

## LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

### How do honey bees survive winter?

by MORGAN PASKERT

“Where did the honey bees go?”

This is one of the questions most frequently asked by Lake Erie Nature & Science Center visitors during the winter months. Despite freezing temperatures and lack of flowers, honey bees survive the winter due to their amazing array of survival mechanisms.

Simply put, honey bees must create their own heat source and maintain a food supply inside the hive in order to make it to spring.

“Once the temperature drops below 50 degrees, honey bees keep the inside of their hive a warm 97 degrees in order to keep the colony alive,” explains Christine Barnett, wildlife program specialist at the Center. “Honey



bees must produce over 90 pounds of honey throughout summer in order to survive the winter.”

Once temperatures fall and food sources dis-

appear, honey bee workers (females incapable of reproducing) begin to form a cluster around the queen and younger bees.

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### Soup sale supports Meals on Wheels program

by BROOKE O'DONNELL

Westlake Meals on Wheels is offering a way to warm your heart and satisfy your appetite, all while supporting the recently introduced “We Care About You” program.

During the first week of December, Meals on Wheels volunteers and community members delivered to recipients four bags of non-perishable food items and a bag of winter supplies and personal items collected and donated by area schools, fire departments, churches and the community at large. It was met with overwhelming

appreciation from the recipients.

“We received so many notes of thanks from our recipients for the items,” said Executive Director Marie Patten-Blatter. “Many of our recipients live alone, and the only person they will see is their Meals on Wheels driver. Our goal is to be able to provide a similar care package throughout the year. The mission of Meals on Wheels is not just delivering a meal, but serving our recipients in other ways as well.”

As a way to fund this program, Meals on Wheels is offering two soups for purchase. “It’s definitely the time of year when soup just hits the spot, and you can warm your heart knowing

your purchase is going toward something that is helping to take care of the neighbors in our community,” said Patten-Blatter.

Quarts of broccoli-cheddar soup and chili will be available for \$9 each. Orders are being taken until Feb. 7, and pickup will be on Feb. 14. A confirmation email or phone call will be provided with pickup details. For orders of 10 or more quarts, delivery is available, free of charge.

To order, please phone Westlake Meals on Wheels at 440-871-2551, email [mow@westlakemealsonwheels.org](mailto:mow@westlakemealsonwheels.org), or message the Westlake Meals on Wheels Facebook page. ◆

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

### Kicking the tires of your digital-world ride

by TAK SATO

Are you ready to kick the tires of the Power of One device or shiny new computer you found under your tree? The former, i.e. tablets and smartphones, are also referred to as consumption devices since you consume, or more appropriately “stream,” various content such as entertainment and knowledge from the internet, aka the cloud. Computers can also consume but additionally can be used to

create documents and many others for self or to share with others.

If you are ready to find out what your gift is capable of, just whip out your ... library card! Being a card-carrying digital-world citizen has its privileges as libraries have adjusted nicely to the world after the internet. They continue to embrace digital-world-based services as society changes the way they do things and all the while continuing to service the people who walk into the libraries in

the real world.

You’ve probably heard of Netflix, Hulu or Amazon Prime Video, right? They are some of the current leaders in providing movies, TV shows, and other entertainment content to be consumed at a cost to subscribers.

But have you heard of Hoopla, Kanopy or Stingray Quello (latter for music buffs which we probably all are except different music genre preferences). If not, just visit the Westlake Porter Public Library (WPPL) website using your browser such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari or EDGE, from your new gift. Hint: these are services offering movies, TV shows, niche documentaries, and performances without paying subscription fees – i.e. free with your library patronship!

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### Village Bicycle Cooperative’s big holiday donation

by CARL GONZALEZ

Village Bicycle Cooperative, located in the Community House in Bay Village, donated the biggest single one-time donation of reconditioned bicycles in its 8-year history. On Dec. 18, five VBC volunteers braved the winter cold and loaded 40 bicycles on a truck for donation to the Salvation Army from the VBC secondary storage location at BAYarts. Beth Milli, of BAYarts, was there to greet and

launch the volunteers on their journey. The VBC volunteers were Susan Schneider, Eric Evanoff, Bob Piccirilli, Bill Abbott and Dave Kett.

