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Year*







**Tons of winter fun in 2018!**

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## FARMPARK ICE FESTIVAL

**Lake Metroparks Farmpark Friday, January 26 • 5 to 9 pm Saturday, January 27 • 9 am to 5 pm**

You could hibernate all winter, but that would be awfully boring. So instead of complaining about the cold, why not embrace it? On January 26 from 5 to 9 pm and January 27 from 9 am to 5 pm, Farmpark will host its second annual Ice Festival. The event will feature a variety of winter-themed activities including carving competitions, demonstrations, a battle between fire and ice and much more. Visitors will also enjoy crafts, a hot cocoa and s'mores bar, fire pits and live music.

Friday night starts with speed-carving competitions and the night's festivities will conclude with a large fire inside a six-foot tower of ice. Can't picture how fire will burn inside ice? Come to Farmpark to see for yourself!

The festivities will continue on Saturday with Elegant Ice Creations' World Champion ice carver Aaron Costic competing against other local speed carvers to the cheers of the crowd. Visitors will also be treated to many other winter-themed activities and Farmpark's daily activities. So brave the cold

and make Farmpark's Ice Festival your Northeastern Ohio winter tradition!

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).

Lake Metroparks Farmpark provides a connection to our agricultural roots, helping people understand where our food and clothing come from. For more information, visit [www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/farmpark](http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/farmpark).





# Steeped in tradition and a reputation for excellence, Notre Dame Elementary School welcomes families

Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, Notre Dame Elementary School has the unique distinction of being a Sisters of Notre Dame sponsored school and the first Catholic elementary school in Geauga County. Strong academics, leadership, spirituality, service and the development of individual gifts and talents define Notre Dame.

Recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and with the Thomas Edison Award for STEM Education, NDES builds into its program a distinct focus on critical thinking and problem solving skills. The school's progressive technology program and comprehensive faith-based curriculum call students to higher-level thinking as they learn about and communicate concepts with a depth of understanding. The beautiful wooded campus provides hands-on learning experiences and offers an appreciation for the simplicity and complexity of creation. The curriculum is expanded through programs such as Science Olympiad, Science Fair, First LEGO League Robotics, STEM, Instant Challenge, collaborative opportunities

with Geauga Park District, CYO Sports, a variety of competitions and extracurricular clubs.

Classrooms at Notre Dame function as interdependent communities that value the uniqueness of each child. The teacher serves as a facilitator of learning by modeling, demonstrating and coaching students through everyday lessons, which allow them to engage in the learning process and work at their optimal instructional level.

Through collaborative efforts, Notre Dame reaches above and beyond into the community and is committed to exposing students to real life experiences. Its community spirit can be attributed to its consistent partnership with students, parents and staff, as well as its deep relationship with the Sisters of Notre Dame. The school empowers students by providing a strong foundation to pursue their dreams, achieve academic excellence, realize their full potential and helping them to make a transformational difference in today's world.

As a school steeped in rich tradition and with a reputation for excellence, Notre



Dame Elementary School welcomes families who want a top-quality, faith-based education. As a thriving Catholic school, Notre Dame Elementary continually focuses on its mission, strives for the highest level of achievement and provides students with the knowledge, values and tools to

build strong character and become productive, responsible and exemplary members of society.

Notre Dame Elementary School is located at 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon. For more information, please visit their website at [www.ndes.org](http://www.ndes.org) or call 440.279.1129.



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*Celebrating 60 years of Catholic education as a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.*



LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

# ICE FESTIVAL



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**JANUARY 26**

Friday 5 to 9 pm *GLOW NIGHT*

**Battle between fire & ice**

Ice chair & car • Ice carving demonstration  
and more!

**JANUARY 27**

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

**Ice carving competition**

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Farmpark's daily activities

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## Family Matters with Amber

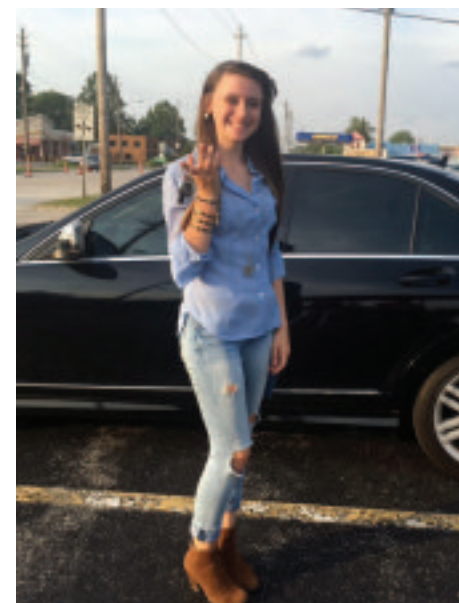
### My One Word Resolution

*Life is about the journey, not the destination.*- Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you've been following Family Matters with Amber for a few years you probably know that I don't do New Year's resolutions. I do however set some goals for myself and encourage my kids to do so as well and I have since they were little. But I don't do it that way anymore. I left that annual to-do sheet behind seven years ago, because Lord only knows, I have plenty of lists already! But we all know that if we're going to make a change or do something new, this is typically the time to do it, so today let me help you feel less overwhelmed and keep your own New Year's Resolutions simple!

