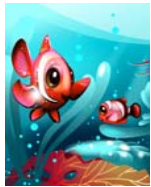


Coming in June...

We need your help to decorate our Children's Room for the Summer. The theme this summer is "Make a Splash-READ!" Register for one of our ArtSmart programs lead by Kathy Vincent, to create a piece that will be on display all summer in the library!

- June 7, Grades K-1: Jeweled Jellyfish @ 4:30 PM
- June 8, Grades 2-3: Fantastic Fish Mobile @ 4:30 PM
- June 9, Grades 4-6: Spectacular Bubbles @ 4:30 PM

Registration will open in May 1, 2010!



Don't forget! You can register for all our programs by visiting our website at <http://www.ewml.org/children.htm> and clicking on Children's Programs.

The Edith Wheeler Memorial Library
733 Monroe Turnpike
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Edith Wheeler Memorial Library Winter into Spring January-May 2010



-From Story Times to Family Programs-
Your guide to library programming for children and families at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library.

Winter Drop In Story Times

Run January 19 – March 4

Spring Drop In Story Times

Run April 6 – May 27

- Lap-Sit Story Time (Approx. Age 0-20 months)

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

Geared towards children who are **not yet walking or have just begun to walk** accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Songs, rhymes, bounces, music and books. This program is based in the lap of the parent or caregiver. 25 minutes.

- Movers and Shakers (Approx. Ages 20-36 months)

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Geared towards children who are **walking and love to move** accompanied by parent or caregiver. Songs, dancing, rhymes, circle songs, use of manipulatives, books, puppets, music, and plenty of interaction. 30 minutes.

- Preschool Story Time (Ages 3-5 years)

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:15 AM

3-4 picture books read to the group and a craft, activity or short animated version of a book. Children are encouraged to attend this program without a parent or caregiver. 30 minutes.

The above story time programs are drop-in. No registration necessary. **Please be advised that these programs will be**

canceled if the Monroe Public Schools are canceled or delayed because of inclement weather, or if we are having a special program that day at , or around , the same time.

If you are unsure, please Call at 203-452-2850.

No Story Times March 8 through April 2!

Registration Required Story Times

Sticky Fingers (ages 2-3)

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

February 3, March 10, May 19

A special class for **ages 2-3** years old and a parent or caregiver. A story, some rhymes and songs as well as a fun craft, all on a special topic. **Please register as the class is limited to 12 parent/child combos. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**

Science Snoopers (ages 3-5)

Wednesday, February 24 at 11:00 AM

Take Heart! A look at your body's busiest organ. Program includes stories and activities.

Wednesday, March 3 at 11:00 AM

Milk Makers! How do cows turn the grass they eat into milk? See what happens from one end to the udder! Program includes stories and activities.

Registration opens January 1, 2010 for both programs.

Chess Club Saturdays January-May from 10AM-1PM

(Grades K-6, Older Kids Welcome Too)



Don't forget about our weekly chess club that meets every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Children's Craft/Story Room. Jeff Lawrence, a nationally and internationally ranked chess player with over 30 years tournament experience will teach chess basics and strategies to club members. Jeff is a Friend of the Library and a 10-year resident of Monroe. He has played in local, regional and national tournaments in eleven states. He took 1st place in the 2007 Greater New Haven Winter Open and 5th place in the 2005 U.S. Amateur East Championship. We are lucky to have such an accomplished volunteer teaching our kids! Parents of children under 10 must remain in the Children's Room during the program. **NO CLASS: January 2, January 16, February 13, April 3, and May 29. Chess Tournament: March 20!**

Read to Gracie- Winter/Spring Dates (Ages 5-10)

Children **ages 5-10** may register to read to Gracie, a certified therapy dog. Gracie and her handler have been trained in the R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dog) program which improves children's reading and communication skills. Animals are ideal reading companions because they: listen attentively; do not judge, laugh or criticize; allow children to proceed at their own pace; are less intimidating than peers; and they help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure. Each child will spend 15 minutes reading to Gracie. They may bring their own book or choose one at the library before their session. **Registration is required and opens January 2, 2010.**

5:00-6:30 PM

Wednesdays: Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, March 10, April 7 & 21

May 5 & 19, June 2

Tuesday: March 23

Sign up by phone 203-452-2850 or in person.



