



HappyMother's Day!





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HorseFest

Lake Metroparks Farmpark May 19 & 20 • 9 am to 5 pm

Enjoy the majestic beauty, splendor and grace of the horse in a myriad of sizes and color during HorseFest at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Explore the unique relationship equines have shared with humans to farm, build cities and influence cultures. Presented by Ganley Subaru East, Centerra Coop and Discount Drug Mart, HorseFest offers visitors a variety hands-on activities for all ages, presentations, demonstrations, and competitions.

Whispery Pines Percherons is the featured presenter this year at HorseFest, May 19 & 20. They will showcase the versatility and beauty of the Percheron breed. From plowing, logging, and clinics on hitching, to Roman and tandem riding, plus a dramatic presentation of a six-horse hitch. Watch for special appearances by The Headless Horseman and Wonder Woman.

HorseFest offers an array of exciting, informative and entertaining equine demonstrations are offered throughout the weekend including reiki, saddle fitting, police horses and massage therapy. Meet and learn about a variety of horse breeds from the owners and find out their unique qualities. Some of the breeds presented at HorseFest include the Belgian, Clydesdale, Friesian, Haflinger, Norwegian Fjord, Paint, Standard-

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bred, Thoroughbred, and Welsh Cob.

Young cowboys and cowgirls will enjoy hands-on equine activities throughout the weekend including grooming and driving a miniature horse, crafts and face painting. Pony rides are available (\$4 each), weather permitting

HorseFest is included with regular Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children younger than two are free. 4-H groups receive discounted admission. Visit Farmpark's Gift Shop for a great selection of unique gift ideas. Enjoy lunch or snack at the J & J Cafe.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). For information about HorseFestand Lake Metroparks Farmpark, goto.lakemetroparks.com/horsefest or call 440-256-2122.

Beach at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park opens Memorial Day Weekend

The 2018 season for the beach at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park begins Memorial Day Weekend and runs through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty and concession stand is open 9:30 am to 8 pm, weather permitting. The beach has a gradual slope and sandy bottom. Amenities include an accessible harbor view boardwalk, restrooms, changing rooms and shower facilities; guarded swim beach and concessions; picnic area and pavilion with grills, drinking fountain, playground, dog swim area, volleyball courts and a Surf Chair (all-terrain wheelchair for use by visitors with physical disabilities – available during the regular summer beach season).

RENTALS

Early rentals begin at 8 am on weekends and holidays. Weekdays begin at 10 am. Please note: Lake Metroparks does not off jet ski rentals.

Sit-On-Top Ocean Kayak rental fee: \$10/ hour single, \$15/hour double, ages 16 and older (ages 15 and younger must be accompanied by adult)

Stand-Up Paddleboard rental fee: \$10/ hour single, ages 16 and older (ages 8 to 15 must be accompanied by adult) The Lake Metroparks Paddle Card allows you to come to the beach and paddle as much as you want on stand-up paddleboards or sit-on-top kayaks. We will hold the card—all you need to do is bring your ID to the concession stand and time is taken when you rent. Fee is \$80 for 10 hours or \$100 unlimited. The card is valid Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. To register for Group Kayak Adventures or Introduction to Sailing programs, visit lakemetroparks.com or call the Registration Department at 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226. Class levels are "101" (No experience needed), "201" (Some experience needed) and "301" Classes (Must be a competent boater).

For possible program cancellations due to inclement weather call the Lake Me-troparks Sports Hotline at 440-256-2118.

Celebrate Children's Day -Día Del Niño

Lake County Central Y Hosts Open House on April 28

All are welcome to the Lake County Central Y on Saturday, April 28 from 6-8PM to celebrate Children's Day (Día Del Niño). This Latino cultural holiday highlights the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children in our community. Children and their families are invited for a fun-filled evening of games and activities including Zumba, homemade salsa tasting competition, face painting, 4-square and more activities. Food trucks will be on premises to sell traditional Latino foods such as tacos, quesadillas, mango smoothies and ice cream.

Activities at the Lake County Central Y (933 Mentor Ave) are FREE for all to participate. Cost will vary when purchasing food.

For more information, contact the Lake County Central Y, call 440-352-3303 or visit www.lakecountyymca.org.

