

HEART MATTERS

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Libraries of Hope Newsletter

“THERE’S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INSISTING ON SOMEONE’S DOING SOMETHING AND ESTABLISHING AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THAT PERSON CAN GROW INTO WANTING TO DO IT.”

--MISTER ROGERS

--We are now entering Month 6. We’ve won our independence, but danger isn’t over. What will our new government look like? A lot of men had pretty strong opinions on the matter. It’s a miracle that they could come to an agreement and give us a Constitution small enough to fit in our pockets, but strong enough to hold us together for over 200 years. It’s time to celebrate! Learn more about our Constitution, our songs, our stories.

We connect to the Holy Land because that it a story of another people who were free under God. Andrew Jackson said, “The Bible is the rock upon which our Republic rests.” We have much to learn from these Bible people about being free. And we’ll want to learn about their neighbors in Ancient times, like Babylon and Persia and Assyria, present day Iraq and Iran and Syria.

For nature, we turn our attention on the tiny creatures of our insect world. And the Mother’s University turns to Storytelling—a personal favorite topic.

If you’d like to get ideas for what learning in these topics looks like, check out our Well-Educated Heart Facebook group on Fridays. Look for Friday show and tell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--I have exciting news for you today!

Last fall, we introduced a new community platform called Belle Ame at Home. We know WEH is different and it can be hard and often lonely to try and make these changes in your homes and families. BAAH has been a game changer for so many moms.

What we offer is value packed, but is still beyond the budget for many families. So today I am happy to tell you we now have a Basic Level option for

for only \$29/month! We want to grow our community of families and we don't want cost to keep you away.

This new Basic Level includes the Inspiration Stations that I do almost every day. It's like a mini Catch the Vision and Take 5s for your whole family and it only takes about 5 to 7 minutes a day. This will help make sense of the rotation schedule and load you with ideas for learning. It also includes a membership to Biblioguides and other features of our community that you can learn about in a new [video](#) I just created and will post in the comments. It's just over ten minutes.

Please share with your friends and bring them into the community, too!

I also hope you'll also visit belleamedream.org. Belle Ame Center for Artful Living is our non-profit and BAAH is our primary fundraising arm. So not only are you getting all the benefits of membership, you are helping to build something that we hope will bless and lift all of your lives even more. I have exciting news to tell you which I will unfold over the next couple of weeks.

Please go to belleameathome.com to join hundreds of families already in our community. You will be given a 7-day free trial to go in and look around!

--**We started a new feature** in our FB group called #wehdidyouknow. This is where I highlight things we offer... but a lot of people aren't aware of.

For those of you just getting started, the most budget friendly collection of books you can purchase is My Book House. It's arranged developmentally, meaning the first volumes are for younger kids. It can also be accessed as free digital reads at archive.org.

If you go to librariesofhope.com, select 'Rotation' and scroll down the bottom of the page, you will see 3 buttons. One of them is to My Book House where you can print out a list of all the stories sorted by rotation. Or you can direct link it [here](#).

It's a quick grab and read!

--**WEH Academy Parent Meeting.** Our Well-Educated Heart Academy is going strong and ready to expand in our 2024-25 school year.

For those of you who are new, and those of you who have been here for awhile, if you have Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers

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**“YOU CAN’T GO BACK AND
CHANGE THE BEGINNING,
BUT YOU CAN START
WHERE YOU ARE AND
CHANGE THE ENDING.”**

--C.S. Lewis

Art credit: Where the Water Lilies Grow
by James Aumonier



who you are looking for excellent teachers and mentors in academic subjects like Math, Science, even computer programming and entrepreneurship, you’ll want to attend our Parent Information Meeting coming up next week.

Thursday, February 8th, 6:00 pm MST

In this meeting, we will discuss the following:

- The Well-Educated Heart Academy’s mission, vision, and educational philosophy
- Student feedback on courses and teachers
- Student Body Government
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student interactions requirements and expectations
- Online safety and privacy
- Preview of new courses and teachers for the 2024-25 school year
- Educational Reimbursement programs
- The importance of growing the number of families and students
- Questions & Answers

If your schedule does not allow you to attend this meeting live, do not worry; we will record it and post it as soon as possible.

[Zoom link:](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83000344009...) <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83000344009...>

--**Watch for changes in our MOI** community...and an invitation for more of you to join us there.

We are revisiting our Mothers of Influence community in Mighty Networks. Originally, we made a requirement that you can only join after completing Catch the Vision. The intention was good...we thought it would help take the conversations to a deeper level.

But we can see so many benefits to opening up the community for anyone to join. There are ways to connect and do things with each other in Mighty Networks that can’t happen here in Facebook.

So we are redesigning it and there will be a free section where anyone can join and participate. You’ll be able to see if there are any moms near you. Then there will be a section for those who have completed CTV and want to



Art credit: Women Decorating Porcelain by Emma Meyer

dive deeper. We are hoping to grow more WEH leaders and mentors and we see that section as a way to do that. The whole site will be free of charge. There will just be certain parts that won't be available for everyone to see.

We hear so many moms tell us they feel lonely in this WEH journey because it is different--with this platform, there is no reason for anyone to feel alone.

We want it to be our community--a place for Mothers of Influence to gather and connect.

In the front of the Delphian handbook is this reminder: “Ten small discussional groups in a community will do more to create a new way of life than a hundred mass meetings with a thousand in attendance at each.”

Art credit: Three Reading Women in a Summer Landscape by Johan Krouthen

