

# JUMP START NEWS

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## Creative Corner

How to make Lolly Pop Spiders

These spider lolly pops are quick and simple to make! Here's what you'll need:

- 1 round lolly pop (we used Tootsie Pops)
- 2 googly eyes
- 2 black pipe cleaners
- hot glue

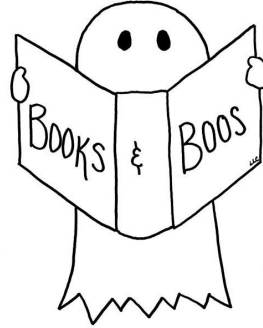


Take two black pipe cleaners, and cut them in half. Line up the four pipe cleaner pieces beside each other and center them as best you can. It's okay if the lengths aren't perfectly even – you can bend them afterwards to make up for it. Place the lolly pop on top of the pipe cleaners, about 1/3 of the way in from one side. Wrap the long side around the lolly pop and loop it around. Bend the legs into little L's. They don't have to be perfect, just do your best to shape them into little legs. Bend the pipe cleaners slightly sideways too so you have equal spacing between all the legs. Put a small dab of hot glue on the back side of the googly eyes. You can use white glue if you really need to, but hot glue works soooooo much better! It's pretty much instant AND they won't fall off. Place the eyes towards the front of the pipe cleaner spider's body. You want the eyes about 1/3 of the way over the body. Not the middle. Not the edge. Just slightly back:



## Children's Books to Read in October

A Fall with Bobo- David M. Glaeser  
Arthur Jumps into Fall- Marc Brown  
Why do Leaves Change Color?- Betsy Maestro  
Leaf- Lois Ehlert  
It's Fall!- Linda Glaser  
We're Going on a Leaf Hunt- Steve Metzger  
Mouse's First Fall- Lauren Thompson  
Bats at the Library- Brian Lies  
Too Many Pumpkins- Linda White  
Duck & Goose Find a Pumpkin- Tad Hills  
Room on the Broom- Julia Donaldson



## Fun Fact

More United States presidents were born in **October** than any other month—and none of them were born on the same day.

1. Jimmy Carter (October 1, 1924)
2. Rutherford B. Hayes (October 4, 1822)
3. Chester A. Arthur (October 5, 1829)
4. Dwight D. Eisenhower (October 14, 1890)
5. Theodore Roosevelt (October 27, 1858)
6. John Adams (October 30, 1735)



## Self Help Tip

### Acknowledge yourself

The first step: Remember that it isn't selfish to look after yourself. It is critical for your happiness and well-being. You have limits, and they are crucial to help you honor your health. You have needs, and deserve affection, rest, sustenance, and grace—just like everyone else. And you have dreams, and are worthy of the time it takes to pursue what makes your heart come alive.

# Food Fun

## *Dracula's Dentures*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 package refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- 1/2 cup prepared vanilla frosting, tinted red
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 48 slivered almonds

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare cookies as directed on package or according to your favorite recipe. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Cut each cookie in half for a total of 48 halves.
2. Frost the bottoms of all cookie halves with frosting. Place 6 marshmallow teeth around curved perimeter of 24 halves. For additional support, an additional marshmallow can be placed behind the teeth. Top with remaining 24 halves just slightly behind the marshmallows so that they show. Insert two almond slivers in between teeth for fangs. If fangs do not ad-



## Parenting Tip of the Month!

Make sure to look over all candy before your kids dig in to make sure it's in original, unopened wrappers. Children under 3 are at an increased risk of choking, so remove any hard or gummy candies and chewy bars made with caramel, nuts, marshmallows, or raisins. With an increased choking risk, we suggest you save those for yourself!

If you are going to give your baby candy, small pieces of chocolate that can melt in their mouth would be recommended for children under the age of 3.



# Health and Safety

## Halloween Safety Tips Every Parent Should Know

*Make trick-or-treating fun and safe with these simple steps.*

### **Face Facts:**

- Masks can obstruct your child's view, instead apply non-toxic face paints.
- Make sure oversized hats, helmets, or headpieces won't interfere with their vision.