The Salvation Army bike donations will serve two important purposes. Some of the bikes are gifts for needy children, bringing them joy during the holiday season. The rest are adult bikes, given to adult Salvation Army clients, that will be to used as transportation to their newfound places of work.

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Village Bicycle volunteers load reconditioned bikes to be donated to the Salvation Army.

PHOTO BY BETH MILLI





## BEES *from front page*

Meanwhile, the queen stops laying eggs to maintain the hive's limited food source. The worker bees in the cluster squeeze together tightly, rapidly vibrating their muscles, and keep their heads pointed inward, allowing the bees on the inside of the cluster to feed on the honey that's been stored in the hive for winter.

This combined body heat generated by the worker bees is sufficient to keep the colony warm. As temperatures fluctuate, the cluster expands and contracts. Sometimes, during warmer spells, the entire cluster will move within the hive, positioning themselves around fresh supplies of honey.

While bees work to stay warm, local beekeepers prepare for the next season. North America's largest commercial pollination event, the California almond bloom, happens between late February and mid-March when almond tree buds burst into beautiful light pink and white blooms in preparation for pollination. As the most successful pollinators of almond blossoms, honey bees are placed in almond orchards throughout California for a successful almond crop.

Each spring once almond pollination is complete, many bees are shipped to the Midwest and sold to local beekeepers. Sellers in Ohio place their orders in January to ensure they receive bee packages.

"Trucks carrying thousands of 3-pound packages of bees often sell out before they arrive to Ohio," explains Barnett. "Most people wait until the weather is warm to start preparing for their first hive and have difficulty finding bees for sale. Now is the time to get started."

Barnett recommends that beginners in Northeast Ohio take advantage of two active beekeeping organizations – the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association and the Lorain County Beekeepers Association.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center offers beekeeping programs throughout the year, including Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping on Sunday, Jan. 19, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will learn beekeeping basics, how bees and other pollinators support the environment and how they can maintain a hive in their own backyard. Tickets cost \$8 per person and can be purchased online at [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org) or by calling 440-871-2900. ♦

## BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Deadline nears for annual Bay Village honors

by TARA WENDELL

Each year, the Bay Village Community Council honors a worthy Bay Village resident with the title of Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes an individual's service and dedication to the commu-

nity. Special projects are also considered for distinction based on community impact and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.

The deadline to nominate a citizen and/or project is Monday, Jan. 13. Forms are available at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com), City Hall, the Bay

Village Branch Library, and from members of the Bay Village Community Council. Completed forms may be submitted via email to [tara@wbvobserver.com](mailto:tara@wbvobserver.com) or mailed to Bay Village Community Council, 350 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, OH 44140. ♦

## Westlake resident receives Rotary award

North Coast Rotary President Joe Matuscak recently presented the Paul Harris Fellowship award to fellow club member and Westlake resident Allen G. Porter Sr. during the club's regular meeting in Avon Lake.

The Paul Harris Award is special recognition for contribution of service. It also is awarded for financial gifts to the Rotary Foundation of \$1,000 or more. This is the second time Allen has received this award.

Allen has led the cause for recycling medical equipment and supplies for the club. ♦



Joe Matuscak presented Allen Porter Sr., right, with an award for his contribution of service to the North Coast Rotary.

## DIGITAL *from front page*

As you start kicking the tires of your new gift using the libraries' digital services, you'll find that each library has the same or similar offerings administered through a third party. For example Hoopla and Kanopy are offered at both WPPL and Bay Village Public Library (BVPL), which is a branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) system.

A couple of my favorite services at BVPL, which also means they are accessible by Cuyahoga County residents as CCPL has many branches, fall under the "similar" category: the Naxos music/video collection and the Flipster service for electronic magazine. As a WBVO reader and a music buff, you can imagine how dual patronship at WPPL and BVPL can uncover many

performances that you didn't know existed of your favorite bands or performers!

