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## New Event at the Holden Arboretum Celebrates Trees with Fun, Family-Friendly Activities *Celebration of Trees* takes place Aug. 12 and 13

The Holden Arboretum will recognize and celebrate the vital role that trees play in our lives at the inaugural *Celebration of Trees*, a weekend event filled with family-friendly activities including guided tree climbing for children, chainsaw carving demonstrations, the Great Lakes Timber Show, and more. The event takes place on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 from 10am – 4pm each day.

The Great Lakes Timber Show features log rolling, axe throwing, cross cutting sawing and more, all presented with a message about the importance of lumberjacks to forest and tree management (and a lot of fun). *Celebration of Trees* also features live chainsaw carving demonstrations by award-winning chainsaw artists Pat Holbert and Jack

Riese. Live entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter Sam Sapp and naturalist Sarah Matheny with their show “Songs and Tails from the Woods.” Guided hikes and special children’s crafts will be offered throughout the weekend, as will food and beverage concessions.

Admission to the event is free for members, \$10 for non-member adults and \$4 for children ages 6-18. Children under 5 are admitted free. The Murch Canopy Walk and Kalberer Emergent Tower will be open during the event. Tickets to the structures are free for members, \$4 for nonmember adults and \$2 for children ages 6 – 18. The Holden Arboretum, 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland, Ohio, 440-946-4400, holdenarb.org.



Photo courtesy of Cleveland Botanical Garden

### Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks *Traveling Exhibit Features 13 Artful Sculptures Built With LEGO Bricks*

There is still time to see Cleveland Botanical Garden’s exclusive summer exhibit, Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks, on display through Sunday, August 27. The traveling exhibit features 13 sculptures built with nearly 500,000 LEGO bricks by New York City artist Sean Kenney. The artful sculptures depict a variety of nature scenes and are on display both inside and throughout the outdoor grounds.

The Nature Connects exhibit is just part of the visitor experience at the Cleveland Botanical Garden this summer, which

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# SUPER STAR PARTY

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

August 12 • 8 pm to midnight • Advanced registration required

Look up in the sky. Is that a bird? Is it a plane? No it's a shooting star! Spend an evening with us at the Super Star Party 8 pm to midnight August 12. Journey beyond our atmosphere to learn about the amazing world of space from shooting stars to the International Space Station.

Stargazers of all ages can experience the wonder of the night sky through indoor planetarium shows, star gazing, guided night hikes, a craft and more. Observe the planets and stars with telescopes and guidance from the amateur astronomers of Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society.

All aboard for a ride on a miniature steam engine provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers. Ride times are selected at registration. Time slots are for train rides. Train departs within the hour. All outdoor activities are weather permitting.

Come early and/or stay late and enjoy all of these family friendly activities:

Guided interactive night hikes

Astronomical presentations by research astronomers

Wild animal shows, craft, scavenger hunts and more

The Nature Store (selling glow-in-the-dark merchandise, popcorn, soda,



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Bring your light sabers! Star Wars is a classic for all ages and we would love to see who your favorite characters are. Wear your favorite Star Wars costume and join in on the fun! The Super Star Party runs rain or shine. All outdoor activities are

weather permitting.

Advanced registration is required. Adults and children ages two and older are \$5. Children younger than 2 are free. Ride times are selected at time of registration. Visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 to register.

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## CELEBRATION OF TREES

SATURDAY, AUG. 12 &  
SUNDAY, AUG. 13, 10AM – 4PM



Join the Holden Arboretum as we recognize the importance of trees with fun, family-friendly activities.

- Great Lakes Timber Show
- Guided tree climbing for kids
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- Chainsaw carving demos and more!

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# Even Doctors Need to Read

by Carole Richards

About fifteen years ago, I got a call from a doctor who was dyslexic. He was obviously bright. He had graduated from college and medical school. But, he had not passed his written medical licensing board exam.

I met with the doctor and his wife and to discuss the structure of words ... the sounds, syllables and patterns in words.

The doctor worked with Fritz, one of our finest reading tutors for just a month. I just learned, that was all he needed. She said, that when she showed him how words are made up of syllables, "a lightbulb went on in his mind". He had struggled with the pharmaceutical vocabulary. Once he understood how words were put together ... he got it.