Once again, I'm asking my readers to do their New Year the My One Word way (actual directions and suggested words can be found on MyOneWord.com). One word throughout the year is easier than a list because after we pick a word we use it to help focus on all areas of our life. Say I'd like to be more *fit* or *healthy*. Either one of those words could help me do that. If I'm at the grocery store, either word could also help me choose healthy foods to buy. If I'm at home and I'm not motivated to exercise, either of those words could help me get off my butt. If I wanted to save money I could choose the word 'save' and I'd probably take more money from my paycheck and put it in the savings, or I might resist buying something we don't need at the store. A lot can be accomplished with just one word. My One Word might not only improve me as a person, but also help me achieve things I need or want to do.

I admit I've had my fair share of epic fails on the My One Word track. Honestly, it's only as successful as you are persistent. There was that one year when I failed a few months into the new year, but got back up and finished off strong. Then there was that year I didn't even do it (uh, yeah, that was probably last year, when I had so much going on I hadn't even thought about it; well I did, I just didn't act on it). And now, here we are. It's 2018. I'm going to do it again. I liked it (no- I



loved it). I missed it, and I think it's the easiest way to get a New Year's Resolution accomplished (and then some) and I believe it's never too late! Any goal just takes one step in the right direction.

How does it work? Well, there are several ways. You can make signs, post the word on mirrors and in the car, put your one word on your screensaver, tell people your One Word. That last one is the smartest and most effective sometimes. Write down a few areas in your life where you want help, change or progress, then go to the thesaurus and begin perusing the words that represent some of those goals (or would make you think of them and help you make choices to get to them). Then, find the synonyms to those words and find one which reaches out and touches you! It might ignite you, it might move you, it might make you smile or get goose bumps. It might just make you shake or nod your head. The word will do something inside you. Now, practice using it in the scenarios when you need a word to motivate you to do something (or not do something).

So, what is My One Word for 2018? I'm choosing 'patience'. It's actually something I feel I've already learned, but also

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# RESOLUTION FROM PAGE 4

something I haven't. And since I can't quite explain it at this very second, let me talk about how I'd love for others to have some. Yes, I am digressing, but I promise to return to my shortcomings and goals momentarily, don't you worry.

Have you ever had to teach a teenager to drive? Yes, that takes patience, but I have that kind of patience. It's what I've noticed while teaching her. No one else has patience. In the six months I've been teaching my daughter to get confident behind the wheel, I've noticed that there are either some truly impatient folks on the road or some with a death wish (all who make me call them names I shouldn't). We live in a pretty small town I think, and for the amount of traffic we have I've seen people do things I've never seen even in the city (or New England and if you've driven there you know how aggressive people can be). Passing on the right, passing on the left to cross over to the right, stopping to ask if we are waiting for traffic and when we say yes they PASS us on the left just to take a right. This is many times them cutting out into traffic in front of others (a motorcycle even did one time). So who needs patience? Well, I

might need it a little in that situation, but I never need it in traffic or when I'm behind someone on the roadway. Life is life, traffic is traffic, lines of people are traveling, red lights are red, stop signs mean stop, emergency vehicles intertwined mean caution... what exactly gets accomplished by speeding through, past, tailgating or cutting off? Nothing. Maybe a car length is gained. I have never understood it, and I certainly don't get it now that my child is driving. What if it was their child? It once was, I imagine.

For the record, my father taught me to drive. I'm glad, because I drive defensively (as the phrase was always told to me). I have taught my kids to be considerate but cautious (of 'insane drivers'); we are respectful on the roadways but watch out for the unexpected. *Patience is something that I teach on the road; we all need to be calm, to think clear, to have tolerance and show it to others; to drive in bad weather and get somewhere safely. The new drivers, the elderly.* Have patience for them. What if it were yours?

Okay, what you've been waiting for... back to my own challenges. I can attest to the fact that my patience *has* been built

by having children. I might have said this before, but my father once told me that he was shocked that I had more than one child because I didn't have much patience. True. True. When I was a kid and even a teen, I had no patience for anything; getting snarls out of my hair (yes that's still an issue lol) and even trying to be good at everything. Then, later on in life I can admit to having zero patience when I was alone with three babies and one needed her bottom wiped, while one was breast feeding and the other one pooped up one end down the other- at which time some sort of patience had to kick in finally (and it came in the form of an L.O.L., before LOL was popular). Patience continued after that quite regularly, and had to, because that one who pooped up both sides of her body did that all the time (mostly when it was time to go somewhere and she was dressed in the cutest, pinkest, most perfect outfit).

