

**Branch  
District  
Library**

# Kidsplace News

## End of Summer Fun

The Branch County Fair is over but the excitement has not ended. The fun continued with Valarie Albright from the MSU Extension Office talked to the children about "Food Safety and Healthy Snack Choices." We read the stories, "Germs! Germs! Germs!" And then Valarie used a black light to show the children all the germs they had on their hands. The children were then sent off to the restrooms to use soap and water to try and get those germs off. Once again the black light was used. Most of those germs were washed away except for under their fingernails. Another story read was, "Oliver's Garden." The children learned about the importance of washing fresh foods before eating them. They practiced cleaning vegetables with a vegetable brush and water. They also made 3 healthy snacks to eat at the library or to take home for later. They made Ritz Cracker spiders, Tell a story Rice Cakes and made Graham Cracker sandwiches with cream cheese and bananas. This event appeared to be enjoyed by all ages.



## The Fun Didn't End There

On Wednesday, August 29th children had the opportunity to meet Abraham Lincoln (look alike of course) in person. He talked to the children about his childhood and what it was like to be a young man who was told that he would never amount to anything in life. Mr. Lincoln asked the children why anyone would elect a president who only had 2 years of schooling. They discussed the fact that he was elected because he was so knowledgeable about many things. He shared that knowledge was gained through his love of reading and he encouraged the children to read and learn something new each day.

He then read an Aesop Fable to the children to explain the meaning of a quote he made, "a house divided against itself cannot stand." To end the special visit with President Abraham Lincoln we celebrated with root beer floats. Items for the floats were donated by the Dairy Queen, Tasty Twist and Allen's Root Beer Stand.

### Writing Contest

Children were encouraged to enter a writing contest pertaining to Abraham Lincoln. They were to write a story about the importance of going to school and how it would help them fulfill their dreams. Or, they could write a story about what characteristics are important when running for President. The children then had the opportunity to read their story to the group and to President Lincoln.

## President Lincoln (cont.)

The winner of the writing contest was Serena Nottingham with:

### What Does It Take To Make A Good President?

What makes a good President you may ask,  
He has to be a man prepared for the task.  
He must be honest, caring, and kind,  
And always be willing to his country bind.  
A house divided cannot stand,  
Which he should declare from land to land.  
He should have a purpose, task, or goal,  
Which he will accomplish for the country as a whole.  
So that is what a good President is,  
And maybe one day you'll have an office like his.



The children explained to Mr. Lincoln what the game of football was and what T.V. and computers were. It was a great learning experience for all.

This looks like a serious discussion!



The children explained to Mr. Lincoln what a root beer float was, he thought it was white butter. He must have really liked it because he came back for seconds.

## End of Summer Fun For All Ages

The last week of August was party time for all children in Kidsplace. Monday and Tuesday was a gamefest for the teens and tweens; Wednesday and Thursday was a special party day for children ages 2-8. Games were played, stories read, and children made yummy snacks which were quickly eaten.



## It's A Fancy Nancy Party

On Saturday, September 29th @ 11:00 a.m. there will be a Fancy Nancy Party in Kidsplace.

Do you have a Fancy Nancy living in your house? A Fancy Nancy is a young lady who likes sparkles and glitter, lace and tulle, with no amount of jewelry being too much. She likes to wear tutus, boas, and satin since they are the latest fashion, and she will wear them anywhere.

Don't be deceived, Fancy Nancy is not just for little girls. Boys also like to dress-up. Give them a cape or a hat and watch their imaginations come alive. Maybe mom and dad, grandpa and grandma, or an aunt and uncle might want to dress up and join in the party. Dressing-Up is a way to try out another culture.

Allure Salon, a local business, will be on hand to provide all of the young ladies with a free fingernail treatment called "Nail Art." It's not your typical polished nails, it's fingernails decorated with glitter and style, just like Fancy Nancy would like.

Come and join in the fun!



## Learn About 4-H @ the Branch County Fair

On Saturday, September 15th @ 11:00 a.m. Connie Lange, a representative for 4-H will be coming to Kidsplace. She will share with the children how they can become a 4-H member. This is the time of year for children to start thinking about projects to do for the 2013 fair displays.

Connie will be doing a make-it take-it activity with the children to spark their imaginations.



## Story Hours Are Back In Full Swing

Fall Story Hours began September 10th. They are scheduled as follows:

Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-5 and Arabic Story time @ 4:00 p.m. for ages 2-8

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-5 and Spanish Story Time @ 1:00 p.m. for ages 2-5

Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. for ages 6 months to 2 years

Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. is Homeschool for ages 4-6

Friday @ 10:30 a.m. is Play Group for ages 2-6



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## Dream Big, READ!



Our Summer Reading program has officially come to an end. Our last visitor of the summer inched his way in to ask the age old question, Who Am I? Mrs. Linda was very helpful as she found a book on caterpillars. He read it from top to bottom. His big dream is to become a luna moth.

