

# JUMP START NEWS

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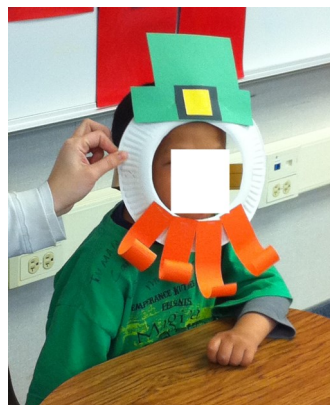


## Creative Corner

For this simple St Patrick's Day Craft, all you need is peppers and paint. First take a bell pepper (one that has four bumps) and slice the end off. Then mix up some green paint – letting the little ones do some color mixing – and dip the pepper right in the paint.

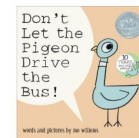
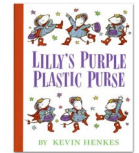


## Another Craft to try!



# March Children's Books to Read Together

- The Curious Garden- Peter Brown
- Planting a Rainbow- Lois Ehlert
- Kite Day a Bear and Mole Story- Will Hillenbrand
- In Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb- Marian Bauer
- Clever Tom and the Leprechaun- Linda Schute
- St. Patrick's Day Alphabet- Beverly Vidrine
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse- Kevin Henkes
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus- Mo Willems
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover- Lucille Colandro



## Self Care

### Tiny Self-Care Ideas for the Mind

1. Start a compliments file. Document the great things people say about you to read later.
2. Scratch off a lurker on your to-do list, something that's been there for ages and you'll never do.
3. Change up the way you make decisions. Decide something with your heart if you usually use your head. Or if you tend to go with your heart, decide with your head.
4. Go cloud-watching. Lie on your back, relax, and watch the sky.
5. Take another route to work. Mixing up your routine in small ways creates new neural pathways in the brain to keep it healthy.
6. Pay complete attention to something you usually do on autopilot, perhaps brushing your teeth, driving, eating, or performing your morning routine.
7. Goof around for a bit. Schedule in five minutes of "play" (non-directed activity) several times throughout your day.
8. Create a deliberate habit, and routinize something small in your life by doing it in the same way each day—what you wear on Tuesdays, or picking up the dental floss before you brush.
9. Fix a small annoyance at home that's been nagging you—a button lost, a drawer that's stuck, a light bulb that's gone.
10. Punctuate your day with a mini-meditation with one minute of awareness of your thoughts, feelings, and sensations; one minute of focused attention on breathing; and one minute of awareness of the body as a whole.

# Food Fun

## Green Mac & Cheese

### Ingredients

- 1 pound elbow macaroni
- 3 cups whole milk
- 1 cups packed fresh spinach
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 4 cups grated white cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups chopped broccoli florets
- 1 cup peas



### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Cook pasta in salted water for about 3 minutes less than package directions call for, until al dente. Reserve half a cup of the pasta water and strain.
3. While the pasta is cooking. Place the milk and spinach in a blender and blend on high speed until smooth.
4. In a large pot melt the butter and then add the flour, whisking continuously over low-medium heat for 2-3 minutes to make a roux. Slowly whisk in the milk mixture and bring to a boil.
5. Reduce heat and simmer, whisking occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes, or until sauce is gently bubbling and starting to thicken.
6. Add reserved pasta water and cheese and whisk until melted. Stir in the pasta, salt, broccoli and peas.
7. Transfer to a greased 13" x 9" baking dish and bake for 20 minutes, or until cheese is bubbling and the pasta is set.

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# Health and Safety



National Poison Prevention Week raises awareness of poison prevention nationwide during the third full week of March every year. The week is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of poisonings for people of all ages and promote community involvement in poisoning prevention.

## For caregivers

Caregivers should be mindful of safety tips to keep children safe from poisons. Children who are less than 6 years old are the most likely to be poisoned.<sup>1</sup> A child's age, weight, and medical history will affect the treatment of a poisoning.