An internet connection, especially private Wi-Fi for the Power of One devices, is required to enjoy all of the above and other library digital services. The cloud, aka the internet, also has tons more of both fee-based subscription services and free (usually supported by ads) content providers for you to discover.

The year 2020 starts the fourth year of our nonprofit offering the 16-week "Discover Digital Literacy!" program to seniors for free. The class on learning to use area libraries' digital service offerings has consistently been the most popular class out of the 16 classes that make up the program. We are working out the details on the next session, so stay tuned to this column for an announcement on how to sign up. ♦



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# Kiwanis Aktion Club contributes to the community

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club recently decorated jelly jars to be given to Westlake Meals on Wheels recipients. The jars were delivered to the Meals on Wheels kitchen just in time to be handed out with the Christmas Eve meal delivery. Aktion Club President Jennifer Rutkoski presented the jars to Marie Patten-Blatter, executive director of Westlake Meals on Wheels.

Aktion Club is a community-service group that provides adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills. Members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

Aktion Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Porter Library at 7:00 p.m. We have members from Cleveland, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Fairview Park, Rocky River, North Olmsted, Sheffield Village and Bay Village. ●



Marie Patten-Blatter, left, accepts a donation of decorated jelly jars for Meals on Wheels clients from Jennifer Rutkoski, president of the Kiwanis Aktion Club.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

# Women in Transition program begins Jan. 13 at Tri-C Westshore

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College will launch a new session of classes at Westshore Campus on Jan. 13 to empower women in their pursuit of education, training and a career.

Classes will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Jan. 13 to March 4. The eight-week course is designed to assist women in transitional periods of their lives, such as a career change or return to the workforce.

Participants build confidence and skills through classes on personal development, career exploration and financial and computer literacy. The noncredit program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

For more information, visit [www.tri-c.edu/women-in-transition](http://www.tri-c.edu/women-in-transition). To enroll, call 216-987-5764. Westshore Campus is at 31001 Clemens Road in Westlake. ●

# Kathryn Maver named to Westlake Porter Public Library board

by ELAINE WILLIS

The Westlake Porter Public Library board of trustees has appointed Kathryn “Kate” Maver to serve a term from 2020-2026.

A Westlake resident, Maver is the director of development for the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Cleveland. She previously

served as the pastor of the Wells River/Newbury United Church of Christ in Vermont, the planned & major gifts officer at the Little City Foundation in Palatine, Illinois, and the communications and development director at the Horizons Hospice. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a master’s degree in divinity.

Maver brings plenty of library experience to the board, beginning with her first job as a library page and continuing with recent stints on the boards of trustees of both the Baldwin Public Library in Wells River, Vermont, and the Tenney Public Library in Newbury, Vermont.

Maver sees the library as a valuable part of the Westlake

community not only because of its traditional role of providing literacy and information skills, but also due to the more contemporary roles of gathering place, technology teaching, and provider of resources that individuals may not be able to afford on their own, such as Creativebug or the non-traditional collection. ●



Kathryn “Kate” Maver



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## BIKES *from front page*

In all cases, the bicycles were donated to those in real need who cannot afford them. VBC also included 50 bicycle helmets, acquired through a state grant, and 50 heavy duty bike locks, thanks to assistance from Fairview Cycle. To cap off the day, VBC volunteers assisted in unloading a toy truck delivering gifts for the kids of Salvation Army.

Most all of the bicycles that VBC repurposes are donations from Bay Village and local community residents that will be reconditioned and made safe to ride. Half of the refurbished bikes are sold back to the

public at a fair price. The rest are donated to charitable organizations or to individuals with special circumstances or needs, fulfilling the principal mission of VBC. Those bicycles that do not qualify for resale or donation are scrapped and recycled. The money raised from sales is used to keep the all-volunteer shop in operation. In 2019, VBC has donated 75 bicycles and anticipates donating even more in 2020.