Now that I'm even older, my need for patience comes as an answer to my desire to fix things quickly, tackle things perfectly the first time; to wait for an outcome during the work-in-progress is agony. Especially when I want my TLC home to

be perfectly updated, my clutter to disappear in a single day of sorting and for pain to pass yesterday. Patience in traffic isn't the same as patience with ourselves, our own life situations, or our loved ones. Having a calm when the wanted results aren't achieved yet is something that's developed. It's something that needs working on and which isn't completely resolved after the slow car in front of us moves out of our way. It's a process.

This year I'm looking forward to the goal, but sitting with the imperfections, with the calm-the waiting, hoping that the impatient people behind us can see their own impatient behavior as a barrier to their happiness. I'm getting back to My One Word. It's such a simple (not always easy) way to stay focused. I urge you to check out MyOneWord.com and pick one for 2018. I also urge you read testimonies and then share your One Word and journey with me this year using #familymatterswithamber on INSTAGRAM @mom-gluck3. For more on my previous One Word's and common sense parenting tips visit us at our new website [www.family-matterswithamber.org](http://www.family-matterswithamber.org) where you can see the all new and archived stuff.

## Imagine summer, think Hawken!

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## SNOWY OWLS

By Andy Avram, Interpretive Manager

During years in the arctic when there is a huge population of lemmings (small rodents), lots of baby snowy owls survive to adulthood. Those young owls move south in huge numbers, called an irruption, and end up in areas such as Ohio. This year, we are experiencing a major irruption of snowy owls, and as many as four have been seen at once in the Fairport Harbor area. If you have ever wanted to see a wild snowy owl, get out to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Harbor, Painesville Township Park, or anywhere else in that immediate lakefront area now!

The best method to catch a glimpse is to use binoculars or a spotting scope to scan the far breakwall for an owl sitting on it, but they can be anywhere in the region. Driving Fairport Nursery Road while scanning the ground, fence and telephone poles may also reveal one of the owls. Remember, the owls move around so it might take some searching and there is no guarantee that you'll see one, but the odds are in your favor.

If you are lucky enough to see a snowy owl, take some time to observe it. Notice the black marks on its feathers; juvenile



Snowy owl at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park by Eric Silvi

females have lots of marks, while adult males are nearly pure white, and all the others fall into the middle. Look at the bright yellow eyes--the only bit of color on an otherwise white and black bird. Lastly, please respect the birds and do not get close to them or make them fly away--view and appreciate them from a distance. Good luck!

## BUILD MORE THAN MUSCLE

### Lake County Y builds skills, relationships, and your community

While everyone is making their new years resolutions, you can be the one to get the ultimate gift – a healthier, more confident and connected you! When you join the Lake County Y as a new member by January 14th, you pay only \$18 Joiner Fee, have no contract and receive benefits that will last a lifetime.

Announcing a NEW 2-person family membership! Two adults in the same household or one adult and one dependent child (age 23 or younger) living in the same household only \$59.50 per month.

A membership at the Y fits any lifestyle. Whether you are seeking a place to connect with new people, workout 7 days a week or just swim with the family, the Y helps you to be more confident and connected.

Kids want to discover who they are and what they can achieve through youth sports programs, school days off camp and summer camp. Additionally, families with young children can take advantage of Y Child Watch during adult workouts or fitness classes.

“When you join the Y, you join US – a leading charitable organization that is 100% dedicated to programs that build youth development, healthy living and encourage social responsibility. From infants to active older adults, our members share the responsibility of not only creating a healthier lifestyle but also a healthier community for all,” added Dick Bennett, CEO of the Lake County Y.

Also, members now have nationwide access to the Y, allowing any Y member to workout, play and have fun with their family and friends at any participating Y in the United States. This means great access to more Y facilities and programs than ever before... and at no additional cost. Because no one is turned away from the Y, regardless of age, background or income, everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Special New Membership offer valid thru January 14 by phone or in person at the Lake County Central Y in Painesville (440-352-3303), West End Y in Willoughby (440-946-1160), and East End Y in Madison (440-428-5125).

An advertisement for Great Lakes Mall. The background shows two women, one holding a smartphone and the other holding a coffee cup. A blue square with the text 'GREAT LAKES MALL' is overlaid on the image. Below it, the text 'WHERE TO SHOP For Every Occasion' is displayed. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the website 'SHOPGREATLAKESMALL.COM'.

