

WINTER & SPRING 2012 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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This flyer tells about all the programs going on from January through May for children in 5th grade and younger. Storytime information can be found on the back. Be sure to note the age requirements for programs and whether they require registration. **You may register for programs at either Olathe library or by calling (913) 971-6874.**

PARENTS — We strongly recommend all parents remain in the library during programs. Children under 8 must have a responsible adult in the building at all times. This is for your children's safety. We appreciate your cooperation.

PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

The programs listed below are for preschool children. Some of these programs require registration and some are for specific age groups. Please read the program descriptions for details.

PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME

- **For Preschoolers with Adult**

No registration required

Tuesday, January 17 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Indian Creek
Thursday, January 19 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Main
Tuesday, May 8 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Indian Creek
Thursday, May 10 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Main

Bring your preschooler and make a fun craft at the library!
No registration. Come and go as you please.

LET'S LEARN FRENCH FOR PRESCHOOLERS

- **For 4 & 5 Year Olds**

**Registration begins Monday, January 16*

Wednesdays, February 1, 8 & 15 - 10:15 a.m. at Indian Creek

During this three-week program listen to stories and learn some basic French phrases. Sessions will last 30-45 minutes. Children will attend by themselves.

LET'S LEARN SPANISH FOR PRESCHOOLERS

- **For 4 & 5 Year Olds**

**Registration begins Wednesday, March 21*

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, & 18 - 11:00 a.m. at Main

During this three-week program listen to stories and learn some basic Spanish phrases. Sessions will last 30-45 minutes. Children will attend by themselves.

PRESCHOOL DANCE PARTY

- **For Ages 5 and younger with Adult**

No registration required

Monday, April 9 - 1:00 p.m. at Indian Creek
Friday, April 13 - 11:00 a.m. at Main

Let's dance! Come shake, shimmy, and dance up a storm at our preschool dance party, featuring favorite songs from our children's music collection. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration but space is limited. Program will last 30-40 minutes.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK MAY 7 - 13, 2012

BOOK SWAP DAY

- **For 5th Grade & Younger**

Wednesday, May 9 - 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Main

Looking for something different to read during Children's Book Week? Just bring 1 or 2 gently read books to the Main Olathe Public Library anytime on Wednesday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and swap for a new read!

HOW MANY BOOKWORMS?

- **For 5th Grade & Younger**

May 7 - 13 at Main & Indian Creek

Stop by the Main Olathe Public Library and the Indian Creek Branch and guess how many Bookworms are celebrating Children's Book Week!



PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AGES

The programs listed below are for elementary-aged children. Some of these programs require registration and some are for specific age groups. Please read the program descriptions for details.

BOOK EXPLORERS

- **For Grades 1st - 3rd**

**Registration required - See dates below*

Wednesday, January 4 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, December 26*

Wednesday, February 1 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, January 23*

Wednesday, March 7 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, February 27*

Wednesday, April 4 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, March 26*

Join us for an after-school book club. At each session a short book will be read aloud, followed by discussion and a related activity.



INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

- **For Grades 1st - 5th**

**Registration begins Monday, January 16*

Wednesday, January 25 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

The Kansas City Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo will be visiting the library! Kids will have the opportunity to see and hear different instruments of the orchestra as well as try the instruments themselves. *NOTE:* This program is for 1st - 5th grade, however, parents and siblings may attend if space allows.

WII FOR KIDS

- **For Grades 1st - 5th**

**Registration begins Monday, March 5*

Monday, March 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Kick off your spring break by playing Wii games on the big screen at the library. Games will be chosen from the library's Wii collection and will be rated E (Everyone). Program will last 90 minutes.

LEGO® CLUB

- **For Grades K - 5th**

**Registration required - See dates below*



Tuesday, January 24 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, January 16*

Tuesday, February 28 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, February 20*

Tuesday, March 27 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, March 19*

Tuesday, April 24 - 4:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

**Registration begins Monday, April 16*

Are you a kid in kindergarten through 5th grade who loves building with LEGO® bricks? Be a part of our new, monthly afterschool LEGO® Club! Arrive at 4:30 p.m., have a snack while you hear about that month's theme, and then have fun building with bricks provided by the library. Each session will last about an hour.