### **Costume Cautions:**

- Choose bright colors that make your child more visible in the dark.
- Any store bought costumes and accessories (masks, beards, wigs) must be labeled "flame resistant."
- Avoid oversized clothing. It makes it hard to walk and can come in contact with open flames from a jack-o-lantern.
- Your child should wear shoes that fit to avoid tripping.
- If you allow your child to carry a prop sword or knife, it should be made of soft plastic or rubber so it can bend if your child falls while carrying it.

### **While Trick-or-Treating:**

- Make your child easy to see by adding reflective tape or stickers to their costume.
- See if neighbors will be home while it's still light out, and visit houses then if they're ready for trick-or-treaters.
- Give your child a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Tell your child to go only to homes with outside lights on.

### **Practice Street Safety:**

- Remind your child of everyday safety tips like looking left, right, and left again before crossing the street, continuing to look as he/she crosses, and waiting for you at street corners before proceeding.
- Kid should stay on sidewalks at all times. Cutting through people's yards can lead to accidents when things like clotheslines and other hazards are hard to spot.

### **Before Eating Treats:**

- Have your child wait until you've inspected his/her treats before they eat them.
- Discard anything slightly or not completely wrapped.
- If your child is allergic to nuts, check all treats carefully before he/she digs in.
- Kids under four shouldn't have popcorn or hard candy -- both are choking hazards.

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Visit our website: <http://www.parentasexpert.com/>



# Self-Care

## Five Self-care apps that are worth the download

### 1. Calm

You always hear how beneficial daily meditation is, but it's not always easy getting a firm grasp on the practice. This app makes meditation simple by offering easy-to-follow guided meditations that fit into any schedule, as well as different breathing practices and relaxing music for quick stress relief.

### 2. Headspace

Another meditation app, Headspace offers no-frills guidance on mindfulness practices for sleep, focus and more. We're big fans of the 2-3 minute mini meditations that offer a quick mental reset on your busiest days.

### 3. Strides Habit Tracker

We all want to adopt more healthy habits into our daily lives, but sticking to these lifestyle changes is a challenge in itself. From drinking more water to getting enough sleep, this app is like a friendly sidekick that holds you accountable for these positive changes and motivates you to stay on track.

### 4. MyFitnessPal

Exercise and diet are both essential parts of self-care, and this app tackles both. With the largest food database of any app, you can log your food choices, count calories and nutrients, and gain insights on how to make healthier eating decisions. As for exercise? The app tracks your steps and lets you log your daily workouts.

### 5. Grateful: A Gratitude Journal

This app was created based off of research from Harvard Medical School that shows the link between gratitude and improved health and emotions. By posting daily journal entries in the app, you'll practice gratitude daily and get the pick-me-up you need whenever you're having a rough day.

## More Crafty Ideas..



### **Parents Night Out**

October 5 6-9pm

Galowich Family YMCA, 749 Houbolt Rd., Joliet

Held on the first Friday of each month, Parents Night Out is designed to give parents some time to themselves while the kids have fun at the Y. Under the supervision of YMCA staff, participants get to play games, eat pizza and swim in our lap pool.

Note: All participants must be potty-trained. Open to ages 2-12.

Advance registration is required. Please register in-person or online. \$10 for YMCA Facility Members, \$18 for Community Members.

### **Breastfeeding Support Group**

October 4 10am-12pm

C.W. Avery Family YMCA, 15120 W. Wallin Dr., Plainfield

This fall, Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center is offering a weekly breastfeeding support group at the C.W. Avery Family YMCA. Bring your baby and join us for

this free service to:

Ask breastfeeding questions, Get help with latching, Meet other new moms Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and noon. All participants are welcome to walk on the track with strollers from 11:00 a.m. and noon. Healthy siblings and other supportive loved ones are welcome! Check in at the Membership Desk upon arrival. Please bring your drivers license or state ID

### **SCARECROW MAKING**

October 6 | 11am - 1pm | Pilcher Park Nature Center - 2501 Highland Park Dr, Joliet

It's that time of year! The leaves are changing color, the temperature is cooling down. What says Autumn more than making a scarecrow with a background of beautiful fall colors? All supplies are included, stakes, clothes, accessories, heads and stuffing. All ages are welcome!

