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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Cedarville University's [School of Education](#) is partnering with McKinley Elementary School in Xenia, Ohio, to host a Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 6-8 p.m.

The literacy night will take place at McKinley and will be led by Cedarville University primary and special education majors. It is open to children and families of McKinley school, and no registration is required.

"This event was created to help parents learn how to help their children with literacy skills at home, as well as providing literacy resources for families," [Dr. Megan Brown](#), assistant professor of education and event coordinator, said. "The Cedarville students will target the age and ability levels of the students who arrive at their station, helping parents to engage with the activity."

At the end of the night, families will receive books donated by Half Price Books.

Learning stations will all have a travel theme and will each represent a different country. Educational areas of focus include phonics, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, last year's Family Literacy Night was offered virtually. Excited to return to in-person engagement, this year's event will follow McKinley Elementary's COVID precautions, which include masks and social distancing.

"We love working with students and families," Brown added. "This is also a way to give back to McKinley Elementary, where many Cedarville students complete their field experiences throughout the semester. We're looking forward to helping parents and students see learning in a fun way that can be celebrated at home, too."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including the [Bachelor of Arts in Special Education](#) program, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.

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