



Coldwater Kids' Place

Fall Programing

After a busy summer of fun programming, we're finally rested and ready to go with a full lineup of fall activities in the Kids' Place.

We organize the groups by age and developmental stage so that our youngest patrons are comfortable and learning at their best level.

Storytime sessions are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10:30 am for our youngest patrons, ranging from babies in Moms' laps, to pre-

school children getting ready for school.

On Wednesday afternoon, we open it up to the elementary-aged patrons for an afternoon of "After School Stories & Art."

On Thursday afternoons, we have a solid group of homeschool families who have joined our "Homeschool Adventure Time." This multi-age group loves the thematic lessons and projects each month.

In addition, we have regular Monday evening activities, and special Saturday programs.

New! Teen Advisory Group Forming

This fall is an exciting time for our teens to get involved at the Branch District Library. A T.A.G (Teen Advisory Group) is now forming to allow students to have a say in what types of programming will be offered for

their age group.

Meeting at least once a quarter , we will brainstorm ideas, meet new friends and make

an impact in the community! New members always welcome! See Miss Julia in Kids' Place for details.



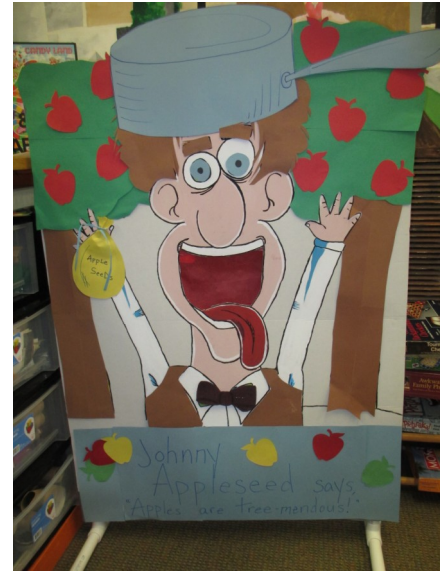
First Meeting: Friday, September 12th
3:00 pm for Students, ages 13-18

Johnny Appleased to Visit on September 20th

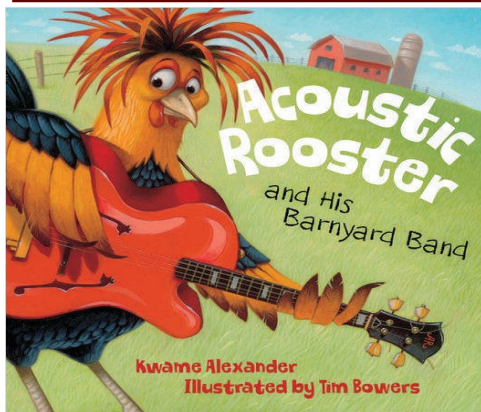
In conjunction with the City of Coldwater's Apple Fest Weekend, Kids' Place will be welcoming Johnny Appleased aka Glenn Snapp!

Johnny will share a story and be on hand for photo opportunities on Saturday, September 20th. In addition, kids can participate in some sweet self-directed apple activities, crafts and games.

Another special Saturday event earlier this month was "Bring Your Grandparents to the Library Day" on September 6. Later this month, on September 27, we will have our final program in the series of safety programs from the American Red Cross, entitled, "circle, Circle, Dot, Dot," a program about staying healthy



2014 Michigan Reads Program Coming Soon



Again this year, Coldwater Kids' Place is participating in the One-State, One-Children's Book program presented by the Library of Michigan. The featured book for 2014 is *Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard*, written by Kwayne Alexan-

der, and illustrated by Tim Bowers. Our special event this year is called, "Cool Cats Read" and will be held Saturday, October 4th from 11:30– 1:00 pm.. Self-directed activities & crafts will follow the story at 11:30.

We Love our VOLUNTEERS!

We appreciate our volunteers so much in Kids' Place!

To say THANK YOU and to give our many volunteers their "just desserts," we are

planning a special evening to show our appreciation. They are a talented and dedicated group who are OK with doing whatever needs to be done to make Kids' an inviting and exciting place to be.



VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

OCTOBER 2, 6-7 pm

Ahoy! Pirates off the Starboard Side!! Arrrrgh....

On Saturday, August 23rd, the pirates took over Kids' Place and had a rollicking good time!

Captain Linda, First Mate Mary and their scurvy crew of volunteers led the maties in games, making pendants & swords and then sharing some pirate grub with their favorite pirate skeleton, Leopold! According to legend, Leopold has been

searching for years for his lost treasure, but is still unable to figure out where he saw it last! Of course, having his eyes fall out might have something to do with



this !

Draw Bots Party

What great fun we had making our little motorized bots and our robot snacks. Mr. Mike did a great job making the bot kits and instructing us. Mary Blackmer brought us the stuff to assemble our robot snacks! All this was due in part to the generous support of the Walmart Dis-

tribution Center.



Tween Happenings Every Wednesday in Kids' Place

Also new this fall is our weekly activity for a special group of patrons, affectionately known as our "tweens!" This high-energy group will enjoy various activities each Wednesday af-

ternoon after school, from 3 -4:00 p.m. From Movies and crafts, to board games and contests, this ought to prove fun and educational for these students, ages 10-14 years. Miss Julia is ex-

cited to be leading this new program and is looking forward to making it possible for the tweens to have a safe place with the early release of school on Wednesdays.

Coming in October...

October Reading Challenge: Ages 2-12th grade . Great prizes for reading! Everyone who turns in their log gets a prize but our various level mega readers will receive special rewards, as well as a prize for the Family of Reading Champions! Sign up has begun.

Star Wars Reads Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11. Lots of cool fun is being planned! The force is strong amongst our young readers.

Red Cross "Be Ready 1, 2, 3" will be presented on Saturday, October, 18 @ 12pm Don't miss this great presentation on helping children to be ready for any type of bad weather!

Thanks to our local Walmart Distribution Facility, Nikki from Pruess Pets of Lansing will present... *Along came a Spider*. A very unique storytime with real spiders in attendance!

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Angela Huntley: Colored Pencils

Margarita & Kimberly Rivas: Flower craft materials

The Everline Family: Veggie Tales & Barbie DVDs

Showcase Gardens: Melons for our Pirate fun!

Glei's Farm Market: Apples for our Thursday adventures



Don't miss the fun!

Another word regarding our Summer Reading Sponsors!

While we provided you with a list of our generous Summer Reading sponsors, we neglected to let you know how much these individuals and organizations donated to us.

We received a total of \$3250.00 in financial contributions including gift cards. The total for the water, Gatorade and 12 flats of 2 liters we can only image. (PepsiCo). At last tally, we had spent over \$2100 on programs and related supplies. The remaining monies are being used for a variety of Science related programs throughout this fall and winter.

We can't say enough about our community's commitment to ensuring our young patrons have access to programming both for the Summer and beyond!

We're all ready collecting ideas for 2015's theme of "Heroes" and have one presenter on the books! No rest here in Kids' Place!

