

Lake Erie Ink

A writing space for youth

Lake Erie Ink is a not for profit 501(c)3 that provides creative expression opportunities and academic support to youth in the Greater Cleveland community

LEI Celebrates its Place in a Nationwide Network of After School Programs

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Writing Prompt
The space between darkness and light...

This Thursday, October 18th, the Ink Spot will recognize the importance of after school programming in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Sponsored by the Afterschool Alliance, *Lights On* is an advocacy event designed to call attention to the importance of after school programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open to area kids.

Lake Erie Ink is proud to be part of a diverse network of after school programs that provides academic and creative enrichment opportunities in safe spaces in the greater Cleveland area and all over the United States. *Lights On Afterschool* is designed to help us celebrate our part in that network.

The Ink Spot provides creative expression opportunities and academic support to 35 fourth-sixth graders from seven area schools, and, to date, we are 92% full! Lake Erie Ink is proud to be a *Lights On Afterschool* national partner, and we hope that you can help us continue to advocate for the after school tradition in our community.



After School Quick Facts

- More than 15 million school age children are on their own after school
- Only 8.4 million K-12 children (15 percent) participate in after school programs. An additional 18.5 million would participate if a quality program were available in their community
- Students participating in a high quality after school program went to school more, behaved better, received better grades and did better on tests compared to non-participating students.

*Statistics provided by the Afterschool Alliance

Untitled Fall Poem

...The touch of the world is a feeling worth feeling
Plants that smell like minty laundry
I hear leaves rustling in the wind
We see leaves changing from green to brown and
We see an entire world of nature

By Molly, Jaimari, Zoe, and Jakarta

Mark your calendar:

- Tuesday, October 16th -College essay writing workshop, 6:30-8:00
- Saturday, October 20th - Teen café and open mic
- Wednesday, October 24th -National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Kick off at 7:00 p.m. open to anyone grade 6 through adults
- Saturday October 27th - Thrills and Chills: Writing Stories of Mystery and Suspense 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Volunteer Spotlight: Jaidee Miree Interviews Patti Smith

This week at the Ink Spot, Fairfax fifth grader Jaidee Miree sat down with Lake Erie Ink volunteer Patti Smith. He prepared questions and interviewed her for this month's volunteer spotlight.

Jaidee: Have you ever played a 21st century video game?

Ms. Patti: No, I have never played a 21st century video game.

Jaidee: What are your favorite foods?

Ms. Patti: My favorite foods are ice cream, anything coconut, and turkey burgers.

Jaidee: What is your favorite name brand?

Ms. Patti: My favorite brand of clothing is Levi Jeans.

Jaidee: What's your favorite book?

Ms. Patti: My favorite book is *Leaving Home*.

Jaidee: What's your job?

Ms. Patti: I'm a middle school teacher at Wiley.

Jaidee: Do you believe in angels?

Ms. Patti: Yes, I believe in angels.

Jaidee: What's your favorite board game?

Ms. Patti: I do not like board games.

Jaidee: What's a movie that you like?

Ms. Patti: *500 Days of Summer*



Patti Smith is cooler than the rock star with whom she shares a name.

Jaidee in action at Ripple FX: the digital media project



Volunteer With Us!


Whether you're free during the day, after school, evenings or weekends, we've got something for you. If you love language and have 2 free hours a week, email Lydia at staff@lakeerieink.org

The Digital Media Project is off to a great start!

We're two weeks into the highly anticipated digital media project with DeeJay Doc, and, with full sessions in both the afternoon and the evening, we're having a blast. Eventually you'll get the full audio-visual experience of what participants are working on, but in the meantime, we've got the pictorial play-by-play up on Facebook. Check it out!

Attention High School Students:

If you're looking for volunteer hours for an extracurricular program, a senior project, college applications, or because you're interested in teaching or writing, look no further! Lake Erie Ink welcomes volunteers at or above age 15. Lydia, our Northeast Ohio Literacy Corps member and volunteer coordinator has been practicing her signature for your school or organization's volunteer log, and boy will you be impressed. Email her at stafflakeerieink.org.

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