



Kids' Place News

JULY 2015

Service Club Donations!

Coldwater Kiwanis Club

Linda and Kymberly recently were guests of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club. The local club has graciously donated \$1200.00 for a series of programs entitled "Traveling Tales". These events will comprise of a classical or old school children's tale from countries around the world, food and a language lesson from the country of origin, music or art as well as games.

The stories are read page by page in the language of the country of origin followed by English.. And whenever possible the

staff and children will dress as a character either from the book or the country of origin.

Beyond the financial support, the Kiwanis Key Klub members (teen members) will be helping with all aspects of these events from craft preparation to clean-up and all needs in between.

Our first event in conjunction with the Kiwanis will be traveling to Spain with the story "Ferdinand the Bull". This event is planned for Saturday, October 3.



Coming Events!

Summer Reading Clubs will continue through the end of July...
Tuesday: Community Heroes,
Wednesday: Nature Heroes

Saturday, July 18th...Bat Man Day!
1:00 pm

Thursday, July 23...WMU Core
Kids Program: FOSSILS! 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 29...Organization
for Bat Conservation, "Bats in the
Library"! 11:00 am

Saturday, August 1st...Summer
Reading Program ends, last day to
turn in logs to be entered into
grand prize drawings.

Tuesday, August 4-25...Kindermusik
comes to the Library! Online Regis-
tration for participants. Group A:
2 & 3 yr old Group B: 4 & 5 yr olds

August 9-15, Branch County 4-H
Fair Week. SRP participants can
use Fair tickets!



Notes of Appreciation

We don't want to miss this opportunity to thank the following individuals or families for their gifts of materials or time to our programs.

Martha Gomez: 90 (count them) glue sticks.

Rachel Everline: Books

Bea Osborne: Cleaning books & super hero craft preparation!

Cheryl Graham: Overseeing the Tuesday "Meet

Up & Eat Up" program. She is our own unique super hero!

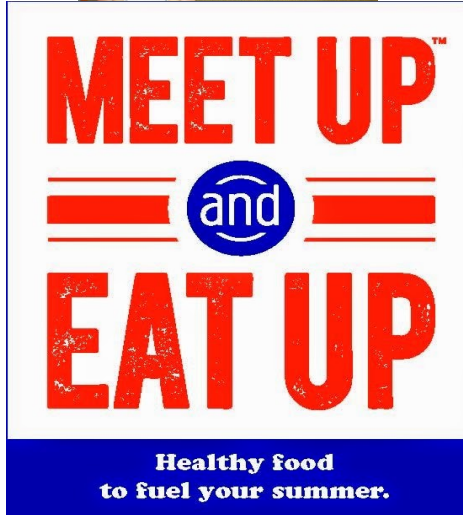
Sandy Wistinghausen Faithfully organizing & sorting the multitude of papers for the children's Hero Journals.





Once again we are taking part in the Michigan Department of Education's "Meet Up and Eat Up" program. This program provides free nutritional sack lunches to children ages 2-18 yrs with adults able to purchase a lunch for the low price of \$3. We will be a lunch site until Tuesday, July 28. Like last year, we signed up to be a site during the six weeks of our regular SRP programming. This year we even had parents ask which day the meal would be offered!

We've only been able to eat outside once due to RAIN and MOSQUITOES! However, the patrons don't mind eating inside.



The menu this year has consisted of a choice of green salad or a PBJ. The first week found that our young patrons were not favoring the green stuff. However as the weeks have gone by, the salads have grown in popularity. We actually ran out of salads this week!



"It's still magic even if you know how it's done."



Rick Fisher of Fab Magic did two sessions of Magic Camp for us. We were able to offer this great opportunity through the Walmart Transportation Grant.



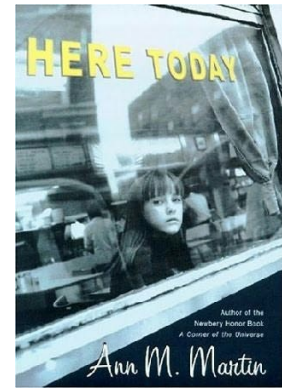
Tuesday "Community Heroes"





The many faces
of
Summer Reading...

“Read Like a Girl” Book Club



For the summer session of our tween and teen girls' book club we are reading *Here Today* by author, Ann M. Martin. The girls enjoy reading, discussion and art projects under the leadership of Michelle Tice of the girl scouts. You don't have to a Girl Scout to attend! The girls meet on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Crazy and Creative Craft Afternoons have been fun for the kids during the summer reading program. The theme of superheroes offered a lot of ideas for cool projects. The students have already made 3-D letter collages and Cubee Craft super heroes, and are looking forward to superhero banners and a claymation workshop with Bea & Dale Osborne.



Bat Man is arriving!!



A big thank you to Ryan Littley (aka the Hillsdale Bat Man) for joining us as Bat Man for our “Bat Day”, on Saturday, July 18th. Ryan is passionate about acting and has a lot of experience constructing awesome costumes and props from his favorite movies.



Never too young to enjoy
the library!

