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Summer Reading Program

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The Branch District Library is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program which will run from June 6th to July 30th. Children are encouraged to sign up any time during these dates.

This year the theme will be "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds." Notice the tower steeple in the picture on the right. This summer it will be Rapunzel's tower room. Be sure to keep your eye on the tower as you drive by because you just might get a glimpse of Rapunzel lowering her beautiful golden hair. As you gaze up at the big picture window on the third floor don't be surprised if you see a dragon. Don't

be afraid because he really is friendly.

If you get the opportunity to stop by Kids' Place to visit you will see what a castle looked like back in medieval times. At least as authentic as we can make it.

There will be activities for children to participate in dealing with dragons, dreams and daring deeds.



Children will earn prizes as they read throughout the summer. They can earn tickets to the 4-H Fair, get a free hamburger, and get some really cool prizes. McDonald's is sponsoring our reading program this summer and will be donating bikes to use as prizes in our drawing. There will be three separate age groups.

In the display case in Kids' Place you will find a handsome green dragon. Although he may be handsome he is very sad because he has no name. As children register for the Summer Reading Program they can enter a name for him in the drawing, to be chosen at a later date. I wonder what his name will be and who will win the dragon.

Special points of interest:

Summer Reading Program starts June 6th.

Check Out the New DVDs at the Library in Kids' Place

Little House on the Prairie

One could enjoy a day with the characters of Little House on the Prairie when they borrow this six disc set. There are titles that may be familiar or some that might be new to you. Either way they will be a big hit with the whole family. This group of discs consist of such titles as Castoffs, Times of Challenge,

My Ellen, The Handyman, The Wolves, The Creeper of Walnut Grove, To Run and Hide, The Aftermath, The High Cost of Being Right, The Fighter, Meet Me at the Fair, Here Come the Brides, Freedom Flight, The Rivals, Whisper Country, I Remember, Be My Friend, The Inheritance, Stranger, A Most Precious Gift, and I'll Be Waving as

You Drive Away.

Then if that isn't enough we have more. There are other sets that contain six discs or you could borrow the individual DVD.

These are good wholesome movies that children and adults would enjoy watching while eating a big bowl of popcorn.

Dr. Dolittle 1 & 2

Who can resist Eddy Murphy and those loveable animals in Dr. Dolittle? He actually understands what the animals are saying to him and he tries to heal and protect them while he tries to keep peace in his own family. Guaranteed for a good laugh.

Lucy Must Be Traded,

Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown is the manager of a baseball team that has just lost its 900th game in a row. It's time to get rid of their worst player, Lucy. But was Lucy really the worst player or did Charlie Brown make a big mistake?

Stuart Little

Stuart finds the perfect family to adopt him, the Littles. There's just one small problem. The Littles are human and Stuart is a mouse. How could a mouse possibly live like humans? Everything would be so large. See how Stuart fit in with the Littles.

Baby Bach

This video introduces babies to the music of Bach. Listening to such classical music has shown positive effects on youngsters health and well-being. The beautiful images in the video allow opportunities for parents to enhance their child's vocabulary .

Baby Dolittle

This is a video for babies with a different twist on Dr. Doolittle. It introduces toddlers to animals while being accented with classical music arrangements. Children will also enjoy the silly puppet shows that are featured in this video.

Baby Van Gogh

Children will discover the amazing world of colors with Vincent Van Goat, a puppet who loves art. Watch as the puppet creates several masterpieces devoted to individual colors. Classical music will be playing in the background of this fun filled video.

New Books in Kids' Place

Good Well, Good Knight

by Shelley Moore Thomas

The good knight goes to visit his dragon friends only to find them sick in bed with a cold in their head. How can he help them? He will go ask the wizard. What does a wizard give to dragons when they are sick? Read and find out. You might be surprised to find out that it's something you like.

Neil's Castle

by Alissa Imre Geis

Neil had a dream that he lived in a castle but when he woke up the fun was gone. He tried to find a way to create the castle from his dreams but it was hard to do. Then he remembered what his father liked to do. That's how he could make his castle and keep it forever.



Anyone can pursue a dream no matter how big it may be.

If you like to do plays these are the books for you.