Visit Village Bicycle Cooperative during open hours. Hours vary and are available to view on the website, [www.villagebicycle.org](http://www.villagebicycle.org). If you would like to volunteer at VBC and have mechanical skills and know how to work on bicycles, please let us know. ●



From left: Three Salvation Army volunteers pose with Village Bicycle Cooperative members Bill Abbott, Dave Kett, Eric Evanoff, Bob Piccirilli, and Sue Schneider in front of the 40 donated bicycles.

# Bay Village Foundation announces funding for community projects

Now that the holidays are behind us and all of the gifts have been given and received, The Bay Village Foundation and its trustees want to remind organizations that we are now receiving applications for our 2020 Community Grant Program. Grants of up to \$5,000 can be awarded.

We encourage organizations to begin gathering information for the 2020 program as the deadline for acceptance of applications is Feb. 29.

The Bay Village Foundation is interested in and works to support capital projects and programs that truly improve the quality of community life in our city of Bay Village.

An eligible organization must be located in or provide services to residents within Bay Village. Additionally, only tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations or programs that have an IRS tax-exempt fiscal agent will qualify for grant awards.

Organizations interested in applying can go to the Foundation's

website, [thebayvillagefoundation.org](http://thebayvillagefoundation.org), to obtain an application and instructions. Additional required documentation includes a copy of the organization's mission statement, IRS tax-determination letter, a list of current board members and key personnel, recent financial statements and the annual operating budget.

Questions concerning The Bay Village Foundation or the application for the grant program can be directed to grants chairman Larry Hull at 440-570-6007.

Completed applications and their necessary attachments can be mailed to: Grants Committee, The Bay Village Foundation, P.O. Box 40122, Bay Village, OH 44140. Applicants can also email their application to: [Lhull@baycorp.com](mailto:Lhull@baycorp.com).

Grant recipients will be announced and awards presented at the Bay Village Foundation's Memorial Day Celebration in Cahoon Memorial Park on May 25, 2020. ●

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# A giving season at Bay Village Schools

by KAREN DERBY

Students and staff at Bay Village Schools are generous throughout the year, and this holiday season they planned and delivered on dozens of giving efforts to help others. Below is a list of the many projects and activities that took place throughout the season.

Bay High boys basketball players caroled and served cookies at the Knickerbocker Apartments – a favorite event for those residents that was followed by several more musical performances by Bay Village Schools student vocalists and instrumentalists.

Every building throughout the district collected brand new toys for patients at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital in honor of Maggie Willmitch, a young sibling of a Bay Village Schools family who passed away while a patient there. In her memory, youngsters will have a brightened Christmas while in the hospital thanks to "with love Maggie" which was established by her family.

Bay Middle School Builders Club joined Meals on Wheels this holiday season by holding a raisin donation drive in mid-November. The raisins collected were included in holiday bags for local individuals who may not be able to get out in the cold weather. In addition, BMS held their annual Builders Club Community Drive. The goal of the service project is to provide items families need to meet their daily basic needs. Each grade level was asked to donate specific items to help support local families.

Westerly Elementary School fourth-grade students made 16 fleece blankets for children at Halle School in Cleveland and delivered them personally. While they were there, students provided "entertainment" – three Christmas skits. They were warmly welcomed by the principal, the teachers and the students. It was a marvelous day, full of joy. Students at Halle School were invited for a picnic at Westerly in the spring.

Bay High students created a series of wooden tops. The tops are unfinished raw wood. The toys will be decorated by the students using highlighters and markers to create interesting designs when the top is spun. The tops will be finished with a spray sealer and donated to the children's hospital.

Bay High Family and Consumer Science students decorated gingerbread houses to share with Knickerbocker Apartments residents.