*Keep the following poisonous products away from children:*

- Painkillers such as acetaminophen and similar medications
- Cosmetics such as perfume or nail polish, and personal care products such as deodorant and soap
- Cleaning products such as laundry detergent and floor cleaners

*To avoid poisonings when taking care of children, be aware of the following tips:*

- All medicines and household cleaning products should be stored in locked cabinets, out of the reach and sight of children.
- Keep children where you can see them at all times, even when you go to answer the door or telephone.
- Never leave young children alone.
- Do not leave poisons on a counter or in an unlocked cabinet.
- Never carry something that can be poisonous, such as a medicine, in a purse where children may find it.
- Safety latches on drawers or cabinets, and child resistant caps on bottles, are helpful in keeping poisons out of the hands of children.

## Parenting Tip of the Month!

Why is my child better for everyone else than for me? The simple answer: Your child tests her limits with you because she trusts you will love her no matter what. Here is a strategy to get better results when your child is testing you. Get rid of the IF statements, try wording your request with exactly what you would like your child to do. Get rid of, "If you finish putting away your crayons, we can go to the park," this suggests that perhaps your child won't clean up her crayons. Try instead: "When you put your crayons away, we'll go to the park."

# Money Tips

Are you feeling like saving is impossible right now with so many other financial obligations? No worries. You will find the Pennies a Day Challenge below. For each day of the year, you will increase your savings by that amount. For example, on the 25th day of the year, you will add 25 pennies to your savings. Don't worry, it is not too late to start. Determine which day of the year you would like to start and go from there OR you can start from the beginning in order to catch up. This will be fun to do as a family. By the end of the year, you will have \$667.95 saved up!



## 365 Day Saving Money Challenge

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\$3.61	\$3.62	\$3.63	\$3.64	\$3.65	Total: \$667.95												

### **STEM Fest**

March 2 | 10 AM – 4 PM | White Oak Library - 201 W. Norman-town Rd, Romeoville

Science is Awesome! That's the message for kids and adults who attend our event. We welcome families, scout troop, teachers, and students of all ages for a fantastic day of science. Experience outstanding hands-on activities and engaging demonstrations from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) leaders and innovators. Fly a plane into a wind tunnel, learn about reptiles with Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles, find out the magic behind how an InstaPot creates a dish in minutes, or take part in the stimulating science activities we have a for all to enjoy.

### **Village of Romeoville Job Fair**

March 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Edward Hospital Athletic & Event Center 55 Phelps Ave.  
Romeoville, IL

To learn more about workshops/events offered at the Work-force Center of Will County please visit [www.will.works](http://www.will.works)

### **National Oreo Day**

March 6 | 3PM – 5PM | All ages with adult

Joliet Public Library | 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

National Oreo Day is a Holiday that celebrates America's Favorite Cookie - The Oreo. Celebrate the holiday in style with a wide variety of flavors of Oreo available to taste, and vote on your favorite. And if you still haven't had enough Oreo, you can participate in various Oreo related activities.

### **Candy Bar Bingo**

March 7 | 6 PM – 7:30 PM | 25334 W Eames St., Channahon

Come out to Skateland and take part in our annual Candy Bar Bingo. We will play 10 rounds of bingo and open the concession stand for you to purchase pizza, drinks and other snacks. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but if you can't make it in before, you can register the day of. Fee: 1 large candy bar per person

### **Lego™ Club**

March 7 | 4:00-6:00pm | Joliet Public Library | 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

March 26 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Joliet Public Library | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

The library will supply Lego™ bricks for free play and the occasional challenge! Are you up for it? Children of all ages with adult. No registration is required.

### **Everybody Plays**

March 7,14,21,28 | 10:00am-11:00am | FREE - Ages 0-3 with adult

Joliet Public Library | 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
Sensory experiences are incredibly important for all babies and toddlers as they learn and grow. Children from birth to three years are invited weekly to play and explore various sensory activities, toys, and textures in our storytime room. It is a great opportunity for children and parents to interact, as well. Drop in and play! Dress for mess!

### **Visions of Summer: Family Pool Party**

March 8 | 6:30pm-8:00pm | 15120 Wallin Drive in Plainfield

Join us in our Indoor Waterpark for our next Family Night!

March's theme will be "Visions of Summer" to help you overcome those winter blues. There will be poolside and in-water activities, games and giveaways for children of all ages. Please note: For the safety of our members and guests, all children must be accompanied in the water by an adult in a swimsuit at all times. A swim test is required for those wishing to use the 2 big waterslides. Free and open to all.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2GkWcGs>

### **Community Mobile Pantry**

March 11 | 4 PM – 6 PM | White Oak Library - 201 W. Normantown Rd, Romeoville

West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) will be hosting Community Mobile Pantries in Romeoville every second Monday of the month through June. Each Community Mobile Pantry will offer fresh produce, proteins and staple items for those struggling to put food on the table. Different organizations from the community will also be present

to connect attendees to services that can help put them back on their feet. For those looking to attend, please bring your own boxes and bags to the Mobiles. No ID necessary.