Well, I often say, there is no magic reading pill. Perhaps for the doctor, Fritz provided a magic pill. He was able to put it all together.

We also worked with a fourteen-year-old boy. He was able to understand the system in just ten hours one summer. That fall, he signed up for honors English his freshman year of high school. This sounds like another magic pill.

Most often students need more than four or ten hours to improve their reading and spelling skills. However, these two examples illustrate that sometimes students are missing some puzzle pieces in their reading and spelling. Their writing and comprehension skills suffer because they can't decode and spell efficiently.

I continue to talk about our United States literacy crisis. There are millions of children and adults that are not able to be the best they can be because they can't read and spell well. Some are like the doctor and the fourteen-year-old. Most have more significant reading problems.

Many of our teachers don't know a reading method in order to help these students. If you have a child in school, ask your child's teacher what reading method they use. When I ask this ques-

tion, most answer, "a little of this" or "a little of that". Our schools ask our children to memorize about one hundred words a year. They expect these words to support a child's ability to read. For about 25% of children, this is enough. They break the reading code and are able to break words into syllables to read and spell.

About 50% of our children muddle through. They can read at differing levels of ability. However, school would be more fun and much easier if they read and spelled better. Then we come to the final 25% that we see most often. They read very poorly, and spelling is even worse. And they often feel they are "stupid". Reading well has nothing to do with intelligence. It is a skill we all can master. We have seen students with IQ's as low as 40, begin to read novels with some efficiency. So, if your child is of average intelligence, reading and spelling well should not be out of their reach. Once they learn to read, their confidence will soar.

So, back to our doctor ... even he needed to improve his reading skills.

Ask yourself, does my child struggle in school because of poor reading skills? Could your child be a good, or even great, student if his/her reading was improved?

Email or call me to discuss it further. I am doing an informal survey of what people think.



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# Family Matters with Amber

## The Best Back to School Prep: Reading!

It's hard to believe it's August already! What's harder to believe is that my little ones aren't so little anymore! This month my oldest will turn twenty! TWENTY! Next month, my middle will turn sixteen (still not old enough for her, but at least on most days she finally has the car keys in hand). My baby, well, he has just become a full-fledged teenager (who is thoroughly successful at irritating his sisters, and which by the way, I do not reprimand because it could be much worse and he's the little brother after all)...it's expected.

Some surprising things at this stage in our lives are that school supply and clothes shopping are much easier and bedtime enforcement is so much harder. But, I like that the talks we have are longer and full of great questions and answers. Our family time does seem less and less as they 'do their own thing', but when we have time together at the pool, drive-in, at home watching a show, cooking or playing a game, it's always very special and we know it's a gift. *Family is a gift.*

Some things that haven't changed (thank goodness) is our love for joking and laughing, helping each other out and reading! There is not a day that goes by where we do not laugh at ourselves, joke sarcastically about someone in the house or recite a line from one of our favorite movies: "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming...what do we do, we swim, swim, swim". Or, "Is this annoying?" (While slapping our cheeks with our hands and making sounds.) "VEERRY". There also isn't a day that goes by where one of the members of this little family doesn't have a book in their hand.

Starting to read (and the love of reading) was by far one of the best 'first things' I have ever taught my kids and for sure the best time investment. By the time each one of them could walk they'd already stepped foot into a library



*Reminiscing some unforgettable reads - 2014*

and had been toddling around picking out hundreds of little board books and had probably touched a hundred more. By the time they could write their own name, they had heard hundreds of stories about bears, ants, pigs and rabbits. At which point they got their very own library card (the rule from the library is they had to be able to write their name to sign their card).

I have always been a huge advocate of reading for so many reasons. First and foremost, if you don't like to read, school will be so much more difficult. If you don't find some sort of enjoyment out of reading young, it will be so much harder to learn. So, if you're a parent, make the first step to prepping for back-to-school reading.

If your child is young, begin by reading to them daily. At bedtime is the best. They get very excited to hear a story, your voice and a positive image in their imagination at bedtime. In the morning choose a different story, read to them while they are eating breakfast. Give them a book instead of your phone

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**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.

