

GARY BYKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January/February 2017

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WINTER STORY TIME



The winter story time will be **Down On the Farm:** stories about horses, cows, pigs and more. This story time is for children, ages 3 1/2 to 5, who can attend on their "own". Sign-up is required and begins Monday, January 9th. The session will run for eight weeks beginning January 23rd. 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 fee for non-residents.*

The Wee Wigglers will also be doing **Down On the Farm.**

(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.



MOVE TO THE MUSIC

This weekly class will be offered Monday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45, January 9 & 16. 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 play some "instruments." Parents are required to stay and dance along. Let's move to the beat and have fun!



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LEGO BUILDERS CHALLENGE

On the first Saturday of every month (January 7th and February 4th), from 10:30 to 11:15 am, we have a Lego building challenge. 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 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Come on over and build!!!

PIZZA AND PAGES

This monthly book club for 3rd through 5th graders will be held on Thursday, January 5th (*a humorous book*) and Thursday, February 2nd (*non-fiction*) from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. We will have 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.



MINI-GOLF FUND RAISER AT THE LIBRARY

On Friday, February 3 (1 to 5 pm), Saturday, February 4th (10 am to 1 pm) and Monday, February 6th (10:00 am to 8 pm) we will magically transform our basement into a 9 hole mini-golf course. This course is for people of all ages. Adults will be charged \$5.00 and children 15 and under can play for \$3.00. A cap of \$10 will be charged for families. All money from the entrance fees will go toward buying materials for our children's department. You can vote for your favorite hole and one lucky person will win a \$10 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

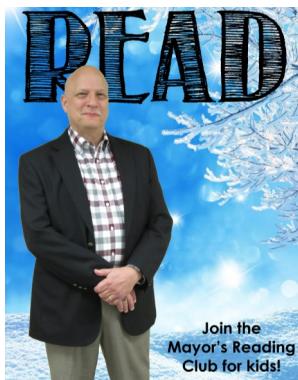
Mini Golf
in the
Library!





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.

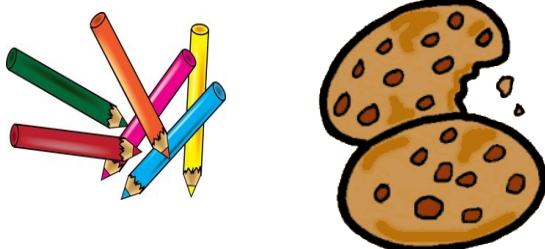
MAYORS READING CLUB



This reading club is for children 4 to 7 years old. Get the Mayor's Reading Club log at the library or online. "Read" the 12 picture books by December 31st, 2017 and get a book, coupon and reading certificate. This is a free club to promote reading for all children.

COLORING AND COOKIES

Saturday, January 21st any time from 10:00 am to noon, get out of the cold and come to the library to color and enjoy cookies and juice. This is a free walk in program for kids of all ages.



VALENTINE CRAFT DAY

On Saturday, February 11th any time from 10:15 am to noon, come into the children's program room to make Valentine's crafts for your favorite Valentine. This is a free, walk-in program.

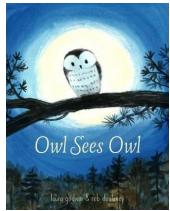


LAUNCH PADS !

The Gary Byker Memorial Library is proud to announce the addition of Playaway Launchpads to its collection. These learning tablets are created just for children! They are pre-loaded with apps that appeal to different age groups (we will have preschool, K-2, and a few 3-5th) and have great science, math or reading themes. They offer features like Avatar Builder, allowing kids to make their own custom explorer for the programs on the tablet, and a one button reset option when returned to the library. Starting in mid-January, these tablets will be available to patrons to take home for a week at a time at no cost and will be eligible for one renewal provided no one else has placed a hold on that particular tablet.



BEST PICTURE BOOKS OF 2016 (School Library Journal)

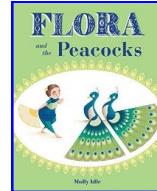


Owl Sees Owl by Rob Dunlavey (PreS-Gr 1)

One fall night, a young owl awakens and goes for a moonlight flight while his parents are sleeping.