**17th Annual Plainfield Hometown Irish Parade**

March 10, 2019 at 1 PM – 3 PM

The parade steps off at 1 pm from Plainfield High School-Central Campus. Find the map of the Parade Route at plainfieldirishparade.org

**Shamrocks and Shenanigans**

March 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Joliet Public Library | 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet  
Dress your wee lads and lassies in all things green and join us for stories, songs, snacks, and plenty of shenanigans!

**Family Stargazing Night**

March 15 | 7 PM – 8:30 PM

Joliet Public Library | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

Join us for a come-and-go after hours event for the whole family! Come into the library for space and star activities throughout the building, then go outside to gaze at the moon and stars through a telescope from the Adler Planetarium. In case of inclement weather, we will bring space indoors with the Adler meteorite collection.

**Baby Book Club**

March 15 - 10:00 am  
You Are (Not) Small  
Citizen's Central Library  
1134 E 3100 N  
Clifton, IL

**Las Vegas in Bradley**

March 2nd 3pm-midnight

BMCS Bradley Site 247 N Center Ave, Bradley

Let us bring Vegas to you! Join us at the 27th Annual Las Vegas in Bradley on March 2, 2019. You will find the feel of a Vegas Casino right here in Bradley! Try your hand at blackjack or poker, spinning the wheel of the roulette table, or rolling the dice at under/over. If you've purchased a Bishop McNamara Progressive Raffle ticket, admission is free for up to two adults, so bring your ticket stub!

**Baby Book Club**

March 13 - 10:00 am  
Pete the Cat & His Four Groovy Buttons  
Waukegan Public Library  
201 S 4th Street  
Waukegan, IL

**Laugh for a Cause**

March 9th 7-9pm

Knights of Columbus 187 S Indiana Ave, Kankakee

Get ready for a fantastic evening of laughter! Back by popular demand, Harbor House is once again hosting the cast of The Second City in their hilarious "The Best of Second City" show. Join us at Laugh for a Cause to benefit services that support and empower survivors of domestic violence. There will be split the pot, a live auction as well as drinks for purchase. Tickets available at our website, All Municipal Bank locations, Joy's Hallmark, or by Calling (815) 932-5814

**2nd Annual Naperville Spring Kids Fun**

3/23/19 from 10am-12:00pm

This is NOT a bowling event, but will be held at Bowlero in a big open space! Lots of kids activities, free prizes for adults, awesome vendor shopping. Best suitable for ages 1-7 years old. \*\*Plant a flower to take home \*\*Basket weaving craft \*\*Spring Play Dough Station \*\*Stickers & Stamps Egg Decorating Station \*\*Make a Bunny Ear Paper Crown \*\*Bunny Darts, Bunny Ring Toss, Bunny Bag Toss \*\*Face painting with Rose's happy faces \*\*and MUCH MORE!!!

After the event, Bowlero will be offering \$25 Arcade Cards for \$10! And Laser Tag Missions for \$3 per child, per game! ASK ABOUT THIS. Adults and babies are FREE, please purchase tickets for children 1 year old and up. We will also be taking CASH ONLY the day of the event if you would like to purchase your \$3 tickets there. Tickets can be found online at Eventbrite. This event is taking place at Bowlero Naperville, 1515 Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL 60540.

**Baby Book Club**

March 1 - 10:00 am

Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type  
Citizen's Central Library  
1134 E 3100 N  
Clifton, IL

### **Wheels and More Raffle**

Until March 28th

200 E Court St, Suite 500, Kankakee

The Wheels and More Raffle is United Way's largest fundraising event of the year! Purchase a \$1000 raffle ticket, and you will be entered in to win a \$30,000 vehicle of your choice from the Taylor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Bourbonnais OR Taylor Ford in Manteno. Tickets are available at myunited-way.org/raffle and the following physical locations: United Way: Kankakee Taylor Chrysler Dodge: Bourbonnais Taylor Ford: Manteno Milner Radio Station, Bourbonnais Peoples Bank: Bourbonnais First Financial Bank: Kankakee.

