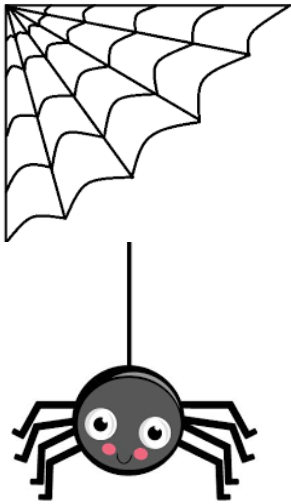


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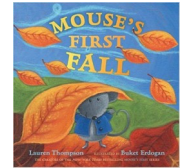
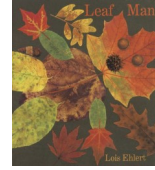


Collect leaves from outside. Glue them to paper and draw with markers or crayons around the leaves to make animals, people, cars, etc. Use your imagination and ask the kids what they think it looks like.



Books to Read To Your Child in October

- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- Leaf Jumpers by Carole Gerber
- We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger
- Awesome Autumn by Bruce Goldstone
- Autumn Leaves by Ken Robbins
- Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
- Mouse's First Fall by Lauren Thompson
- Too Many Pumpkins by Linda White
- Fall Mixed Up by Bob Razcka
- It's Pumpkin Time by Zoe Hall
- Pumpkin Trouble by Jan Thomas



Money Tips

Age 5: Associate "No" With Spending

Kindergarten is when peer pressure starts to rear its ugly head, so stop the peer-inspired begging for stuff ("but Tommy has one!") before it even starts.

Activity: Tell your kid that you can't buy everything you want, so you have to choose the items that are most important to you. The next time your kid sees two things he wants at the store, make him choose just one. It can be just as hard for moms to say no as it is for kids to hear it.

Lesson Learned: It costs money to buy things, so you can't always get everything you want.

Age 6: Start Giving Allowance

This is the year of "make it work." Many experts advise starting kids with an allowance around age six, which means that if they want something just for fun, it's up to them to save and figure out how they'll get it.

Activity: Start giving your child an allowance on a weekly basis. The exact amount will vary depending on your situation and personal history, but a rule of thumb is a dollar per year of age, so you might want to start your kid with about \$6 a week. Note that some experts say allowance shouldn't be tied to chores: It's a tool to teach your kid about managing money, not to pay her for household duties she should be doing anyway.

Lesson Learned: If you want something, figure out how much it will cost and save up.

Self Care

This month let's focus on the power of our words. Did you know that you have the power to rewire your brain? Much like exercise positive affirmations raise the level of our feel good hormones.

- 1.) I am the architect of my life; I build its foundation and choose its contents.
- 2.) Today, I am brimming with energy and overflowing with joy.
- 3.) My body is healthy; my mind is brilliant; my soul is tranquil.
- 4.) I am superior to negative thoughts and low actions.
- 5.) I have been given endless talents which I begin to utilize today.
- 6.) I forgive those who have harmed me in my past and peacefully detach from them.
- 7.) A river of compassion washes away my anger and replaces it with love.
- 8.) I am guided in my every step by Spirit who leads me towards what I must know and do.
- 9.) (If you're married) My marriage is becoming stronger, deeper, and more stable each day.
- 10.) I possess the qualities needed to be extremely successful.
- 11.) (For business owners) My business is growing, expanding, and thriving.
- 12.) Creative energy surges through me and leads me to new and brilliant ideas.
- 13.) Happiness is a choice. I base my happiness on my own accomplishments and the blessings I've been given.
- 14.) My ability to conquer my challenges is limitless; my potential to succeed is infinite.
- 15.) (For those who are unemployed) I deserve to be employed and paid well for my time, efforts, and ideas. Each day, I am closer to finding the perfect job for me.
- 16.) I am courageous and I stand up for myself.
- 17.) My thoughts are filled with positivity and my life is plentiful with prosperity.
- 18.) Today, I abandon my old habits and take up new, more positive ones.
- 19.) Many people look up to me and recognize my worth; I am admired.
- 20.) I am blessed with an incredible family and wonderful friends.
- 21.) I acknowledge my own self-worth; my confidence is soaring.
- 22.) Everything that is happening now is happening for my ultimate good.
- 23.) I am a powerhouse; I am indestructible.
- 24.) Though these times are difficult, they are only a short phase of life.
- 25.) My future is an ideal projection of what I envision now.
- 26.) My efforts are being supported by the universe; my dreams manifest into reality before my eyes.
- 27.) (For those who are single) The perfect partner for me is coming into my life sooner than I expect.
- 28.) I radiate beauty, charm, and grace.
- 29.) I am conquering my illness; I am defeating it steadily each day.
- 30.) My obstacles are moving out of my way; my path is carved towards greatness.
- 31.) I wake up today with strength in my heart and clarity in my mind.
- 32.) My fears of tomorrow are simply melting away.
- 33.) I am at peace with all that has happened, is happening, and will happen.
- 34.) My nature is Divine; I am a spiritual being.
- 35.) My life is just beginning.

