

October 2012

Kids' Place News

Tuesday Night is "Game Night" for Teens & Tweens

Every Tuesday night from 4:00-5:00 p.m. is Game Night for Teens and Tweens. They started this event off by having a volleyball tournament. They did this by using the big screen T.V. and the Wii game. Have you ever tried playing volleyball sitting in a chair? The participants started out sitting but were unable to contain themselves. It wasn't long before they were jumping and swinging their arms to hit the ball, even though there wasn't really one there to hit. This is a very competitive bunch but they are enjoying the special night at the library.

The Imagination of a Child is Priceless

In order to expand a child's imagination it's important to do things differently, not according to the status quo. One of the subjects children learned about at story time was chickens. They listened to stories, strutted around Kidsplace scratching for food, put chickens in order according to size, picked up worms with their beak (or using the chicken's beak), and created their own chicken puppet. They could be heard clucking throughout the library.



Moose on the Loose

Moose on the Loose is a children's book written by Kathy-jo Wargin and illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello. It was chosen as the 2012 Michigan Reads! One-State, One Children's Book program. During the months of September and October children statewide are encouraged to read this beautifully illustrated book that is filled with cause and effect, rhyming text, and anticipation as to what will be the moose's next move.

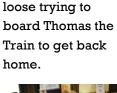
Moose were definitely on the loose in Kidsplace at story hour. The children appeared to enjoy this interactive story that got them up and moving. It also peeked their interest as to what they would do if they saw a moose on the loose. At the craft table they made their own moose antlers which they proudly wore throughout the library.



A not so happy moose on the loose who is camera shy.



A moose on the loose showing off her cognitive think-



A moose on the

A happy moose on the loose kicking up his heels.



ing skills.



All Aboard! Thomas the Train is moving on down the tracks taking some moose back home.

Banned Book Week



The week of September 30th was "Banned Book Week." There were books displayed in Kids' Place and in the Young Adult area showing books that have been commonly banned and the reason why each book was considered for banning.

I found it rather intriguing that most of the books on the list were checked out.



Inside Story Headline

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September 29th was our amazing "Fancy Nancy" party. I say amazing because 45 young ladies came streaming up the stairs to join in the festivities. As the girls arrived they were adorned with beads, a tiara, and a feather boa. Then, off they went to get their pictures taken. We started out by having them sit on the steps so we could get a picture of everyone.



Needless to say, there wasn't enough room. So, we chose to go to the arbor outside where there was a little more room. As you can see, the picture turned out beautifully (thank you Charlene Rucker for taking the

pictures). When the Fancy Nancy group came back inside, Charlene took individual pictures



Some of the girls were getting their fingernails painted by staff from Allure Salon while others made picture frames to put their Fancy Nancy picture in. They also made bracelets

and colored Fancy Nancy.







of the girls before they sat at the table for light refreshments.





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Back Page Story Headline

Our youngest volunteer so far is Makayla Everline. She noticed how well loved our books are and asked if she could help clean them. With a Clorox wipe in hand, she made our book covers shine.

Thanks Makayla!



Oh no! There are two more Moose on the Loose. I'm not sure but I think they resemble Mary Jo Johnson's grandchildren, Anika and Dayton. The fun doesn't stop at the library, it continues as the day goes on.