LEGO® DESIGN CONTEST

- **For Grades K - 5th**

**Registration begins Monday, March 26*



Saturday, April 14 at Indian Creek

Drop off your creation - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Public viewing & voting - 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Awards ceremony - 4:00 p.m.

Love to build with LEGO® bricks? Make your own creation from LEGO® bricks (or compatible bricks) and enter it into our LEGO® Design Contest for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Drop off your creation from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. Our judges will view the entries, then the public will be invited to view and vote for their favorite from 2:00 - 3:45 p.m. Come back for the Awards Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. where you could win a Barnes & Noble gift card and a chance to have your creation on display at the library! More information will be available at the library and on the library's website beginning March 19; registration starts on March 26. **Space is limited. Registration is required.** (This contest is not sponsored or endorsed by LEGO® or Barnes & Noble.)

PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

The programs listed below are for homeschooled children ages 6 - 11. All programs require registration.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: LEGO®

- **For Ages 6 - 11**

**Registration begins Monday, January 9*

Tuesday, January 17 - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

The library will provide the LEGO® bricks, you bring the creativity. Invite your friends, and join us for our first LEGO® program just for homeschoolers.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: WHOOO ARE THE OWLS?

- **For Ages 6 - 11**

**Registration begins Monday, February 13*

Tuesday, February 21 - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

What makes owls kings of the night? Discover the needs and life cycles of these unique animals. Touch and examine wings, feathers, and talons, identify owls by real calls, see an owl pellet, and enjoy a visit from live owls.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: TANGRAMS

- **For Ages 6 - 11**

**Registration begins Monday, March 12*

Tuesday, March 20 - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Test your creativity and puzzle solving skills by making one of these simple Chinese puzzle sets, and then use the seven pieces to attempt to reconstruct a variety of puzzling pictures.



HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: THE SCIENCE OF PAPER AIRPLANES

- **For Ages 6 - 11**

**Registration begins Monday, April 9*

Tuesday, April 17 - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Lift, gravity, thrust and drag, what do these have to do with making a great paper airplane? Join us as we experiment with paper airplane designs and learn a little bit about the science of flight as we test our creations.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

The programs listed below are for kids in 5th grade and younger. Some of these programs require registration. Please read the program descriptions for details.

R.E.A.D. TO A DOG

- **For Young Readers of All Ages**

No registration required

Saturday, January 7 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Saturday, January 21 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Main

Saturday, February 4 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Saturday, February 18 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Main

Saturday, March 3 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Saturday, March 17 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Main

Saturday, April 7 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Saturday, April 21 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Main

Saturday, May 5 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Saturday, May 19 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Main

Young readers of all ages may drop by and read to a cuddly canine at the library between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on the dates listed above. Upon arrival, check in at Children's Services for a reading time. Reading sessions will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Trained therapy dogs provided by Pets for Life, Inc.



FAMILY CHESS NIGHTS

- **For All Ages**

No registration required

Monday, January 2 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Main

Monday, January 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, February 6 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Main

Monday, February 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, March 5 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Main

Monday, March 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, April 2 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Main

Monday, April 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, May 7 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Main

Monday, May 21 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Come play chess with a worthy opponent at our Family Chess Nights. Boards and equipment will be provided. All ages and playing levels welcome, but kindergartners and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

VALENTINE FACTORY

- **Children of All Ages**

No registration required

Thursday, February 9 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Indian Creek

Friday, February 10 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Main

Come make a valentine at the Valentine Factory. Come and go as you please. Kindergartners and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

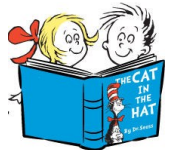
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