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Perfection Not Required As A Parent

Back in the Povich-Springer- Lake days, I watched Oprah. During one taping with the self-help- guru-herself, there was a single mother and her kids (4 or 5 of them, all young adults). There was a great vacation give-away (surprise surprise) and all those kids got together to send in a video about their mom- who-never-complained-in-allthe-years-that-she-was-a-single-parent.

Wow, are you serious? I watched that and thought, "I can't top that!" I'd never be able to make it a year, possibly a month (okay a week) without a gripe about something. I mean I've spent a lot of energy on having a positive outlook on life and it's paid off, but I'm also human. Um, and do you know me? I'm a bit high strung sometimes and I have the worst luck. Worst. So sometimes it's just tough.

So, after that Oprah episode, I totally began to think I was the worst mother in the world. I wasn't anything like that mother. I wasn't perfect, and nor would I ever be able to compare! I mean, Sheesh, I was always working, always struggling, always tripping over something in my house (probably my own clutter) and I was always in some fictitious World War III that my ex would extravagantly try to create between us. That day I said to myself, "Wow, I couldn't win a 'You're the Best Mom' Award if I tried" ... and all I wanted to be, was the best mom in the whole world.

But, as the saying goes, and I'd come to realize, you don't always have to listen to everything you tell yourself (that may have come from a self-help book I read in the late nineties by Shad Helmstetter, great book you should read it).

Here we are coming up on Mother's Day. It's the day we traditionally celebrate that special person (mom or dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent or friend in some cases) who helped us become who we are. This past year I've become aware just how much I've always been loved and respected by my three children. Unbeknownst to me, I am that person.

Silly me. When I look around, I realize it's always been there, I just haven't given myself credit for it. My friends do, my fam-

ilv does. But have I? I should have seen it vears ago, when my daughter wrote me at age eight a note about how her mommy was better than all the rest. Or when I was on my second divorce felling depressed and defeated, she would step into my bedroom at thirteen years old and secretly leave a candy bar and a hand-written note telling me how amazingly gorgeous, sophisticated, intelligent and awesome I was. The divorces crushed me to the very core. We'd been through so much and my ex slandered my very intentions and character. We were broke often. I worked a lot, we couldn't have or do what other families were doing. but even after all that and more... I couldn't see that they still loved me.

Today, many years later, we celebrate year three of being in our new home. We've had many incredible times and I can tell you now, that none of that stuff made a difference; not the things we missed, couldn't buy, even the hardships. It only made our family dynamics matter more. I see now that they loved me and still do. They saw tenacity, they saw hard work, they witnessed me not giving up EVER. All the same reasons why I love, respect and honor my father so much. They saw that in their own mother.

Through everything, I've stayed close to my kids. I have loved them the same way through it all, and I never stopped being the mom they'd always known...the rock, the loving friend, confidant and cheerleader. No matter who, or what, was in our lives (or wasn't) they know they could always count on me to be there. They clearly never gave up on me either, and for that, I am grateful and that is why I keep trying. Keep going. My dad was my inspiration when I was a kid; for the last 20 years it's been my children. Parents can't ever stop trying, because their kids love them and it will take a lot for them not to. It's when we quit, that they will.

I've never had much money or been able to provide lavish gifts or vacations, but I've given them what I have. Time; one on one talks, family dinners together at home,

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initiation of conversations about past things they've talked about or expressed interest in doing, volunteering at school, attending plays, sporting events and awards ceremonies (taxiing them to events and social engagements). Taking an interest in them and helping them through their own problems was what has mattered, not our daily circumstances.

Gaining a child's love is not a gift, potion, or magic trick of manipulation; it's called whole hearted investment (in them, in their future, their now, their everything). So those of you wanting to get your kids closer to you and feel their love, here it is... be genuine. Work hard. Don't lie

to them, because they can tell. Help them get to their dreams (ask them what their dreams are). Listen to them (every time). Do NOT talk about their other parent negatively (that's THE first nail in the coffin even if your kids are little). My kids trust me. They don't hate my guts and haven't trashed my house when I'm not home (wink-wink, because I don't know everything, right? There was this one time when they washed the couch cushion while I was away and wouldn't tell me why lol). I've had the joy of never being told I'm hated in a fit of rage even though I have taken cell phone after cell phone away and grounded kids (ask my middle) for about a week at a time minimum. I spanked. I used sarcasm. Somehow, they still love me! For those of you worried someone can take your child's love away from you, they can't...not without your permission.

