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Help Me Grow Family Support

Ohio Children & Family First Initiative

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Hamilton County Family and Children First Council		 Ohio Family and Children First Initiative Help me grow.			1 It's finally fall! Spend some time this month going on leaf hunts with your child. Search for all the oranges, browns, & reds of fall!
2 Check out your local library for a listing of events unique to their location.	3 Find the nearest park to your home and plan a family picnic or walk. Then, enjoy some time on the jungle gym together before you go!	4 Collect some leaves and use glue to make a collage or leaf person on a piece of paper. Then, hang it on the fridge for all to enjoy!	5 Little Tyke Hike, Winton Woods Winton Centre, ages 3-6 with caregiver. Nature has a surprise around every corner that will show up where you least expect it!	6 Leaves for Little Folk, 10 am, Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve. Bring your preschooler to celebrate trees & leaves. Take a hike, make a craft, play a game. Learn colors, shapes, sounds, numbers, & textures of leaves! \$4.00 per child.	7 Halloween Nights, 6-10 pm, Winton Woods. Largest family-friendly Halloween event in the area. Hay wagon rides, magic shows, & more. \$6 per person. (1/2 price on 10/6!)	8 Tales to Tails, 2 pm, Walnut Hills Branch. Come share a story or song with a licensed therapy dog from Pages N Paws and handler Becky.
9 Egg Drop, 2 pm, Farbach Werner Nature Preserve Ellenwood Nature Barn. Build a space capsule & see if your "egg creature" can survive a crash landing. Family friendly!	10 Not So Spooky Kids Day, 1 pm, Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve Ellenwood Nature Barn. Learn about some animals that have a "spooky" reputation. Find out they're not so spooky after all!	11 Toddler Storytime, ages 18-26 mo., 10:30 am, Sharonville Branch Library. Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music & fun. For toddlers & their caregivers.	12 Nature Stories: Squirrels, 11 am, Sharon Woods Sharon Centre. Come and share a story with the naturalist on these bright-eyed & bushy-tailed mammals.	13 Special Needs Storytime, 10:30 am, Mariemont Branch. Share a reading adventure in a fun & safe environment. Call Katheryn to register - 369-4467.	14 Toddler Storytime, ages 18-36 mo., 10:30 am, Blue Ash Branch Library. Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music & fun. For toddlers & their caregivers.	15 Block Party: Legos! 10 am, Symmes Township Branch Library. Join us for Lego creating time! Legos will be provided for children to use.
16 Pumpkin Patch Express, every Sat & Sun through October, Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad, 127 S. Mechanic St., Lebanon, 45036. Train ride to Schappacher Farm. See working farm, pet animals, walk through corn maze, pies & snacks for sale. 9:45 am, 1 pm, 4:15 pm.	17 "Pumpkin Circle" with Ms. Gwen, 3 pm, Avondale Branch Library. Follow a pumpkin seed from germination to jack-o-lantern & eventually back to seed again. Create your own jack o lantern to take home.	18 Adventure Into Pumpkins, 10 am, Sharon Woods. Activities, craft, hike, all about pumpkins. \$4 per child. Register by 10/14.	19 Library Babies, ages 6-18 mo., 10 am, Pleasant Ridge Branch. Fun for you & your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, & movement. (same time @ Madeira Branch as well)	20 Preschool Story Time, 10 am, Winton Woods Winton Centre. Apples off the tree or in a pie are a special treat. Learn about apples through songs, games, and samples!	21 Family Friendly Halloween Night Hike, 7:30 pm, Sycamore Park. Discover some truths about often misunderstood Halloween animals. Costumes welcome!	22 Teddy Bear Picnic, ages 3-6, 10:30 am, Mt. Healthy Branch Library. Bring your favorite teddy or other stuffed animal to the library for a picnic. Books, songs, snacks, craft. Siblings & grown ups welcome.
23 Babywearing Bliss, 11 am, Park + Vine, 1202 Main Street, 45202. A free workshop on safely & comfortably carrying baby from birth thru toddler years.	24 Library Babies, 11:15 am, ages 6-18 mo., Delhi Township Branch. Music, books, movement for one year olds.	25 HMG Parent Workshop - Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Transition, 10:30-12, 5050 Madison Road, 45227. Learn what happens after HMG, how to transition to preschool, etc. RSVP to Jen - info above.	26 Preschool Trick or Treat Storytime, ages 3-6, 10:30 am, Harrison Branch Library. Wear your costume, hear stories, and trick-or-treat at the library.	27 Animal Tales, 11:30 am, Woodland Mound Seasongood Nature Center. Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join a naturalist for a nature themed story.	28 Movers & Shakers, ages 1-4, 10:15 am, Mt. Healthy Branch Library. You & your child will shake it together. Sing, dance, enjoy music, movement, & fun!	29 Creatures of the Night Puppet Show, 3 pm, Sharon Woods Sharon Centre. Nocturnal animals are neat! Find out what makes night creatures so special and meet a real nighttime animal after the show.
30 Take a ride on the Pumpkin Patch Express if you haven't done so already! See 10/16 for more details.	31 BE SAFE! ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY TONIGHT! ☺					