- **Children of All Ages & Their Families**

**Registration begins Monday, February 20*

Monday, February 27 - 4:30 a.m. at Indian Creek

Come help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a wacky assortment of crafts and games suitable for the whole family, followed by birthday cake! Parents and siblings are welcome. Kindergartners and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



SPRING BREAK COOKIE DECORATING FOR KIDS

- **Children of All Ages**

No registration required

Tuesday, March 13 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

Thursday, March 15 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Main

If it's Spring Break, it must be time to decorate a cookie! Come and go as you please. Kindergartners and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

—COMING THIS SUMMER—

**Dream Big
*READ!
READ!

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Tuesday, May 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Frontier Park at Black Bob Rd. & Indian Creek Pkwy.

STORYTIMES

Below are the schedules of our storytimes for preschoolers, families, two year olds, and 12 - 24 month olds.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

• For Ages 3 - 5

**Registration begins Tuesday, January 3*

Preschool Storytimes run from January 24 through April 26

3 YEAR OLDS (Birthdate between 1/27/08 - 1/27/09)

Tuesdays - 10:15 a.m. at Indian Creek

4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (Birthdate between 1/27/06 - 1/26/08)

Tuesdays - 11:00 a.m. at Indian Creek

3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (Birthdate between 1/27/06 - 1/27/09)

Wednesdays - 1:30 p.m. at Indian Creek

Thursdays - 10:15 a.m. at Main

3 year old storytimes will last 20-25 minutes. 4 & 5 year old storytimes will last 35-40 minutes. 3, 4 & 5 year old storytimes will last 30 minutes. Children are expected to attend by themselves. Registration is one session per child.

FAMILY STORYTIME

• For Preschoolers & Their Families

No registration required

Family Storytime runs from January 24 through April 24

FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. at Indian Creek

This evening storytime is for the whole family. All are welcome, but the stories will be geared to 3 - 5 year olds. Storytime will last about 30 minutes. *NOTE:* These storytimes will feature the same books used in the Preschool Storytime sessions.

SIGNING STORYTIME

• For Ages 0 - 5 + Adult

No registration required

Monday, January 23 - 10:30 a.m. at Main

Wednesday, January 25 - 10:30 a.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, March 26 - 10:30 a.m. at Main

Wednesday, March 28 - 10:30 a.m. at Indian Creek

Monday, May 14 - 10:30 a.m. at Main

Wednesday, May 16 - 10:30 a.m. at Indian Creek

Come enjoy stories and learn some basic signs to use with your children. No registration but space is limited.



TIME FOR TWO

• For 2 Year Olds + Adult

**Registration for Main begins Tuesday, January 3*

**Registration for Indian Creek begins Tuesday, March 6*

Time for Two at Main runs from January 27 through March 2

2 YEAR OLDS (Birthdate between 1/28/09 - 1/27/10)

Fridays - 10:15 a.m. at Main

Time for Two at Indian Creek runs from March 23 through April 27

2 YEAR OLDS (Birthdate between 3/24/09 - 3/23/10)

Fridays - 10:15 a.m. at Indian Creek

Time for Two is a one-on-one storytime for 2 year olds with a caring adult. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver (one-on-one). Sessions last 20-25 minutes.

RHYME TIME

• For 12 - 24 Month Olds + Adult

No registration required

Winter Rhyme Time runs from January 23 through February 29

Spring Rhyme Time runs from March 19 through April 25

12 - 24 MONTH OLDS + PARENT OR CAREGIVER

Mondays - 10:15 & 11:00 a.m. at Indian Creek

Wednesdays - 10:15 a.m. at Main

Rhyme Time is an interactive language-enrichment program for children aged 12 - 24 months (not a traditional storytime). The rhymes, songs, and fingerplays selected will introduce your child to the sound and rhythm of words and simple concepts such as physical features and counting. Rhyme Time is designed to provide parents and caregivers a repertoire of materials to use at home with their children. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver (one-on-one). Rhyme Time will last 20-25 minutes. No registration but space is limited to 15 pairs each session.



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