

GARY BYKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January/February 2016

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LEGO BUILDERS CHALLENGE

On the first Saturday of every month (January 2nd and February 6th), at 10:30 am, we have a building challenge with Legos. If you are in 2nd to 6th grade, bring a gallon size zip lock baggie of your own Legos. A theme will be announced and you will have 30 to 40 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Come on over and build!!!



MOVE TO THE MUSIC

This weekly class will be offered Monday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45, January 4 & 11. This is a free, walk-in program and registration is not necessary. This class gives kids ages 2 to 5 an opportunity to "dance" and sing. Parents are required to stay and dance along. We will listen to music, move along with the beat, sing, and just have fun!



PIZZA AND PAGES



This monthly book club for 3rd through 5th graders will be held on Thursday, January 7th and Thursday, February 4th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. We will eat pizza, discuss the books we've read, play word games and "bid" on some prizes. This club is free but please register so we can order the right amount of pizza.

WINTER STORY TIME

The winter story time will be: **Snowflakes Are Falling** : stories about penguins, polar bears, snowmen, groundhogs, valentines and more. This story time is for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 who can attend on their "own". Registration is required and begins Monday, January 4th. The session will run for eight weeks beginning January 18th. This 45 minute class will be offered Mondays from 11:15 am to noon. There will be songs, stories, and simple crafts. Parents are asked to help during craft time. *There is a \$10.00 for non-residents.*



The Wee Wiggles will also be doing: **Snowflakes Are Falling**. (*Registration, fees and starting date are as above.*) This eight week program for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 1/2 years accompanied by an adult lap is offered either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:00 am. The first 20 minutes are for stories, songs and finger plays and the last 25 minutes are for snacks, a craft, and playtime. This also allows parents a time to chat.

MAYORS BOOK CLUB

The city of Hudsonville is proud to announce the third Mayor's Book Club for children ages 4 to 7. This program is designed to encourage a love of reading.

Read a book a month, along with the Mayor. **Here is how it works:** Each participant will get a list of the 12 books either at the library or downloaded from the library website (www.hudsonville.org/library). Every time the child reads (or is read) any of the titles, they can come into the library and get that title stamped. Children who read all 12 of the books will receive a book, coupon and a certificate from Mayor Northrup. Deadline is December 31, 2016.



IT'S A LUAU!

February 13th: 10:30—Noon

Winter is too long, let's have a luau and pretend it's summer. Kids 2nd through 5th grades, come in your t-shirts, shorts, and bring your sandals. We will play games, learn a few words in Hawaiian and dance a hula. And we will have something to eat, of course.



YOGA FOR KIDS!

A yoga class led by instructor, Andrea Keeley, will be offered Saturday mornings, January 9th to March 19th, (there will be no class February 20th) from 10:30—11:30 am. This class is for students 1st—6th grades. Classes explore yoga poses, breathing exercises, games to develop patience and relaxation techniques. This session will cost \$40 for the ten weeks or \$5.00 per class. Registration begins January 2nd, online, by phone or in person.



This is a free program for Hudsonville Library card holders and story time participants. This program encourages parents to read 1000 books with their children before they enter school—a goal to help them learn to read for themselves. Your child will receive a small prize for every 250 books read to them (*rubber ducky, board book, & picture book*) and when they finish, their name will be written on our rainbow wall. This club doesn't end until your child's first day of kindergarten, so enjoy the time you spend with your child reading.

Fun Dates in January:

Be Kind to Food Servers Month

National Soup Month

January 15th—National Hat Day

January 18th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19th - Popcorn Day

January 21st—National Hugging Day

January 24th—Belly Laugh Day



Fun Dates in February:

Black History Month

National Bird Feeding Month

February 2nd—Groundhog Day

February 7th –Superbowl

February 14th-Valentine's Day

February 14th—20th Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 17th—President's Day

February 28th—National Tooth



Best Apps for Young Children 2015 *(most of these apps have a charge)*

Oratio's Flute Master *(for kids 1st—4th grades: ipad, iphone, Android, Windows and Mac)*



This is an educational App for learning to play the Recorder. First of all, a short tutorial teaches kids the unusual input method via the recorder. Meanwhile they also meet the pirate named *Oratio*, who takes them on a journey through the world of music and the magic flute tower. Inside the tower lives the friendly dragon Cornelius, who urgently needs kids help: naughty bats have their eyes on his strawberry supply and those can only be kept away, if kids play the recorder.

Grandma's Preschool *(for ages 4-8yrs: iPhone & iPad)*



After starting the app, Grandma kindly welcomes the kids to their remarkable classroom: The app developers have designed a fully interactive classroom as a playing environment, which is spread out on several screens and which can be freely explored by kids. There is a lot to discover! Over 12 various mini games and many further possible interactions are hidden in the classrooms, where kids meet Grandma, and a lot of other children, who can be moved as playing figures.

