

JUMP START NEWS



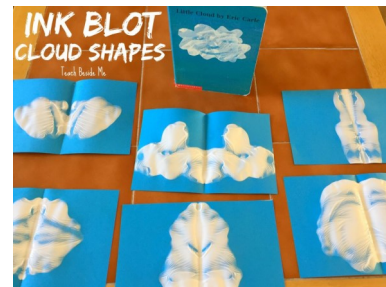
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Creative Corner

Cloud Shapes

1. Blue Paper
2. Drip some white paint on the blue paper
3. Fold in half
4. Talk about the different shapes



Want More Jump Start?

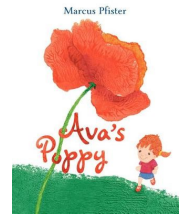
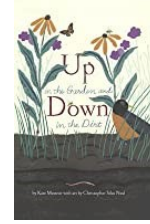
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Books to Read To Your Child in April

- Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner
- We are the Gardeners by Joanna Gaines
- The World is Awake by Lindsey Davis
- Plant the Tiny Seed by Christie Matheson
- If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson
- Ava's Poppy by Marcus Pfister
- A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston
- Jack's Garden by Henry Cole
- From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! By Candace Fleming
- An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Hutts Aston
- Outside Your Window by Nicola Davies
- When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes



ANOTHER CRAFT TO TRY!



Self Care

Self-Care FOR FAMILIES

Emotional

- watch a good movie
- write each positive note
- verbalize and talk about feelings
- sing
- tell jokes
- draw selfies
- spend time writing

Physical

- dance party
- go for a walk
- yoga for kids
- exercise
- family bike ride
- Go for a walk
- rollerblading

Mental/Spiritual

- read together
- draw or write stories
- coloring together
- meditate
- talk about forgiveness
- find shapes in the clouds
- practice breaths

Práctical

- Spring cleaning
- morning and night routines
- homework and study
- make a shopping list together
- make a weekly cleaning list
- create a weekly budget
- assign tasks

Auto-Cuidado PARA FAMILIAS

Emocional

- mira una buena película
- escribe cada nota positiva
- verbalizar y hablar sobre sentimientos
- cantar
- contar chistes
- dibujar autorretratos
- dedicar tiempo a escribir

Físico

- fiesta de baile
- ir a caminar
- yoga para niños
- ejercicio
- paseo familiar en bicicleta
- hacer una caminata
- patinar

Mental/Espiritual

- leer juntos
- dibujar o escribir historias
- colorear juntos
- meditar
- hablar sobre el perdón
- encontrar formas en las nubes
- practicar respiraciones

Práctica

- limpieza de primavera
- rutinas de mañana y noche
- tarea y estudio
- hacer una lista de compras juntos
- hacer una lista de limpieza semanal
- crear un presupuesto semanal
- asignar tareas

Parenting Tip of the Month!

3 Parenting tips from the CDC during the Coronavirus.

- As you know, every child no matter how small thrives on a structured routine. Try to keep up with regular routines. If schools are closed, create a schedule for learning activities and relaxing or fun activities.
- Reassure your child or teen that they are safe. Let them know it is ok if they feel upset. Share with them how you deal with your own stress and practice fun breathing exercise together.
- Limit your family's exposure to news coverage of the event, including social media. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.

Health and Safety

COVID
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE
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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

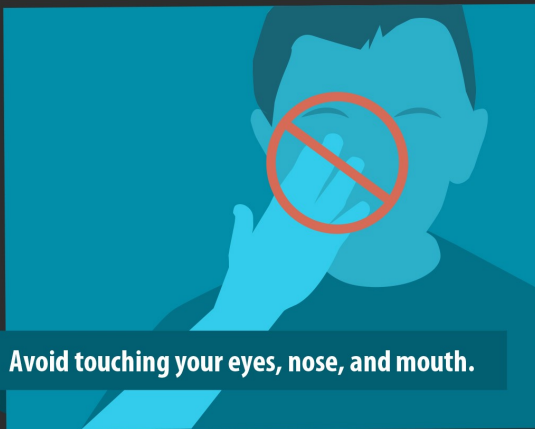
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Money Tips

Financial Tips for April

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Governor JB Pritzker has implemented several assistance programs to assist families in Illinois during this difficult time. He has ordered that all utility companies cease shutoffs through May 1, 2020. The following is a list of other assistance options.

