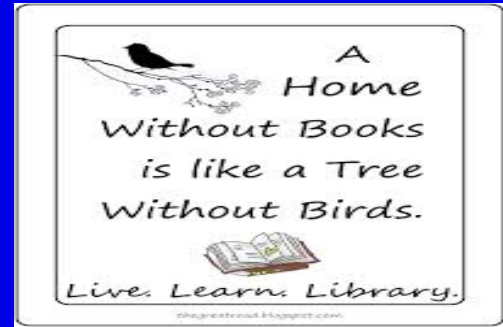


KIDS' PLACE NEWS



FEBRUARY 2014



LOOKING FORWARD:

Black History Celebration:
Rosa Parks
Saturday, Feb 15 @ 11:30

Dr Suess Luau
March 1

Selfies with Kari Murray
March 15 @ 11:30

Express yourself Clay Art w/Deb Theron
March

Cartooning 101
March 29 @ 12 w/Jonny Hawkins

Flying Fish on Ice?

While there were no actual flying fish on ice in Kids' Place, we did have three great presentations pertaining to WWII flying machines, the ABC's of Aquarium Care and Around the World Tales.

Mike Kelly did a wonderful presentation regarding both the planes and pilots of WWII on January 11. He also shared what the local community did to help with the war effort.

The following weekend of January 18 brought Joel Gambling of Sea Dwellers and Friends to us. Joel did a fantastic job of introducing children and parents to the intricacies of aquariums.

The question and answer time lasted so long that Miss Linda wondered if she was going to have to spend the night!

Our last event of January finished with ice! The Ice Festival that is. We celebrated the Around the World theme of the festival with various country folk tales and related crafts.



Joel in action.



Mike and a new friend.

Chinese New Year, Valentines & Bedtime Math

February brought in the Chinese New Year. Kids' First Club started the month with a wonderful morning of stories, crafts and related activities. This included performing the traditional dragon dance, drinking tea and eating fortune cookies. The Tuesday Preschoolers also enjoyed learning and celebrating the

Year of the Horse.

Miss Mary led Monday and Thursday evening Bedtime Math parties the week of February 3rd. Math & snacks were enjoyed by all.

Saturday, February 8 saw lots of hearts and love-ly crafts available, as we hosted a Valentine "Make It and Take It".



I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

Groucho Marx

"Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them."
— **Lemony Snicket**

Read Across America Reading Incentive

Sign up has begun for our annual March Reading incentive. This year's theme is "Reading Across America". Readers will reach predetermined destinations by the number of books/pages read.

We're challenging the patrons to surpass the 89,000+ pages that were read in October's Incentive. Our goal is 90,000 reading miles!

As usual there are participation rewards, top reader awards for each of

our 6 reading levels and then the supreme Family challenge. Which family reads the most?!

We look forward to lots of fun and hopefully some interesting stories of our travels along the way.

The incentive runs from March 3rd-31st. Sign-up in Kids' Place anytime.



Larry & Bob are hoping that someone takes them someplace warm on this reading trip!

Odds N Ends

Wii games and Monday Movie Madness have been great winter blah breakers. We never have a large number of patrons but the fun is giant sized!

Linda & Julia attended a library workshop in Albion on Summer Reading programming.

They had a good time. All we're saying is that dancing and bubble wrap were involved.

Thanks to contacts Linda made last year at the Kalamazoo Rock Show, we're hosting the Western Michigan University CORE program "Natural Hazards" at all

six library branches this summer. And the best part is NO cost to us!!

Check out the growing ball of string on the YA floor. We're hoping to make some kind of record.

Our young homeschool group will be hosting Abraham Lincoln on Thursday, Feb 20 as they do their presidential studies presentations.

Notes of Gratitude:



We want to thank the following people:

Shannon Goheen, Jackie Cruz-Rodriguez & Abbie Miller for their selfless help in cleaning books and toys over the past month.

Mary & Jamie Wachowicz for the wonderful book donations to our collection.

Our young patrons who loudly announce: "I love the library!" and give us hugs on a regular basis.

Parents who share how their child/ren have found a new area of interest because of a Kids' Place program or a recommended book.

It makes this job more than a job. It means we're building a living legacy!