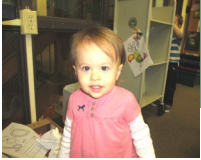


KIDS' PLACE NEWS

JUNE 2013



HEADSTART STUDENTS VISIT KIDS'.



SOME OF OUR VISITORS FROM THE LINCOLN HEADSTART

The end of May brought more than summer temps! Kids' Place heated up with approximately 125 pre-schoolers from a number of local Headstart classes. The students walked here from both the Lincoln and Franklin schools! Fortunately the days of their visits were sunny!

Miss Julia and Miss Linda doubled team for most of the storytime presentations. Miss Julia led the singing and Miss Linda literally croaked her

way through the stories! (she had a sinus infection.)

The chosen theme was Chickens. And did we have fun as Miss Henrietta, one of our resident chickens (puppet) excitedly welcomed and participated in all the story-times.

The children heard "Chickens to the Rescue" which had children and adults laughing. We did our own variation of the Chicken dance and learned all about clucking, crowing, flapping, scratching and wagging our tail feathers.

Following an interactive reading of the classic "The Little Red Hen", the students showed us how a chicken acted and were rewarded by a feast of worms. Gummy

worms, that is!

The classes seemed to enjoy their visit as did our staff. We also gave out Summer Reading Information and a basic overview of how the children could use the library.

We have proof that these visits encourage greater library use as we've had several new patrons in the past weeks. The parents were impressed that their child had come home and insisted on coming to the library!



COMING SATURDAY EVENTS:

- SATURDAY, JUNE 14: "FLY A KITE WITH DAD!" @ HERITAGE PARK 10-11 AM. ROOTBEER FLOATS TO FOLLOW.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 14: MARTIAL ARTS WITH ELITE ATM @ 11:30
- SATURDAY, JUNE 21: "A PURR-FECT TALE" WITH MISS EVIE @ NOON.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 21: "MEOW OR BOW-WOW?" WITH THE BRANCH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY @ 1PM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 28: "CARTOONING 201" WITH JONNY HAWKINS 12 PM



Home School Adventures End for Summer.

The end of May also saw the end of our Home School Adventures group. What an true adventure this has been! The group ended their study of the Great Depression by making garden mosaics and planting marigolds. (compliments of Neitzerts)

Miss Linda led the children in

the planting. The group learned how to prep flower beds, properly dig, plant and water.

We even got a lesson in "Leaflets three, Let it be" or the identification of poison ivy, which was discovered growing in the small bed outside the west library en-

trance.

We're sad for our adventure time to end but we're already looking forward to next fall. We have a visit to Old MacDonald's orchard awaiting us!





More Chicken fun with Miss Evie's Saturday Storytime. (above)

Odds n Ends from the month:

Martial Arts Demonstration

"Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere."

— Albert Einstein

Monday evenings: Board Game Frenzy, Lego Creations, Movie Madness & Wii fun!



"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It's an enormous force for good.
Senator Barack Obama



Preschool storytime with Jade the therapy dog.



The further adventures of Miss Julia and Miss Linda or how can work be this much fun?!

Busy doesn't quite describe what our two intrepid Kids' Place coordinators have been up to.

What you ask has been happening beyond the usual crazy busy of preparing for the just over the horizon Summer Reading program?

Well, there have been several presentations to local teen groups regarding summer volunteering and the fun we have planned for tween/teens. Miss Julia is going to travel to Lakeland School within the week to share not just Summer Reading but all the library has to offer youth.

We've met with McDonald's regarding SRP sponsorship. They are cutting back but we're still set with plenty of prizes for our young patrons.

We've had fun shopping for Summer Reading materials. Just picture an expedition to the wilds of Walmart!

We've met with Tamara S. of Chartwells and are gearing up for training regarding the "Meet Up and Eat Up" program that we will be participating in this summer. This is a federal program to provide healthy meals for children to age 18 yrs.

Our exercise leaders are

excited and ready to begin the Moms & Tots exercise program.

And if you haven't been in, please take the time to checkout our resident robot and mad scientist lab display. The patrons have certainly enjoyed them.