Bay Middle School's seventh-grade Boys Honor Group (Bay Family Services) hosted its annual Shoe Shine Fundraiser. This group shines and cleans shoes annually for donations which are then used to purchase baking supplies for Christmas cookies. The students decorate the cookies and then they are delivered to families in need. Leftover proceeds are donated to Bay Food Ministry.

Bay High's Wings group made Christmas cards for Rae Ann Nursing and Rehabilitation patients.

Westerly students donated over 100 gently used children's books for the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank, delivered to the big blue Cleveland Kids' Book Bank located in front of Westerly. What great joy to give the gift of reading during the season of giving.



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Bay High students made paper flowers and butterflies for Village Project to cheer cancer patients receiving meals.



PHOTOS BY KAREN DERBY

Students decorated wooden tops to give to children at a local hospital.

Bay High Key Club members rang the bell on behalf of the Salvation Army on Saturdays throughout the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and made blankets to give to needy families. Key Clubbers donated many hours to work the Bay Village Kiwanis Christmas Tree Sale loading trees for customers. They also sold homemade wooden tree ornaments, the proceeds of which will be donated to help the needy.

Bay High staff and students collected toys for the Salvation Army Tree of Hope.

Bay High School students and staff spent an Hour of Giving, creating gifts for others:

- Busy Bags for Bay Village Early Childhood PTA
- Ornaments for Meals on Wheels
- Dog toys for Moose's Mission Dog Toys
- Paper flowers and butterflies for Village Project to cheer cancer patients receiving meals
- Cancer Sunshine Kits for The Gathering Place
- Cookie baking to bring joy to others
- Baking and decorating gingerbread houses to share with Knickerbocker Apartments residents
- Gift wrapping as a fundraiser to help the needy

There are no doubt many more holiday projects that took place in the Bay Village Schools that demonstrate the important value of charity and caring for others. Students and staff of the Bay Village Schools once again made that extra effort to help give everyone a happier holiday season. ●



# MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR

## Pro Football Hall of Fame

by RACHEL POLANIEC

*Magical History Tour welcomes the start of 2020 (and the end of another disappointing Browns season) at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, conveniently located an hour's drive south off I-77.*

With a sprawling façade both unabashedly retro and decidedly modern, the Pro Football Hall of Fame begins making an impres-



The rotunda is centered around this statue of Jim Thorpe: The Legend.

sion before visitors exit Interstate 77. A mural-sized banner covering one of the brick walls proudly proclaims the “Class of 2019: Kickoff of the NFL’s 100th Season.”

Here in Canton on Sept. 17, 1920, the American Professional Football Association was created by representatives from 10 professional football teams. Two years later this association became the National Football League, or NFL. The Canton Bulldogs would become the League’s first two-time champion in 1922 and 1933.

When it came time for the NFL to establish an official pro football hall of fame, the people of Canton ran a successful campaign to bring the hall to their city. Canton was selected in April 1961, groundbreaking commenced Aug. 11, 1962, and the 19,000 square-foot, two-building complex opened to the public on Sept. 7, 1963. After multiple expansions and renovations during the following decades, the 118,000 square feet of today’s Pro Football Hall of Fame contains something for everyone.

The visit begins with an optional jaunt through the “Hunt/Casterline Pro Football Hall of Fame Card Collection,” created by Dan Hunt and Robert Cas-

terline. Their collection of over 300,000 cards is the highest graded and most valuable football card collection found in the world; a curated selection of the rarest, highest value, and most significant cards are on display.

Our tour proper begins on the ground floor of the original 1962 rotunda, with “The NFL’s First Century.” Snapshots include the pre-NFL years (1892-1919) followed by each succeeding decade, filled with informative text and lots and lots of memorabilia. Notable figures and important milestones include Jim Thorpe, pro football’s first indoor game, evolution of the football, the first NFL draft, Jim Brown, and international expansion.

The exhibit continues on the rotunda’s second level, featuring interesting material like year by year records, football pioneers, and interactive displays like “Get A Grip!” examining how a quarterback grips the football, and “Coach to Player Communication” with two audio-fed helmets, demonstrating how coaches are able to relay instructions to players in-game.