Admission is FREE. \$5 per scarecrow.

### **Breastfeeding Support Group**

October 5 10:30am-12pm

Silver Cross Hospital, 1900 Silver Cross Blvd., New Lenox  
The Silver Cross Birthing Center's certified lactation consultants host a free breastfeeding support group meeting on the second and fourth Monday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and on the first and fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 am to noon, in the Hospital's Conference Center, Pavilion A, 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., New Lenox. New mothers have many questions and concerns about breastfeeding in the weeks leading up to and after birth. Breastfeeding support groups are a wonderful way to exchange information and experiences. Infants are welcome to attend. First time participants should register in advance at <http://ht.ly/FdLa30fWhsO>.

### **Dive-In Movie Series**

October 6 4-6pm

Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson, Joliet

Introducing our Dive-In Movie Series at the Inwood Athletic Club Pool! The first Saturday of each month, we will be hosting a family-friendly movie night that you can enjoy while floating in the pool. Sign up for all four movie nights and you'll get to enjoy 4 movies for the price of 3. Each event goes from 4-6pm, all ages. \$5R/\$7N.

### **Great Pumpkin Giveaway**

October 6 10am-3pm

Three Rivers Church, 23901 W. Rolf Rd., Plainfield  
Please join us for our annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway. EVERYTHING is free that day: hay rides, kids crafts, balloon art, puppet shows, carnival games, moon jumps, and more...and of course, your pumpkin. We ask one per family so we can share with all who come.

### **C3: Tai Chi**

October 6, 13, 20, 27

Family Bible Church, 2800 Black Rd., Joliet

Tai Chi is for all ages and is great for those with limited mobility. It can help increase balance, flexibility, and range of motion. It can be practiced standing or sitting down. Tai Chi moves at a slower pace but each movement has a combat application. Come try Tai Chi and discover the great benefits for yourself!

Questions? Contact us at 815-342-3538. Check out our website: [www.christcenteredcombat.com](http://www.christcenteredcombat.com)

### **Outdoor Movie Night - Halloween Edition**

Oct 12 at Dusk

Galowich YMCA 749 Houbolt Rd, Joliet

Pack up your blankets and chairs and join us for a Halloween-themed movie night under the stars.



**Minooka Fire District Open House**

October 6 11am-2pm

Minooka Fire Protection District, 7901 E. Minooka Rd.,  
Minooka

Join us as we kick off Fire Prevention Week this year! Fun-filled afternoon for kids and adults. All for free!

**Sunday Beginners Meditation**

October 7 4-5pm

Kriya Vedanta Gurukulam - Temple of Harmony, 3400  
Earl Dr., Joliet

Sunday Beginners meditation is beautiful opportunity to try meditation as an experiment in life. Meditation is by the seeker, for the seeker, of the seeker. The judge and jury is the seeker him/herself. No prior understanding required. There would be ample opportunity to discuss spiritual aspects and questions. Free to attend. Our best reward when you feel peace deep within

**Blessing of the Animals**

October 7 12-1pm

Grace Episcopal Church, 209 N. Pine St., New Lenox  
Pets of all faiths are welcome to come receive a blessing! Pet Portraits, Treats and Cross Charms for collars will be passed out. Event is free to all!

**Channahon Fire District Open House**

October 13 11am-2pm

Channahon Fire District, 24929 S. Center St., Channahon  
Join us as we close out Fire Prevention Week 2018! This year's Open House will feature our Teddy Bear Clinic and Be A Firefighter, along with educational booths for all ages.

**Second Sunday Sensory Swim**

October 14 2:30-3:30pm

Galowich YMCA, 749 Houbolt Rd., Joliet

Sensory-friendly swim times will feature no music and little-to-no whistle use by our lifeguards. Swimmers will also be provided with an assortment of toys to play with during their time in the pool. Free Family Admission for YMCA Facility Members. \$8 Per Family for Community Members.