For more affirmations like these visit Dr.Carmen Harra on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DrCarmenHarra>

Health and Safety

Protect Against Flu: Caregivers of Infants and Young Children

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years old – are at high risk of serious flu-related complications. To help prevent flu, Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine. Getting a yearly vaccine is especially important for young children because they are at increased risk of getting severe illness from flu.

Flu may cause fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Young children also may have vomiting or diarrhea with flu symptoms. Some persons with flu may not have a fever. If you live with or care for a young child and you get flu symptoms, follow the precautions below to help prevent the spread of illness to the child in your care.

Take Time to Get a Vaccine

A yearly flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect against the flu.

Flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization & death in children.

If the child you care for is 6 months or older, they should get a flu vaccine each year. (Infants younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu-related complications, but are not approved for influenza vaccination.)

As a caregiver to a young child, you should get a flu vaccine, and make sure that other caregivers and all household members aged 6 months and older, also get vaccinated each year.

Take Everyday Preventive Actions

Keep yourself and the child in your care away from people who are sick as much as you can.

If you get flu symptoms, avoid contact with other people when possible, including the child in your care. Consider arranging for another caregiver to care for the child if possible, so that you don't make them sick.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze—throw the tissue away after you use it, and wash your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

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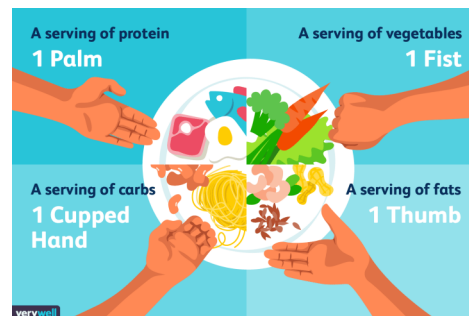
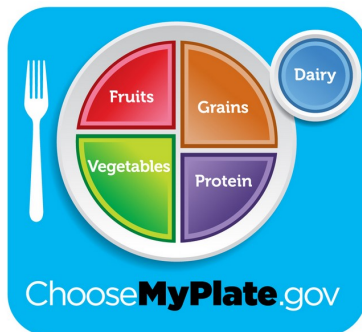
Fitness

How can I manage food portions at home?

You don't need to measure and count everything you eat or drink for the rest of your life. You may only want to do this long enough to learn typical serving and portion sizes. Try these ideas to help manage portions at home:

- Take one serving according to the food label and eat it off a plate instead of straight out of the box or bag.
- Avoid eating in front of the TV, while driving or walking, or while you are busy with other activities.
- Focus on what you are eating, chew your food well, and fully enjoy the smell and taste of your food.
- Eat slowly so your brain can get the message that your stomach is full, which may take at least 15 minutes.
- Use smaller dishes, bowls, and glasses so that you eat and drink less.

Portion and serving sizes are often used interchangeably, but actually, there is a difference. A portion is the total amount of food that you eat in one setting. A serving size is the recommended amount of one particular food. ... Keeping serving sizes in check helps with portion control.



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.