After the “NFL’s First Century” is the striking “Hall of Fame Gallery,” replete with bronze busts of the Hall of Fame enshrinees. The busts are one of three iconic symbols of becoming an enshrinee, examples of the other two – the Gold Jacket and the Hall of Fame Ring – are located nearby.

Up next is “A Game For Life: The Ultimate Locker Room,” a holographic experience located in the theater featuring inspir-

ing stories and speeches from players and coaches. Exiting the theater is the unexpended yet charming Ford Hall of Fans, dedicated to those superfans whose consistent presence coupled with unique apparel made them a fixture of their team’s fandom.

Rounding out the top floor is the “Pro Football Today Gallery,” featuring current mementos, records, and football players and personnel, as well as the “Lamar Hunt Super Bowl Gallery,” containing history from past Super Bowls, all 53 authentic Super Bowl rings, and the Super Bowl LIV Vince Lombardi Trophy. From here it’s back down to the first floor, where we finish our tour with “Madden NFL,” the “Black College Football Hall of Fame Gallery,” and several displays dedicated to officiating, the United States Football League, and the Sunday Night Football broadcast.

So this January, if watching yet another Browns-less playoff season seems less than palatable, get your pre-Super Bowl football fix down in Canton at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, where a love of the game and respect for its history grounds the most fantastical forays into the athletic feats that continue to amaze and inspire us. ●



PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC

Creation of the busts is overseen by chief sculptor Blair Buswell, who works with each member to create as accurate a likeness as possible.



The Pro Football Hall of Fame. The original 1963 rotunda is visible on the far left.



The impressive “Hall of Fame Gallery.”



Westley, 7, demonstrates “Coach to Player Communication.”



An exhibit on the pre-NFL years, located in “The NFL’s First Century.”



# Bay Village Branch Library Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

### CHILDREN

Weekly Storytimes

- Mondays & Tuesdays (10 a.m.) **Toddler Storytime** – ages 19-35 months.
- Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) **Family Storytime** – for all ages
- Wednesdays (10 a.m.) **Baby and Me Storytime** – ages birth-18 months
- Thursdays (10 a.m.) **Preschool Storytime** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- Fridays (10 a.m. and 11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – for all ages

Saturday, Jan. 11 (10 a.m.) **Preschool**

**STEAM** – Ages 3-5: Join us for stories and a hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activity. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Monday, Jan. 13 (7 p.m.) **STEAM On: Snap Circuits** – Join us for a hands-on STEAM program. Design and build models of working electrical circuits. Registration required.

Thursday, Jan. 16 (4 p.m.) **Beach Party** – Heat things up with summer stories, songs and sand. It might be cold outside, but we won't mind! Registration required.

### TEEN

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 and 15 (3-4 p.m.)

**Teen Zone** – Grades 5 and up: Hang out with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more! Parents/guardians must complete a Release and Hold Harmless form.

Thursday, Jan. 9 (3 p.m.) **Write On** – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

### ADULT

Thursday, Jan. 9 (7 p.m.) **Cricut Basics** – Join us for a demonstration of the Cricut Design Space and how to cut a design with the Cricut cutter.

Friday, Jan. 10 (10 a.m.) **BAYarts Book**

**Discussion** – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month's book, "The Confessions of Frannie Langton" by Sara Collins, is available at the library and BAYarts.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 (6 p.m.) **Library For All** – Join us for fun, adapted programs featuring stories, art, music and more, specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Adults (18+) of all abilities are welcome. Registration required; caregivers need not include themselves when registering.