Children's Display Case

(For Grades K-6)

Do you collect something? Many people do! Collections can be anything such as: stamps, Legos, shells, dolls, stuffed animals, buttons, figurines, etc. Do you have a collection that you want to show off? We hope you do! Sign up at the Children's Desk to have your collection displayed in our case for any month you choose. We'll even take your picture and do a short article about you and your collection.

Volunteer your collection today, and show off your stuff!

New Ticketing System for Library Programs

You will notice as you page through our brochure that some programs are referred to as **ticketed programs**. Often when we have a popular program, our community room becomes filled to the brim with people overflowing into the hallway. While we are very pleased with the turnout for many of our programs, the room itself allows for a specific occupancy limit, determined by the State of Connecticut's Fire Code. We must abide by those regulations for the safety of everyone involved. In addition, the entrances and exits to and from the room must be unblocked at all times. If you see that a program is listed as a "**Ticketed Program**" it means that **FREE** tickets will be given out prior to the start of the show. We will distribute these tickets from our Children's Desk no more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the program. As you enter the program, you will return the ticket to us. Only people with a ticket will be allowed to enter the program. One ticket per person. We hope this new system will not only make the event more comfortable for the people who attend but also reduce the number of late arrivals as a courtesy to our performers. If you have questions about this new system please contact, Adrienne Wilson, our Children's Services Librarian at 203-452-2850.

Upcoming Programs (for various ages) listed by Date Cont...

Sun Catchers

Wednesday, April 21 at 11:00 AM (grades 1-3)

Using tracing paper, students will create seasonal pieces that are perfect to hang in a home window. Celebrate the spring, and dress up your windows with this fun art. **Registration opens on January 1, 2010 and seating is limited to 10 participants.**



Green Gal's Go Green Sing-Along (TICKETED PROGRAM)

Thursday, April 22 at 10:30 AM (geared for ages 4 and up)

Join Green Gal, who is on a special mission from the Green Queen, as she teaches you all about keeping the earth healthy and treating each other right. She's an earth-friendly super-heroine complete with original songs and a guitar. Use recycled instruments to jam along. Learn how we all BIG and small, can go green! **Free tickets will be available 30 minutes before show time, please pick up at the Children's Desk.**



Mosaics

Thursday, April 22 at 2:00 PM (grades 1-3)

Learn about the fantastic world of mosaics. Mosaics are created by putting together separate pieces of materials to create one large piece of artwork. Participants will use various shapes, sizes, and colors of paper to create their own personal mosaic. A great school vacation activity. **Registration opens on January 1, 2010 and seating is limited to 12 participants**



Movie Matinee

Friday, April 23 at 2:00 PM (family show)

Join us on your afternoon off for a free movie! Bring your own snacks and enjoy! We'll let you know which one we're showing, closer to the date. **No registration necessary.**

Library Pet Show

Saturday, May 8 at 1:00 PM (family program all ages)

The library wants to meet your pet! Participants are responsible for their pet and **must fill out an application form at the Children's Desk to participate.** Pets will be judged on a variety of different attributes within their own category. The categories are: Birds, Cats, Dogs, Rodents, Fish, Reptiles, Arachnids, and Other. If your pet has difficulty being around people, you may bring a picture of them instead. One pet from each category will win best in show, but all pets will be winners and receive certificates. **Registration opens January 1, 2010 and closes April 30. No unregistered pets will be allowed. Due to judging time constraints, there is a limit to the number of pets we can accommodate.**



Fanciful Fiction Series: Pigeon Party

Wednesday, May 12 at 4:00 PM

(ages 4-7 and a parent or caregiver)

This program is dedicated to the wonderful Pigeon books by Mo Willems. We'll read *Pigeon Finds A Hot Dog*, *Don't Let Pigeon Stay Up Late* and others. We'll play pigeon party games, and make a pigeon craft and even learn how to draw the pigeon! **Limited to 20 child/caregiver combos. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Upcoming Programs (for various ages) listed by Date

Lamb and Ewe Knit Together: A "Wonderwool" Experience

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21 4:00-4:45 PM (grades 2+ with an adult)