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### SLEDDING SAFETY TIPS

Don't sled in parking areas, roadways, rivers or lakes. Always ride sitting and facing forward (going down head first increases the chance of head and spinal injuries). Sledding equipment should be in good repair without sharp edges. Avoid "jumps" that send a rider airborne—the higher they fly, the harder they fall. The building of such "jumps" is a violation of Park Rule 5.1(e) and the offender can be cited. Watch for other sledders and walk up the side when returning to the top of the hill.

Enjoy sledding at four hills throughout Lake Metroparks:

#### Chagrin River Park

3100 Reeves Rd., Willoughby

Moderate hill located off the Riverwood Trail

#### Chapin Forest Reservation

10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland

Small hill used primarily by cross-country skiers to practice control skills

#### Hidden Valley Park

4880 Klasen Rd., Madison Twp.

Moderate sledding hill located next to parking lot

#### Riverview Park

4895 Bailey Rd., Madison Twp.

Hill steeper than Hidden Valley hill—located next to parking lot

### WATCH THE ICE

Ice conditions are highly variable and can change quickly due to weather conditions and water currents. Please use extreme caution and ensure ice is thick enough and safe before you venture onto any ice. **Please note the following:**

Lake Metroparks does not monitor ice conditions. When you are in doubt of the ice condition, stay off the ice. Children should never be on the ice without adult supervision. You should not travel alone on the ice. Beware of thin ice in and around partially submerged structures, embankments, vegetation and along dams or spillways.

Stay away from cracks, seams, pressure ridges, slushy areas, moving water and darker areas that may signify thin ice.

# Fun Day at the Glen

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

January 15, 2018 • 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. Fun Day at the Glen is free for all ages. Stop by the nature center between 10 am and 3 pm for free indoor and outdoor activities with a Winter Olympic theme. Travel from station to station, both inside and outside, and record your speed and distance on the various events. As they progress, they can compare their stats to common native Ohio wildlife. Did you know a cotton rabbit can jump up to 15 feet? Children can see how far they can jump from a standing still position.

Enjoy scavenger hunts, a nature craft, s'mores, X-Plorer packs filled with seasonal hands-on activities, animal encounters from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and much more! Naturalists will be on hand to answer all of your nature-related questions and to help guide you through the day.

In and around the Nature Center Explore the interactive Nature Play area

(weather permitting)

Interactive nature exhibits and displays The award-winning "Window on Wildlife"

Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center yard Browse the Nature Store for nature-themed gifts ideas and birdfeeders, t-shirts, field guides, toys, children's books and more.

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

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm.

Join us for more Fun Days at the Glen on February 19 (Presidents' Day) and March 30.

*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. For more information visit [www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-256-1404.*

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## MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Madison, OH 44057  
(440) 428-2189  
[www.madison-library.info](http://www.madison-library.info)

**Elementary Book Club** Tuesday, January 9 at 6pm All elementary kids are welcome! Each meeting will last about an hour and will include a snack, a game, or a craft and fun! Parents may drop off their kids and pick up is at 7.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** 9-8pm The book sale will be from Thursday January 11 through Saturday January 13. Preview night for Friends of the Library is Wednesday evening, 6-8pm. Saturday a bag of books is \$1!  
**Lego Create** Saturday, January 13 from 11 - 12pm Age 4 - Second Grade No advanced registration required. Each month will feature a different theme for inspiration as children build with library provided LEGOS.

**Lego Robotics** Saturday, January 13 from 2-3pm For third through sixth grade. No advanced registration required The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer.

**Younger Family Storytime** Mondays at 6pm 0-3 years with caregiver This program is for families with multiple young children to attend a storytime together. The program emphasizes stories and activities for 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.

**Young Child Storytime** Tuesdays 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.

**Level Up** Tuesdays 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. No advanced registration required, but each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent. Permission slips are available online and at the library.

**Tween Chess Club** Wednesdays at 3-4pm for grades 4 - 8 This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking skills through playing the classic strategy game of chess. No registration is necessary. Tweens must bring a permission slip for after school programs.

**Older Family Storytime** Wednesdays 6pm 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** Thursdays 10:30 & 11:30am for 3-5 years old, 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.

**The Gathering** Thursdays 3-5:30pm For grades 9 - 12 Part book club, part game group, and part current events discussion group, this is a weekly gathering of self-described geeks. They will discuss debate and play any and all things found in the various niches of modern geekdom such as animation, comics, fantasy, film, games, sci-fi, and technology. This is an open event and registration is not required.

**Rabbit Run Art Club** Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30pm Nancy Brotz teaches this fun art class for kids of all ages. No registration is required. \$5 each week for supplies. No registration necessary.

**Tail Waggin' Tutors** Thursday January 18 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm Kids of all ages are welcome to come and read (or pretend to read) to a gentle therapy dog. No registration is necessary.