**July 28 - Monarch Madness**

**August 4 - Return of the Otter**

**August 11 - Star Lab**



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Lake Metroparks  
Farmpark

**August 18 • 5:30 to 9:30 pm Advanced registration and fee required**

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Registration fee for the Corn Maze Grand Opening Corn Roast is \$16 for ages 12 and older. Ages 2 to 11 are \$12. Advanced registration is required. To register, visit lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275. Farmpark members must call registration to apply their discount.

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# READING! FROM PAGE 5

when waiting in a line or in the waiting room at the doctor's office. Keep books in the car and turn the video off if it's not a long trip. You can even borrow audio books for driving around.

For older kids, get them to do the summer reading challenge that is held at most local libraries. Take them to the library once a week or once a month; they won't walk out empty handed. If it's hot and you don't have air conditioning the library is free and cool...see this can help in other ways also. Computer screens take a toll on our eyes as it also kills our attention span (something we need to carry on good quality conversations, listen to teachers and stay focused in education). Make a no media time every day. When my kids were little we always had a guaranteed time of TV off.

It was a nap or you had to be in your beds with books. This was the best break for me to rest also doing the same thing.

Most have heard the story of where my love of the library and books came from. When I was about 7 ½, my parents split up and my mother left. My school library and the treasures I

brought home (like Shel Silverstein's Where the Sidewalk Ends, book of poetry) was my refuge. I believe that if we can teach children a love of reading, then they can eventually teach themselves how to do anything, change anything about themselves, cope with anything, be a better studier, improve their speech, not fall behind in elementary school, succeed in college, learn about places and historical events, build imagination, discover compassion for someone who is not like them and learn about people who have changed the world. Planting the reading seed young will help them in life not just in school. I am living proof.

Some of our favorite books (many are for reading aloud to peak interest of your child):

Toddler- Goodnight Moon, Goodnight Gorilla, Moo Baa La La La, Dr. Seuss (My very reluctant almost non-reader learned to read The Foot Book first!)

Preschool-White Rabbit's Color Book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Mitten, If You Give a Moose a Muffin

Elementary/Upper Elementary- Chronicles of Narnia, You're All My Favorites (great for multiple children households), Poppy and Rye by Avi (many more in the series and if reading aloud use different voices for each character and watch your kids ask you to read before you suggest so)

PreTeen (parents who are concerned about content, a good rule of thumb is to ask librarians and/or read online reviews by parents and children) Lemony Snicket, Erin Hunter's Warriors Series

about dogs, cats and bears in separate series' (upper elementary depending upon reading level), Harry Potter, Animorphs (possibly teen)

Teen books become a personal preference: boys Aragon and Dear America, girls

Currently we are reading (before we watch the movie) "A Dog's Purpose".

For more family common sense parenting ideas and more reasons to love reading and the library visit my blog: [www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com](http://www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com).



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**CREATE! Make a Dreamcatcher** Monday, August 7 at 6:30pm Local artist Nancy Brotz teaches the CREATE classes on the first Monday of each month. Material fee is usually \$8 for each class.

**Preview Night for Friends of the Library Book Sale** Wednesday, August 9 from 6-8pm Get first dibs on books in our sale! If you aren't a Friend, you can get a membership that night. Individual memberships are just \$2 for the year, and a family membership is \$5.

**Friends' Book Sale** during library hours. Thursday August 10 - 12

**Fleet 31, Northeast Ohio** Saturday Aug. 12 from 11am - 3pm This is a Star Trek fan organization based on community service and activities. They welcome new members, and no sign up is necessary.

**Level Up** Tuesday, August 14 3-5:30pm for Middle School and High School age This program encourages tweens and teens to develop critical thinking, imagination, socialization, and teamwork skills as well as cultural enrichment developed through playing strategy games. 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 including time management and collaboration. No advanced registration required, but each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.

**Board to Pieces** Thursday, August 17 from 3-5:30pm for High School age No advanced registration necessary. This program for teens involves playing various improvisation and role based games. These games foster critical thinking, cultural awareness, and communication skills.

**Tail Waggin' Tutors** Thursday, August 17 from 6:30pm Bring your child to read (or pretend to read) to a gentle therapy dog. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. Children of all ages are welcome.

