

Special points of interest:

Marvelous May Mondays

Movies, Lego League, Board & Wii Games are just some of the regular Monday afternoon fun. 5-6 pm

StoryTimes & Homeschool Adventures:

Last week of regularly scheduled school year programs is May 23rd.

Big Chickens: Miss Evie returns on Saturday, May 17 @ 11:30am. Don't be a cluck, join us!

Dog-gone Fun! Jade, the therapy dog joins us for a special story-time with Miss Mary on Saturday, May 31 @ 11:30 am.

Saturday Events Being Discovered!

Here in Kids' Place, we are happy to report that our almost weekly Saturday special event programming is gaining notice. We hear more and more... "gee, we wished we'd have known you have regular Saturday happenings. My (fill in the blank) and I were just saying there isn't anything in Coldwater for children to do on Saturdays!" To that we say... Check us out! We offer some pretty diverse programs on a regular basis with little or no cost to our patrons.

Since our last report, we've had Miss Evie present "Two Dog Stories" with lots of interaction, snacks and a neat craft.

Deb Theron brought us clay art as those in attendance designed their own unique magnet. And we must mention she is happily planning on returning in August as part of our Pirate Queen event.

Our own Miss Julia brought Willy Wonka's "Candyland" to life as we participated in the DBA's promotion of the Tibbit's presentation "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory".

And for Mother's Day, Kristian Steckbauer offered a session of Yoga or "Bendable You" for moms and tots. Neitzert's Greenhouse again donated flats of bedding plants for our young patrons to plant.

The neat thing about our Saturday events is they are truly family friendly as all ages participate. From Grands to babies, they all find something here to spark their interest and have some just plain fun!



Poetry Contest Winners!

And the winners are...

Mikayla Everline (ages 6-9) with her acrostic poem "Library"

Hannah Jackson (ages 10-12) with her acrostic poem "The Library".

Carley Hart (ages 13-18 yrs.) "The World of Books."



Come check out

these great poems in Kids'!



Way to go, girls!



Home School Adventures

Our homeschool group has been quite busy this past month.

Jamie Barrand of The Daily Reporter paid us a visit on Thursday, April 17th. She gave the children in attendance a very informative talk on what makes a great interview.

The children then were given the assignment of interviewing someone who lived during the Great Depression or someone older who they could ask about that person's childhood.

The children then typed up the results of the interviews and shared them with the group on Thursday, April 24th. It was amazing to hear the stories they had. Following the group presentation, they took their stories to Jamie at the Reporter.

She gave them a tour of the paper's offices and told them she'd read their

efforts. We're hoping to see some of them in print!

On Thursday, May 8th the library became a Hooverville as the children experienced first hand the trials of being a hobo during the Great Depression. We hopped a train in the dark, followed hobo signs to find a safe place to build our shelter, carried our possessions to each stop and finally built a shelter.

We made a hobo fruit "stew". And then just when we could relax and enjoy the fruits of our labors, we were chased out by the local police!

The group is working at the local community garden on Thursday, May 15 as they continue to explore the theme of life during the Great Depression.



"If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn."



Hooverville comes to Kids'!



Summer Reading Updates:

We've been busy working on calendars, registration forms, prizes lists and all the papers that need to be completed prior to our Summer Reading kick-off.

This year we're hosting a Summer Reading Blow out Promo on Saturday, June 7th @ 11:30 am.

Professor Cody will be blowing up buildings. NO that's not right. He'll be blowing up Mentos and Diet Coke along with performing other feats of Science fun!

Something else new this summer is our partnering with the Dept. of Education to provide nutritional sack lunches through Chartwell's (Coldwater Schools). These will be available on Tuesdays at noon beginning June 17 and ending on July 29th. The meals are free to children up to the ages of 18. Parents/adults may purchase a lunch.

Linda will be attending a training later this month or early June on how this program is to be run.

The local Walmart Store graciously gave us a \$50 gift of which we've spent all but \$10 on SRP materials!

We're eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Robot kits and other cool science stuff provided by funds from Darling International.

Julia will be heard on the local WTVB radio station on Tuesday, June 3 on the "Ken Delaney in the Morning" show.

Linda is visiting some local youth groups in the next few weeks in hopes of finding more teen volunteers for the summer.

Julia has been approached by local Legg Middle School Language Arts Dept to share about tweens and the library. She hopes to generate some enthusiasm for the Tween/Teen programming!

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More Contest Fun!

On Friday, May 30th Miss Julia will be leading a Duct Tape Shoe workshop from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. While some duct tape has been donated or purchased, tweens/teens are encouraged to BYOR. (bring your own roll) to share.

The winner will be chosen by random drawing of all participants who complete a shoe design.



Prizes consist of Home Depot gift cards . More duct tape anyone?!

Our Tuesday Storytimers enjoying the MayPole! (on right)



Notes of Gratitude

We'd like to thank the following people for their donations to Kids'.

Vera & Dave Renshaw: Bi-lingual copy of *Curious George goes to the Library*.

Jeanne Berg: Rolls of duct tape & craft materials.

Evette Atkin: Best Buy gift card for our tween/teen Science Fair.

Carley Hart & friends: for cutting, sorting and counting SRP tickets. Oh, and

least we forget...making the May Pole. Or in their words, the May Light Saber! (see picture above for finished project)

Cheryl Graham: for her diligent help in cleaning books, inventorying supplies and what ever we ask of her!



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