**Stuffed Animal Lock-In Drop-Off and Good-Bye Activities** January 19th 6:30-7 Pick-up animals by 10 am January 20th The library has done lock-ins for tweens, teens, and adults, but what about the stuffed animals of Madison? They want to have fun at the library overnight too! Stuffed animals and their owners will start the evening with a short program, then the owners will go home and the stuffed animals will stay overnight with the library staff doing fun activities. Sign-up the stuffed animal's owner so the library knows how many to expect at drop-off and overnight.

**Adventurers League** Wednesday, Janu-

ary 24 from 3:00pm For 6th-8th grade This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking, imagination, socialization, and teamwork skills as well as cultural enrichment developed through playing Dungeons & Dragons style 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. Each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent. Thursday, January 25

**Magic the Gathering** Saturday, January 27 4:30pm - 9pm 16 years and older Come out and experience Magic the Gathering in a completely new way. We will be hosting a booster draft. Beginners and seasoned gamers are welcome to play. Sign up for this event by January 25th. After deck building, players are randomly matched up against an opponent and play a best two out of three games match. Rounds may be limited to 45 minutes after drafting. At the end of the tournament, the overall winner gets to keep their deck.

### MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Main Library

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#### Mentor-on-the-Lake

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Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2512

#### Headlands

4669 Corduroy Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2000

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

**Snappy Little Story Time** Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch, starting Jan. 8 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, starting Jan. 8 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., starting Jan. 9 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., starting Jan. 9 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 Jan. 12 The Read House 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. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the beginning of the next session.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, Jan. 2, 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, Jan. 3, at 4 p.m. Meet Kaya. 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 Kaya" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, Jan. 4, 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.

**Come Catch Some Rays** Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade can decorate sun catchers and smiley-faced magnets. Registration required.

**Make a Craft** Monday, Jan. 8 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.

**Wordplay Creative Writing Club** Wednesday, Jan. 10, 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.

**Studio MPL Art Club** Thursday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from first through fifth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**Family Fort Night** Friday, Jan. 12, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Families can enjoy a fun-filled night of fort building at the Lake Branch. Fort materials, snacks and flashlights will be provided, but families should feel free to bring extra blankets and their favorite books to read in their fort. Register by calling the Lake Branch to reserve a spot for your family, starting Dec. 29.

**Family Afternoon Movie** Saturday, Jan. 13, 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.

**Picking up STEAM Club** Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can come to the Lake Branch and explore the weird worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through new interactive experiments each month.

**Write On: A Writing Club for Teens** Monday, Jan. 15, 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.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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, Jan. 17 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, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the newest 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, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch 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.

**Let's go Lego Club** Saturday, Jan. 20, 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.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Technology** Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room First through fifth graders can enhance their STEAM development with activities involving technology.

**Volcanic Experimentation** Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens (sixth grade and higher) can make their own volcanos at the Lake Branch. Registration is required and opens Jan. 10.

**Color Me—Headlands** Wednesday, Jan. 24, 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.

**Library Detective Agency** Thursday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Kids can use their super-sleuthing skills to solve the mystery of the stolen library van. Find clues, analyze the evidence, and crack the case. For kids from eight to 12 years old. Registration is required.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, Jan. 27, at 1 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. Registration is required.

**New Year, New (to You) Books & Movies** Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens can discover books and movies that our new to them during this special library program. They'll also design their own Magic Color Scratch bookmarks.

**Craft for a Cause Club** Monday, Jan. 29, at 6

p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Put those crafting skills to good use. Join the Craft for a Cause Club where they knit and crochet for charities that help bring comfort and warmth to the community. Knowing how to knit or crochet is helpful, but not necessary.

### MORLEY LIBRARY

184 Phelps St.  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3383

[www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org)

**Registration opens for Winter weekly storytimes Tuesday, January 2nd.** Registration opens for Winter weekly Preschool/Kindergarten storytime and Stories & S.T.E.A.M. The Winter storytime session starts Monday, January 8th and runs for 7 weeks through Friday, February 25rd. Register online, in person, or by phone at 440-352-3383. There is no longer any registration needed for other recurring weekly storytimes or N B TWEEN.

**Toddler Tales (3 and under) Mondays:** 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

**Books at Bedtime (18 months - 5 years) Mondays:** 6:30 – 7:00 PM Pajama storytime while cuddling your favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

**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. No registration needed.

**Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays:** 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM and **Thursdays:** 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

**Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime (3 - 6 years) Wednesdays:** 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM or An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend without caregiver. **Registration is required.**

**Parachute Playtime (2 - 5 years) Thursdays:** 11:00 – 11:30 AM A fun-filled 30 minute parachute playtime for walking toddlers through 5 years old. Child attends with caregiver. Music, rhymes, games, and lots of fun shakin' the 'chute! Drop-in, no registration needed.

