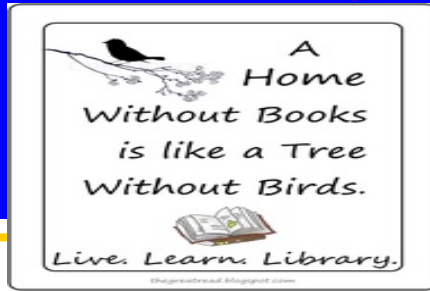


Branch District Library Kidsplace



Kidsplace Celebrated Earth Day with our Friends, the Birds.

On Saturday, April 20th Kidsplace hosted 28 patrons & their families who were treated to a very special presentation by Mr. Jim Brandon of the Nottawa Gas Company and his daughter, Kristin.

Mr. Jim shared how we can recognize birds that we see in our area. He also shared tips on



how to attract various birds through providing nesting materials and

feeding them.

He gave those in attendance so much stuff to take home that it filled the grocery sacks that staff provided!

Mr. Jim generously provided nesting material such as alpaca fur, certain colored yarn, bird seed and the best thing of all, mealy worms.

We're not sure who enjoyed the presentation more, Mr. Jim or the children!

We all hope that Mr. Jim will join us again this fall.



Final Tally for March Reading

Dr. Seuss would be proud of our young patrons' results from our month long March celebration of reading. We had a total of 39 young people, ages 3 months to 16 yrs participate. The total number of pages read tallied 36,265! That averages 929 pages per person. Not bad, although our top reader, Tyler Ford read 5981 of those pages! Gad-zooks! With the pages read by Tyler's sister, Shayla, the Ford family were our top readers and received the Bob Evans Family meal prize! Just image the places, this

Looking forward:
 Saturday, May 11
 Celebrating Mother's Day
 Children will plant a flower donated by Neitzert's Greenhouse for the special lady of their heart.

 Saturday, May 18 @ 11:30 am
 Abraham Lincoln & Friends

Just for the record: Summer Reading & Youth Services program-

- Century Bank & Trust:** \$400
- Monarch:** \$250
- Southern Michigan: \$100
- H.C. Starck Co.: \$125
- Coldwater Area Garden Club:** \$105 & weekly crafts
- Walmart Distribution:** \$1000
- Home Depot:** Window Planter & related supplies
- Branch County Fair
- McDonald's
- Coldwater Friends (Library)

Kidsplace Scene of Baby's First Outing! 3 weeks old and all ready enjoying Kidsplace!



He who does not get fun and enjoyment out of every day...needs to reorganize his life.

George Matthew Adams

As the old adage goes: "a picture paints a 1000 words".
Enjoy!

So please, oh PLEASE, we beg,
we pray, Go throw your TV set
away, And in its place you can
install, A lovely bookshelf on
the wall."

**Roald Dahl-"Charlie & the
Chocolate Factory"**



Odds N Ends



**Kidsplace
welcomes
Annie
Quaak and
family to
our volun-
teer cadre.**

We are very blessed by this family as they are cleaning our books and helping us move our collections as needed. Annie and daughter, Alyssa are talented artists whose skills we hope to utilize for Summer Reading décor.

Lincoln School Headstart children visited Kids on Tuesday, April 30th. Miss Mary and Miss Traci were on hand to share a story time with the A.M. and P.M. classes respectively. No pictures to prove it, but a good time was had by all. The children were given information about upcoming events and our SRP sign-up. We hope to see everyone back in June.

Kidsplace staff now requires a signed permission slip of all parent/guardians before we publish any of the children's pictures.

We received 5 wooden Melissa & Doug puzzles, several pop-out Dino-saur books and a new Veggie Tale DVD from anonymous sources this month. Thanks to all our generous patrons.



Kidsplace takes to the road!

Linda Dull participated as a special reader for the St. Charles School PTO's Emphasis on Reading on Friday, April 12. She set up a display of our many services and activities, including our GEEK & Summer Reading campaign.

Even with the CD player quitting in the middle of Go Fish's "Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed", the 25-30 children in attendance had fun! She shared stories, songs and a special monkey themed craft.

We hope to continue partnering with local schools & other family related organizations. It's a great way to network and let the community know how much we have to offer.

Jeanne & Linda traveled to Max Larsen on Thursday, April 25 to represent the library as part of United Way's "Learning Fair". Jeanne handled new patron card registration; Linda lead the children in a make it and take it craft. Information about SRP and other Kidsplace events was given out as well. We proved so popular that we were the last participant able to close up for the evening! (Our butterflies were quite the hit!)