Jobi, Jobi Bistro *(for ages 6-8 yrs.: iPad, iPhone, Android, Kindle Fire, Mac)*



Jobi's Bistro presents a new workplace for kids with cute graphics. Delicious cakes, sandwiches and cupcakes are offered at the ground-floor of Jobi's Bistro, When the customers pay at the cash register, there are two tasks for kids to do: make cupcakes and use the cash register. After kids have designed their first cupcakes, they get to hand out the correct change to the customers. Keep in mind, the kids will definitely need to know subtraction for this task.

A Funny Rocket Constructor *(for kids ages 2-5 yrs.: iPad & iPhone)*



Kids and toddlers can now construct their own rockets with this app. Once they're finished, they can even fly into space with their self-constructed rocket.

Catch the Wally *(for kids ages 3-6 yrs. iPad & iPhone)*



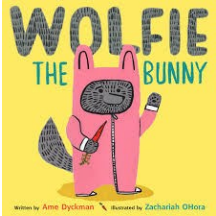
The kids app developers *Funny Yummy Studio* have now published their first kids game for iPad and iPhone called *Catch the Wally*. The main character is the wicked spider *Wally*, who wants to play a fun hide and seek game with the kids.

SPOT *(Picture Book App for Children & Adults: iPad)*



Spot is a really extraordinary picture book app for kids, which makes an extensive use of the so called "pinch to zoom" function of the iPad. With **Spot**, you seem to be able to endlessly zoom into the hand-drawn and beautifully detailed illustrations, in order to discover new scenes and worlds that always vary, instead of turning over one page at a time, as you usually do with books.

BEST PICTURE BOOKS OF 2015 (School Library Journal)

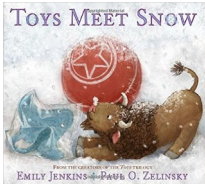
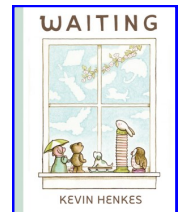


Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman (*PreS-Gr 1*)

Mama and Papa Bunny are charmed by the adorable wolf cub they find on their doorstep, but Dot is convinced that their decision to adopt Wolfie will lead to trouble.

Waiting by Kevin Henkes (*PreS-K*)

Five toys wait on a windowsill, with hope, yearning, fear and joy. Henkes' lovely text and illustrations offer a window into the sometimes scary but always wonder-filled world beyond the quiet comforts of what is known.

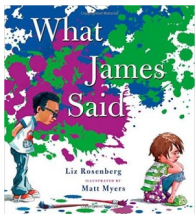


Toys Meet Snow by Emily Jenkins (*PreS-Gr 2*)

Playthings head outdoors to investigate the first snowfall of the year. This book talks about the marvels of nature and the cozy contentment of friendship.

Float by Daniel Miyares (*PreS-Gr 3*)

In this wordless book, an imaginative child dressed in a yellow raincoat splashes through a stormy day with his wayward paper airplane.

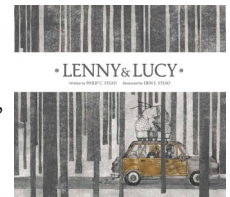


What James Said by Liz Rosenberg (*K-Gr 3*)

A misunderstanding leads a little girl to give her best friend the cold shoulder until what James actually said is revealed and feelings are mended.

Lenny & Lucy by Philip Stead (*PreS-Gr 2*)

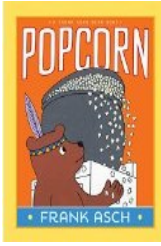
When Peter and his dog have trouble settling in their new house at the edge of the woods, the boy makes two pillow and blanket guardians until he meets a flesh and blood friend.



Sonya's Chickens by Phoebe Wahl (*K-Gr 2*)

A young girl who has been carefully raising a trio of chickens awakens one night to discover a fox has snatched one of her hens. With tenderness, Sonya's parents soothe her fears, remember her hen, and reinforce the coop's siding, as they try to help her understand a fox's need to provide for its young.

POPCORN BOOKS (POPCORN DAY IS JANUARY 19TH)

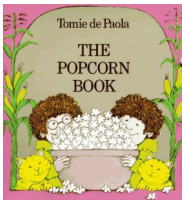
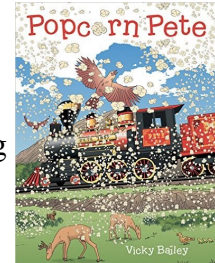


POPCORN by Frank Asch

On Halloween night, Sam invites all of his friends to his house for a costume party. As his guests arrive, each one brings the same treat—popcorn! They make it all, and soon the house is overflowing with popcorn. What will Sam and his friends do with so much of this tasty treat?

