

# Kids' Place April 2015 Report





#### **TOP READERS!**

Level A: Marissa & Ross Dornbush

Level B: Alyssa Hicks

Level C: Charlotte

Crabs

Level D: Brandon

Jones

Level E: Ryan Austin

Level F: Tyler Ford

# March is Reading Month!





The "Family Prize" went to the Dornbush Family!

### Our March Reading Program was a great success!

150 students, ages 2-17, participated in our reading challenge. Out of those participating, 53 readers met or exceeded their goal for a total of 109,262 pages read! Thank you to McDonalds, Wendy's and Taylor's Books and More for supporting our effort to motivate readers of all ages!



#### Special Events this month...



Cat in the Hat has arrived!

(Played by Glen Snapp)

To kick off our March Reading Program, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a special storytime complete with stories, snacks, games & crafts. Fun was had by all!

> Tot Spot & His Little Lambs Preschools visit the LIBRARY!













Many of our young preschool friends got their first fun experience in Kids' Place as their school scheduled a visit to the library! We hope to see them again as they learn how much fun the library can be!

### Home School Adventure Group Thursdays at 1:30 pm



This month, our Adventure Time kids read books that inspired art projects related to the stories. The students read *Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm* made balloon sculptures, learned about perspective and designed a drawing around red string, and read various books that inspired St. Patrick's Day projects. The kids really enjoyed finding their artistic side and did a great job on their projects.



The teens and tweens have been active at the library this month. We've had "Teen Hangout Days" where a number of kids have enjoyed movies and Wii games. Some of our teens have also stepped up to help prepare for our upcoming "Life-sized CANDYLAND" game in Kids' Place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. They have painted, colored and brainstormed ideas for running the game and handing out candy.

Another special program that has just been launched is our Tuesday night "Read Like a Girl" book club, featuring the book, <u>The Summer I Saved the World in 65</u>

<u>Days</u> by Michele Weber Hurwitz. Thank you to Krystal Prince from the Girl Scouts of Michigan for all her work bring the group together.



Thank you to Glenn Snapp, for playing the Cat in the Hat, to our March Celebrity Readers, Mr. Pete Rogovich, Mr. Steve Littley, and Mrs. Janine Sharrard. Thank you to Jim Henion for generously donating much-needed arts and crafts supplies. Thanks also to our Volunteers: Shannon Goheen and Bea Osborn, for helping Kids' Place to be clean and well-organized.

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Summer Reading Special Events are Coming Together! We'll see lots of Community Heroes along with Heroes from Nature this summer! (Think snakes, bats, bees......)

We received the Walmart Transportation Grant for \$1000 recently. We will be able to underwrite the cost of the Fab-Magic Summer Magic Sessions planned for late June!

Linda & Luann Watson attended the United Way Learning Fair at Max Larsen. We signed up children for library cards, along with making coffee filter butterflies. And of course, we promoted all the great programs offered at BDLS.

Spring Institute 2015.

Linda and Julia both attended. Linda won a bag of books by networking!

Some will be added to our collection and the others will be used as SRP prizes. We came back with more ideas or confirmation that we are on track with our programs etc.



**MAY 2015** 

Many more events are coming up in May to make Kids' Place the "Place to Be!"

Story Art with Wade & Sue Adams .... April 18
TAG Life-sized Candyland for Kids ..... April 25
Return of the Draw- Bots! ...... May 2
Yoga Time Stories & Crafts ..... May 9
Splatter Paint Hero Storytime ..... May 16
Woody the Clown ...... May 23