

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROGRAMS



Resources, support & community

Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides resources, support and community to families in Northeast Ohio who have concerns about their child. We serve all families, including children with and without diagnoses.

Explore Sept./Oct. Programs

Learn more about our free programs:

[Speaker Series](#)

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Concerned? Ask Us!

Ask Us is a free 30-minute call with another parent who understands what it's like to be concerned about a child. Our Family Resource Specialists will also give you resources tailored to your family.

connectingforkids.org/AskUs

SPEAKER SERIES

[From Conflict to Connection](#)

Are you stuck in cycles of yelling, pleading and trying to correct your child's behavior? Are you looking for better ways to meet your child's needs and strengthen your relationship? Join us for a discussion led by Abby Schultz, MS, EIS, of Purposeful Growth & Wellness.

Avon Lake Public Library or Virtual
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

[Wired Differently: Autism in Girls](#)

Does your daughter struggle with friends or "fitting in"? Do they work hard to hold it together in public, only to fall apart at home? Autism in girls often gets missed because their traits can look unlike what most people expect. Join us for a discussion led by Dr. Elyra Iezz, BCBA, of University Hospitals.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

[Behavior Chat: Tools for Taming Big Emotions \(ages 0-6\)](#)

Struggling with tantrums, hitting or other challenging behaviors? Are your child's behaviors leaving you feeling frustrated and unsure of what to do? Join us for an interactive, question-driven program with Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd.

Westlake Porter Public Library
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.

[Myths and Facts: Getting to Know the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities](#)

Does your child have a diagnosis or developmental disability, but you're unsure what county resources are out there? Or is your child already approved for services, but you don't know what you need or how to get it? Join CFK and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a workshop and get your questions answered.

Heights Libraries, Lee Road Branch or Virtual
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m.

SHARE & SUPPORT GROUP

[Caregiver Connection Group: Back-to-School](#)

Are you the caregiver of a child with ADHD, anxiety, autism or other concerns who is looking to connect with others? Join us for a virtual peer support group for parents and caregivers! September's theme is Back-to-School. Come share your back-to-school wins and struggles.

Virtual
Monday, Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m.

[Queer & Questioning Kids: A Caregiver Connection Group](#)

Do you have a child who is questioning, queer or somewhere in between? Then join Connecting for Kids and K. Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S, of Colors+ Counseling, for our fall Connection Group!

Virtual
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m.

[Caregiver Connection Group: Complex Needs Caregivers](#)

Are you the caregiver of a child with ADHD, anxiety, autism or other concerns who is looking to connect with others? Join us for a virtual peer support group for parents and caregivers! October's theme is [complex needs](#). If you're the parent of a child with complex needs, this space is for you!

Virtual
Monday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC THERAPY & MORE

[Music Therapy & More](#) (ages 0–6)

- For families with a concern about their child, ages 0–6
- Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist
- Learn to use music to improve academic and motor skills, communication and behavior

<u>Heights Libraries, Lee Road Branch</u> Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Oct. 14	<u>Lakewood Public Library, Madison Branch</u> Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. • Saturday, Sept. 12 • Saturday, Oct. 10	<u>Maple Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library</u> Sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. • Saturday, Sept. 26 • Saturday, Oct. 24
<u>Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library</u> Sessions begin at 11:00 a.m. • Saturday, Sept. 12 • Saturday, Oct. 10	<u>North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System</u> Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. • Thursday, Sept. 24	<u>Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library</u> Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. • Monday, Sept. 14 • Monday, Oct. 5
<u>Westlake Porter Public Library</u> Sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. • Friday, Sept. 11 • Saturday, Sept. 12 • Friday, Oct. 2 • Saturday, Oct. 3		

[Music Therapy & More: Tweens & Teens](#) (ages 7–17)

- For families and children ages 7–17 with complex needs or disabilities
- Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist
- Learn to use music to enhance gross motor skills, develop body awareness and practice social skills

Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Registration Reminder

Music Therapy & More sessions open on a month-to-month basis. Registration for next month's session will not open until the current month's session is over.

connectingforkids.org/music

PLAYGROUPS

[Inclusive Playgroups](#) (ages 18 months–6 years)

- For families with children, ages 18 months–6 years, with or without a diagnosis
- Led by an Early Childhood Specialist
- Connect with other families and get free resources from our staff

<u>Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch</u> Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. • Saturday, Sept. 19 • Saturday, Oct. 24	<u>Westlake Porter Public Library</u> Thursday sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and Friday sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. • Thursday, Sept. 17 • Friday, Sept. 18 • Thursday, Oct. 22 • Friday, Oct. 23
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ADAPTED LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Adapted Storytimes

[Heights Libraries, Noble Neighborhood Branch](#)

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m.

[Maple Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)

- Friday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.

[Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)

- Saturday, Sept. 26, 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00 a.m.

[North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System](#)

- Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

[Rocky River Public Library](#)

- Saturday, Oct. 3, 11:00 a.m.

[Westlake Porter Public Library](#)

- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Adapted & Inclusive Programs

[Avon Lake Public Library](#)

Music & Movement (all ages, with caregiver)

- Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Imagineers (ages 4+, with caregiver)

- Thursday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.

[Heights Libraries, Coventry Village Branch](#)

ASL Storytime with Liliana Pokorny

- Saturday, Oct. 10, 11:00 a.m.

[Maple Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)

All Abilities Playdate

- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m.

[Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)

All Abilities Playdate

- Monday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.

GenZen Hangout: For Tweens of All Abilities in Grades 4–6

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 3:00 p.m.

[North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System](#)

Browser's Reading Buddies (ages 5–12)

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Adapted Teen Crafts

- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Sensory-Friendly Monster Mash

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m.

[Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)

Next Chapter Book Club (ages 14+)

- Saturday, Sept. 19, 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 11:00 a.m.

P.A.L.S. Big Screen Sensory Friendly Movie

- Saturday, Sept. 26, 11:00 a.m. The Princess Bride
- Friday, Oct. 23, 11:00 a.m. Christopher Robin