**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. **Registration is required.**

**N B TWEEN (9 - 12 years) Wednesdays:** 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

**Children's Winter Reading Club - Sunday,** January 7 - Saturday, February 17 Kids 12 and under can stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a Winter Reading Log and start reading! The Children's Winter Reading Club will run for 6 weeks. All children who turn in their reading log at least once receive a **FREE** book! Additionally, for every day that a child reads or is read to for at least 20 minutes, s/he will receive an entry into the prize raffle. Prizes include gift certificates, toys, and a Kindle Fire tablet! Registration is ongoing starting January 7.

**The Morley Library Children's Winter Reading Club is generously sponsored by the Painesville Rotary Club.**

**Winter Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday,** January 2 through Monday, January 15 Kids 12 and under can participate in a fun, FREE picture Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room. Find all 10 pictures hidden around the Children's Room and turn in your sheet for a free, small prize from the treasure chest. Limit once per child, please.

**KIDS CRAFTAFTERNOON! - Thursday,** January 11, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free kids craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Paws 2 Read – Saturday,** January 13 – 11:00 AM – 12:35 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 Dec. 30th. To register, please call the Children's Room at 440-352-3383 to choose a dog and a time slot.

**The Construction Zone – Tuesday,** January 16 – 4:00 – 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 4:00-5:00 PM for The Construction Zone! Build a LEGO creation or test your marble race track skills and have your picture taken for the new Construction Club wall. All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

**Fidget Spinner Creations – Thursday,** January 18 – 4:15 – 5:00 PM For tweens ages 9-12. Let's fidget around and make a few fun toys! Create several different types of fidget spinners from household objects. Registration is required and will begin 2 weeks before the program on January 4th.

**Dr. UR Awesome – Saturday,** January 20 – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Dr. URawesome has mastered the art of the bubble! Join us in Meeting Room AB to watch the current Guinness World Record Holder for largest indoor and outdoor soap bubbles perform amazing feats of bubble magic. All ages welcome, no registration needed. **Sponsored by the Painesville Rotary Club.**

**KIDS CRAFTAFTERNOON! - Thursday,** January 25, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to



make a fun, free kids craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Wintertime Fun!** – Saturday, January 27 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids grades K-3rd. Enjoy some winter fun while staying warm inside the library! Play some winter-themed games, read a story, and make a fun craft. Registration is required and will begin 2 weeks before the program on January 13th.

**Teen Winter Reading Olympics** – January 7 - February 17 The 2018 Winter Olympic Games are just around the corner, and we want you to go for the gold! Read at least five books in six weeks to win the gold medal, three books for silver, and one book for bronze. Everyone who medals will win a free book and an awesome prize! Register at the 3rd floor desk any time during this six-week event.

**Green Teens: Forcing Flower Bulbs** – January 9, 6-7:30pm, Activity Room In this two-part program we'll decorate terracotta pots with acrylic paints, and then force flower bulbs to brighten your world this winter. Sounds pretty weird, but with a little encouragement, you can grow beautiful flowers on a sunny windowsill in just a few weeks. We'll use Narcissus paperwhites, the easiest of the bulbs to force. To register, go to [www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org) or call (440) 352-3383.

**Giant Teen Gaming Night** – January 30, 6-7:30pm, Meeting Rooms A&B You've fallen down the rabbit hole! Tonight we play all the traditional games -- supersize style! You can play a life-sized game of Sorry, giant Jenga, or a ginormous game of Uno. Bring friends and get ready for a great time! The snacks will be normal-sized, but tasty. Register [www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org) or call (440) 352-3383.

#### **PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

3753 Main St., Perry 44081  
**440-259-3300**

[www.perrypubliclibrary.org](http://www.perrypubliclibrary.org)

**Drop-in and Play!** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays (and some Fridays) through February 1 - 10:00am - 12:00 pm - Ages 0-5 with a caregiver.

**Crazy 8s Math Club** - Mondays 4:30 pm – January 8 - February 6 - for students in grades K-5 - Registration required.

**Read with Dugan the Dog** - drop in and read with our gentle visiting therapy dog Wednesdays 7:00pm and Saturdays 11:00 am - January 6 – 31 (1/6, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/27, 1/31) no registration needed.

**After School Art Class** (grades 1-8) - Fridays 4:30-5:30 pm - January 12 – March 23 - \$22 materials fee for the 11 week session.

