Road - Mentor 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Launching : Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club, 8365 Harbor Dr Boats Escorted by Mentor Police 9 am - 6:00 pm Powerboats Dry Pits

Open: Great Lakes Mall, 7850 Mentor Ave. 12 pm Start of 1st Race Headlands State Park, end of Rt 44. 2 pm Start of 2nd Race Headlands State Park, end of Rt 44

5 pm Awards Presentation - Race Village - Under Registration Tent

JULY 30

Shakespeare in the Park

7pm - 9pm Civic Center Park, 8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor. Enjoy a professional production of Macbeth by William Shakespeare at Mentor's new amphitheater from the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival. Free admission. Vendors will be onsite for food and beverages. Bring a lawn chair.



Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center Open House Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sunday, July 23, 2017 • Noon to 4 pm






It's mammal mania as we celebrate Ohio's native furry animals at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center Open House. Find out about Ohio's native mammals, who might be a predator and who might be prey. We'll discover natural history, enjoy mammal activities, a craft and get a chance to meet our furry Animal Ambassadors. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, facts and live animals.. From 1 to 3 pm, take a ride on miniature trains through the woodlands of Penitentiary Glen Reservation (weather permitting). The Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center Open House is free and does not require registration.

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

Directions: Take I-90 to Rt. 306 south for about one mile. Turn left onto Rt. 615. Turn right (east) onto Kirtland-Chardon Road and continue for two miles. Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located on the right (south) side of the road.



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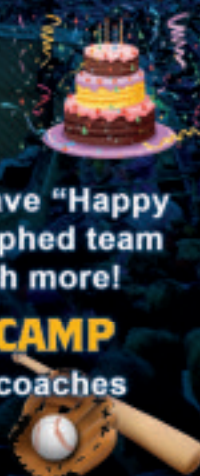
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