Sometimes we don't see our children's love for us when they're young. It's there, but we might not know it is. Sure, they make us art projects, ask us to attend shows, they want to sit in our lap and sweet talk us when they're little. But even with that, we might not feel appreciated or cared about because our kids are used to worrying about themselves, and that's okay. As they get older though, they begin to realize more and more what you've done for them and they appreciate it. They even learn how to show their appreciation back (however that might be). Regardless, they love you, because they have felt love.

I don't usually get gifts on Mother's Day, the kids just wait to go along with my plan of family gardening (last year we built my rose garden), sometimes it's a new activity, a hike or eating out...just as long as they're



with me. That's the best gift to me. They don't need to get me anything, but they are getting to that age...and tell you the truth it's kind of cool. This Christmas I got one of the coolest things ever from my kids, well a few cool things, but this one floored me, not only because it was short for a bad word I have been known to use albeit less now less than in the past, but because it was also the first time I watched them all go in together and 'say it with a gift'. It was a 'Best EFFIN Mom' mug. Judge me- I mean a lot of people do- but I take this gift as a high honor. Some of my other favorite gifts were an NFL Saints t-shirt (way to go boy), a couple of journals and a Starbucks gift card.

They've never had that opportunity to gift me. The gifts they wrapped up for me came with many smiles, giggles, and "Remember when, mom?", but they don't realize that's the pay off, the smallest but most special signs of love. To them now, this is the fun part...paying attention to what I like and who I am. Picking out music I like to listen to or doing the dishes before I arrive home from work, prepping the fireplace kindling for me to arrive home and make a nice fire on a cold winter evening. I'm on Oprah every day getting the biggest award.

We all know a parent who isn't perfect, but who is amazing still. This Mother's Day send them a note, a card, text or call them. Maybe consider getting them a mug, so that everyday they can pick that mug up and go, "DAMN I NAILED IT...even though I thought I failed it".

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SHEEP SHEARING WEEKEND Lake Metroparks Farmpark • May 12 & 13 • 9 am to 5 pm

Shearing demonstrations presented throughout the weekend show sheep and goats being sheared (removing their winter coats of wool). Sheep and goats are shorn of their winter coats to obtain wool and prevent them from overheating during hot summer weather. This lustrous fiber is used to make many wonderful products from clothing to blankets. Sheep shearing is one of many hands-on opportunities children can experience.

Presented by Ganley Subaru East and Discount Drug Mart, Sheep Shearing Weekend, May 12 & 13 at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, is the place to learn how to spin and weave and make felt during ongoing hands-on demonstrations. Watch a border collie herd sheep and meet fiberproducing sheep. Meet fiber-producing animals including sheep, goats, alpacas and rabbits.

- Shearing demonstration times:
- Rainbow sheep shearing (Sat. only) 9:30
- Spinning & weaving (hands-on) 10:00 to 12:00 & 2:00 to 4:00
- Sheep shearing (electric) 3:00
- Sheep shearing (blade) 1:30
- Goat shearing (electric) 2:30



• Border collie sheep herding: 11:30 am and 4:00 pm Mothers' Day: Complimentary tea & scone for mom, \$5 for family members.

Admission to Sheep Shearing Weekend is included with regular Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children under 2 are free.

Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). For more information, visit lakemetroparks.com.

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The "I CAN" Ki

by Carole Richards Recently I met with a delightful smart and insightful ten-year-old fifth-grade girl. She spoke lovingly about spending time with her family. She was a happy child. Her mother brought her

to see me because the parents thought she had dyslexia. The girl described school as difficult and reading was hard. However, when I tested her, she was able to read and comprehend 7th grade level as easily as she read a 5th grade passage. When I started asking her the questions on the 7th grade passage, she started to lose her confidence and missed three questions in a row. I told her she was reading at the 7th grade level and she answered five of the next six questions correctly. This girl told me she says "I can't a lot."

The parents seem to be positive. The girl is smart and capable yet she doesn't see it in herself. As parents, we need to reinforce with our children, the "I CAN" attitude even when things get difficult.