The Middle Ages - these are short plays that provide history from the middle ages. It gives writing prompts to get started and supplies creative activities for children to enjoy.

12 Fabulously Funny Fairy Tale Plays— Choose one of

your favorite tales and add some humor to it. Would you happen to know the story of Spiderella, Rafunzel, or maybe Goldilocks and the 3 Bullrogs? This is a fun book for all ages.

Fairy Tale Plays - This book provides writing activities that encourage children to explore further into the

plot, the characters and the setting of the play. These plays are sure to be enjoyed by

all who participate. The titles are cute but the plays are hilarious.

Scene 1:
August 15, 778
A.D.
The following day
back at King
Charles' camp.

Falling for Rapunzel

By Leah Wilcox

This is a humorous story about being misunderstood. The prince wants Rapunzel to through down her hair but she thinks he said throw down your underwear. The prince goes to great lengths to be understood. Good thing that never happens to us.

The Dragons are Singing Tonight

Once again Jack Prelutsky amazes us with his poetry and imagination. In his book about dragons and dreams he brings back the memories of years gone by when there were kings, knights and castles and when dragons were real. The illustrations by Peter Sis make the book come alive for all those

who truly believe in dragons.

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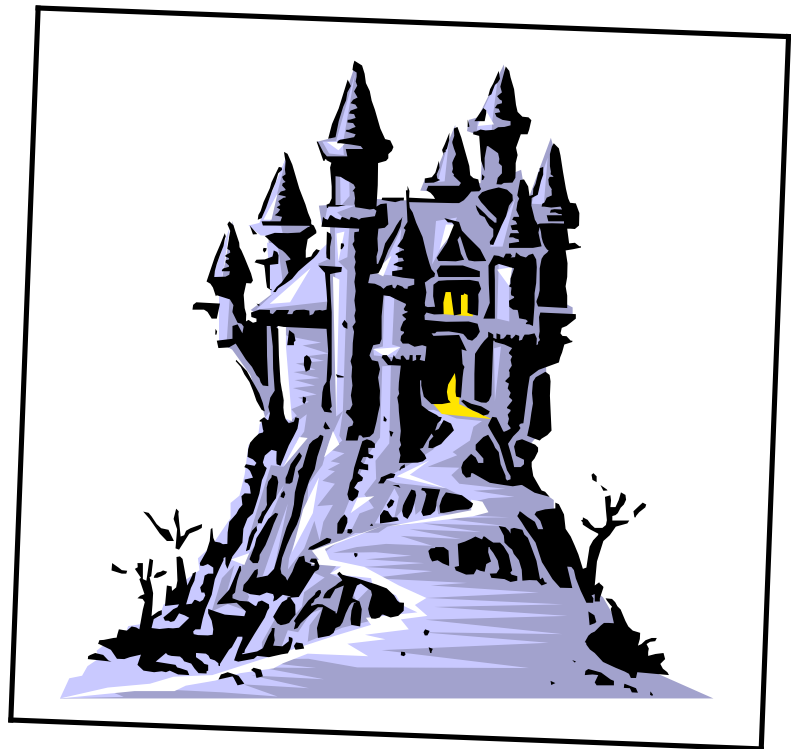
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**Dragons, Dreams
and Daring Deeds**

Kids' Place - 3rd Floor



McDonald's Sponsors Summer Reading Program

McDonald's has always had the reputation of creating an enjoyable atmosphere for children and families. It is where a kid can be a kid. Here at the Branch District Library we try to hold to those same values as we encourage children to read during the summer months while they are out of school.

This summer the library is pleased to be partnering once again with McDonald's on our Summer Reading Program. Children completing the Summer Reading Program have

an opportunity to win a boys or a girls bike in our "Most Creative" contest. They have also donated free hamburger coupons, Frizbees and other prizes to congratulate the participants.

The contest consists of children reading a story and creating a poem, sculpture, picture, play, or other artistic expressions depicting the story.

Families can also enter a contest together. Since our theme this summer is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" we would like families

to create a "Family Crest" of their own which will be displayed in Kids' Place.

A BIG Thank You to McDonald's for their continued support.



McDonald's donates bikes and prizes for Summer Reading Program at the library.