Sign up for this wonderful activity that adults and kids can share. This class is for beginning knitters. Participants will create a pillow together. In addition, participants are asked to read the book: *Truly Terrible Horrible Sweater that Grandma Knit* by Debbie Macomber. Copies of this book are available at the Children's Desk for those that sign up for this class. Have fun learning to knit together and discussing a sweet story. **Registration opens January 1, 2010. \$6.00 materials fee per adult/child combo.**



Picturing America Series: Pottery & Baskets c.1100-1960

Tuesday, January 12, 4:30 PM (grades 4-8)

Working with clay, participants will sculpt a pot, then embellish it with either painted or etched linear design. Once dry, pots will be coated with a glossy finish. Medium: Air dry clay, India Ink, permanent marker. Pots to be modeled on wood board. If necessary, program will be two days-extending to **Tuesday, January 19** as well. **Please keep January 19 free in case the class is extended. Registration opens January 1, 2010 and is limited to 16 participants.**



Nutmeg Jeopardy Game: Year of the Dog, Archer's Quest, Dog's Life

Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM (grades 4-6)

Play Jeopardy based on the plot of the books. This is the last program in the Nutmeg Jeopardy Series. Win cool prizes. Enjoy some free snacks. Make new friends. Get ready for the Nutmeg Pizza Party in February. **Registration opens on January 1, 2010.**



Fanciful Fiction Series: Pinkalicious

Thursday, January 28 at 4:00 PM (ages 4-8 and a caregiver)

Come dressed up from head to toe in your favorite color. Listen to the books: *Pinkalicious*, *Purpleicious* and *Goldilicious*, participate in games, make a craft and maybe even enjoy a snack that goes with our story. **Limited to 20 child/caregiver combos. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Picturing America Series (Romare Bearden): Family Time Collage

Saturday, February 6, 2:00 PM (grades 1-3)

Participants will illustrate a "snapshot" of their family life in a collage. Decorative paper will be combined with photo materials provided by each participant to personalize artwork. A selection of jazz music will be played to inspire creativity. Medium: a variety of colored, textured and patterned papers and photo images, adhesives on illustration board. Remember to bring your photos. **Registration opens on January 1, 2010 and is limited to 16 participants.**



Picturing America Series (Mary Cassatt): I Am Loved

Wednesday, February 10 at 10:30 AM

(Ages 3-5 and a caregiver)

Together with their caregiver, participants will illustrate how they experience love: reading together, a trip to the park, a hug, etc. Caregiver will assist child with creating linear pattern and color selection in the style of artist, Mary Cassatt. Upon completion, artwork will be signed and dated. A very special memento. Medium: soft pastel, pastel pencil or marker on pastel paper, textured mat board or illustration board. **Registration limited to 16 caregiver/child combos. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Upcoming Programs (for various ages) listed by Date Cont...

Cupcake Love

Friday, February 12 at 2:00 - 4:00 PM (family program all ages)

Don't miss this sweet, sticky, and sprinkly sensation that is making it's second appearance at our library! All are invited to come and decorate cupcakes-for a donation of **\$3.00 per person**. We'll provide four cakes per person, the frosting and the accoutrements. You come with your creativity and ideas. Program opens at 2:00 PM and continues until we are out of cupcakes or time. **No registration required.**



Wii Afternoon

Tuesday, February 16 at 1:00 - 3:00 PM (grades 1-6)

Come to the library on your day off school for Wii on the big screen! Play with kids your age in teams. Experience Wii like never before! Beginner play encouraged for the first 30 minutes of the program, then all kids will participate together. If you are a beginner, please arrive **ON TIME** at the beginning of the session. **No registration necessary.**



Sticks & String-Learn How to Knit

Saturday, February 20 at 10:15AM-12:15AM (grades 3 and up)

Finally, a Saturday morning knitting class for beginners! And guess what-IT'S FREE! Come to this class to learn the basics and get started. You'll make a snazzy headband as your first project. **Registration opens January 1, 2010.**

Nutmeg Pizza Party-Celebrate the Winner & New Titles

Wednesday, February 24 at 4:30 PM (grades 4-6)

Find out which of the 2009/2010 Nutmeg Nominees won your vote! Enjoy a slice or two of pizza pie as we book talk the new 2010/2011 titles for you. Please register so we know how much pizza to purchase. **Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Sticks & String-Learn How to Knit