**Fall Fest**

October 13-14 9am-6pm

Bronkberry Farms, 18061 S. Bronk Rd., Plainfield

Join us for our fall fest featuring bouncy house, costume contests, face painting, pumpkin painting, hayrack rides, farm animals, pumpkin patch, plus over 20 craft and food vendors.  
Free Admission

**Pumpkin Weekends**

October 6-8, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 11am-4pm

Blackberry Farm, 100 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora

Enjoy family-friendly fall festivities at Blackberry Farm! Enjoy the park donned in seasonal decor, ride on a hay wagon, listen to seasonal stories, create fall crafts, decorate a pumpkin for \$3, play in our corn crib, ride the famous Blackberry Farm rides: train, carousel, ponies and much more! Each weekend will feature additional activities, so each week is a new experience! Saturdays and Sundays in October and Columbus Day 11am-4pm. Admission is just \$7- everything is included, except pumpkin decorating, which is \$3. Tickets are needed for ages 2 & up.

**Not-So-Scary Hayride**

October 14 12-3pm

Dellwood Park, Rt 171 & Woods Dr., Lockport

First 200 kids to ride the hayride will receive a pumpkin.

Tickets on-site only \$5/per person

Perfect for families - Friendly characters - Not so scary hayride - S'mores over the fire - Fun games - Costumes are encouraged - Music and more

**Wendy's Car Club & Norm Porter and His Country Men Band**

Monday Nights (October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 6:00-9:00pm  
Wendy's Car Club Cruise Night  
Wendy's parking lot, 1926 Division St. Morris, IL

**VNA Health Care Mobile Van**

October 16 9:30am-12pm  
Plainfield Public Library, 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield  
VNA Health Care's mobile van will be parked outside the Library to offer free health screenings such as blood pressure, diabetes and body mass index screenings and provide Medicaid application assistance. For diabetes screenings, please note you will need to be fasting for a minimum of eight hours prior to screening. No registration required.

**Trick or Treat on the Farm**

October 28 1-2pm  
Dollinger Family Farm, 7420 E. Hansel Rd., Channahon  
Come dressed in your Halloween costume and have a fun afternoon trick-or-treating around the farm. You never know what our many trick-or-treat spots may have!

**Spooky Campfire Night**

October 27 4:30-6pm  
Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr., Joliet  
Spend a spooky, but family-friendly night beneath the stars and towering trees of Pilcher Park. Cozy up to a campfire while roasting marshmallows and listening to eerie stories told by our naturalists. In case of inclement weather, alternate activities will take place inside. Registration is required- open to all ages, \$6 per person.

**Halloween Movie Matinee "Frankenweenie"**

October 1st at 5:30pm  
Morris Public Library.

**Boo Bash N' Splash**

October 27 1:30-3:30pm  
Goldfish Swim School-Plainfield, 12315 Rhea Dr., Plainfield  
Come join the fun & bring a friend! Pricing: \$5/child. Children 2 years and under are FREE!  
Activities: Trick or treating (1:30PM-2:30PM), Family swim (2:30PM-3:30PM), Games, Treats, Bubbles appearance, much more!

**Halloween Charity Bash**

October 27 10am-4pm  
Mettler Portraits, 225 Ashcroft Ln., Oswego  
Deck your kids out in their Halloween costumes for some frightful fun in our picture perfect pumpkin patch! Bring a Donation for the Kendall County Food Pantry and receive a 4x6 portrait captured on our spooky set for FREE. All items donated will benefit the Kendall County Food Pantry.

**The Promenade Bolingbrook Fall Festival**

October 28 11-7pm  
The Promenade Bolingbrook, 631 E. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook  
The Promenade Bolingbrook will be having a Fall Festival Sunday October 28th from 11am-7pm  
We will have fall and holiday items, crafters, handmade items, baked goods and trick or treating set up on Sandburg. There will also be a variety of fall and kids activities.  
Mall events on Row are TBD but possibly 2-4 or 4-6

**Hines Veterans Mobile Medical Unit**

October 1st from 9:00am-2:00pm  
Veterans who wish to receive care through the Veterans Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) from Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital must bring a copy of their DD Form 214 or their VA medical ID card with them.  
For more information, contact Ken Buck at 815-941-3152  
Morris American Legion, 212 West Washington St., Morris, IL



**H&R Block Income Tax Course**

September 11-November 20th from 9:00am-12:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm

Increasing your tax knowledge could increase your income. Each year, H&R Block teaches thousands of people to prepare taxes then hires newly certified and long-time tax professionals to prepare clients' taxes in more than 10,000 office nationwide. We offer more employment opportunities than any other tax company. Successful completion of this course could mean extra incomes as a tax professional for you. Spanish book available for download.