**Homeschool Art Class** (grades 1-8) - Once a month on Monday, 10:00 am - Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9, May 7 - \$10 materials fee per child for the 5 class session. Registration required

**Saturday Stitch Camp** - For tweens and teens ages 9 and up – Free! - Registration required (Max. 12) 1:00 pm - January 27 - Make

a Beanbag Hand Warner, February 24 – Make Fleece Mittens, March 24 – T-shirt Pizazz (bring your own T-shirt), and April 21- Mini Weaving

**Babytime** - Wednesdays 10:00 - 10:30 am - For children from birth to 23 months and their caregivers - Begins February 7. Registration begins Jan 2.

**Young Family Story Time** for all ages (birth—age 5) and a caregiver with an emphasis on stories and activities for toddlers. Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:00 pm, Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:30 am, Fridays 10:00 - 10:30 am - Begins February 6. Registration begins Jan 2.

**Preschool Story Time** - Children ages 3-5 attend this story program on their own. Mondays 10:00 am, Tuesdays 10:00 am - Begins February 5. Registration begins Jan 2.

**Big Kid Story Time** - Ages 4-6 – attend on their own - Mondays 6:30 pm - 2/12, 3/12, 4/16 - Registration begins Jan 2.

**Teen -N-Tween Club** - grades 5 and up 1/25 – 4 pm - Snow Shoeing with Lake Metroparks

2/15 – 7pm – 100 Greatest Cartoons In History  
3/22 – 4pm – Teen Life Hacks  
4/19 – 4pm – Teen & Tween Club (TBA)  
4/19 – 5pm – Teen Advisory Group meeting

#### **WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092  
(440) 944-6010

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

**Birth-2 Year Old Story Time** Wednesdays at 10 am; January 10-March 14, Thursdays at 6:30 pm; January 11-March 15 Registration requested.

**3-6 Year Old Story Time** Mondays at 6:30 pm; January 8-March 12 Thursdays at 10 am; January 11-March 15

**Book Bugs** Fridays at 10:00 am, January 12-April 27 Children, birth up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities 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.

**Junior Chef** Second Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm, 1/9 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and creative cooking for kids. Registration requested

**Book Blast** Third Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm, 1/16 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, explore a new book series each month through sample reading and activities. Check out a book from the series and discuss the next month. Registration requested.

**STEAM Ahead!** Fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm; 1/23 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

**Games Galore** Tuesday, January 30 at 3:15 pm Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for games and activities. Regis-

tration requested.

**Spanish Amigos** Wednesdays 1/10-3/21/18 from 6-7 pm Do you want your child to learn more about the world around them? Wickliffe High School Spanish V Seniors will be leading this weekly series, exposing your Kindergarten – 4th grader to the Spanish language and culture through activities, games, food, and TONS of fun!

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

**Lego Club** Second Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

**Tween Time** Wednesdays @ 2:30 PM, January 10-March 21 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)

**Homeschool Science Adventures** Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. Ages 6 & up. Thursday, January 4, 10 or 11:30 am Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**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! Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200 Wednesday, January 10, 4 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151 Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Movin' & Groovin' with Miss Sam** Shakers, bubbles, the parachute, oh my! This class is perfect for wiggleworms! Ages 2-5. Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm; Thursday, January 18, 10 am. Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880



**Teen Card Night @ the Library** Bring two or more friends and your Yu-Gi-Oh and/or Pokemon cards to the Willoughby Library where you can battle each other and maybe someone new. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, January 10, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

#### **Have Your Best Semester Ever!**

Join Natalie Borrell from Life Success for Teens as she offers a two-part series on strategies to have the best semester yet!

**Part 1.** Let us show you how to raise your grades, reduce your stress, and still have time for a social life! You'll walk away with our best tips and tools for time management and organization.

Saturday, January 13, 10 am-12 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**Part 2.** Do you wait until the last minute to do your school work? Let us show you how to finally stop procrastinating!

Saturday, January 27, 10 am-12 pm. Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**Barks for Books** Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, January 13, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**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, January 13, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**Library Fun House** Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, January 13, 11 am-12:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

**Movie Night at the Hills** Watch recently released movies on the big screen with free popcorn. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Movie starts at 6 pm. Outside snacks and drinks permitted. Wednesday, January 17, 5:30-8 pm (Movie: My Little Pony) Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

**Homeschool Computers and Research** This four month series of classes will teach your child computer and Internet basics, as well as research and library skills. Registration begins December 11. Ages 10 & up. Thursday, January 18, 1:30 or 3 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**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, January 18, 2 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Video Game Club** Come make friends and play our Xbox One, Wii-U, Wii, and Playstation 2! Ages 12 & up.

