



You're never too old,  
too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book  
and read to a child.  
-Dr. Seuss

## Kidsplace Kicks off March is Reading Month

Reading is one of the most important activities adults can do with children. To help encourage this Kidsplace will hold

"The Dr. is In..."



Three celebrity readers will be reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books on Saturday, March 2.

Peter Rogovich (the principal of Jefferson School) will read "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Janine Sharrard (Legg Middle School English teacher) shares "The Sneetches"

Jamie Barrand (Editor of the Daily Reporter) shares "And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street" & "Are You My Mother?"

Patrons, young and old will be encouraged to enjoy the timeless gentle lessons of Dr. Seuss with a variety of activities.

Reading logs will be available for patrons ages 0-12th grade to complete during the month of March. Upon reading the minimum or above for each age appropriate level,



(Tower building like Thing 1 & Thing 2 would do.)

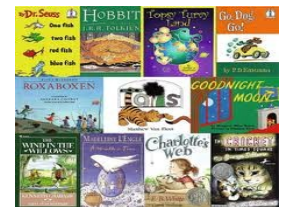
all participants will receive a prize donated by local businesses. There will be a special prize for the family who reads the highest total number of pages.

### Looking Forward Super Saturday Events

**April 20 @ 11:30**  
"Celebrating the Earth with our Friends, the Birds" presented by Jim Brandon of Nottawa Gas Company.

**May 11 from 11am-3pm: Celebrate Mom**  
Neitzert's Greenhouse is providing bedding plants for our young patrons to give to their moms.

**May 18: Abraham Lincoln & Friends**



### Looking Forward "Move those Books"

A Spring campaign to promote the donation of gently used children's books.

**Oh, the fun that we have!**



## Harriet Tubman stops in Kidsplace on her way to freedom.

On Saturday, February 18, Kidsplace had the honor of hosting Harriet Tubman. Harriet, also known as Margie Carrington, shared with those in attendance, her life and the many obstacles she overcame to become one of the great heroines of our country.



Harriet & Mr. McVicker

I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves.

Using a combination of personal sharing, props and a short DVD clip, Harriet captivated the audience with her powerful story.

Several of the young people in attendance were able to gain first person information for their school reports. And a local teacher "booked" Harriet for a classroom presentation later that week.

Kidsplace was pleased and honored to have such a distinguished guest as we focused on Black History Month.



[Odds N Ends](#)

Kidsplace welcomes Kathy Unroe, a student volunteer. Kathy is joining us on Thursday afternoons to help with shelving and other projects that keep us running smoothly. She also helps out at the Bronson branch. Welcome Kathy!

Kidsplace staff attended the BISD's "Family Fair" and gave out information regarding the multitude of neat things, one can do and use at the local library. (We also signed-up 17 more Geeks!)

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Just Dig" for the young patrons. The Coldwater Area Garden Club wanted to be more proactive in reaching the young of our community and as the adage goes..thus a match made in heaven was formed. The CAGC has graciously agreed to plan, execute and underwrite the cost of the Elementary age Wednesday morning summer activities.

The 2013 SRP is truly becoming a community event as many local patrons, organizations and businesses are donating time and materials to help us reach the youth of the community.



## Thank you, thank you, thank you! Did we say thank you?

Kidsplace has some of the best patrons in the world! The following young patrons have donated 67 books to the library. Brady & Brandon Crabtree, Emma & Gracie Finn, Mikayla & Madison Everline have given generously so that other children will enjoy the wonderful books found at Kidsplace. And congratulations to their parents for encouraging them to give.

The following people have also given materials and supplies for use with our story times and other creative endeavors in Kids.

Andy & Bailey Craig  
Lucia Carpenter  
Alison Walinski  
Carlee Andress  
Rachel Everline  
Sharon Dollan  
The Dull Family

A huge thank you goes to Mr. Jim Houck who gave us a large number of the items from our wish-list! Here's a young patron enjoying some of his generosity.