Flora and the Peacocks by Molly Idle (PreS-K)

Flora meets not one but two birds, a pair of peacocks, who inspire dancing, drama and friendship. (Wordless book)



We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen (PreS-Gr 3)

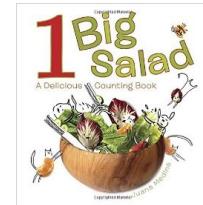
Two wide-eyed tortoises want a 10 gallon hat. A surprisingly tender ending emphasizes the power of friendship.

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read by Curtis Manley (PreS-Gr 2)

Two independent cats prove to be reluctant readers until their determined owner finds just the right books for them.

1 Big Salad: A Delicious Counting Book by Juana Medina (PreS-Gr 1)

With simple doodles, photographs of delicious fruits and vegetables become cheery animals. A fun way to learn to count.

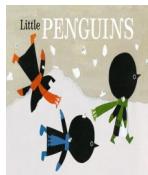
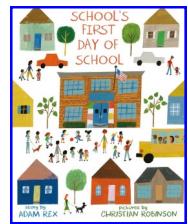


Frank and Lucky Get Schooled by Lynne Rae Perkins (PreS-Gr 4)

Lessons learned and shared between a boy and his dog cover many subjects, from science (mud & skunks) to math (number of biscuits a dog deserves).

School's First Day of School by Adam Rex (K-Gr 1)

Newly constructed Frederick Douglass Elementary is preparing to open its doors. He's a bit anxious and wonders if he'll pass the biggest test of all and win the approval of the kids who arrive as the school year begins.

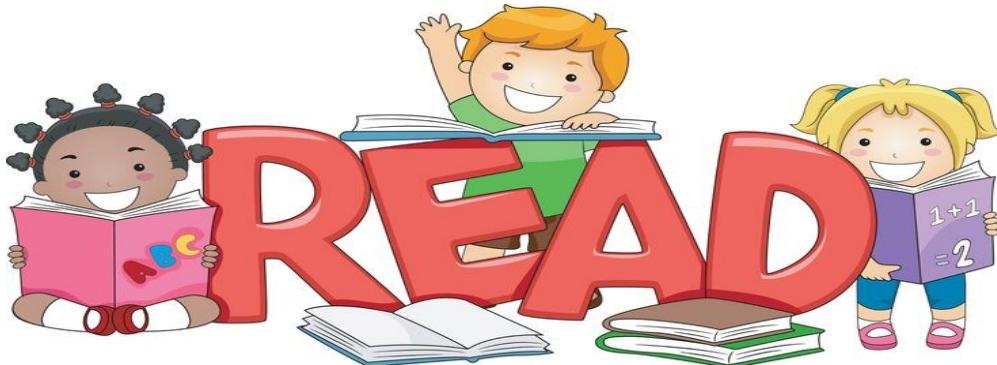


Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant (PreS)

Donning mittens, scarves and boots, five little penguins play in the snow and then get ready for bed with help from their Mama.

They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel (PreS-Gr 3)

Readers see the world through a different set of eyes: a fox, a worm and others look on as a cat saunters through the book.

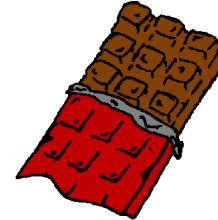


VALENTINE CANDY QUIZ

See which member of your family really knows their candy slogans!

Ready??

1. There's no wrong way to eat a _____.
2. Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't.
3. Taste the rainbow.
4. Makes mouths happy.
5. At work, rest, and play you get 3 great tastes in a _____.
6. Hungry? Why wait? Grab a _____.
7. Melts in your mouth, not in your hand.
8. How many licks does it take to get to the center of a _____?
9. Gimme a break.
10. Nobody better lay a finger on my _____.
11. The Great American Chocolate Bar.
12. Get the sensation.



And because I love jokes, here's a "sweet" one...

- Q. What happened when Mr. Goodbar fell in love with Peppermint Patty?
A. They had a Baby Ruth.