Driver's License Bureau: If your Illinois driver's license expires in March, you will be given a one-month extension. Also, thirty-day extensions will also be given for vehicle registrations and ID cards.

Unemployment Benefits: Employees who may not have access to sick leave or unable to work because of COVID-19 are encouraged to call the Illinois Department of Employment Security at 1-800-244-5631 or visit the department online to <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides>.

Enfamil, Similac, and GoodStart: If parents are on the verge of running out of baby formula they can call the number on the back of the canister and explain that the pandemic has affected their ability to purchase formula. The company will send the family a case of formula free of charge.

LIHEAP: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) enables low-income households to apply for assistance paying for winter energy and gas services. LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the state of Illinois.

ComEd: ComEd has placed a freeze on service disconnections, and will waive new late payment charges through at least May 1.

~Is helping customers to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options on a case by case basis.

~Under the Residential Special Hardship program, customers who face financial hardship such as job loss, illness or military deployment, or senior or disability hardships, may be eligible for grants based on need.

Comcast:

~Low-income families who live in a Comcast service area can sign up and receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month. To sign up, applicants can simply visit www.internetessentials.com.

~Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

~Pausing data plans for 60 days, giving all customers Unlimited data for no additional charge.

~No Disconnects or Late Fees: Comcast will not disconnect a customer's internet service or assess late fees if they contact them and let them know that they can't pay their bills during this period.

Sprint:

~Not terminating service if customers are unable to pay their Sprint bill because of the coronavirus situation.

~Waiving late fees incurred because of economic circumstances related to the pandemic.

~Customers with international long distance calling plans will receive complimentary international calling rates from the U.S. to certain countries.

~Unlimited data per month for 60 days (a minimum of two bill cycles) at no extra cost.

Food Fun

Hungry Hippos

Ingredients

- 1 Flatout Foldit (we use the 5 Grain Flax variety)
- Your choice of spreads, such as: peanut butter or other nut butters, sun butter, nut-free Wow Butter soy spread, reduced-fat cream cheese, 100% pure fruit jelly
- Your choice of optional sprinkled toppings, such as: thinly sliced kiwis, grapes, strawberries or other fruits; coconut flakes; thinly sliced almonds or other nuts; granola
- 2 small blueberries
- 1 small grape
- 2 thinly sliced almonds (or an additional grape, for a nut-free option)

Directions

1. To make each hippo, place Foldit on work surface and carefully cut a thin, curved section off from each side of the "face," as shown in the photo in the post above.
2. Open Foldit and spread it thinly with your choice of spreads. Add additional, thinly sprinkled toppings of your choice, if desired. Close Foldit.
3. To form the hippo's curved "mouth," gently press the center of the top Foldit layer toward the middle, as shown in the photo above. This will be easiest if there aren't sprinkled toppings such as fruit or nuts right in that area of the hippo.
4. For the "nostrils," place a very small dab of whatever spread you're using on each blueberry, and "glue" them into place near the center of the curved mouth.
5. For the "eyes," cut a grape in half and dab each cut side with a little spread, "gluing" each eye into place near the top of the hippo, as you did with the blueberry "nostrils."
6. Press each almond into place as "ears" at the very top of the head, above the eyes. Cutting a tiny slit in the Foldit first will make this easier. Alternately, for a nut-free option, you can use a sliced grape instead of almonds, securing the grape "ears" in place with a little dab of spread, if needed.



Fitness

Kids who enjoy sports and exercise tend to stay active throughout their lives. And staying fit can improve how kids do at school, build self-esteem, prevent obesity, and decrease the risk of serious illnesses such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease later in life.