Food Fun

Peanut Butter Spiders

This super easy spider Halloween snack has peanut butter, celery and a side of spooky perfect for the kids. Sweet, salty, and overall healthy your kids will love this snack after school, at a Halloween party or in their lunchbox.

Ingredients

- 3 Ribs Celery
- 3-4 tablespoons Peanut Butter
- 24 Raisins
- 8 pieces White Chocolate Candy Melts
- 8 pieces Milk Chocolate Candy Melts

Instructions

1. Cut celery into 3-4 inch pieces.
2. Spread the peanut butter onto each celery stick.
3. Place 2-3 raisins on each piece of celery.
4. Melt candy melts in a small bowl in the microwave on half power, in 20-30 second intervals stirring in between. Spoon each melted chocolate into a sandwich size baggie and snip the corner very very little.
5. With the milk chocolate, draw on 3-4 legs on each side of the raisins. Then place 2 dots of white chocolate on the raisin for the eyes. Enjoy this fun spider Halloween treat!



Recipe Notes

A toothpick can also be dipped into the melted chocolate and used to draw the legs and eyes.

Melting chocolates are usually found in the cake decorating section of stores like Michaels but can be also found in some grocery stores.

Fun Fact

Cows have "best friends" and get stressed when separated.



Therapeutic Play

Finger Breath

Teaching our children how to self-regulate when they are outside of our care, whether it be in school, church, or with other friends and family is important. Even as grown-ups we can find ourselves dysregulated throughout the day and need to take a few deep breaths to bring ourselves back to calm. So it makes sense that our little ones may need some tools to help them in this area as they are still how to navigate their emotions.

Finger breathing is simple, discrete, portable, and has a soothing sensory touch element included in a deep breathing exercise. Using your index finger starting from the wrist you inhale as you come up the them, exhale and comedown the thumb inhale again and take your finger up your index finger and exhale as you come down it, continue inhaling and exhaling and moving you finger up and down until you reach the wrist. Repeat!



MORE CRAFTS TO TRY!



Rx Mobile Food Pantry

+ October 2, 2019 - 10am-12pm
+ October 16, 2019 - 10am-12pm

AMITA Health Saint Joseph Medical Center - Springfield Ave & Oneida St, Joliet

Are you, or is someone you know, hungry? Every 1 in 7 people in Northern Illinois are food insecure, meaning they aren't sure where their next meal may come from. To help serve our hungry neighbors, AMITA Health Saint Joseph Medical Center Joliet has teamed up with Northern Illinois Food Bank to host Mobile Food Pantries on the following dates in our parking lot located at corner of Springfield & Oneida. FREE Rx Mobile Pantry with produce, milk, eggs and meat. Open to all community members.

For additional information, contact 815-725-7133 x4616 (or x4496).

Storytime Books in the Barn

Wednesdays in October | 10-11am

Bronkberry Farms | 18061 Bronk Rd., Plainfield

Round up the kids and bring them to Bronkberry Farms for a book reading inside our pavilion. Then visit the farm animals. This is a free event. Don't forget to shop around for your favorite jam, salsa, and other canned items and metal yard art. We also carry frozen pies, local honey, and great little gift ideas. Hayrack rides are available for \$3pp subject to weather and field conditions.

Fire Safety Storytime with Chief Joe

Oct 1 | 10:30-11:15am | Joliet Public Library | Ottawa St. Branch | 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

Oct 3 | 10:30-11:15am | Joliet Public Library | Black Rd. Branch | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

(Children Ages 0-5 with adult) Learn everything you need to know from the Joliet Fire Department Chief, himself! Children will be able to try on equipment and get an up-close look at a real fire truck. No Registration

A GLOW: A Pumpkin Wonderland 2019

Oct 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, & 24-27 | Time depends on date
Sensory Garden Playground | 2751 Navistar Dr., Lisle
Thousands of hand carved jack o' lanterns will light up the city this fall. Bring your family to this enchanting pumpkin wonderland. Fun for all ages!