**Three Rivers Book Club**

October 3rd at 7:00pm

Our newest book club, brought to you by the library and Channahon Park District!  
For questions, call 815-467-6200.

**Monthly Canasta Group**

October 5th from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Have you been wanting to play Canasta? Canasta is a card game along the lines of rummy where players attempt to make melds of seven cards of the same rank and go out by playing all the cards in their hand. Join our group the first Friday of each month in the meeting room.

Coal City Public Library District, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL

**Mahjong**

October 5th from 1:00pm-3:00pm, October 16th, from 6:00-9:00pm.

Adults can play or learn to play Mahjong, a traditional Chinese tile game with many variations. This is an ancient game widely played in China and Japan. This event takes place in the meeting room. If you are a beginner, please contact the Adult Services Department to let them know ahead of time.

Coal City Public Library District, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL

1st Friday from 1-3pm, and 3rd Tuesday from 6-8pm.  
For questions, contact [cindy@ccpld.org](mailto:cindy@ccpld.org).

**Junk in the Trunk in Gardner**

October 7th from 10:00am-4:00pm

Junk in the Trunk is an open air flea market which takes place out of the back of vendors vehicles, cars, trucks, vans, etc. Admission is FREE to the public. Antiques, collectibles, tools, household items, crafts, and home made items will be sold.

First Sunday of Month, April thru October 7th.  
For questions, call Patty or Craig, 630-215-8968.

**Halloween Movie Matinee "Nightmare Before Christmas"**

October 8th at 5:30pm  
Morris Public Library

**We Care Mobile Pantry**

October 10th from 5:00pm-6:00pm

Registration begins at 4:00pm. The mobile pantry is open to any resident of Grundy County, regardless of income.

Located at the Gardner American Legion, 426 Industry Ave., Gardner, IL  
<http://wecareofgrundy.com>

**3 French Hens French County Market 2018**

October 13th from 8:00am-2:00pm

<http://www.3frenchhensmarket.blogspot.com>  
Antiques, artisans, hand crafted items, fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, and more!

For more information, visit [3FrenchHensMarket@blogspot.com](mailto:3FrenchHensMarket@blogspot.com)  
Canal Port Park, Illinois Ave., Morris, IL

**Grundy County Take Back the Night**

October 10th from 5:00-6:30pm

<http://gacsprograms.org/dvam>

Annual awareness event presented by Guardian Angel Community Services to honor October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Grundy County. At the Grundy County Court House. Keynote speaker: Grundy Co. State's Attorney Jason Helland. Gathering, Survivor Stories + more! Free and pet friendly event! Admission is FREE

For questions, contact Sarah Denardo, [sdenardo@gacsprograms.org](mailto:sdenardo@gacsprograms.org) or 815-941-2261  
Grundy County Court House, 111 E. Washington St.,

**Euchre at the Library**

October 12th from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Adults--join us for an afternoon of friendly Euchre with prizes and refreshments! This program takes place in the meeting room and is for seasoned players.

Coal City Public Library District meeting room, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL

2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

For questions, contact Kathy Brown 815-634-4552 ext. 114

**Building With Legos**

October 13th from 1:00-2:00pm

Morris Public Library

**Morris Cruise Night**

October 13th from 6:00pm-9:00pm

<http://morriscruisenight.com>

Proceeds go to All Those Left Behind Animal Rescue.

**Halloween Movie Matinee "Corpse Bride"**

October 15th at 5:30pm

Morris Area Public Library

**Halloween Movie Matinee "Little Monsters"**

October 22nd at 5:30pm

Morris Area Public Library

**Toddler Playgroup**

October 20th from 10:00-11:00am

9 months to almost 3 years and their parents can meet with other families while exploring a variety of play stations. This event will take place in the meeting room. Coal City Public Library District, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL. For questions, contact Tricia at 815-634-4552 ext. 105, or email: [tricia@ccpld.org](mailto:tricia@ccpld.org)

**Downtown Trick or Treat in Morris**

October 25th

**Bingo at the Library**

October 19th from 1:00-3:00pm

Adults join us for an afternoon of Bingo with prizes and refreshments!

