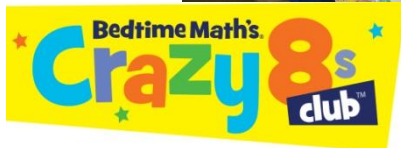


# Branch District Library Kids' Place February 2016

## Traveling Tales: Germany

What fun we had on Saturday, January 16 “flying” to Germany for a morning of fun exploring the German culture and language through Grimm’s *The Bremen Town Musicians*. Special guest, Mariah Littley did an excellent job teaching us a variety of songs, greetings, basic counting/colors and geography facts. The story was fun with Miss Linda reading in English and Miss Mariah in German. We expressed ourselves artistically by making Germany’s flag and our own keepsake picture of the Bremen musicians. Once again, we had some great food of which the potato soup was a surprise hit! We look forward to May when we’ll be traveling to Japan. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.



While we’ve gotten off to a slow start, each week sees more students attending Miss Mary’s Thursday evening program. This club is brought to us through a partnership with the Bedtime Math Foundation. We are also participating in a Harvard University study of young children and math anxiety. (a \$50 gift card will be ours at the end!)

# Thanks!

This month we extend our appreciation to:

**Theresa Broadwater:** old 78 records for our IceFest art projects  
**Quality Springs/Toga:** \$250 for Summer Reading 2016



**Ice Fest 2016:** Author-Matt Biolchini shared his self-published book, "Brave Best Friend" with a large group of children/parents on Saturday, Jan 30. Following his reading, there was a question and answer period



regarding how Matt was inspired for the plot and illustrations. The morning finished with Matt's cube monster craft.



In the afternoon, we enjoyed decorating old 78 records and paper guitars in honor of the IceFest theme "Rock n Roll Forever!"



## Other Saturday Fun!



**On Saturday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Animal Frolics was held with Linda Ives & Joe H. using the ancient martial art of Qigong to introduce the children to the poses of Bear, Tiger, Bird, Monkey & Deer. Appropriate animal crafts and snacks were enjoyed following.**

Coming Soon!

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Who has  
fun?

Kids' Place!

### Marvelous Mondays:

Movie Madness -Feb 8  
All Things Flannel-Feb 15<sup>th</sup>;  
All Things Frozen-Feb 22 & 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Saturday Events:

Feb 6: Miss Mary' s Chinese New Year Celebration  
Feb 13: Valentine Puppet Workshop  
Feb 20: Celebrating Black History with Soul Food & Song!  
Feb 27: Under the Sea or the ABC' s of Aquarium Care

ON YOUR MARK,  
GET SET...  
**READ!**

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Summer Reading 2016  
Updates

- **PepsiCo will be supplying flats of water & Gatorade.**
- **Plans are moving forward with the use of the Henry Brown Recreation Center for our Wednesday Elementary programming.**
- **FireBird Studio has agreed to provide (2) weeks of dance instruction for our Toddler group.**
- **M.S.U.Extension will be doing a healthy snack presentation for the Toddlers.**
- **Lloyd Adams of Adams Karate will be back.**
- **The Dance Factory Aerobic Dance Team will join us.**
- **We also have professional square dancers, juggler and aerobic drumming coming our way!**
- **And let's not forget our favorite Detroit Bats from the Cranbrook!!**

# Snapshots of Winter Fun!

Making pinecone bird feeders!



We learned that Captain Kidd was from New Jersey! His treasure be there still!



Octopi with the letter O!



He's in love! And Emma is her name.