The "I CAN" attitude is even more important for children with disabilities. I hear parents making excuses for their children. One parent told me her daughter would throw herself down the stairs if she had to return to a social group. Another parent told me her son was traumatized because a tutor raised their voice. This particular tutor is one of the kindest gentlemen I've ever known. These children manipulated their parents. The parents gave in to their child's demands instead of pushing their child through the difficult situation and learning "I CAN".

Resilience is a learned skill. Some people have more innate "I CAN" in them but children can learn from failure, difficult situations and people. Perhaps your New Year's resolution can be to nurture your child's ability to learn from failure. Push them when they fail, stumble or are afraid. Teach your child that mistakes are good because we learn from them.

I have always enjoyed challenges. I'm not afraid to try new things ... I'm not afraid of failure. My childhood wasn't idyllic, but my parents nurtured my "I CAN" attitude. I started my first business at thirteen with my parents support. At sixteen, I was allowed to work at a resort away from home for the summer without my parents. At twenty, my parents permitted me to live in Hawaii for the summer alone. My son collected autographs and at thirteen he wanted to go to the Cleveland stadium by public transportation. I helped him learn how to do it. At eighteen, he drove to Nebraska from Cleveland alone to visit teens he had met in France the previous summer on a school trip.

Don't rescue your child at the first sign of failure or fear. Teach them to be an "I CAN" kid. This is perhaps the best gift you can ever give your child.

Carole Richards is president of North Coast Tutoring Services, author of Richards Learning Systems and a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at caroler@northcoasted.com.

Celebrate the return of migratory bird day Lake Erie Bluffs – Lane Road Saturday, May 12 • 1 to 4 pm

Birding is one of the most popular of all American pastimes and can be enjoyed by individuals or the whole family. It's fun, easy, and can be pursued by people of all ages and abilities. New and beginning birders, as well as seasoned birders, are welcome to celebrate birds and the importance of birding habitat during International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD). Lake Metroparks' IMBD celebration takes flight 1 to 4 pm May 12 at the Lake Erie Bluffs picnic shelter off Lane Road.



Lake Metroparks' IMBD celebration is a free event and goes on rain or shine. For more information and to register, visit lakemetroparks.com/imbd.



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Rhyme Time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch monthly preschool story time.

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. No registration is necessary.

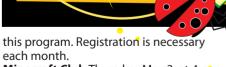
Tiddlywinks Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m. from May 1 - 3. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room an interactive story time for children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

Mother Goose Madness Tuesday, May 1, at 11 a.m. Read House lawn Kids can celebrate Mother Goose's birthday at the library. Enjoy races, games, and crafts all relating to famous nursery rhymes. Open to children 3 to 6 with their caregiver. Registration required. In the event of rain, it will be held in the Village Room at MPL's Main Branch.

Comics Club Tuesday, May 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.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. on May 1 and 2 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.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Meet Marie Kirsten. 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 Kirsten" before



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Minecraft Club Thursday, May 3, at 4 p.m. Main Branch Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

Family Story Time Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at Main Branch Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Olé Friday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids can celebrate Cinco de Mayo a day early with stories, crafts and guacamole that they will make themselves. For kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration is required.

Countdown to Kindergarten Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Is your child gearing up to enter kindergarten? The library's Kindergarten Readiness program helps prepare little ones for their transition into the school environment by practicing essential skills with fun challenges and activities. The activities focus on key areas including language and early literacy, math skills, shapes and colors, gross motor skills, and essential life skills. Children who attend six sessions receive a congratulatory prize. For kids, ages three to six. No registration required.

Make a Craft Monday, May 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.

Books & Yoga Presents: Over the Rain-

bow Wednesday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. Main

Branch in the Village Room Kids (three to

classic "Over the Rainbow" by E.Y. Harburg

poses. Adult and child participation. Please

clothing. Yoga session is instructed by Dar-

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednes-

six years old) can listen to the children's

as they recreate the story through yoga

bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable

lene Kelbach. Registration is required.

day, May 9, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in

the Children's Story Room Young writers

can get creative with words at Wordplay.

Kids from third through sixth grade will

Bring your imagination. The library sup-

Mother's Day Craft Bouquet Wednes-

day, May 9, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake

Branch Kids can visit the Lake Branch and

make a beautiful bouquet of handmade

flowers for the special lady in their lives.