### **Psychic Luncheon**

302 W Taylor St, Grant Park IL

Psychic Luncheon Includes: 5-course lunch (appetizers, soup, salad, choice of pork tenderloin wrapped in bacon, specially prepared boneless chicken breast, lemon herb orange roughy, or vegetable lasagna, and dessert) & 5-minute personal reading by Jim Shultz or Tami Principe. \$39.95 per guest (Tax & Gratuity included) Upcoming Dates ?February 17th March 24th April 28th ?May 19th ?June 9th Jim or Tami will be available after the presentation for private readings for only \$10 for 10 mins. Limited Seats. Call now for Reservations! ?\*\*Groups of 10+ may set-up a private show- you choose your own date & time.\*\*

### **Frida Kahlo's Garden**

1/19/19 - 3/16/19

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm

Thursdays 10:00am-7:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm-4:00pm

The exhibition Frida Kahlo's Garden transports visitors to Kahlo's garden to experience the world as she did. This exhibition explores iconic photographs of the artist and her home and garden, and reproductions of several of her paintings. Also included are: information about native Mexican plants grown in her garden, a dress from the Mexican state of Oaxaca where Kahlo sourced much of her attire, and examples of folk art created by Kahlo and her husband, painter Diego Rivera. Visitors can also learn about Mexican culture, including traditional festivities, food and drink, and agricultural practices. Exhibition panel displays are in both English and Spanish. This event is free and open to the public. For questions, call 815-722-9470. Located at the Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, 25055 W. Walnut Lane, off of Blackberry Lane south of Bridge Street, in Channahon.

### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

3/2/19 from 10:00am-10:45am

Bring a stuffed animal to the library for a special storytime and snack. Leave your stuffed animal with us for a fun weekend at the library. You can return on Monday to pick up your animal and receive a booklet of pictures to see what fun your animal had at the library over the weekend. Also, check the CCPLD Children's Department Facebook page throughout the weekend to see what your animal has been up to. Must register for this event. For questions, Call Rene Norris, 815-634-4552 ext. 110, or email at rene@ccpld.org. The Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL 60416.

### **Hines Veterans Mobile Medical Unit**

3/4/19 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 questions, call Ken Buck at 815-941-3152. Located at the Morris America Legion, 212 West Washington St., Morris, IL 60450.

### **ACES Parenting Program**

3/6/19, 3/13/19, 3/20/19, 3/27/19

From 5:00-7:00pm

We Care and Easterseals Jump Start in collaboration with Crossroads Counseling Services will be holding a FREE 5 week parenting program based on the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) to help trauma-impacted parents manage their past pain, and increase awareness in ways this affects their own children and parenting style. If trauma is part of your life, or your child's life, this program could help. For questions, call 815-416-6410. Located at the We Care Building, 530 Bedford Rd. Morris, IL 60450.

### **Family Fish Fry**

3/8/19 & 3/29/19 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Join us on the following dates for some Fish Fry fun! We are having fish, frog legs, shrimp, and chicken strips. Inflatables will be set up. Prices vary.



### **Northern Lights Wrestling**

3/9/19 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Northern Lights Wrestling presents an entertaining evening that is fun for the whole family. Concessions and drinks will be available for purchase. The show will be held in the Godly Park District gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30pm. Admission Fee: \$10 per adult, \$3 for kids 10 years old and under. Located at 500 S. Kankakee St., Godley, IL 60407

### **“Make Up Your Own Holiday” Day**

3/26/19 from 4:00-5:00pm

Who? What? How? We don't know yet, but it will be revealed today! The winning holiday from the “Make Up Your Own Holiday” Contest will be revealed! Join us for a truly special, kid created event. Open to children of all ages with an adult. Registration required. For questions, call 815-467-1600. Located at the Minooka Branch Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447.