The Three Elements of Fitness

1. If you've ever watched kids on a playground, you've seen the three elements of fitness in action when they:
2. run away from the kid who's "it" (endurance)
3. cross the monkey bars (strength)
4. bend down to tie their shoes (flexibility)

One of the best ways to get kids to be more active is to limit the amount of time spent in sedentary activities, especially watching TV or other screens. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that parents:

- Put limits on the time spent using media, which includes TV, social media, and video games. Media should not take the place of getting enough sleep and being active.
- Limit screen time to 1 hour a day or less for children 2 to 5 years old.
- Discourage any screen time, except video-chatting, for kids younger than 18 months.
- Choose high-quality programming and watch it with your kids to help them understand what they're seeing.
- Keep TVs, computers, and video games out of children's bedrooms.
- Turn off screens during mealtimes.

How Much Exercise Is Enough?

Parents should make sure that their kids get enough exercise. So, how much is enough? Kids and teens should get 60 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily.

Toddlers and preschool children should play actively several times a day. Toddlers should get at least 60 minutes active play every day and preschoolers should have at least 120 minutes active play every day. This time should include planned, adult-led physical activity and unstructured active free play.

Raising Fit Kids

- Combining regular physical activity with a healthy diet is the key to a healthy lifestyle.
- Here are some tips for raising fit kids:
- Help your kids do in a variety of age-appropriate activities.
- Set a regular schedule for physical activity.
- Make being active a part of daily life, like taking the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Embrace a healthier lifestyle yourself, so you'll be a positive role model for your family.
- Be active together as a family.
- Keep it fun, so your kids will come back for more.

* Please contact events in advance to find out if still scheduled or for a new date if postponed

Island Park District Spring Eggstravaganza

April 3 | 8pm - April 4 | 12pm

Wilmington Island Park District | 315 N Water St, Wilmington, Illinois 60481

Hop on over to the Wilmington Island Park District for an Easter celebration filled with egg hunts, breakfast with the bunny, games, special prizes, and a whole lot of fun for the whole family! See you there!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 | 10 am

Minooka UMC Ridge Rd. Property

You are invited to our FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt at Minooka UMC Ridge Rd. Property (Near Lakewood Trail Subdivision and under Minooka water tower) on Saturday, April 4th at 10am sharp. (Do not be late. 10,000 eggs can be gone in less than 16 seconds) All children under 5th grade are invited. Local businesses are invited as well. Contact the church for more information at 815-467-2322

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 | 10:30am

Four Seasons Park | 25505 W Seil Rd, Shorewood, Illinois 60404

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:30 am! Group 1: 3-4 years old's will start first, followed by group 2: 5-6 year old, then group 3: 7-8 year old's will follow. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring your Easter baskets. There will be only a 3 minute delay between age groups, and will not start the next age group until the one before it finishes. Questions? Call 815-741-7710

Hoppin Holiday Egg Scramble

April 4 | 10:30am

Channahon Park District | 24856 W Eames St, Channahon, Illinois 60410

Grab your basket and head over to Central Park for the annual Easter Egg Scramble! There will be thousands of eggs that will be filled with goodies and we need you to come pick them up! The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures throughout the morning, so bring your camera! Please arrive by 10:15am as the egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:30am!
Fee: FREE

Annual Chick Days

April 4 | 11am-2pm

Tri-County Stockdale Co. of Joliet | 25520 W Black Rd, Joliet, Illinois 60404

Thinking about raising backyard chickens? Learn the basics at an upcoming local event. To teach you how to start a backyard flock, Tri-County Stockdale invites you to its Annual Chick Days event!

Spring Parking Lot Party

April 4 | 11am-7pm

Forepaws | 829 Ridge Rd, Minooka

Four confirmed Food Trucks: Mel's Tacos, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, TCBY Dessert, Chicago All Fired Up BBQ

5 confirmed Pet Rescues: Just Animals, Cache Creek, Forget Me Not Pet Rescue, Rileys Rescue Foundation RRF, Just Giants

Kid's crafts, Easter Bunny photos and so much more!
FREE Event for the whole family!

Dog-Gone Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 | 9:45am

Channahon Park District | 24856 W Eames St, Channahon, Illinois 60410

Free Event! Easter egg hunts aren't just for kids! Bring your dog to the annual egg hunt! There will be plenty of plastic eggs stuffed with dog treats that your canine can chow down on. All dogs must be leashed at all times and remember to pick up after your pet! Please no aggressive dogs and owners must be there to attend to their dogs the whole time.