**Baby/Toddler Storytime** Monday, August 21 starting at 6pm for 0-24 months, attending with caregiver This for young children to introduce them to the library. This small group setting is a great way to introduce babies to the library and other children their own age. Sign up online or call the library. This



program is a series, and it will be listed in the calendar as individual programs. If the series of programs is not full, you can click on any event in the series and register at any time.

**Young Child Storytime** Tuesday, August 22 at 9:30 & 10:30am for 25-48 months, attending with caregiver For children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play after this program. Sign up online or call the library. This program is a series, and it will be listed in the calendar as individual programs. If the series of programs is not full, you can click on any event in the series and register at any time.

**Ourdoor Family Mini Concert** Tuesday, August 22 6-7:30pm Come and hear Tom Todd, the One-Man Band! Bring a picnic if you like, sit on the library lawn and enjoy the music. Free and open to everyone.

**Family Storytime** 6pm Wednesday, August 23 for 0-5 years old, attending with caregiver 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.

Sign up online or call the library. This program is a series, and it will be listed in the calendar as individual programs. If the series of programs is not full, you can click on any event in the series and register at any time

**Preschool Storytime** 10:30 & 11:30am Thursday, August 24 for 3-5 yearsold, but not yet in kindergarten, attending independently This is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers need to remain in

the children's area during the program. Sign up online or call the library. This program is a series, and it will be listed in the calendar as individual programs. If the series of programs is not full, you can click on any event in the series and register at any time.

**Graphic Novel Book Club** 3-5pm Friday, August 15 for High School age No advanced registration required 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.

### MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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**Pizza & Comics Club** Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 5 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room Mentor Public Library has a book club for teens 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.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, Aug. 1, 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.

**American Girl Book Club** Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m. Meet Samantha. 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 Samantha" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Time Travelers Club** Wednesday, Aug. 2, 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. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, Aug. 3, 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.

**End of Summer Reading Party** Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. Read House Lawn Join the children's department and a special guest (to be announced) on the Read House Lawn to celebrate all your logged reading hours. Summer Reading winners will be announced at this time. **Starry, Starry Nights** Saturday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Get astrological at a stellar story-time with space-themed crafts and games.

**Make a Craft** Monday, Aug. 7 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.

**Sunflower Rhyme Time** Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

**Travelin' Man Band Concert** Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Bring the whole family down to the Lake Branch to hear the Travelin' Man Band perform their repertoire of oldies but goodies. No registration required. Bring a blanket or chair



and get ready to rock.

**Build-A-Bug** Friday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can make their own custom critter using play-doh at the Lake Branch makerspace and learn about bugs while they work.

**Family Afternoon Movie** Saturday, Aug. 12, 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.

**Build a Better World: Recycle Craft** Saturday, Aug. 12, at 1:30 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Join Bonnie Rice, the executive director of Keep Mentor Beautiful, in this special family craft program using recycled materials to make jewelry and "recycle a friend."

**LEGOmania** Saturday, Aug. 12, 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.

**Rock the Mic Club** Monday, Aug. 14, 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.

**Paws to Read** Wednesday, Aug. 16 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake 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, Aug. 16, 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.

**MPL Arcade: Video Game Club** Thursday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Kids can come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the 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, Aug. 19, 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, Aug. 19, 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.

**Write On: A Writing Club for Teens** Monday, Aug. 21, 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.

**Read With Me** Tuesday, Aug. 22, 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, Aug. 23, 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.

**Friends of the Mentor Public Library Bag Sale** Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, 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 spe-

cial events.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, Aug. 26, from 1 to 2 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.

**Monarchs at the Marsh** Saturday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Mentor Marsh Naturalist Becky Donaldson will talk about the monarch butterfly in our area. Learn how to tell the monarch from a viceroy and about the monarch's habitat needs and life cycle.

**National Dog Day Celebration** Saturday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can celebrate National Dog Day by making a gift for their furry best friends.

**MORLEY LIBRARY**  
184 Phelps St.  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3383  
[www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org)

**WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092  
(440) 944-6010  
[www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us](http://www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us)

**Make & Take Craft** July 31-August 12 during open hours Kids 12 and under, stop by, use our supplies, make a craft, take it home!

**Book Bugs** Fridays at 10:00am, August 4–December 22 Children up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities and fun!

**Tales for a Dog** First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00am, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2 Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register or drop-in.

