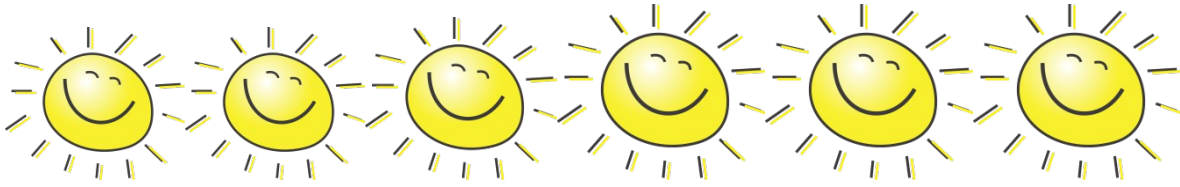


Kids' Place News August 2015



Summer Reading: It is Finished!!!

As we look back over the summer, we're amazed at all that we've done here in Kids'. We always know it's summer by the reappearance of certain patrons, who only visit us at this time of year. But the reversal is true that we also know school/fall is approaching by the sudden stillness that fills Kids' Place after weeks of busyness. There are so many memories that it's hard to put them all down but we would like to share some really special ones. (The kind that make our job here so worthwhile).

Attending public events and having children loudly announce that the library lady is here. Unexpected hugs in public from children who have attended our weekly programs. Hearing one's name being yelled while riding/walking down the city streets and feeling like a rock star! Having moms tell us how much they hate having to work as their child is upset to miss the weekly programs. A mother sharing how her primary aged child struggled with reading but because of his intense interest in our hero programs was determined to read; he did!! Hearing a child loudly announce "I just love the library!" upon entering Kids' Place. Seeing the intensity of the children as they focus on the passion of the various presenters and listening as they share their new knowledge with the adults. Watching as adults get drawn into the presentations, sharing the same intensity to observe and absorb the neat information shared. The awesome response to our "Bats in the Library" presentation!

It's also been amazing to see the network of community members who have given of their time/talent/finances to share with our young patrons. I especially want to praise Sandy Bolton, who graciously filled in when our scheduled professional beekeeper cancelled.

And with that in mind, we would like to thank the following people for sharing this summer.

Eric Tobin (Michigan Herpetology Society)

Darla Dickinson & Jade the therapy dog

Mike & Penny Kelly (WWII aviation)

Robyn Schwartz & Enge the K-9 dog

Jessica Wright of the MSU Children's Garden

Brad Love & Branch District Conservation District

Lori Loveberry & CHC

Gene Wasserman (Bluebird Foundation)

Kathy Mock of Kathy's Dance Studio

Chad Hilton & Coldwater Fire Department

Lloyd Adams (what makes a hero)

The Branch Co. Humane Society

Sheriff Pollack & Keith Eichler

Marine Sgt. Jesse Hiatt

Diana Lutz & Pokagon State Park

Ryan Littlely (Batman)

Coldwater Police Sgt. Frederickson

Sandy Bolton & the Garden Club

Extreme Volunteers: Shannon Philo, Cheryl Graham, and Sandy Wistinghausen

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Prize/Giveaway Sponsors:
McDonald's (Grand prizes & weekly BOG)
Little Caesar's (Crazy bread coupons)
Applebee's (food coupons)
Branch Co. 4-H Fair (free parking etc.)
For the first time in memory, there was no financial support from the Coldwater Friends of the Library. Hopefully next year!

Summer Reading Fun Facts! Summer Reading Fun Facts!

Enrolled:	Finished:	Drawing Winners:
2-4 yrs: 148	79	Ashlyn Abrey (v-tech educational toy-Meijers)
6-8yrs: 186	80	Seth Cloves (Bike-McD's)
9-12yrs: 175	57	Abi Caudill (Bike-McD's)
13-18yrs: 46	23	Annastasia Trumbower (Kindle-McD's)
Total:555	239	

Over Achievers or those who surpassed our set goals:

2-4 yrs: Ben Everline with 152 books read/goal was 60 books (t-shirt)
6-8 yrs: Adira Jarus with 4,474 pgs read/goal was 600 pgs(t-shirt)
9-12 yrs: Saralyn Knapp 7,678 pgs read/ goal was 1800 pgs (t-shirt)
As Saralyn has returned to China, our 2nd highest reading participant Tiffany Park with 6,825 pgs will receive the t-shirt.
13-18 yrs: Selena Hostetler 7,538 pgs read/goal was 2500 pgs.

We had a total of 98 children/teens exceeding the set goals, so on Wednesday, August 12, we will be hosting a party with more prizes and drawings to encourage those who love to read!



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Mondays:

Lap-time @ 10:30am (ages birth-18mos.) Music, movement, sign language & stories for the very young.

Marvelous Mondays: Lego Club & Movies alternating Monday evenings @ 6:30 pm

Tuesdays:

Pick a Story@10:30 am (ages 4-6 yrs) Children pick the story theme each week and we provide the fun!

Wednesdays:

Toddler Tunes @ 10:30 am (ages 2-3 yrs). Songs, stories, simple crafts, sign language and age-appropriate active movement for today's active tots!

After School Tales & Treats@ 4:30.(K-3rd grade) A DVD story time featuring children's story favorites with freshly popped popcorn!

Thursdays:

Homeschool Adventures: (Pre-K-5th grade) Thematic units with books, learning activities, presentations, crafts and more.

Fridays:

"Through the Portal" Elementary Story Group (4-7th grade)@ 3:30 pm
Listen to an exciting read-aloud with related activities.

Saturdays: Special guests, room-sized games, craft days and other child-appropriate fun.





Bee-lieve me,
we had fun!







And so
Summer
Reading ends!