Pancakes with a Python

April 4 | 9-10am and 10:45-11:45am

Pilcher Park | 2501 Highland Park Dr, Joliet, Illinois 60432
Have you ever had the pleasure of dining with a snake? Sabrina the python and her scaly friends will join you as you dine on freshly made pancakes, sausage, and milk. While you munch away, a naturalist will teach you about the slithering residents of Pilcher Park Nature Center. After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to touch our reptile friends and make a fun craft.

\$7 per person | All ages welcome | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Hop Into Easter

April 4 | 1:30-2:30pm

Smith Family YMCA | 1350 S Briggs St, Joliet, Illinois 60433
Hop into the Y for a fun-filled afternoon to kick-off your Easter celebrations! Participants will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, games, face painting and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Be sure to get your picture taken! This event is free and open to the community.

Register Today: <https://tinyurl.com/smith-ymca-hop-into-easter>

Easter Bunny Event

April 4 | 1:30pm

Goldfish Swim School | 12315 Rhea Dr, Plainfield, Illinois 60585

Hip-pity Hop ! Join us for our Easter bunny event!
Cost is \$5 per swimmer - \$15 Maximum

Bunny Petting Zoo & Egg Hunt

April 9 | 6:30-7:30pm

Joliet Public Library | 150 N Ottawa St., Joliet, Illinois 60432
Craft a bunny bag to hold the eggs you find during our indoor hunt, and cuddle some fuzzy bunny friends from The Animal Express! See ticket information for registration link.

Easter Bunny Pizza Skate Party

April 10 | 5:30-9pm

Family Fun Zone | 2333 Theodore St, Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

Easter Skate! Make sure you come skate with the easter bunny!

We will have unlimited pizza, skating, and a easter egg hunt for the kids filled with tokens, prizes, and more! Make sure you buy your tickets in advance! We will be selling tickets for \$11.00 per person. Call 815-729-9191 for tickets!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 11 | 4pm

The Village Christian Church | 8965 S. Bell Road, Minooka, Illinois 60447

You're invited, rain or shine, for some family fun! This egg hunt is going to be off the charts! We're talking 10,000 eggs! Bring a basket or bag to put the eggs in.

There will be 3 age divisions: Toddler/Preschool, Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5. The hunts will go pretty quick, but we don't want the fun to end! Stay after for Minooka Fire and Police Touch A Truck, a jumpie, hot dogs, chips, and lemonade, face painting, and get your picture with the Easter Bunny. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will still be happening. It will just move indoors.

Each family that has kids participating in the egg hunt will get one raffle ticket for a Nintendo Switch Lite. You can pick that up at the ticket table, then stay for the Easter Service at 5 pm where the winner will be announced (winner must be present).

Everyone is welcome, invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and teammates!

Dive Into Easter

April 11 | 10am

Galowich Family YMCA | 749 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, Illinois 60431

Join us for an Easter celebration! Festivities will include Easter crafts and Easter Egg Hunts (on land and in the water). Be sure to take a picture with the Easter Bunny!
This event is free and open to the community.

Kids Easter Party

April 11 | 12-3pm

Tom Kelly's | 495 Degroate Rd, New Lenox, Illinois 60451
Join us April 11th from 12-3 to celebrate Easter with your kiddos! We'll have crafts, scavenger hunt, face painting, egg hunt and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny! This is a free event but please make reservations so that we can staff appropriately and have enough space for everyone

Moms & More Spring Open House

April 18 | 10am

The Broken Yolk Cafe | 12618 South Rt. 59, Plainfield, Illinois 60585

Join us for a brunch buffet and learn more about Moms & More and what we have planned for the upcoming months! A REDUCED membership rate will be made available for those who join during this event. This is a FREE event, though registration is required through Eventbrite. We look forward to meeting you!

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Family Day

April 25 | 10am-4pm

Big Run Wolf Ranch | 14857 Farrell Rd, Lockport, Illinois 60441

Season Opener!!

