



# Branch District Library Kids' Place

JUNE 2015



We keep busy here in Kids' Place. Between regular programming, special events and working on Summer Reading details, let's just say there is no reason Kids' Place isn't hopping! We've had decent attendance at our various programs and presentations, and we continue to look for ways to service our patrons and provide a fun, educational and safe place to be!



Ronald McDonald will be helping us to Kick-Off our Summer Reading Program, "Get Ready, Get Set, READ!" with a program at the Robert Brown Recreation Center on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am. Children of all ages, along with the participants of the Recreation Department Parks Program, will get excited about reading and learn about all of the activities that will be happening during the summer months.



since last time...

We've had so much fun, as you can see on the pages following. We felt the force on our annual **STAR WARS Day** with games, crafts, and some very interesting costumes by our circulation staff! We were busting at the seams on our "**Girls Day Out – Library Style**" with over 100 participants braiding and polishing, and making clay hair clips! Bekah and Tara from Studio 17, and Debra helped the girls primp to their hearts' content. The turnout for our Armed Forces day was small, but some of our faithful patrons came our rescue to complete the Hero Bracelets that were sent with a local marine, to deliver to his unit on active duty. Finally, kids and teens alike left their egos at the door to enjoy our Mustache Day, complete with their favorite mustache shape and a mustache cookie!

Miss Mary concluded the spring session of **Crazy Eights Bedtime Math** (another session is in the works for July), our spring schedule of storytimes and programs has ended (Miss Linda/**Monday Laptime, Tuesday Preschool, Wednesday Toddlers, Miss Julia/Friday Preschool, Miss Linda & Miss Julia/Homeschool Adventures**), and the final touches to the **Summer Reading Program** are being made. We are already fielding daily questions about the opportunities to participate in the reading incentive as well as the weekly programs that coordinate with our physical fitness theme. The kids can hardly contain their excitement and we always make extra sure that everything is in place to handle an average of over **500 participants** in the program.

In addition to the programs offered on site in Kids' Place, we are teaming up with the City of Coldwater Recreation Department's **Parks Program** to offer an exciting schedule of programs on **Wednesdays at the Robert Browne Recreation Center**. Kids that are enrolled in the Park program will join our regular patrons as we offer various programs including **Ronald McDonald, Drummunity** (Hands-on Rhythmic Music Program), **Ring of Steel Jedi Academy** (stage fighting demonstration & workshop), **Lloyd Adams Karate, Dance Factory Exhibition**, and the **Lansing Hoops** (professional Hula Hoop team). We are also hoping to bring our love of reading off-site and offer a "bookmobile" for kids with library cards to check out a book after the program concludes. It must be true that you can take the librarian out of the library, but you can't take the library out of the librarian!

We also have various community and professional presenters for our younger groups, **Tumbling Toddlers** and **Team Preschool**, to get them moving this summer. Even our **Bouncing Babies** Laptime will focus on physical fitness and fun!

Finally, back by popular demand, we will also have a number of **SUPER SUMMER SATURDAY PROGRAMS** including **Tibbits Summer Theater actors, "Bats in the Library"** by the Society for Bat Preservation, and the **Flying Aces** (a profession Frisbee team).



**Angel Crafters of HERO Bracelets: (for Ben Gerth's Marine Unit)**  
Mikayla Everline & Faith Miller

Since a photo is worth 1,000 words, here are a few of the happenings in Kids' that will probably make you smile as much they do us:

Who knew she could "grow" such a grand moustache!



A quiet moment with our Toddlers



Miss Bekha and Audrey enjoy a moment!



Mikayla working on the Hero Bracelets.