**Please register online at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop by the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian.** ●

# Westlake Porter Public Library Early January Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Tuesday, Jan. 7 (6-8:45 p.m.) **CPR** – Get certified for adult, child and infant CPR and AED. Instruction provided by certified instructors/paramedics from UH St. John Medical Center. Participants under the age of 14 must have parent/legal guardian with them in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at [uh4cpr@gmail.com](mailto:uh4cpr@gmail.com). Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Interactive Movie** – Watch this Marvel film in a brand-new way. Sing, snack and see if you can out-sarcasm Starlord. Grades 7-12. Registration required, but drop-ins welcome while supplies last. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 (7-8 p.m.) **Cooking with Susan: Death by Chocolate** – Get ready for Valentine's Day with some chocolaty delights! Please register.

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 and 15 (9:30 & 10:15 a.m.) **Let's Sing and Dance!** – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 (10-11 a.m.) **Tax Tips with H&R Block: Senior Lecture Series** – When should you start social security benefits? How do you avoid retirement money mistakes? Aging comes with a few tax perks; let H&R Block help you relax and enjoy some of that money you won't have to give to the IRS. Please register.

Wednesday Jan. 8 (1-2:30 p.m.) **Cuyahoga West Genealogical Society Help Session** – Free help session in the library's computer lab. Please bring your pedigree and/or family group sheets.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 (6-8:45 p.m.) **First Aid** – The Heartsaver First Aid course is designed to prepare students to provide first aid in a variety of injury and other emergency situations in a safe, timely and effective manner. Instruction is provided by certified instructors/paramedics from UH St. John Medical Center. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent/legal guardian with them in class. If you have any questions, please contact the instructors at [uh4cpr@gmail.com](mailto:uh4cpr@gmail.com). Please register.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Join us for another creepy classic from the vault ... if you dare! New members are always welcome, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 16 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-4) and Mondays, Jan. 13 and 20 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-8) **Code Club!** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins a week before each session.

Thursday, Jan. 9 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Great Decisions Discussion Program on World Affairs** – Discuss critical global issues facing America today. A copy of the article can be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read the article prior to the meeting. Please register.

Tuesdays, Jan. 9 and 16 (3:15-4:30 p.m.) **Teen Writers Group** – A weekly meet up for writers in grades 7-12.

Thursdays, Jan. 9 (6-6:45 p.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – This 30-minute storytime followed by a time for socialization is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared to ages 3-7 but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, Jan. 10 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 11 (9:30 a.m.) **Music Therapy & More** – This program is designed for families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well

as behavior. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register), or by calling 440-570-5908.

Saturday, Jan. 11 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Beginning Coding for Adults** – Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Class focus is on HTML and CSS. Please register.

Saturday, Jan. 11 (1 and 2:30 p.m.) **Elementary Experiences: Organization Station** – These hands-on training programs are designed for families and their children (ages 7-12 years) who are struggling. Families will learn targeted skills together and receive a handout with ideas and resources to use at home. Adults are expected to participate in the program with their children. Siblings (ages 7-12 years) may also attend but must register separately. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register), or by calling 440-570-5908.

Saturday, Jan. 11 (2-5 p.m.) **Jewelry Junction** – Make a beautiful one-of-a-kind necklace and earrings set using pearls, crystals and silver findings. Please register.

Sunday, Jan. 12 (2-4 p.m.) **800+ Chess Club** – A chance for those competing at an 800+ USCF Rating to work together on strategies, skills and game play. If you're a beginner, please attend our Chess Club on the last Sunday of the month.

Monday, Jan. 13 (11-11:45 a.m.) **Puzzle and Block Fun** – Children with special needs and their parents are invited to come play with puzzles and blocks in a safe, supportive environment. Ages 3-7, siblings welcome. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 13 (1-1:30 p.m.) **Yoga Time!** – A perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Siblings welcome. Ages 3 and up.

Monday, Jan. 13 (2-3 p.m.) **3D Printing Orientation** – Want to use the library's 3D printer? You'll need to take this orientation class first. Learn the library's policies about using it, how to download a 3D printable object file and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 13 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge** – Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more. For grades 7-12 only.