**Kick Off to Kindergarten** Monday, August 7 @ 6:30pm or Tuesday, August 8 @ 10:00am All children entering Kindergarten this fall (with a caregiver) are invited to join us for a Kindergarten Readiness Program which will include a storytime followed by readiness stations to explore. Registration requested.

**Lego Club** Second Saturday of every month at 2:00pm, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/1, 12/9 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

**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.

**STEAM Ahead!** Tuesday, August 22 at

3:15pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

**Back to School Blast** Tuesday, August 29 at 3:15pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and more! Registration requested.

**Tween Time** Wednesdays @ 2:30 PM, August 16-November 15 Children 5th-8th grade, join us for snacks, socializing and fun activities. Registration requested.

**WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**Eastlake Public Library**  
36706 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Eastlake, OH 44095  
(440) 942-7880 x. 105  
**Willoughby Public Library**  
30 Public Sq.  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3200 x. 104  
**Willowick Public Library**  
263 E. 305 St.  
Willowick, OH 44095  
(440) 943-4151 x. 116  
(440) 516-0843 TTY  
**Willoughby Hills Public Library**  
35400 Chardon Rd.  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3362  
[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

**Willoughby's National Night Out**  
Join us for food, games and fun! Free admission to the pool!! Tuesday, August 1, 5-8 pm Willoughby Municipal Pool

**Eastlakes's National Night Out**  
Join us for food, games and fun! There will be a flashlight walk around the block at 9 pm. Free admission to the pool!! Tuesday, August 1, 6-9 pm Eastlake's Jakse Park

**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, August 2, 7-8 pm Willoughby Library

**Move & Groove: Exploration of Dance**  
Do you have a mover and shaker in your house? Come explore creative movement and the FUNdamentals of various dance styles during this interactive workshop facilitated by Dance Faculty at The Fine Arts Association. We'll move, groove and have a whole lot of fun! Ages 4-8. Thursday, August 3, 7 pm Willowick Library

**Barks for Books**  
Practice your reading skills by reading



to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, August 5, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library

**WEPLcon: A Celebration of Fandom**  
Join us for a day of celebrating anime and geeky fandom! Featuring raffles, panels, video games, cosplays and more! Ages 11 & up. Saturday, August 5, 10 am-4 pm  
Willowick Library

**LEGO Club**  
We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! Saturday, August 5, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Library  
Saturday, August 12, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library  
Saturday, August 19, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library

**Video Game Club**  
Play current console games and retro games! Feel free to bring your own games to share! Ages 12 & up.  
Saturday, August 12, 12-3 pm  
Willowick 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, August 15, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

**KidZone @ Last Stop Willoughby!**  
Be sure to visit the KidZone for crafts and games during the Last Stop Willoughby festival in Historic Downtown Willoughby! Be sure to stick around for the parade stepping off at 2 pm! Saturday, August 19, 10 am-2 pm Willoughby Library

**Kids' Eclipse Afterparty!**  
The solar eclipse may have been brief, but the excitement continues with this space-themed party! Monday, August 21, 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, August 24, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

**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, August 26, 1-4 pm  
Willoughby Library

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also includes manicured gardens, an indoor glasshouse, and engaging programming and events:

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- Four outdoor treehouses for fun and adventure
- Hershey Children's Garden featuring interactive play for children

Admission provides full access to the Botanical Garden, including the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse and nine acres of outdoor gardens. Admission is free for members of Cleveland Botanical Garden and Holden Arboretum. Nonmember admission is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child age 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and under.

Tickets are available online, at the Botanical Garden ticket desk or by calling 216-721-1600, ext. 100. Advance



ticket purchase is not required. The Botanical Garden is located at 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio. For more information, visit [www.cb garden.org](http://www.cb garden.org).

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# AUGUST 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.

## AUGUST 1

### KidX Event Series: Hawaiian Luau

Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Where: play area is located in the main concourse near JCPenney

Join us at the Lake Health Children's Play Area the first Tuesday of each month at 11am for fun, seasonal themed activities! Events are approximately 1 hour long. August's theme: Hawaiian Luau

KidX Kid's Club is our club where kids get to come together with FREE activities that inspire them to explore their world. With KidX, "X" marks the spot for members to have fun, playful and educational experiences. Whether it's expression through art, music, or the exhilaration of fun fitness activities, KidX brings enriching experiences to members and their families. KidX is sponsored locally by Lake Health.