Studio MPL Art Club Thursday, May 10, at

4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story

Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club

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Happy Mother's Day Saturday, May 12, at

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands

Branch Kids can stop in and make some-

thing special for their special someone

Picking up STEAM Club Saturday, May

12, 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,

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Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Paws to Read** Wednesday, May 16 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Area 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.

Firehouse Friends Thursday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join our friends from the Mentor Fire Department for stories and songs. Meet the local firemen. Find out what it's really like to be a fireman. Open to all ages. Each time kids attend the "Firehouse Friends" story time will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win lunch with the firemen in December.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club Thursday, May 17, 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.

Fresh Colors: Teen Art Club Thursday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A new art club for teens in grades six through 12. Each month, the club will explore a different artist or medium. Supplies will be provided Friends of Mentor Public Library Book Sale Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Read House Book sale open to the public at the Read House, just east of the Main Library. Buy a bag filled with books for only \$5. Proceeds support library programming and services. Parking is at the Main Library lot.

Headlands Paints Rocks Saturday, May 19, from noon to 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Come join Bonnie Rice, better known as the Litter Lady, to paint rocks with nature scenes with positive messages for hiding in plain sight to inspire others. Clean rocks, paint and brushes will be provided. Dress appropriately, things could get messy.

Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday, May 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, May 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. **Dippity Tie-Dye** Monday. May 21, at 4

p.m. Read House lawn Kids from five to 10 years old can get ready for summer with a cool new tie-dyed bag. Use it to hold all your library books when you join Mentor Public Library's Summer Reading Club! Bag and

supplies will be provided. Write On: A Writing Club for Teens Monday, May 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.

Full STEAM Ahead: Engineering Tuesday, May 22, at 4 p.m.Main Branch in the Village Room First through fifth graders can enhance their STEAM development with activities involving engineering. Registration begins May 8.

Star Wars Party Wednesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can celebrate the release of the new Star Wars Han Solo movie at the Lake Branch Star Wars Party. The padawans will train in the ways of the Force with their lightsabers and enjoy crafts, games and refreshments. **Color Me—Headlands** Wednesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch

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. **Storybook Walk Dedication** Thursday,

May 24, at 6 p.m. The Read House Come to Mentor Public Library's Read House for the dedication of its new Storybook Walk. The walk is dedicated to the memory of Carol Mononen, former president of the Friends of Mentor Public Library. Stay to enjoy the Children's Summer Reading Kickoff Party at 6:30 p.m. Open to all.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. The Read House Sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy a magic show by ZAP Entertainment. Open to all ages.

Techno Tweens Saturday, May 26, 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 at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

Rock Star Cookies Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch To celebrate this year's theme for summer reading—Libraries Rock!—kids can decorate cookies with a music theme.

Craft for a Cause Club Wednesday, May 30, 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.

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Spring weekly storytimes The Spring Storytime session ends May 4th. Storytimes will resume again the week of June 4th. Baby Bookworms (for babies not yet walking) Tuesday, May 1st: 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. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesday, May 2nd: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM and Thursday, May 3rd: 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) Wednesday, May 2nd: 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) Thursday, May 3rd: 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) Friday, May 4th: 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) Wednesday, May 3rd: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Find the Pets Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday, May 1st through Tuesday, May 15th 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. **Mom & Me Paint Class** – Saturday, May 5th – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM We invite children in grades Kindergarten through 6th to join us with their mother, grandmother, aunt, or any special woman in their life for a FREE Mom & Me Paint Class. This is a parent/child class and groups must register in pairs of two. Create a one-of-a-kind painting with step-by-step instruction from Amber from Ariel Inspired in Painesville (https://arielinspired.appointy.com). Registration is required and opens 2 weeks before the class on Saturday, April 21st. Please register your child and yourself separately.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON – Thursday, May 10th – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free MOM emoji magnet for Mother's Day. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Superhero School! – Saturday, May 12th – 11:00 – 11:45 AM POW! SMASH! BAM! Do you have a hidden super power? Can you melt ice with your fiery glare? Can you knock over cardboard buildings with a single strike? Can you eat ALL your vegetables? Then hone your super powers at our Superhero School! We will train up our super powers and enjoy a photo op in your super hero costumes. We might even have to face an evil villain or two! Superhero costumes optional but highly encouraged! This is a family program for kids ages 12 and under and no registration is needed.