Saturday, January 20, 2-4 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151



**Special Needs LEGO Club** This LEGO Club is specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages welcome!

Saturday, January 20, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

**LEGO Club** We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome!

Saturday, January 20, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Saturday, January 20, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Jungle Terry** Join us for Jungle Terry's awesome animal show! Space is limited, so register early! Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**Homeschool Art for Teens** Do you want to learn more about art? Love to create art but never get the chance? Join us to meet other art-loving teens and learn about different artists and styles. Homeschool grades 6-12. Ages 11-18. Tuesday, January 23, 10 am-12 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Vision Board Designing** Kick off the New Year by manifesting your goals with a vision board! Come design your own vision board with magazines and more! Glue, magazines, and paper provided! Bring anything personal to add! Tuesday, January 23, 7-8:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

**Pirate Ship Playdate & Craft** Toys! Crafts! Fun! This weekly playdate provides a chance for children and caregivers to play and create together. Ages 2-5. Wednesdays, January 24-March 21, 10 am Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**iPride Write** iPride Write teaches the practice of mindfulness, which relieves stress and fosters being present for oneself, others and life. Presenters learn to express their ideas with confidence and articulate effectively while the "audience" learns to listen and respect diverse ways of thinking. All ages welcome! Thursday, January 25, 7 pm. Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

**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, January 25, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Learn and Play Chess Club** Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts, including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome. Saturday, January 27, 12-4 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

**STEM Play** Try our libraries fun STEM games and toys, including Snap Circuits, a marble run, Laser Maze, Suspend, LEGO and more! Saturday, January 27, 1:30-3 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

# JANUARY

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY 1

#### Ma & Pa's Horse Drawn Sleigh & Surrey Rides

Remember the Days of O'le. Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh! Afterwards warm up by the fire with some fresh maple coffee and cookies made by Ma. Shop 'til you drop in our 1820's log cabin. A winter adventure you won't forget. Make a Memory this Winter here at Ma & Pa's! Sleigh Rides are weather permitting, we can take you out in the Carriage or Surrey if there is no snow, Weekday rides are available, Call us for more information! Reservations are Required! 440-548-5521 [www.maandpas.com](http://www.maandpas.com)

### JANUARY 2

#### Snö Dâys – Winter Break

Spend your winter break at the Snö Châlet for FREE snow tubing with tow lift, ice skating (weather permitting), indoor/outdoor activities including tube races, campfire and s'mores, authentic Belgian Waffles, fun food, wifi and more. Adult supervision is required. 440-773-2520 [sno-chalet.com](http://sno-chalet.com)

### JANUARY 6

#### Mentor Skate Day

1:30pm – 3:30pm Mentor Civic Ice Arena 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor, Celebrate skating with a special day of fun featuring raffles, exhibitions, and lots of ice skating! Free admission/ Skate Rental \$3.

### JANUARY 6

#### Farmer Monday

Lake Metroparks Farmpark 8800 Chardon Rd - Kirtland 9:00 am - 5:00 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. Children participate in hands-on activities and

snowshoeing scheduled throughout the day in addition to the regular Farmpark daily activities.

Hands-on activities:

Ice cream making, bread making demonstration  
Make play clay and hand-dipped candles. Meet newborn animals  
Snowshoeing, weather permitting.  
Regular Farmpark admission applies.

### JANUARY 27

#### Lake County Chili Open

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Black Brook Golf Course, 9800 Lake Shore Blvd. The 9 hole course will challenge your skills and provide the most fun you've ever had at a tournament. Cost \$18. Proceeds benefit the United Way of Lake

County. Register by calling (440) 974-5720.

### JANUARY 28

#### FROZEN FEST

11 am-4pm The West Woods Nature Center 9465 Kinsman Road (Route 87) Russell & Newbruy Twps. It's back! This fourth annual event just gets better with winters passed. And once again, activities are absolutely FREE! Check out all that we have planned:  
• Winter hikes • Face painting • Bird in the Hand Feeding Station • Snowshoe borrowing • Live ice carving and sculptures • Refreshments • Live music • Sled dog meet-n-greet • Snow-themed crafts • Guest appearances by a famous winter snowman, a popular reindeer herder, ice princesses and live reindeer!

### St. Gabriel Learning Loft Preschool Hosting Open House

Families with 2 ½ year old or preschoolers are cordially invited to our Learning Loft Open House on January 14, 2018 from 10am-1pm. Families will have an opportunity to meet our amazing Preschool team, join some fun activities, and ask questions regarding our school. Come and discover a world of difference in faith based learning!

St. Gabriel is located at 9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road in Concord Township. Please call Ann Silvester for more information at 440/354-7574.







# SOCCER 101

**WINTER SESSION: JANUARY 6th - MARCH 24th**



This program includes ages 6-10 and is the next level following the "Lil' Kickers" program. "Soccer 101" dedicates a small portion of time for foot skills and the majority for kids to have FUN and compete in small-sided scrimmages.

**Saturdays (11am) - 12 week session (\$168.00)  
Registration Fee (\$15)**

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