Featuring 7 Beautiful Wolves, Siberian Tiger, Black Bear, Cougar, Lynx, Opossum and More!

Admission \$7.00 (pay cash or credit at door / no online tickets)

Special Guests at Noon: Crosstown Exotics (Featuring Iguana,

Monkey Tailed Skink, Argentine Black and White Tegu, American Alligator, Anaconda, and an Albino Burmese Python)

Food, Gift Shop, Music, Raffles and Fun! Yearly Season Passes and Adoptions Available

Parking will be at Walmart 16241 Farrell Rd (SW Corner of Lot) with free non-stop school bus service (strollers allowed) to the ranch *Handicapped Parking available at ranch*

2020 Día de los Niños!

April 25 | 1-5pm

Vaughan Athletic Center | 2121 W Indian Trail Rd, Aurora, Illinois 60506

Please join us in celebrating our children during our Día del Niño on Saturday, April 25th, 2020. El Día de los niños promotes appreciation of children. The annual Día de los niños, or Children's Day, started in Mexico in 1925 to emphasize the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children. Activities are in English and Spanish languages, covering different fields of interest related to science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

Embrace the Young Child Family Event

April 26 | 2-4pm

Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center (Gym) | 3000 W Jefferson St, Joliet, Illinois 60435

There will be many activities for children, including a Children's Art Show, Open House for Sunshine & Rainbows Learning Center, and Scholastic Book Fair.

Ages All | FREE

Easter Bunny @ Alsip Nursery

April 26 | 12pm

Alsip Home & Nursery | 20601 S La Grange Rd, Frankfort

The Easter Bunny is hopping over to Alsip Home & Nursery!

Take a photo with the whole family- pets too!

- It may be after Easter, but the Easter Bunny is hanging around! WALK-INS WELCOME!
- Everyone is welcome to take their own photos during the visit!
 - All photo sessions are first come, first serve.
 - Take photos with the WHOLE family, pets included!
 - Feel free to RSVP so we know you're interested.

Dinosaur Discovery Program

April 28 | 6:30-7:30pm

Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch | 3395 Black Rd, Joliet, Illinois 60431

This program is open to the public, come out and get hands-on with authentic dinosaur fossils and see some of our latest finds! We will stay up to 30 minutes after the program end time so you can come up and take a picture or see/touch anything you weren't able to during the program. Come 15 minutes early and meet Ranger the T-Rex in front of the Library! PLEASE contact the library to see if there are registration requirements!

Bunny Breakfast

April 4th, 2020 from 9:30am-11:00am

Mark your calendars ... Peter Cottontail is coming to the Godley Park District. You and your family are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet and have a picture taken with the bunny. Breakfast served at 10am sharp. This event costs \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 1-12). Fee includes a picture and dinner. Register/pay by: March 9th. Located at 500 S. Kankakee St., Godley, IL 60407.

Annual Egg Hunt

April 4th, 2020 at 11:30am

Peter Cottontail will be at our FREE Egg Hunt immediately following the Bunny Breakfast. Kids, bring a bag or basket to hunt for colorful eggs and then visit with the Easter Bunny. Hunt will begin promptly at 11:30am. This event is for children ages 1-10 years old and will take place at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St., Godley, IL 60407.

Crafts at the MAPL

April 2020

Join the Morris Area Public Library's Children's Departments for crafting fun!

- 4/1/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Button Tree Painting
- 4/5/20 @ 2:00pm--Children's National Dandelion Day Craft
- 4/6/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Newspaper Koala
- 4/7/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Easter Bunny Candy Jar
- 4/8/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Easter Bunny Wash Clothes
- 4/11/20 @ 2:00pm--Children's Clothes Pin Airplanes
- 4/13/20 @ 1:00pm--Children's April Showers Bring May Flowers Craft
- 4/14/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Hot Air Balloon Craft
- 4/20/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Spring Flower Pot Craft
- 4/21/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Crayon Making Craft
- 4/22/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Earth Day Craft
- 4/25/20 @ 2:00pm--Children's Rainy Day Umbrella Craft
- 4/28/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Spring String Art
- 4/29/20 @ 5:30pm--Children's Clothes Pin Ocean Creature