Jedi Training – Saturday, May 19th – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids in grades K-3rd. Celebrate the upcoming new Star Wars movie with a morning of Jedi Training! Play Jedi games, make a craft, and enjoy a galactic snack with fellow trainees! The force will be strong with these young Jedis--do they have what it takes to graduate training? Registration is necessary and will begin 2 weeks before the program on May 5th. KIDS CRAFTERNOON - Thursday, May 24th - 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free fishbowl sticker scene craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed. 2018 Children's Summer Reading Club: Libraries Rock! Starts Tuesday, May 29th Libraries Rock! Stop by the Children's Room to register your child, age birth through entering 7th grade, for the Morley Library Children's Summer Reading Club! The Summer Reading Club runs for 8 weeks and every day that your child reads for 20 minutes or more s/he will receive an entry for our big prize drawing! With fun weekly incentives, amazing performers, and awesome weekly programs, summer will never have a dull moment at Morley Library!

WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092 (440) 944-6010 www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us **Superhero Party** Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 pm Attention boys and girls, you are invited to attend our superhero party! Kids ages 3-10 come dressed as your favorite superhero or create one of your own. Enjoy games, activities and super snacks! Registration requested.

Family Reads On-the-Go! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours May 21. Pickup a copy of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register. **Crafty Kids** First Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 5/1 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and crafty activities. Registration requested. **Junior Chef** Second Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 5/8 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: 5/15 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: 5/22 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

Tales for a Dog First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 5/5, 6/2, 7/7 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: 5/12, 6/9, 7/14 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in. Libraries Rock! Children's Summer Reading 2018 Friday, May 25 – Friday, July 27

Birth through completed fourth grade register at the library. Check out books, read every day, and attend programs to earn prizes or tickets for our grand prize raffle baskets!

ArtSparks **Special Event** Friday, May 25 1:00 pm, ages 3 - 6 years old 1:30 pm, completed Kindergarten – 4th grade Join ArtSparks professional team of dance and music instructors for 30 minutes of innovative musical fun & learning. Space is limited, registration is required! Tween Time Wednesdays @ 2:30 PM: May

2- 23 Children 5th-8th grade, join us for snacks, socializing and fun activities. Registration requested.

Libraries Rock! Tween Summer Reading 2018 Thursday, May 25 – Friday, July 27 Tweens/Young Adults that have completed 4th – 12th grades For books you check out this summer, get a scratch-off ticket that may have a prize selection underneath. All entries will be eligible for grand prize drawing. Visit the Children's desk for details!

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE **PUBLIC LIBRARIES** Eastlake Public Library 36706 Lake Shore Blvd Fastlake, OH 44095 (440) 942-7880 x. 105 Willoughby Public Library 30 Public Sa. 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.welibrarv.info

Games or Movies for Teens at the Willoughby Library Come to the Willoughby Library Teen Room and play our PlayStation 4 or watch movies - your choice! Ages 12-18 only. Stop in anytime! Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200 Games for Teens at the Willowick Library Come to the Willowick Library Teen Room and play our Xbox One or Wii-U. Ages 12-18 only. Stop in anytime! Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151 Is Homeschool Right for Your Family? Join us for an interactive panel discussion about the in's and out's of homeschooling with experienced educators and advocates. Learn about the many different approaches to homeschooling and explore curriculum options to see if it's right for you. Don't miss our second panel in August! Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200 Make Stuff at the Library for Teens Come to the Willoughby Library this summer to create interesting items to take home and use. May Project: Candle Holder. Ages 12-18. Wednesday, May 2, 7-8 pm Willoughby Library

Adapted Storytime Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime, followed by a time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 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. May Feature: Paddington 2

Wednesday, May 9, 5:30-8 pm Willoughby Hills Library **Willoughby Otaku Anime Club** Join fel-

low 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, May 12, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library

LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome! Saturday, May 12, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library Saturday. May 19, 2-3:30 pm

Willowick Library

Library Fun House Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, May 12, 11 am-12:30 pm Willowick Library

Officer Dan and Jager Come to the library to meet our local superheroes, Officer Dan and his special dog, Jager. Learn how helpful a dog can be when fighting crime. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Willowick Library

Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

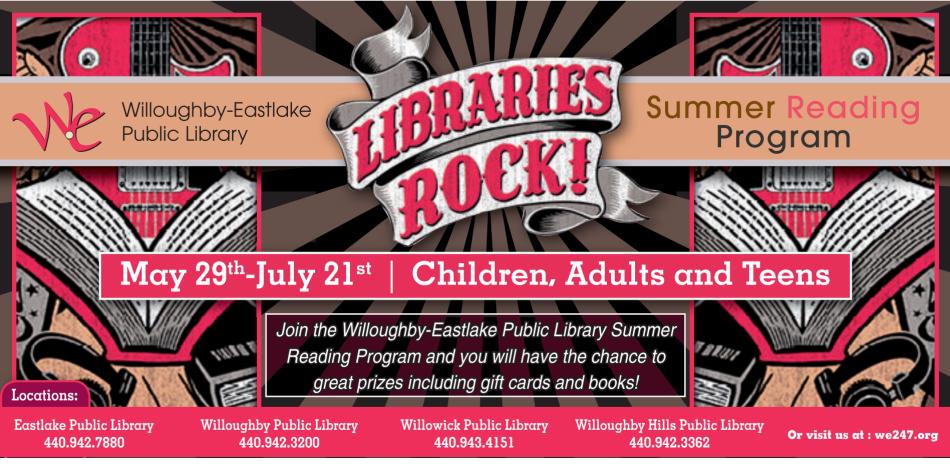
Saturday, May 19, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Fastlake Library

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, May 19, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library

Teen Art Club Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other artloving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18.) Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Video Game Club Come make friends and play our Xbox One, Wii-U, Wii, and Playstation 2! Ages 12 & up. Saturday, May 26, 2-4 pm Willowick Library

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, May 26, 12-4 pm Willoughby Library Summer Crafts Every week of summer reading the library will have a different make-and-take craft. Stop in any time from May 29– July 21. Willoughby Library Willoughby Hills Library Willowick Library



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

grab a good spot and some food and catch the parade The route runs from Indian Creek to Whip n Dip. Genevaon-the-Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau 5536 Lake Rd E, Geneva-on-the-Lake

MAY 13

Mother's Dav at Black Brook Golf

Course 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Black Brook Golf Treat your mom to a free round of golf at Black Brook Golf Course. All moms play free when accompanied by another player. Call Black Brook for tee times today (440) 951-0010. Cart not included. Offer valid on Sunday, May 14 only.

MAY 17 Just Kids Stuff Garage Sale

Thursday, May 17 9:00am - 12:00pm Eleanor B Garfield Park, 7967 Mentor Avenue, Mentor. Clean out the tov boxes, closets, and attics, and get ready for the Just Kids' Stuff Garage Sale. This is the biggest sale of children's items around, often featuring more than 70 vendors and more than 1,000 buyers. For information call the Mentor Recreation Department at 440-974-5720. **MAY 18**

Party on Main featuring DISCO IN-

FERNO LIVE! Don't miss the ultimate "Kick-off to Summer After Work Party!" Friday night May 18th from 6-10pm Main Street in Downtown Painesville Admission is FREE! FREE parking! FREE fun! MAY 19 & 20

Plant Sale The Holden Arboretum Plant Sale brings together some of the regions finest nurseries and garden vendors to offer a wide selection of trees, plants, flowers, herbs, shrubs and garden accessories. Guests can find inspiration in Holden's gardens before selecting the perfect plants for their own home. Plant and garden experts are on hand to answer questions and Holden's nursery propagated varieties are available for purchase. 440-946-4400 www. holdenarb.org

MAY 19 & 20

7th Annual DTW Rib Burn Off Historic Downtown Willoughby

loughby Drawing thousands of people from all over Northeast Ohio, this twoday event is going to rock this town again and be even better than last vear's record-breaking success! Erie Street will be closed to all traffic for both days. And this year we are expanding to three stages featuring live local and national bands, plus vendors and a complete Activity Zone from The Bar Athletics, Look for beer & craft cocktails on Erie Street, and, of course, ribs from participating downtown Willoughby restaurants & national vendors. Saturday, May 19th Noon – 10pm Sunday, May 20th Noon – 8pm Free admission dtwribburnoff.com/

(Frie Street and River Street) - Wil-

MAY 19

The Great Garage Sale Lake County Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville 9:00am-4:00pm Over 150 vendors – food concessions – free parking – free admission www.lakecountyfair.org

