

KIDS' PLACE NEWS



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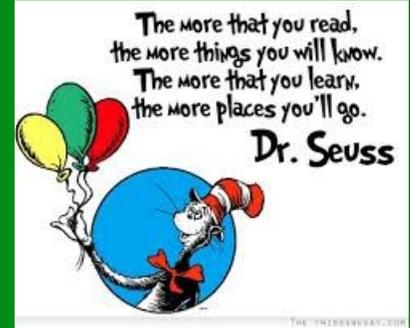
Selfies with Kari Murray
March 15
@ 11:30

Calling All Drs. & Nurses! Bev Bynum, Author
Story Time & Craft March
22 @ 11:30

Cartooning 101
March 29 @
Noon

Story Time with Jade, the Therapy Dog, March
31 @ 5:30 pm

MARCH 2014



Reading Across America in March

Over 100 kids, ages 2 to 18 are participating in our March Read Across America Program. Each student keeps track of the number of books or the number of pages to represent "miles" that will help us "travel" to "destinations" as close as Battle Creek, MI (41 miles/pages), to as far as Honolulu, HI (4,381 miles/pages). Our goal is to reach 90,000 miles when we total all of the reading miles.

Prizes will be awarded to all participants, as well as to the highest achieving readers in each level. A family prize will also be given to the family with the highest average



Our group of Thursday Adventure Kids did a great job finishing their presidential unit with their presentations. "President Abe Lincoln" (played by re-enactor Hal Nottingham) was on hand to listen to the kids and share his own story about things that he learned as president of the United States.

number of pages! Read on! We kicked off our reading incentive with a Hawaiian Luau Party to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday. The Cat in the Hat visited to read sto-



ries, play games, eat snacks, and make a few fun crafts.

Our Tuesday and Friday Preschool groups have been

enjoying lots of fun together with themes such as , Dr. Seuss, Mice, Mittens, Snowmen, The Five Senses, St. Patrick's Day, and Clothes .

We've even had preschool classes from His Little Lambs come and take a look at what we do at the library and enjoy their own special story time.

We are scheduled to have the kids from His Spot for Tots & Tot Spot join us later in the month.

Miss Linda will also go on the road to meet with one of our local Head Start programs. And we'll also be part of the April 1st "Learning Fair", a United Way Event.

Thursday Adventures Group

The group has now begun their new unit study on the Great Depression. March will involve learning how to barter using the book, *Potato: A Tale of the Great Depression*, along with a visit to Monarch Community Bank (thank you to Vicky Bassage for her assistance).

Also this month, the students will enjoy a visit from Scotsman Jack Ferguson pretending to be an Irishman for St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Ferguson will wear an authentic kilt and teach the students about family crests. He will not, however, dance a jig.





"Who is putting all the Math books in the Horror section?"

An example of our Cartooning 101 presenter's work!



Our own Cat in the Hat! Miss Julia & friends.



The Smart Money is on.....



APRIL 5-12, 2014 @ your library

Our patrons will have the opportunity to enjoy our partnering with the Michigan League of Credit Unions for a number of special events during Spring Break.

The League is providing free books for both the children and their parents for attending our special story times. The books provided are: *The Bernstein Bears' Trouble with Money* and *Money Rules: The Simple Path to Lifelong Security*.

Our local partner for the Pre-school/Elementary age is the Educational Credit Union, who will provide the materials for our story time craft (and a possible snack).

Our story times are planned for Saturday, April 5@11:30 & Tuesday, April 8 @ 10:30 am.



For the teens, Doug Taggart of Edward Jones will be doing an age appropriate Smart Money presentation on Thursday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm.

While this event is not during the Money Smart Week, we felt more teens would attend following Spring Break.

Gearing up for our Summer Reading Program

Hard to believe but we're busy working on Summer Reading 2014.

We've been filling out grant applications, contacting potential financial sponsors along with community volunteer help.

The good news is we're off to a great start.

We currently have Century Bank sponsoring the Kalamazoo Nature Center

for Bronson, Coldwater & Quincy this summer.

Here in Kids', we're excited as the local Storm Chasers will be doing both Elementary & YA programs. (No, we're not joining a chase!)

McDonalds' have agreed to be prize sponsors for all our branches; along with the 4-H fair and the Friends of the Coldwater Library.

We've also received \$500 from the Walmart Foundation Grant (Transportation Facility). A week's programming sponsorship for supplies from Southern Michigan Bank, a private individual donation of \$500, product from PepsiCo (think Mentos & pop explosions!)

These will make our Science Clubs a reality! And once again our community proves it cares about the young of the community. Branch County, what a great place to live!

Notes of Gratitude:



We would like to thank the following people:

Madison & Mikayla Everline for the wonderful book donations to our collection.

Gail F & Jim H for the so timely donation of markers, paper products and other needed goodies!

Carly Hart for her help with craft prep.

And Kayden Little for his help sweeping. We start them young in Kids'!

And least we forget, thanks **Evette** for joining the Thursday Origami Club. What fun was had!