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 4th, 2020 at 1:00pm

Join the Braidwood Park District & The Braidwood Lions Club for the Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Registration for the event begins at 12:00pm, participants should arrive early. Children can enter into a raffle in order to win a free Easter Basket compliments of the Braidwood Lions Club. The Hunt begins promptly at 1:00pm. The first 400 children to arrive will receive a free Easter Basket compliments of The Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council 1574. The Hunt will be done in age groups: 1-3 yrs., 4-6 yrs., and 7-9 yrs. Old. Treat bags will be given out after the hunt for all children *while supplies last.* Mr. & Mrs. Easter Bunny will come for a special visit as well. Located at 245 W. First St., Braidwood, IL 60408.

Trash-formation Days & Contest

April 13-17th & April 20-22, 2020, All Day

Join the Three Rivers Public Library District and the Grundy County Conservation Office to make art with recycled materials! The library will have recycled materials and craft supplies available for you to "trash-form" into works of art! All ages are welcome, no registration required. Located at the Channahon Library, 25207 W. Channon Dr., Channahon, IL 60419.

Visit the Easter Bunny

April 5th, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm

Hop on over to Lori Bonarek Realty for pictures with the Easter Bunny! Make sure to bring your camera! Refreshments will be served. This event is free to attend and located at 640 S. Broadway St., Coal City, IL.

Make Your Own Junkbot!

April 18th, 2020 from 1:00-2:00pm

The Three Rivers Public Library will celebrate Earth Day early by reusing our old junk to make super cool robots, or Junkbots! Ages 3-12 (younger children will need adult assistance). Registration is required. Register online at trpld.org. Located at the Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447.

Children's Movie Matinee

April 10th, 2020 at 1:00pm

Join the Morris Area Public Library to watch a fun movie! Located at 604 Liberty St., Morris, IL.

Baby Book Club

Central Citizens Library District

1134 E 3100 N Road

Clifton, IL

April 3, 2020 @ 10:00 am
Book, Activity and Craft

Baby Book Club

Central Citizens Library District

1134 E 3100 N Road

Clifton, IL

April 17th, 2020 @ 10:00 am
Book, Activity and Craft

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Cissna Park Baby Book Club
511 N 2nd St.
Cissna Park, IL
815-457-2452
April 3, 2020 @ 10:00 am
Book, songs, fingerplays, craft, and activity

Baby Book Club
Watseka Public Library
201 S 4th
Watseka, IL 60970
815-432-4544
April 13, 2020 @ 10:00 am
Book, Activity and Craft.

Exploration Station
1095 Perry St, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Free ASQ Screening
April 7, 2020
1:30 to 4:00 P.M

Milford Baby Book Club
Milford Public Library
2 S. Grant St.
Milford, IL
815-889-4722
April 2, 2020 @ 9:30 am.
Book, songs, fingerplays, craft, and activity

Milford Community Fair
Milford High School Cafeteria
200 S. Chicago St.
Milford, IL
April 18, 2020
9:00- 11:30 A.M.
Come and see local services available to you

Free ASQ Screenings
Milford Public Library
2 S. Grant St.
Milford, IL
815-889-4722
April 22, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bourbonnais Library Storytime
250 W John Casey Rd
January 13 - May 14th
Mondays at 9:30 am - Oh, Baby!
Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30am - Big kid books
Mondays 6:30pm—Twinkle, Twinkle Storytime
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—Toddler Town

Free ASQ Screenings
Momence Junior High School
801 W. 2nd St.
Momence, IL
815-472-4184
April 24, 2020
Call for an appointment

LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

Joliet Public Library-Black Road

Toddler Time April 6, 13, 20, 27 starting at 9:45am and 10:45 am (18 months-3 years) Toddler time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft. No registration is required.

Bilingual Family Storytime April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:45am-12:30pm A(Children of all ages with an adult) This Family Storytime is for Spanish and English speakers and will give children exposure to books, songs, and activities in both languages. No registration required.