- 5,000+ Carved Pumpkins
- No Scary Elements
- Great Photo Opportunities
- Fall Treats and Drinks
- Intricate Themes and Designs
- Fun for All Ages

<https://glowpumpkin.com/chicago/>

Minooka Fire Protection Open House

October 5 | 11am-2pm

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

Join us for our annual Open House on October 5th at Fire Station #1 as we "Salute the Everyday Hero". Kids can dress up as their favorite Everyday Hero. Fun activities for all ages.

Panera Bread Milk & Cookies Storytime

Oct 3 & 17 | 9:30-10:30am

Panera | 855 E. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook

Enjoy free milk and a cookie while we read a story and play with puppets, music and movement. Call 630.685.4230 with questions. Ages 2-6

Mini Movin' and Groovin'

Oct 5 | 10:30-11:15am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bolingbrook

Get your little ones movin' and groovin' to music, rhythms, songs and more! Ages 8 months-5 years with an adult

Drop-in Play Doh Playdate

Oct 5 | 10-11:30am

Plainfield Public Library | 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield
It's time for some Play-Doh fun! We have the Play-Doh and tools; all you need to bring is your imagination!

Stories on The Farm

October 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4:30-5:15pm | Dollinger Farm |7420 E. Hansel Rd, Channahon

For all ages with an adult. Please plan on an adult staying with your child(ren) during this program. Fall family story time at Dollinger's Farm. Each story time will include songs, finger plays and two stories. The story time will conclude with a fall craft. Registration required online at trpld.org or by phone (815) 467-1600

Storytime at the Museum

Oct 10 | 9:30-10:30am

Bolingbrook Historical Museum | 444 E. Briarcliff Rd., Bolingbrook

Spark your imagination with stories, songs, fun and a take-home craft. After storytime, stick around to explore the museum and learn more about our village. Storytime includes free museum admission.

Arts & Fables: Button Tree

Oct 11 | 9:30-10:15am & 10:30-11:15am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Join us for a story, and then make a craft about it! Ages 2-6 with an adult.

SNAP Assistance

Oct 11 | 10am-1pm

Wilmington Public Library | 201 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington

Find out if you qualify for food assistance. Staff from the Northern Illinois Food Bank will provide information and assistance in applying for SNAP (food stamps or Link). Assistance will be available from 10- AM- 1 PM. No appointment is necessary.

Annual Open House Channahon Fire Protection District

October 12 | 11 AM – 2 PM | FREE

24929 S Center St, Channahon

Join us for our annual Open House! This year's theme is Superheroes! Come dressed as your favorite superhero. Fun activities for all ages.

Lakewood's Fall Fest

October 12 | 11 AM – 4 PM | FREE Admission

Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
14716 S Eastern Ave, Plainfield

The Fall fun will include pumpkin decorating, pony rides, and face painting! Enjoy live music, browse a large selection of local craft vendors, stop by for the fresh baked goods, or come for the pork smoked right on site! We can't wait to see you there!

DIY Family Craft

Oct 12 | 1-2pm

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

(Children of all ages with adult) We supply the craft items and you supply the imagination! No registration

Paws to Read

October 12 | 10:30-11:30am | Three Rivers Public Library - Minooka Branch
109 N. Wabena, Minooka

Register for a 15 minute session to be a reading buddy to Buddy the therapy the dog! 2 years+ with adult. Register online at trpld.org or by phone at (815) 467-1600

Sensory Storytime

Oct 12 | 10:30-11:15am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Enjoy a special storytime and 15-minute multi-sensory playtime perfect for children with sensory integration issues. Ages 2-6 with an adult

Fairgrounds Fall Fest

October 12 | 11am-6pm

Kendall County Fairgrounds | 10826 State Rt. 71, Yorkville
Come out from 11-6 for a day of food, fun, and community! A dozen eclectic food trucks to fill your belly, handcrafters market to fill your home with local goods, and TONS of fun activities for the kiddos. Pony rides, trunk or treat, hayrides, petting zoo, and live music! DO NOT miss this festive fall event!

Trunk or Treat/Touch a Truck

Oct 12 | 3-5pm

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School | 505 Kingston Dr.,
Romeoville
St. Andrew's Annual Trunk or Treat Event!