All event dates, themes, locations and times are subject to change. Giveaways are while supplies last. For more fun details about each upcoming event call us at 440-255-8932.

## AUGUST 3

### Chardon Square KidsFest

KidsFest offers a safe day of fun games and activities for kids of all ages. Activities include a pizza eating contest, tug-of-war, Plinko, a dunk tank, face painting, cupcake decorating and more! All games and activities are free of charge. Historic Chardon Square 100 Short Court Chardon

## AUGUST 4-6

### Tax Free Weekend

Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor Shop Friday & Saturday from 10am-9pm and Sunday from 11am-6pm and save the sales tax on clothing items and shoes \$75 or less, school

supplies \$20 or less and school instructional materials \$20 or less!

## AUGUST 5

### Epic Scavenger Hunt

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

4 to 7 pm • \$5 per person

Grab your friends and family and compete as a team in the Epic Scavenger Hunt. Let the game begin as you and your team search the nooks and crannies of Penitentiary Glen Reservation using an app on your smartphone. Compete against other teams to answer questions, take pictures and more. The app can automatically upload the pictures to social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. Team costumes or colors are welcome. go around the park answering questions, taking pictures, and running around generally having a good time.

For more information and to register, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-358-7275.

## AUGUST 5

### Fine Arts Coffeehouse Series

#### Cat's Crew performs jazzy soul and gospel.

Join us for a casual, fun evening of java, munchies and music at 6:30 p.m. Marous Brothers Outdoor Stage at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby. FREE Admission; Charge for refreshments Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) for further information.

## AUGUST 6

### Chardon Arts Festival

This juried, outdoor show is free to attend and will host over 100 artists both local and out of state, providing a wonderful opportunity for a day of shopping and dining in a park like-setting on Chardon Square. It is estimated that 5,000 people enjoy this beautiful show each year.

## AUGUST 18-19

### D-Day Conneaut

D-Day Ohio comes to Conneaut for a WWII D-Day Re-Enactment! See hundreds of re-enactors storm the beach at Normandy with authentic equip-

ment - planes, boats, bombs. Weekend also features Patriotic Concert, USO Dance, and more.

Location: Conneaut Township Park Lake Road, Conneaut, OH 44030

## AUGUST 19

### Doggie Dip Day

Civic Center Pool 8500 Civic Center Blvd - Mentor. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Civic Center Pool will officially be going to the dogs! Bring your favorite four-legged pal for a dip and enjoy some good family fun! Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated, leashed when not in the pool, and owners must be prepared for cleanup duty (we'll have extra bags). You are welcome to bring dog toys. The cost is \$4 per dog. [Kor-sok@cityofmentor.com](mailto:Kor-sok@cityofmentor.com)

## AUGUST 21

### Total Eclipse of the Park

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

August 21, 2017 • noon to 4 pm

FREE program. Nature is an amazing place from the transformation of tadpoles to frogs and to the flight of birds. But what about beyond our atmosphere? The sun is our only star which is about to bring a spectacular show to Earth. Celebrate and observe this astronomical phenomenon through planetarium shows, safe observation of the solar eclipse, live animal shows, campfire, a craft and more.

Join us for a Total Eclipse of the Park, noon to 4 pm August 21, at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. FREE program. Register at [bit.ly/totaleclipseofthepark](http://bit.ly/totaleclipseofthepark).

## AUGUST 25 & 26

### 2017 Mentor CityFest

Mentor Civic Center Park, 8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor. Friday, August 25, 4 - 11 p.m. & Saturday, August 26, 12 - 11 p.m. Mentor CityFest is Lake County's premier family-friendly festival with activities, games, entertainment, food and more! Check website for featured entertainment, scheduled activities and more! [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com)

## AUGUST 26

### National Park Service Birthday & End of Summer Festival—A Fee-

## Free Day!

Home of Pres James A Garfield 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm National Park Service Birthday & End of Summer Festival—A Fee-Free Day! The National Park Service turns 101 years old on Friday, August 25, so come help us mark our birthday and the end of another great summer at James A. Garfield NHS! Attendees are invited to bring along picnic baskets and enjoy lunch on the grounds, participate in kids' activities, tour the grounds with our popular cell phone tour, and visit the inside of the Garfield home! Free of charge. [nps.gov/jaga](http://nps.gov/jaga) 440-255-8722

## AUGUST 26

### Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Come tour the new building addition and see other cool changes at Fine Arts. Art activities, East Coast Custard ice cream and more! 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. FREE Admission Call 440-951-7500 for further information.