Coal City Public Library District, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL

**Halloween Movie Matinee "The Haunted Mansion"**

October 29th at 5:30pm

Morris Area Public Library

**11th Annual Trivia Night hosted by Minooka Police Department**

October 20th from 6:00pm-11:00pm

Join us for our 11th annual Trivia Night! A night filled with fun, laughter, competition and prizes! All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

**Dress Up:** The team with the best theme by dressing up and decorating their table will win a prize!

**Competition:** The team that answers the most questions correct will win a table for next year's Trivia Night and will take home the trophy.

**What Will You Win?:** We will have a variety of raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auction items and a 50/50 raffle as well!

Located at Chapin's East, 502 Twin Rail Dr., Minooka, IL. For questions, contact Beth or Abby at the Minooka Police Department at 815-467-2298. \$250 per team (\$25 per person), 10 people per team (maximum of 25 teams). Food & t-shirt included.

**Bake and Craft Bazaar**

October 27th 10-3

Wilmington, IL

Shop local vendors for fun holiday gifts

**Minooka Halloween Parade**

October 27th from 2:00-3:00pm

Line up begins at the Minooka Elementary School on the corner of Wabena Avenue & Coady Drive and ends at the Minooka Community High School parking lot. Candy, information or goodies can be distributed along the parade route.

For more information, contact 815-467-2151.

**Minooka Community Bonfire**

October 27th from 6:30-8:30pm.

There will be FREE hot dogs, chips, marshmallows, and stories around the fire. Bring lawn chairs and hot dog sticks. It will be a fun time.

Lakewood Ball Field, Ridge Road, Minooka, IL

For more information, contact 815-467-2151, ext. 5

**Costume Bingo**

October 30th at 6:00pm

Morris Area Public Library

**Panera Story Time**

October 2nd & 16th at 10:00am

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, space is limited.

Panera Bread, 1206 North Bridge St., Yorkville, IL

**Cemetery Walk**

October 3rd from 7:00-8:00pm.

Guests will be led through the cemetery in small groups to meet the fascinating "ghosts" of some of the early pioneers and other area residents who now occupy the cemetery. This is not a scary event, but more an opportunity to learn about the past from authentically costumed actors who will portray some of the people buried in the cemetery. This year's highlight WWI and WWII veterans, a key witness in a murder case, and a local businessman who raised his 12 children in Montgomery.

Location: Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery, IL.  
Call Debbie Buchanan for more information: 630-896-8080 ext. 9003.

**Oswego Cemetery Walk**

October 4th from 7:00-9:00pm

During this popular annual event, small groups will be guided through the cemetery to visit the "ghosts" of early Oswego residents and pioneers at their gravesites. No registration is required. Arrive anytime during the event, as tours will leave every 5-10 minutes. Please bring a flashlight, wear comfortable shoes, and expect moderate walking. Participants should park on Main St. and use the South Entrance to the cemetery.

Location: Oswego Township Cemetery, South Main St., Oswego, IL

**Drop In Story Time**

October 5th from 10:30-11:00am  
Yorkville Public Library, Children's Department

**Oswego Country Market**

October 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:00am-1:00pm  
Shop local with plenty of choices to buy fresh produce, meats, eggs, artisan cheeses, specialty foods like pasta, olives, popcorn, honey & spices, and handmade items in our outdoor, open air market.  
For questions, call Cori Veverka at 630-554-4433.

**Messy Munchkins**

October 8th at 10:30 & 6:30pm

Little ones can squish and smush their way to the benefits of messy play with us. Things to touch, smell, see, hear, and lots of other sensory experiences will be available.

This is a child-directed program, enjoy as many of the activities as they'd like and stay for as little as 10 minutes or the full 45 minutes. For children 0-5, with a grown-up.

Older siblings may wait in the Kids' Library during the program. Call 630-552-2025 to register.