Saturday, February 27 at 10:15AM-12:15AM (grades 3 and up)

Finally, a Saturday morning knitting class for beginners! And guess what-IT'S FREE! Come to this class to learn the basics and get started. You'll make a snazzy headband as your first project. **Registration opens January 1, 2010.**

Nappy's Puppets Presents: *Father Goose's Tales* (TICKETED PROGRAM)

Saturday, March 6 at 2:00 PM (family show, all ages)

Mother Goose is away for the day, and Father Goose has to take care of all her chores, including the storytelling. But try as he might, he just can't seem to get those stories right. *Father Goose's Tales* is an amusing, modern retelling of nursery rhymes, stories and children's songs designed to entertain the whole family. **Free tickets will be available 30 minutes before the start of this program at the Children's Desk.**



Sham-Rock 2-Featuring The Lenihan School of Irish Dance (TICKETED PROGRAM)

Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM (family program, all ages)

Did you miss our first Sham-Rock last year? No worries! Rock out at this fun, festive family event. Enjoy the **Lenihan School of Irish Dance** in our community room right at 6:30PM. After that, our craft room will be open for a fun shamrock craft that you can make yourself. We'll be serving snacks shipped directly from Ireland too.

Fanciful Fiction Series: *Superhero ABC*

Wednesday, March 24 at 4:00 PM

(ages 4-8 and a parent or caregiver)

Come dressed up as your favorite super hero or comic book character. Listen to the book: *Superhero ABC*, participate in games, make a craft and maybe even enjoy a snack that goes with our story. **Limited to 20 child/caregiver combos. Please register. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Poetry Slam for Kids

Saturday, April 10, 10:30 AM

(grades 1-6)

Participate in a poetry event to celebrate National Poetry Month! Bring poetry that you have written at home or at school and read it aloud to the group. Everyone who reads aloud receives a participation prize! Our expert panel of local librarians, teachers and community leaders will listen to all the poetry and give each poem that is read a specific distinction! All poetry that is contributed that day will be put into the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library's first ever Children's Poetry Booklet. **Please register. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**



Anything But Typical -Pizza & A Book

Author Visit By Nora Baskin

Wednesday, April 14 at 4:30 PM (grades 4-7)

Author Nora Baskin will be here to enjoy pizza with 40 lucky participants and talk about her book, *Anything But Typical*. Pick up the book at the Children's Desk so you can read it before the program. Meet the author! **[About the book:** Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a neurotypical world. Most days it's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. But Jason finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across PhoenixBird, who posts stories to the same online site as he does. Jason can be himself when he writes and he thinks that PhoenixBird-her name is Rebecca-could be his first real friend. But as desperate as Jason is to meet her, he's terrified that if they do meet, Rebecca will only see his autism and not who Jason really is. A breathtaking depiction of an autistic boy's struggles-and a story for anyone who has ever worried about fitting in.] **Registration required and opens January 1, 2010.**



Concrete Sundials

Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 PM (grades 4-6)

Sundials measure time by the distance of the sun. Learn about these ancient architectures that are dedicated to the sun, then make your own! Great for an outdoor garden or your backyard. A priceless piece of construction that you make yourself. **Registration opens on January 1, 2010 and seating is limited.**



Parent/Child Book Voyagers: *The Secret Garden* by Frances Burnett

Monday, April 19 at 4:30PM (approx. grades 4-6 & caregiver)

The perfect book for the season! Checkout this classic from our Children's Desk. Participants will be given a copy of the book and discussion guide. Read together as a family or as parent and child. The day of the program, come ready for a lively discussion and snacks with our host Bina Williams. Adults, this is a great opportunity to share a classic with your child. Kids, this is a fun program to share with an adult you love! **Don't miss this opportunity! Plot Summary:** Mary is an unhappy orphan forced to live in the home of a wealthy guardian, a busy man who has no time at all for her. But when Mary meets her guardian's mysterious son, and discovers a secret garden hidden on the estate—a startling change begins to come over her, and life for everyone is never quite the same! **Registration required and limited to 15 caregiver/child combos. Registration opens January 1, 2010.**