## AUGUST 28

### Fall Session begins!

Visual Art, Theatre, Dance and Music classes, workshops, one day camps, private music instruction, art therapy and music therapy for ages infant through adult with all ability levels. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Ave., Willoughby. Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org)

## AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4

### The Great Geauga County Fair

General Gate Admission: \$8 Children 12 and under are free each day. Celebrating our 195th year! Lots to see and do over Labor day weekend. Over 13,000 exhibits, over 2,000 animals, rides open daily, games, contests and fair food. Non-stop entertainment can be found each day of the fair with our live music and shows. A 30-minute thrill show including the world renowned "High Flying Pages" flying trapeze act, daredevil motorcycles and animal comedy presentation. Held at the Fairgrounds in Burton. Visit [www.geaugafair.com](http://www.geaugafair.com) for details.



# KIDS' CORNER



## Name That Author

While some authors write books for adults, others write books for kids and teens. Fill in the blanks to name some popular children's authors.

- 1) J. K. \_ \_ O W L \_ \_ N G
- 2) S H \_ \_ L S \_ \_ L V \_ \_ R S T E \_ \_ N
- 3) M \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_ C E S E \_ \_ A \_ \_
- 4) B \_ \_ A T \_ \_ I X P O \_ \_ \_ E R
- 5) E R \_ \_ C C A \_ \_ \_ E
- 6) J \_ \_ D Y B L \_ \_ M E
- 7) D R. S \_ \_ U S \_ \_

Answers: 1) J.K. Rowling, 2) Shel Silverstein, 3) Maurice Sendak, 4) Beatrix Potter, 5) Eric Carle, 6) Judy Blume, 7) Dr. Seuss

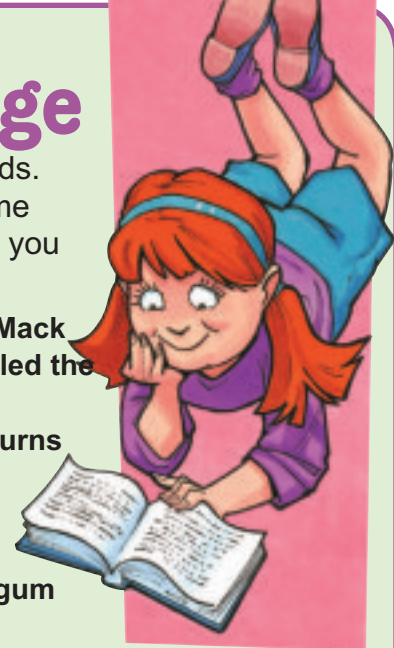
## Fact or Fiction?

### Book Challenge

There are many books written for kids. Here are some questions about some popular kids' books. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) In this book, a young boy named Mack imagines a group of monsters called the Wild Things. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) In this book, a hungry caterpillar turns into a butterfly. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) In this book, a young boy named Alexander has many bad things happen to him, including getting gum in his ears. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) In this book, a young boy named Harold gets out of many jams with his green crayon. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) In this book, a young girl named Pinkalicious turns yellow after eating too many yellow foods. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) In this book, a man named Amos McGee is visited by animals from the veterinarian's office he works at. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) In this book, a young girl named Clancy loves everything fancy. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) In this book, a little bear named Corduroy looks for an owner. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) In this book, Sam urges another to eat green eggs and ham. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) In this book, a child tells everything around them good night. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, the boy's name is Max, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, Alexander gets gum in his hair, 4) Fiction, Harold's crayon is purple, 5) Fiction, Pinkalicious turns pink and then red after eating too many pink cupcakes, 6) Fiction, Amos works at a zoo, 7) Fiction, the girl's name is Nancy, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact



## Jokes & Riddles

**Q:** Why did the boy bring a book about ladders to school?

**A:** He thought it was a high school.

**Q:** Where do you go for more information on chickens?

**A:** A hencyclopedia.

