

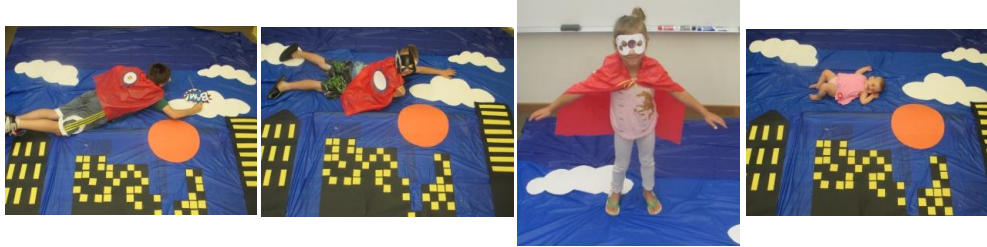


2015 KIDS' PLACE NEWS



SUMMER WRAP-UP

We hosted 75 children and teens, along with 50 adults at our Hero Quest Party for our Summer's Super Hero aka "over achievers" of the Summer Reading Program. We gave out lots of free stuff, (books & posters won at Spring Institute, along with other random items we've been given-like a whoopee cushion). Attendees also played super hero games and had their pictures taken flying through the sky! We hope to host something similar again next summer. 'Cuz this was one of the best attended events of SRP!



- On Friday afternoons, the "Through the Portal" Elementary Story Group is Reading 100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson.
- We are joining with libraries & schools around Michigan for **Michigan Reads!** This year's featured book is Do Unto Otters by Laurie Keller. Four events are scheduled to share this book and activities with our young patrons



Due to the generosity of Diane Pridgeon and the Smith Family grant, approximately 18 of our young families were able to participate in 4 weeks of this delightful programming by Lisa Dove. One of our families who participated had a special needs child, who normally does not focus well or socialize with others. He thoroughly participated to the parents' delight! We say "Thank-you" to Diane and of course, Lisa.

KIDS' YOGA

Lou and Nicole DeGraff, along with their children did a Saturday afternoon presentation. The kids enjoyed learning about the benefits of gaining strength and flexibility through Yoga and tried out some fun animal poses! Mr. Lou & Miss Nicole will be back in November to do another session.





Bonjour, Madeline!



Refusing to be left out of enjoying a favorite book character (by patron request, of course!), the Toddlers enjoyed a scaled-down version of our earlier “Madeline” themed party for the older children. An age-appropriate telling of the classic tale, along with a snack and a toddler-friendly art project had the kids singing Frère Jaques all the way home! We are planning to have these repeat parties for our other “Traveling Tales” events!



October Reading Program Sign-up has begun!

Children & students, age 2 to 18 may now sign up for our October reading incentive. This program spans the month of October and encourages children to set and meet reading goals to win prizes and compete for the top-reader awards. The more the children read, the more they will win. Top readers from each age group will receive a gift certificate to Taylor’s Books & More, along with a discount coupon to use on their book purchase. We will also award a Family Prize to the family that averages the highest number of pages for the month.

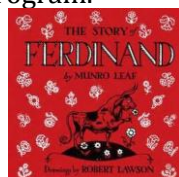
Kiwanis Key Club Volunteers

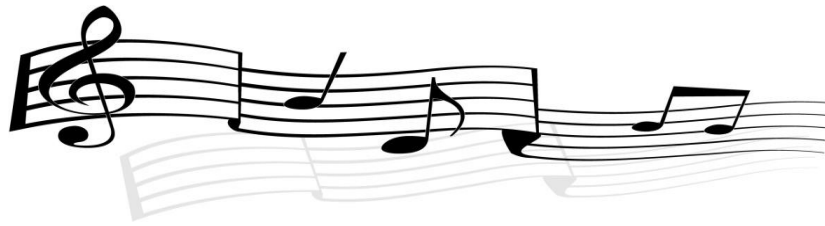
Along with their generous financial sponsorship of our newest program, “Traveling Tales,” the Coldwater Kiwanis Club has sent their youngest members, the “Key Club” (made up of teen members) to help prep our various craft and costume needs for our next adventure where we travel to Spain with the book, “Ferdinand the Bull”.



TRAVELING TALES PRESENTS: FERDINAND

On Saturday, October 3 we will be traveling to Spain with the help of the book, “Ferdinand” by Robert Lawson. Becky Simonds from CHS will be telling the story in Spanish as well as teaching various Spanish phrases. We’ll experience authentic churros and a delicious Spanish chocolate drink as we dress as matadors and flamenco dancers. There’s a rumor, we may see a “bull” fight as well as experience making art in the manner of Picasso! We are so grateful to the Coldwater Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this unique program.





NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

- Janet & Eric Rucker for the art supplies.
- Elaine Moore for story telling.
- Anonymous for the wonderful Disney DVD's
- Patrons who share positive feedback.



ROOM-SIZED GAMES!

Hi-Ho Apple-O.... Saturday, September 19th



Colossal Cootie-Bug... in October

Super Sized YAHTZEE!... in November



TEENS



Goosebumps Day!
October 17th

Murder
Mystery Pizza
Party
October 23rd



Stay tuned
for
more details!