POPCORN PETE by Vicky Bailey

In the small town of Gingerton lives a young man named Andy and his father, both hard working inventors. Pete—an antique, coal burning locomotive—is Andy’s favorite object in the world. All of his life, Andy has dreamed of being Pete’s engineer. The black smoke that bellows from his engine is bad for the town’s people and they have had enough. Andy must come up with a plan to save his special train before it is shut down forever.



THE POPCORN BOOK by Tomie dePaola

This book has two stories going on at one time. One story is about two children going through the process of making a bowl of popcorn and the second story is about the history of popcorn.

POPCORN by Sara Hoffman

Putting kernels in a pot, heating them, and adding salt are all part of making popcorn. Simple text explains how kernels change form when you heat them in a pan.

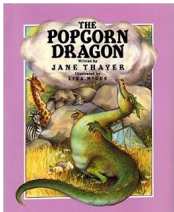


POPCORN by Elaine Landau

Pull up a chair and dig in! POPCORN is chock-full of tidbits about one of America's favorite snack foods. Learn what makes popcorn pop, how Native Americans liked their popcorn, and how television almost wiped out popcorn's future. Cooking tips, recipes, and resources included.

THE POPCORN ASTRONAUTS by Deborah Ruddell

Take a bite out of the calendar with this cheerful collection of delicious seasonal poems, each one an ode to a favorite food!



THE POPCORN DRAGON by Jane Thayer

Dexter, a young dragon, loses all his friends when he shows off blowing smoke rings. The animals have appealing humanlike expressions which convey their envy and contempt. Dexter wins back his friends by sharing with them his new found ability to pop corn straight from the husks.

POPCORN DAY: JANUARY 19th

Poppy Chow

Makes 8 cups

Cook Time: 2 minutes

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 7 minutes

A simple twist on a family favorite! Popcorn, chocolate, peanut butter and powdered sugar... what more could you want?

Ingredients

8 cups pop corn, popped

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar

1/3 cup peanut butter

1/2 cup chocolate chips, semi sweet or milk chocolate

1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)

Directions

Pour the popcorn into a large bowl; be sure to remove any unpopped kernels. Place the powdered sugar in a resealable, gallon-sized bag and set aside.

In microwave safe bowl, melt peanut butter and chocolate chips. Be sure to stir every 30 seconds until smooth (*times will vary depending on microwave.*) Stir in vanilla extract to melted peanut butter/ chocolate (*optional*). Pour melted chocolate mixture over the popcorn and stir until popcorn is coated.

Add chocolate covered popcorn into the resealable, gallon-sized bag with powdered sugar. Seal tightly and shake until popcorn is covered with powdered sugar.

Serve immediately or store in airtight container for up to two days.



RANDOM DAY OF KINDNESS WEEK IS FEBRUARY 14TH–20TH

Here are some things that kids can do:



Donate food to the local food bank.

Volunteer to help distribute food at the food bank.

Make homemade bird feeders and hang them outside.



Donate stuff. In my home, we frequently sift through our bookshelves and toy boxes and kitchen cabinets and closets and purses, and we filter out the things that we no longer need. We donate different things in different places – books go to the library for their used book sale, toys and clothing goes to an organization that raises money for wounded veterans. Baby and kid stuff go to a pregnancy center. Our kids see us getting rid of our stuff, and it becomes a normal part of getting new stuff.

Make a card to send to out of town family. Teach your children that they don't only have to serve strangers.

Bring treats to a neighbor.

Bring treats to police officers or fire fighters.



Play games at a senior center. Often there is a game of bingo, cards, or Yahtzee going on. If your kids are old enough to play nicely, they will probably be welcome participants. *(Though not always, so ask first.)*

Give up your seat on a bus, bench, or other public place to someone older than you.

Contribute to or pay the bill of the car behind you in the drive thru.

The next time you go out for breakfast, **buy breakfast** for a senior citizen or another family with young kids.

Pick up trash in your neighborhood.

Thank people genuinely.

Help a neighbor who could use a hand.

Foster a homeless pet.

Volunteer at an animal shelter.

Let someone go ahead of you in the checkout line.

Hold the door.

Organize a stuffed animal collection. Donate the toys to a homeless shelter, abused women's shelter, or to a center for foster children.

Find a pen pal in a nursing home.

Make and deliver fleece blankets to hospitals.

Say *bless you* when anyone sneezes.

Bring flowers to someone for no reason.



I AM LEARNING TO BE KIND

Draw a Picture of People Being Kind

Bring it into the library, if you want to display it..