Lapsit April 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 27-29 starting at 9:15am, 10:15am, and 11:15am (Birth-24 months) Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing songs, reading stories, and chasing bubbles! This is a great first playgroup for children. No registration required.

Family Storytime April 7, 14, 21 at 6:30pm-7:15pm Birth- 6 years old) Family Storytime is a fun and interactive experience that is suitable for ages birth to six years. All your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, bubbles, songs, parachute play, and crafts. No registration is required.

Toddler Time April 8, 15, 22, 29 starting at 9:45am, 10:45am, or 11:45am. (18 months-3 years) Toddler time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft. No registration is required.

Family Storytime April 11, 18, 25 at 10:15am-11:00am (Birth- 6 years old) Family Storytime is a fun and interactive experience that is suitable for ages birth to six years. All your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, bubbles, songs, parachute play, and crafts. No registration is required

White Oak Library - Romeoville

Toddler Time April 8, 15, 22, 29 from 11:00am-11:30am (Children between 3 months and 3 years of age) Children will develop preliteracy skills through songs, stories, and movement activities. Toddlers will learn about colors and the first half of the alphabet throughout the summer and fall!

Sensory Play April 7, 21, 28 from 11:00am-11:45am This program is a sensory-based play and is open to any child from birth to 7 years old. During the program, children move through different sensory stations. Each station allows them to stimulate the brain which helps strengthen and develop fine and gross motor skills.

White Oak Library-Crest Hill

Toddler Time April 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 at 10:30am-11:00am (Children between 3 months and 3 years of age) Children will develop preliteracy skills through songs, stories, and movement activities. Toddlers will learn about colors and the first half of the alphabet throughout the summer and fall!

Family Storytime April 11,18,25 10:30am-11:00am Kids of all ages (and their caretakers) are welcome for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and dancing. After storytime, stay and play with us!

Stay & Play April 8, 15, 22 11:00am- 11:30am Storytime is over, but the fun doesn't end there! Stay and play with us. We have lots of new toys, and many of your old favorites, for your enjoyment.

Lockport Library

Toddler time April 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 from 10:30am-11:15am This weekly lap sit is designed to captivate your toddler's attention with early literacy activities including songs, rhymes, and stories. For children from 3 months to 3 years with a parent or caregiver. Registration is required.

Three Rivers Public Library District

Open Play: Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm. Drop-in program for all ages with caregiver. No registration required. Located at the Minooka Branch.

Baby & Me: Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:15am. Join us for stories, songs and playtime! Ages birth-20 months with caregiver. Registration required. Located at the Minooka Branch.

Preschool Explorers: Wednesday, 10:30-11:15am. A story time followed by free play. Recommended for ages 3-6 years old. Registration required. Located at the Minooka branch.

*This storytime is not listed for the month of April.

Toddler Time: Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am. A story time for ages 20 months - 3 years with caregiver. Registration required. Located at the Minooka branch.

*The library will be closed on Sunday, April 12th.

Yorkville Public Library, Yorkville, IL

***On April 10th, the Yorkville Public Library will close at 1:00pm. The Library will be closed all day on April 12th.**

Drop-In Story Time: Fridays, 10:30-11:00am. Our Friends of the Library volunteers are hosting drop in story time each Friday. Stop by to listen to some stories.

Baby Lapsit: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am. Ages birth-23 months. Parents sing, clap and bounce to nursery rhymes and songs with your baby. The last 10 minutes of the program will be play time. Please register at <http://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/>.

*Not listed for April 2020.

Tots and Toddlers: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am. Parents, bring your little ones to listen to stories, rhymes and to complete a craft. Please register at <http://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/>.

*In April, only listed for 4/14 and 4/29

Panera Story Time: Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30am. We are back at the Yorkville Panera for Story Time. The Yorkville Panera will provide registered children with milk and cookies. All ages are welcome to attend, please register at <http://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/>. Located at Yorkville Panera, 1206 North Bridge St., Yorkville, IL.

*Cancelled for April 2020

LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

Morris Public Library – Morris, IL

Story Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-10am, Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am. Come enjoy hearing a story and participating in songs and fingerplays with your little ones.