Answers: (1) Reese's (2) Almond Joy and Mounds (3) Skittles (4) Twizzlers (5) Milky Way
(6) Snickers (7) M&M's (8) Tootsie Pop (9) Kit-Kat (10) Butterfinger (11) Hershey's
(12) Chocolate Bar (12) York Peppermint Patty

CANDY AIRPLANE CRAFT

Here is a sweet craft idea that doubles as a snack or party favor! Have an extra adult on hand to help little fingers pull the rubber band over the gum. These are popular with kids of all ages, and those 7 and up will need little or no assistance.

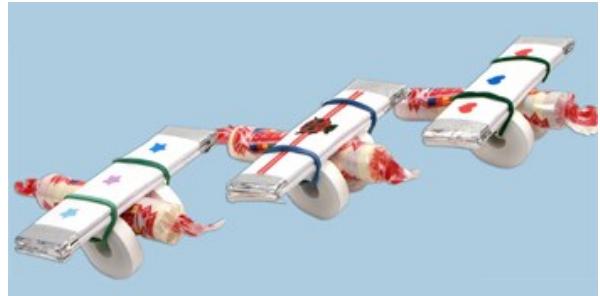
What You'll Need:

- A thin rubber band
- One roll of Smarties candy, or a thin Tootsie Roll, or other similar shaped candy
- Two white Life Saver candies, such as peppermint
- Two sticks of gum, any flavor
- Markers or small stickers

To assemble the candy airplane:

1. Push the rubber band through the holes of two Life Saver candies.
2. Lay the two sticks of gum together on top of the Life Savers. Pull the rubber band ends up and over each side of the two sticks of gum. The gum wings should now be laying flat on top of the wheels.
3. Pull the gum wings up and slightly away from the Life Saver wheels, to create an opening underneath for the roll of Smarties. Push the roll of Smarties under the wings, so that it lies on top of the rubber band.
4. If desired, decorate the wings with markers, or small stickers.

Note: For testing purposes only, we used a large 17 piece pack of Juicy Fruit gum. The individual sticks of foil wrapped gum were in plain white paper labels. The white paper made it easy to decorate the wings.





Candy Bar WORD SEARCH

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ALMOND JOY

HERSHEY BAR

PAY DAY

BABY RUTH

KIT KAT

SNICKERS

BUTTERFINGER

KRACKEL

TAKE FIVE

CARAMELLO

MARS

THREE MUSKETEERS

CHARLESTON CHEW

MILKY WAY

TWIX

CRUNCH

MOUNDS

WHATCHAMACALLIT

FIFTH AVENUE

MR. GOODBAR

ZERO

HEATH

OH HENRY

Random Acts of Kindness Week is Coming. Are You Ready to Spread Kindness?



Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 12-18) and Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17) are approaching – and we want to make sure as many of the world’s citizens are participating as possible. This is a time when citizens all across the globe are challenged to do something kind for a friend or stranger for no reason at all. Here’s a list of twenty things kids can do:

1. Say thanks—just thanks—to your parents, for no particular reason.
2. Leave a kind, funny, or inspiring note in a library book you’ve read.
3. Make a friend laugh: Wrap up a roll of bubble wrap and “surprise leave it” for a buddy.
4. Tell a joke. Credit the person who told it to you.
5. Be a study buddy—or help a younger kid with homework.
6. Clear your own dishes. Then surprise your parents and clear theirs, too.
7. Let your brother go first.
8. Buy your fave dessert at lunch. Give it to kids at another table.
9. Start a jeans drive. Toss in a pair of your own.
10. Collect toiletries for soldiers. Add a card that says, “Enjoy my favorite shampoo.”
11. Return carts at big box stores (yours and ones other shoppers left behind).
12. Make your sister’s bed one morning.
13. Let someone board the bus ahead of you.
14. Pitch in: Take out the garbage after a giant family dinner, BBQ, or holiday celebration. Do it without complaining.
15. Help a senior citizen pack and load groceries.
16. Invite someone outside your crowd to sit at your table at lunchtime.
17. Collect food and canned goods for a local food bank. Invite your friends to help you so you can double, triple, or quadruple the amount.
18. Be kind to a classmate you don’t know.
19. Clean your room—without being asked to.
20. Deliver a compliment a day—and mean it.



I AM LEARNING TO BE KIND

*Draw a picture of yourself doing something kind. Turn it into the library
the week of February 13th and we'll do something nice for you too!*