**Shake, Move, & Sing Together**

October 9th from 6:30-7:00pm

Montgomery Campus--Ages babies-5 years old with an adult. Help your little ones learn to love music! Please register all children attending.

Location: Montgomery Youth Program Room.  
Registration Ends: 10/8/18 at 9:00pm

**Harvest Festival Drop-In**

October 11th from 10:00-11:30am

Montgomery Campus: Ages 2-5 years old with an adult:  
Let's celebrate the fall season with games & activities.

We'll have bushels of fun!

Location: Montgomery Youth Program Room.

**Halloween Egg Hunt**

October 13th at 7:00pm

Town Square Park (301 N. Bridge St., Yorkville, IL)  
The annual Halloween Egg Hunt is a twist on an old tradition. Wear a costume, bring your flashlight and a container for eggs, and hunt in the darkness for candy-filled eggs! This is a free event intended for children 10 and under.

**Yorktober Fest**

October 13th from 12:00-11:00pm

Riverfront Park (131 E. Hydraulic Ave., Yorkville, IL)

Join the United City of Yorkville, Kiwanis Club, and Knights of Columbus in this year's Yorktober Fest! Enjoy a day filled with food, musical entertainment, children's activities, and everyone's favorite--THE PUMPKIN PULL! There will be hayrides, pumpkin decorating, haystack hunt, bounce houses, and more!

**Monster Mash Bash**

October 27th from 2:00-4:00pm

There's a frightening amount of things to do at this year's bash! We want you in your Halloween costume, joining the fun inside the Oswego High School Field House! Get your face painted to match your costume, jump in the bounce houses, or win a prize in a tricky game. Admission is \$5 at the door and adults get in free!

**Howl-o-ween Party**

Oct 27th 10-11

Willowhaven Dog Park

Bring your favorite canine to the park for an afternoon of treats, games and a doggie costume contest with fun prizes. Owners please pre-register, 3 dogs are welcome/owner. Program fee \$8

**A Night in Sleepy Hollow**

Oct 12,13, 19 & 20th

Perry Farm Park, Bradley IL

Fun and activities for the whole family!

**Pumpkin Carving**

Oct 20th 11-1

Recreation Station, Bradley, IL

Bring out the family for this fun filled pumpkin carving day. We will have all the necessary supplies you and your family will need for carving including the pumpkin. All you need to bring is a box to take it home in. There will be stencils of all kinds from basic silly faces to an intricate and spooky headless horseman. This is sure to be a spookily fun day. Lunch will be provided. \$34 per family.

Area Trunk-or-Treat Events

Oct 19 7-8:30pm  
Galowich YMCA  
749 Houbolt Rd, Joliet  
Free

October 20 11am-1pm  
Chicagoland Speedway  
500 Speedway Blvd., Joliet  
\$10 donation per car

Oct 26 7-8:30pm  
Smith YMCA  
1350 S. Briggs St, Joliet  
Free

October 26 4-6pm  
Joliet Junior College  
1215 Houbolt Rd., Joliet  
Free, must register  
<http://jjc.edu/tricks-and-treats-come-jjc>

October 27 1-3pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1015 Winthrop Ave., Joliet  
Free

October 27 12:30-3:30pm  
C.W. Avery Family YMCA  
15120 W. Wallin Dr., Plainfield  
Free

October 27 5-7pm  
Resurrection Lutheran Church  
25050 W. Eames, Channahon  
Free

# LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

## Joliet Public Library-Main

**Toddler Time (18m-3yrs)** Thursdays at 9:45am

**Curious Little Monkeys Playgroup (birth-36m)** Thursdays at 10:15am

**Family Storytime in Spanish (all ages)** Tuesdays at 6:30pm

**Family Storytime (birth-6yrs)** Wednesdays at 6:30pm

## Joliet Public Library-Black Road

**Toddler Time (18m-3yrs)** Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:45, 10:45, and 11:45am

**Lapsit (birth-24m)** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15am

**Family Storytime (birth-6yrs)** Tuesdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 10:15am

## Shorewood Library

**Sensory Storytime (birth-1yrs)** Select Fridays at 10am (check website for dates)

**Itty Bitty Storytime (birth-3yrs)** Select Mondays & Tuesdays at 10am (check website for dates)

## White Oak Library-Romeoville

**Preschool Playtime (2-7yrs)** Thursdays at 10:30am

## White Oak Library-Crest Hill

**Toddler Time (3m-3yrs)** Wednesdays at 10:30am

**Stay & Play (3m-3yrs)** Wednesdays at 11am

**STEAM Storytime (2-4yrs)** Mondays at 4pm

## White Oak Library-Lockport

**Music In Motion (2-4yrs)** Mondays at 10:30am

**Toddler Time (3m-3yrs)** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am

**Stay & Play (3m-3yrs)** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am

**Evening Toddler Time (3m-3yrs)** Thursdays at 6pm

## Three Rivers Public Library Minooka, IL

**Open Play**—Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Minooka Branch. Drop-in program for all ages with caregiver.

**Baby & Me**—Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:15am, Minooka Branch. A story time for ages birth-20 months with caregiver. Register through the website—[www.trpld.com](http://www.trpld.com)

**Toddler Time**—Thursdays, 10:30am-11:15am, Minooka Branch. A story time for ages 20 months-3 years old with caregiver. Registration required.

**Bookies & Milk**—Thursdays, 7:00pm-7:45pm, Minooka Branch. Evening story program for all ages with a bedtime snack.

## Three Rivers Public Library-Channahon

**Family Story Time (all ages)** Wednesdays at 7pm

**Bookies & Milk (all ages)** Thursdays at 7pm

## Morris Public Library – Morris, IL

**Storytime and Wiggle Worm**—Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am. The child and caregiver will participate in stories, songs, and activities together. Afterwards children can engage in free play in the basement with a variety of toys.



# LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

## Oswego Public Library, Oswego, IL

**Read & Play Everyone**—Saturdays, 10:00am-11:00pm. Ages 2-7 years old with an adult. Drop in for fun with stories, songs, & free play (No class Sept. 27th). Located in the Oswego Youth Program Room

**Totally Twos**—Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45am, Ages 24-35 months with an adult. Bring your two year old to the library for some free play mixed with stories and songs. Located in the Oswego Youth Program Room.

## Oswego Public Library, Montgomery, IL

**Read & Play Baby**—Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am, Ages 6-23 months with an adult. Drop in for stories, music, and some fun free play. Located in the Montgomery Youth Program Room.

**Shake, Move, & Sing Together**—6:30-7:00pm, Ages babies-5 years old with an adult. Help your little ones learn to love music! Please register all children attending. Located in the Montgomery Youth Program Room. Registration opens: 9/1/18 at 9:00am.

**Tiny Tot Art**—Thursdays, between 9:15 and 11:15am. Ages 16-23 months from 9:15-9:45, Ages 2-3 years old from 10:00-10:30 or 10:45-11:15am. Hear a story, sing, make a process-oriented art project, and dance, too! Aprons are provided. Please only sign up for one session per week. Montgomery Youth Program Room. Registration opens on 9/3/18 at 9:00am.

## Coal City Public Library District

**Family Lapsit**—Wednesdays, 10:00am-10:30am OR Mondays, 6:00pm-6:30pm. 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 library card held by his/her caregiver. If you are not a resident, please see the children's department. Contact Tricia Meyer, 815-634-4552 ext. 105, [tricia@ccpld.org](mailto:tricia@ccpld.org)

**Terrific Tots**—Thursdays, 6:00-6:30pm. Terrific Tots is a class where your 2 to 3 year old and a caregiver can enjoy listening to books, singing and dancing to songs, and creating a craft. The child must be a Coal City Public Library District resident. Contact Rene Norris, 815-634-4552 ext. 110, [rene@ccpld.org](mailto:rene@ccpld.org)

## Wilmington Public Library

**Storytime (all ages)** Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am

**Sensory Storytime (all ages)** Mondays at 12pm

**PJ Storytime (all ages)** Thursdays at 6pm

## Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District

**Baby Time** (newborn-18 mons) Tuesdays at 10:30 am

**Tot Time** (18 mons-3yrs) Wednesdays at 10:00 or 10:30 am

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