Wiggle Worm: Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am. Following storytime, the child and caregiver can engage in free play in the basement with a variety of toys.

Bedtime Story Time: Mondays-Thursdays, 6:30-7:00pm. Put on your PJ's and come to the library to enjoy a story and participate in songs and fingerplays with your little one.

Super Saturday Sensory Storytime: Saturdays, 11:00am-12:00pm. Make sure to register for this program if it is something your child could benefit from. We provide a safe place for your child to come and enjoy interacting with others.

Imagination Station: Thursdays, 11:00am-12:00pm. Join us for this special time at the Morris Area Public Library.

Toddler Time: Fridays, 10:00-11:00am. Miss Lisa will be hosting an hour long program filled with stories, songs, and also a little play time with all our little friends. This is for 4 years of age and younger.

Oswego Public Library, Oswego, IL and Montgomery, IL Campus

**The library will be closed on Sunday, April 12th.*

Baby Goose: Mondays, 10:00-10:20am. Ages 3-18 months old with an adult - Share stories, rhymes, and music with your baby. Located at the Montgomery Campus. No registration required.

**In the month of April, listed for 4/6 & 4/13*

Read & Play Baby: Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45am. Ages 6-23 months old with an adult - Drop-in for stories, music, and some fun free-play. Located at the Montgomery Campus in the Youth Program Room. No registration required.

**In the month of April, listed for 4/7 & 4/14*

Read and Play Everyone: Saturdays, 10:00-10:45am. Ages 2-6 years old with an adult - Drop in for fun with stories, songs, & free-play. Located in the Oswego Youth Program Room. No registration required.

**In the month of April, listed for 4/11 & 4/18*

Family Storytime: Mondays, 10:00-10:20am. All ages with an adult - Start your Mondays with storytime fun at the library! Located in the Oswego Youth Program Room.

**In the month of April, listed for 4/6 & 4/13*

Hola Friends Storytime: Mondays, 6:30-7:00pm. All ages - Everyone is welcome at this Spanish/English bilingual storytime. We'll read books and learn from each other. Located at the Montgomery Youth Program Room. No registration required.

**In the month of April, listed for 4/13*

Shake, Move, & Sing Together: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. Ages babies - 5 yrs. old with an adult - Help your little ones learn to love music! Please register all children attending. Located in the Montgomery Youth Program Room. Must register online at oswego.lib.il.us.

Plano Public Library

**All events have been cancelled and the library will remain closed until further notice to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*

Read and Play Everyone: Mondays, 1:00-1:40pm; Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am. For ages 2-6 years old with an adult. Drop in for fun with stories, songs, and free play. No registration required.

Rhyme Time: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am, 11:15-11:45am, 5:30-6:00pm, 6:15-6:45pm; Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am; Fridays, 10:30-11:00am. For ages 0-3 years old with an adult. This lap sit storytime features action rhymes, finger plays, songs, movement activities, a simple story, and parent-child reading time. Active adult participation is an integral part of this program. Registration is required, call 630-552-2025 or stop by the Kids' Library Desk to register.

Coal City Public Library District

Terrific Tots: Mondays, 10:00-10:30am. Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am & 6:00-6:30pm. Terrific Tots is a class where your 2 to 3 year old and a caregiver can enjoy listening to books, signing and dancing to songs, and creating a craft. The child must be a Coal City Public Library District resident with a valid card held by his/her caregiver. If you are not a resident, please see the children's department. Registration is required.

Family Lapsit: Mondays, 6:00-6:30pm; Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am; Thursdays, 11:30am-12:00pm. Family lapsit is designed to introduce your child to a love of books. The child and caregiver will participate together in songs, activities, and stories. The child must be a Coal City Public Library District resident with a valid library card held by his/her caregiver. If you are not a resident, please see the children's department. Registration is required. For children 3-23 months old.

**Cancelled on Mondays in April.*

Toddler Play Group: Not old enough for preschool? Then this is the class for you! Join us for toddler time. Each month we will be doing a craft and then enjoying some unstructured play time. For children 18 months old - 3 years old.

**In the month of April, only listed for 4/18/20, from 10:00-11:00am*

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