### **Dr. Suess Celebration**

3/2/19 from 10:30am-12:00pm

This event is for all ages. Happy Birthday to Dr. Suess! Join us to celebrate the world of Dr. Suess and the love of reading! Don't miss a special performance of Green Eggs and Ham starting at 11:00am. Located at the Montgomery Branch in the Meeting Room, 1111 Reading Dr., Montgomery, IL 60538

### **Visions of Summer: Family Pool Party**

3/8/19 from 6:30-8:00pm

Join us in our Indoor Waterpark for our next Family Night! March's theme will be “Visions of Summer” to help you overcome those winter blues. There will be poolside and in-water activities, games, and giveaways for children of all ages. Please note: For the safety of members and guests, all children must be accompanied in the water by an adult in a swimsuit at all times. A swim test is required for those wishing to use the 2 big waterslides. Free and open to all. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2GkWcGs>. Located at the C.W. Avery Family YMCA, 15120 W. Wallin Dr., Plainfield, IL 60544.

### **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

3/16/19 from 8:00am-Midnight

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year in downtown Yorkville with a parade, Irish activities, and bands! The downtown area will be buzzing with live nads, performances, a parade and more. At 11:00am, the parade will take place at Riverfront Park (131 E. Hydraulic Ave, Yorkville). Attendees are encouraged to line up in front of the Riverfront Park on the North side of Hydraulic Avenue for the best view of the floats. From 12:30pm-midnight there will be live music, kids' activities, and food specials at Downtown Yorkville businesses.

### **Mystery Box Storytime**

3/4/19 & 3/24/19 from 1:30-1:50pm

All ages: Guess what's inside the treasure box! Then we'll read stories based on what's hiding inside. Located at the Montgomery Campus, 1111 Reading Dr., Montgomery, IL 60538

### **Mexican Dance Performance**

3/16/19 from 2:00pm-4:00pm

Local children's dance group, Los Colores De Mi Tierra, will perform traditional folk dances. No registration needed. For questions, call 630-552-2009. Located at the Plano Public Library, 15 W. North Street, Plano, IL 60545.

### **Messy Munchkins**

3/26/19 from 10:30-11:15am or 6:00pm-6:45pm

For children ages 0-5 years old, with a grown up. Older siblings may wait in the Kids' Library during the program. Call 630-552-2025 to register. Squish and smush your way to the benefits of messy play with us! 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. Located at the Plano Public Library, 15 W. North St., Plano, IL 60545.

# 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, 10:00-12:00pm, Minooka Branch. Get out of the house with the little ones and let them play with new-to-you toys (and books!) while you socialize and make new friends. Drop-in anytime from 10-12. No registration required.

\*No meeting on Feb. 18th as the library will be closed in observance of President's Day.

**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, 7:00-7:45pm, Minooka Branch. Evening story program for all ages with a bedtime snack. No registration required. Put kids in their pj's, pack up their favorite night time friend and treat them to a story or two at the library during this bedtime story program! We'll have the milk and cookies ready, too!

**Build It!** Sundays 2:00pm-4:00pm - Drop in anytime between 2-4. We'll provide the Legos, Lincoln Logs, K-nex and more. You bring the imagination! Open to all ages. (Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult). No registration required.

## 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

**Story Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30-10am and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am. Come enjoy hearing a story and participating in songs and fingerplays with your little one.

**Wiggle Worm:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am and Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm. Following storytime, 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

**Baby Goose Storytime:** Mondays from 10:00-10:20am. Ages 3-18 months with an adult: Share stories, rhymes, and music with your baby. Location: Montgomery Youth Program Room.

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

\*In the month of February, Read & Play will only take place on 2/5/19 and 2/12/19.

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

\*In the month of February, Read & Play will only take place on 2/5/19 and 2/12/19.

## Plano Public Library

**Rhyme Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am, 11:15-11:45am, 6:00-6:30pm & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am. For babies to age 3 years old accompanied by an adult. This lap sit storytime features action rhymes, finger plays, song, movement activities, a simple story, and parent-child reading time. Active adult participation is an integral part of this program. Call 630-552-2025 to register.

## Yorkville Public Library, Yorkville, IL

**Drop-In Story Time:** Fridays, 10:30-11:00am.

\*\*In the month of March, Drop-In Storytime will only occur on 3/1/19.

## Coal City Public Library District

**Family Lapsit:** Mondays, 6:00pm-6:30pm OR Wednesdays, 10:00am-10:30am. 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)

**Drop-In Storytime:** Mondays, 11:00-11:30am. Drop-in for a lively storytime with themed stories and songs. Any age welcome and caregivers are asked to stay for the fun. No registration or library card is required to attend. For questions, call Rene Norris at 815-634-4552, ext. 110.

**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, 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

# Coloring Page

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