Monday, Jan. 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Resources for Your Job Search** – Whether you are looking for your first job or returning to the market after a long time, The Reserves will introduce you to the best tools for finding job opportunities that match your skills and interests. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Introduction to Cloud Computing** – Discover how Google products, Dropbox, Microsoft OneDrive, Apple iCloud and other cloud-based services can make your life easier. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 (1-3 p.m.) **Your "Yellow Brick Road" to Success** – Join us to build your own career road map for the new year. Learn how to make the stops you need along the way and get to your planned destination. Have some fun as you work your plan.

**To register for any of the programs, please visit [events.westlakelibrary.org](http://events.westlakelibrary.org) or call 440-871-2600.** ●

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# Discussion group to focus on leadership in turbulent times

by LYNN TALIAK

Once again Case Western Reserve University, through its Siegal Lifelong Learning program, will be offering a course in Bay Village this winter. This is not a college course, just learning for the fun of it.

Our course, “Leadership in Turbulent Times,” uses as a textbook the book

of the same name authored by presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin. Applying five decades of study, Goodwin demonstrates how four exceptional leaders – Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson – overcame adversity and transcended personal ambition to enlarge the lives of others.

Warren Buffett said of the book, “Goodwin has prepared a marvelous banquet with four leaders whose lives provide lessons for all of us. Pull up a chair.”

Reading is not required but strongly suggested as we enjoy a lecture and discussion format; in today’s polarized country these stories take on a singular urgency. Our leader/teacher is Pam Belknap, a retired and experienced teacher herself.

We meet at Bay United Methodist Church in the parlor (off the parking lot in back of the church), Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for eight weeks beginning Jan. 13. The cost is \$87 for Lifelong Learning members; \$103 for non-members. Register online at [case.edu/lifelonglearning](http://case.edu/lifelonglearning), or by calling 216-368-2090. You can call Lynn at 440-826-0658 for information but not to register. ●

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**  
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, please bring these forms with you.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**PERSONAL HOME COMPUTER SECURITY**  
NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Personal Computers) presents John Dolinar speaking on how to use and maintain security software on your home computer to protect yourself from those seeking to compromise your personal information or damage your computer. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and networking; meeting at 7:00. All are welcome. For more, go to [neopc.org](http://neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Friday, Jan. 10, 2-4 p.m.**  
**CREATIVE CONNECTIONS**  
Arts enrichment program for individuals with memory loss/dementia and their care partners. Participate in a visual art activity, music, storytelling, poetry and dance/movement. Enjoy coffee/tea, snacks and socialization. No cost. Pre-register at 440-414-0434.  
*The Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**HEALING HARP FOR THOSE WITH CANCER**  
Enjoy harp music which provides beneficial effects such as increased relaxation, improvement in sleep, decreased pain and anxiety, stabilization of vital signs, and improvement in mood. Advance registration required: 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Friday, Jan. 17, 7-10 p.m.**  
**BUNCO, BUDDIES & BRATS**  
Join us by the fire for an easy and fun game of dice. Advance tickets \$15; include game and bratwurst bar (vegetarian options available), cash bar. 21 & over.  
*BAYarts, Hearth Room, 28795 Lake Rd.*

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m.**  
**SCAM PRESENTATION**  
The 50+ Club of St. Ladislav will feature a presentation from the Westlake Police Department. Learn how you can avoid becoming a victim of the bad guys who want to steal your identity and your livelihood. Cost is \$11, includes a catered lunch. Prepaid reservations must be made in the church office by Jan. 19. Non-members are welcome.  
*St. Ladislav Parish, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake*

## Westlake police raise money for Adopt-a-Family

by DIANA PI

Jeannie Ross, a Westlake police dispatcher, started Adopt-a-Family six years ago. Policemen donate \$25 monthly in exchange for not shaving during the holiday season. They have

raised thousands of dollars each year for families in need.

The Westlake Police Department hosted a Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 21 at the Holiday Inn Express to raise additional funds for Adopt-a-Family. ●



North Pole Patrol, from left: Halle Shelby, officer Chris Johnson, officer Dan Eynon, officer Dennis Funari; center: Cash from K-9 unit.

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