

# July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mill Hollow Concert Series, 6:30-8:00pm, American Fiddle, Vermilion Res	2 Antique Car Festival, 4-8pm, bicycle display, entertainment, Victorian Fashion Show, Wellington	3	4 <b>OECC CLOSED</b> 	5 Quests in Science & Art, 10:30-11:30, OPL, PreK-3rd gr.  CONSTRUCT-A-MAMMOTH, 2:30-3:30pm, OPL	6	7 Oberlin Farmers Market, OPL Parking Lot, 9am-1pm
8 Magic, Music, and Muppets, 1pm, Mercy Health & Rec, Children's Musical Concert, \$2/pp	9  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	10  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	11  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	12 Quests in Science & Art, 10:30-11:30, OPL, PreK-3rd gr.  KINDER CAMP Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	13 Concert on Tappan Square, 7-9pm, Classic Rock Trio 	14 OCS Food Distribution, 10:30-12:30, Depot, bring I.D. address verification & bags
15 Little Green Choo Rides, 1-3pm  Carlisle Res.(free) weather permitting	16  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	17  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	18  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	19 Quests in Science & Art, 10:30-11:30, OPL, PreK-3rd gr.  KINDER CAMP Eastwood Sch., 8:30am-12pm	20	21 Tea Party: Tropical Fun, 2-3pm, \$2pp, Schoepfle Garden, craft, tea, luau from Moana, PR by 7/18
22 Gold Panning 2pm, Vermilion River Res., PR by 7/20, supplies included	23  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	24  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	25  Eastwood School 8:30am-12pm	26 Quests in Science & Art, 10:30-11:30, OPL, PreK-3rd gr.  KINDER CAMP Eastwood, 8:30am-12pm	27 Old Fashioned Community Picnic, Oberlin, 5:30pm, Concert 6:30pm, Ohio Wheelmen Demo, 7:30pm	28 Little Green Choo Rides, 1-3pm  Carlisle Res.(free) weather permitting
29 Little Green Choo Rides, 1-3pm, Carlisle Res., (free) weather permitting	30	31	Butterfly House, Miller Nature Pres, daily until Labor Day, 10am-4:30pm (free)	Paddleboat at Wellington Res.(free) 10am-6pm Friday through Tuesday, www.metroparks.cc	Outdoor Games for All Ages, Oberlin Heritage Center, Tues-Sat, 10am-3pm.	Oberlin Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9am-1pm,  Library parking lot



***“Your Never too old, too wacky, to pick up a book and read to a child.” Dr. Suess***

Perhaps you’ve noticed the addition of new shelving, cubbies, pillows and baskets in the front section of the lobby. Staff and volunteers have been working diligently to organize and store books in a way that is practical and functional for teachers as well as developing an additional space for them to bring small groups of children. Following the belief that the environment is the third teacher, we believe that this space sets the tone for a quiet, intimate reading space. The tall bookcases are filled with books in several categories from Animals to Families. These books are meant for teacher use only until we develop a system for all to use. Until then we have selected books and activities that are stored in the baskets and on the cubbies for you to explore with your child. These materials will be rotated frequently to highlight investigations that are being explored throughout the center. Please feel free to grab a seat in a bean bag chair and share a story with your child. We only ask that you put items back where you find them to help to keep the area neat for the next family or classroom to enjoy.

## Lifelong Learners

So what exactly happens on Professional Development Days? Just like the children we serve, our teachers are always learning! PD Days are filled with trainings, hands-on experiences, team building activities and planning time. Last month the focus of our training was Loose Parts. The teachers learned the definition of, storage for and places to find loose parts. They were challenged to remove some “toys” from the environment and replace them with more open-ended and nonconventional materials. Have you noticed the changes? Have you wondered about the spools and cardboard pieces in the muscle rooms? Or the pool noodles and funnels in the sand yards? We strongly believe that these materials without a predetermined function empower children to use their creativity and imagination to construct their own self-directed play. Look for a loose parts parent training coming soon!

