



Branch District Library

KIDSPLACE—Juvenile Area

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Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at the Branch District Library's Coldwater branch was a great success thanks to McDonalds, the Branch County 4-H Fair and the Friends of the Library. An amazing number of children (704) signed up and were ready to begin reading. They ranged from 2 years old to 8th grade.

The children certainly made us, here at the library, realize just



Like the Little Blue Engine, the children knew they could do it.

how busy they were this summer when we saw the summer statistics for Kidsplace. There were 12,869 items circulated during the months of June and July. Now that's a lot of reading.

Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program still have until September 2nd to get their projects turned in. The children's projects are being displayed in the Adult Reading Area on the main floor for the public to enjoy. The children have done a fantastic job on their projects and wish to share them with you.

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Story Hours

Kidsplace staff is looking for children who are ages 2-5 years old and might enjoy listening to a story or two, singing songs, do finger plays, and do an art project. If you have a child fitting this description we would enjoy having

the two of you join us for story hour on Mondays at 10:15 AM or 1:00 PM or Tuesday at 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM.

On Wednesdays at 10:30 AM there is a Lap Time story time for newborns to 2 year olds.

NEW BOOKS

The Branch District Library's Coldwater branch has purchased a set of "Step-By-Step" craft books for children. These books give some background history on the designated craft and provides patterns to help children get started. Subjects covered in these books are, Handmade Cards, Mosaics, Beadwork, Origami, Paperfolding, Decorative Painting, Papermaking, Printing, Clay Modeling, Collage, Papier Mache, and Creative Lettering. Children will find a variety of activities to entertain themselves in these easy to follow, step-by-step books. They might be useful for children who are in to scrap booking, 4-H Fair projects for next year or someone who is trying to find something fun to do. It just might be a fun activity for the whole family. Check the list and see which craft you would like to learn to do and then rush to the library before your favorite project to do is checked out.

NEW BOOKS (cont.)

Another set of books you might notice at the library is our new "Survivor's Set." As children look through the pages they will see some words in bold print, such as, evaporate, expeditions, buoyancy, and ultraviolet. They will find the definition to these words in the glossary. Children will discover how science helps people, plants and animals survive in such places as in the Forest, on an Island, in the Desert, in the Ocean, in a Rain Forest and at the Polar Regions. Peter D. Riley, the author, discusses several subjects but has made the books appear more like short two page chapter books which will have a better chance of holding a child's interest. The illustrations he uses are wonderful learning tools.

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NEW BOOKS (cont.)

If you would like to teach your child a new and fun way to communicate you might try our new books by Karen Price Hossell. Think of the fun you could have learning Morse Code, Hieroglyphs, Ciphers and Codes, and Sign Language. As they learn these ways of communication they will also discover the history behind it. You could use sign language with your child from across the room, send SOS messages by tapping a spoon or knocking on a table or hard object. On road trips you might want to play a game with hieroglyphic signs and see if you can guess what your child is trying to tell you. Communication can be fun when you expand your knowledge in other areas.



*Plant the seed and
watch it grow.*