MAY 20

Celebrate Wild Wetlands 2-3:30PM Let's explore our wetlands and list all of the plants and animals we can identify as we dive into a wetland "bioblitz" celebrating the diversity of Mentor Marsh. Bring your field guides, field notebook, camera, binoculars, hand lenses and any other field tools. No experience necessary, we'll all learn along the way! www. cmnh.org/mentor-marsh-programs. Marsh Nature Center, 5185 Corduroy Rd. MAY 24 - OCT. 11

Painesville Farmers Market Shop the Painesville Farmers Market for a wide

variety of fresh produce, specialty products. home-made baked goods, teas, honey, chocolate goodies, special sauces, meats, eggs, herbs, plants, and fragrant bathroom soaps. Even homemade doggie treats for your best friend! Different food truck each week & mouthwatering kettle korn to enjoy while strolling Veteran's Park. Watch Facebook for food trucks that will be visiting, free recipes, customer appreciation day, free tote day and many other surprises to happen at the market this season.

Even Kids Craft Corner in the gazebo with free Face Painting & crafts hosted by Painesville United Methodist Church every week!

www.painesvillenow.com

MAY 26 - 27

Civil War Encampment & Re-Enactment Lake County Historical Society 415 Riverside Dr. The CIVIL WAR **ENCAMPMENT & RE-ENACTMENT** returns to the Lake County History Center – May 26-27, 2018. The LCHS is hosting this signature event on Memorial Dav weekend.

Experience the a re-enactment of a Civil War encampment right on the grounds of the History Center. Battle both days at 2:00pm., Sunday church service, Speakers corner, General tent, Battalion drills, Gatling gun demo, Historical interpreters, and Food booth. Special children's activities (including the Children's Drill on both days). Admission: Donation only. lakehistorycenter.org/programsand-events



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For more details visit us online at www.lakecountyymca.org

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MAY 1-31

32nd Annual Amateur Photography Contest and Show Penitentiary Glen Nature Center Entries received May 1 through 31 The 32nd annual Amateur Contest and Show captures the beauty of nature within Lake County through the lenses of amateur photographers. Photos can be either film or digital. All photos must be taken outdoors within Lake County.

Entries accepted May 1 through May 31 at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Entries can be submitted and payment made at the Information Desk from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. Entry form and payment must accompany entries. Entry form and payment must accompany entries. To download entry form goto. lakemetroparks.com/photo-contestshow.

MAY 6

Mentor Marsh Eagle Fest Celebrate bald eagles at our annual open house from noon to 5pm at Mentor Marsh Nature Center, 5185 Corduroy Rd. Register for a quided hike to view our Marsh Eagle nest at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 or 3:30pm. RSVPs required for hikes. Participate in hands-on activities to learn about eagles, take part in games and crafts. Shop our silent auction, visit conservation partners' exhibits and watch a live animal program. Food available for purchase. www.cmnh.org/mentor-marshprograms

MAY 12

Around the Block Antique Sale &

Flea Market Route 84 and County Line Road, Unionville. Round the block sale of antiques and flea market finds. No charge 440-275-9689 – www.unionvilleohio.com

MAY 12

2018 GOTL Summer Kick Off Parade

Join us for our second annual Summer Kick-Off Parade from 1-3 pm! Come to



WEEKEND FIREWORKS

Every Friday & Saturday home game!

CAPTAINS KIDS SEASON PASS

A \$650 value for just \$50! Includes a ticket to every home game, five all-you-can-play Kids Zone wristbands, five Launch-A-Ball vouchers & an exclusive gift!

SKIPPER'S BIRTHDAY BASH PRESENTED BY COOPER'S TWIST & SHAKE

Celebrate your birthday at Classic Park! Have "Happy Birthday" sung on the field, get an autographed team baseball, access to the Kids Zone, a FREE small ice cream cone from Cooper's and much more!

ONE-DAY YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

Get instruction from Captains players and coaches on the field at Classic Park! April 14 • 9 AM - 12 PM

THREE-DAY YOUTH BASEBALL CAM

Get instruction from Captains players and coaches on the field at Classic Park! August 1 - 3 • 10 AM - 1 PM

GREAT LAKES

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TODDLER TUESDAYS

1st Tuesday of Each Month | 11 a.m. - noon Join us near the Lake Health Children's Play area for fun, seasonal themed activities. Events are approximately 1 hour long.



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