Firefighter Storytime

Oct 14 | 9:30-10:30am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Learn about fire safety, enjoy a storytime and meet a real life firefighter. All ages, preschoolers with an adult

Pirates & Princesses

October 13 | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM | FREE

Dollinger Family Farm - 7420 E Hansel Rd, Channahon
Join us for an afternoon of Pirates & Princesses on the farm!
Stop by to see Princess Bell, Rapunzel, and Elsa joined by real Pirates.

Lego Club

Oct 14 | 10am-12pm

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

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

Storytown

Oct 16 | 10:30-11:30am

Plainfield Public Library | 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield

Storytown brings all the fun with their interactive, fully improvised show. Audience members will help create a story and watch as the actors and musician bring it to life! Register each adult and each child attending.
A Plainfield Library card is required.

2020 Census: Why it Matters

Oct 16 | 1-3pm

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

Adults, no registration

This program sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau with the Joliet Public Library will explain what your role in the census program is, and how you can help make it a success.

Drop-in Family Music and Movement

Oct 17 | 6-6:45pm

Plainfield Public Library | 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield
This program is designed for children ages 2 to 5 with their family. Get ready to clap, tap, dance, sing and stomp in this high-energy family program built to get the wiggles out. We will explore music, movement, instruments, interactive stories, and more!

Family Night Out

Oct 18 | 7-8pm

Goldfish Swim School | 12315 Rhea Dr., Plainfield
In honor of Columbus day we will be hosting a FREE family swim. Join us for some fun and a giveaway!

Mini Adventures Around the World: Antarctica

Oct 18 | 10:30am-12pm & 1:30-3pm

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Explore the world with stories, music and crafts. Ages 2-6 with an adult

Sensory Playtime

Oct 18 | 10am-12pm

Joliet Public Library | Black Rd. Branch | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

(Ages 0-3 with adult) Bring your little ones to explore their senses by feeling, hearing, and touching their way through music, art and mess-free play! No registration is required.

Roots: Jackie Robinson & Serena Williams

Oct 19 | 1:30-2:30pm

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Join Judith and Ernie Davis for stories, activities and snacks as we explore the lives of African American heroes and sheroes. All ages, preschoolers with an adult

Touch A Truck

October 19 | 10am-1pm

Grundy County Courthouse | Morris

Free kid event. Come join the fun and touch a bunch of trucks (fire, police, SWAT, tractor, heavy equipment, etc.). Bounce house, face painting, and kid games available for free. Concessions and 50/50 available. Beneficiary is a scholarship fund.

Sensory Stories & Playtime

Oct 22 | 6-7pm

Plainfield Public Library | 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield

For children of all ages. Enjoy stories, activities, and crafts in a fun, sensory friendly environment. For children of all ages. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents and caregivers of older children are welcome to stay. Registration is requested, but not required.

Yogitation Community Circle

Oct 19 | 2-3pm

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

(All ages with adult) Try this blend of yoga and meditation to reduce stress and to increase mindfulness, laughter, and relaxation for the entire family. Registration opens Sept 30.

(Not so) Spooky Storytime

Oct 24 | 6:30-7:15

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

(Children of all ages with adult) Halloween is right around the corner! Wear your costume and join us for an evening of stories, music, movement, and crafts frightfully fit for the entire family. Registration opens Oct 8

Preschool Activity Time: Sesame Street

Oct 25 | 10-11am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook
Enjoy a playground filled with games, blocks, a parachute and more. While the children have fun, they're practicing social and gross motor skills. Ages 2-6 with an adult

IKEA Storytime

Oct 24 | 9:30-10:30

IKEA | 750 E. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook

Join us for storytime at IKEA! Enjoy juice and cookies while we read stories using puppets, music and movement. Storytimes take place on the 2nd floor near the restaurant.

Meet a Bat!

Oct 26 | 2-4pm

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

All ages with adult, registration opens Aug 19
Meet and learn exciting facts about bats at the Joliet Public Library, courtesy of Flying Fox Conservation Fund. Discover truth and learn to dispel superstitions about the misunderstood animal when you get up close and personal with our special batty guests!

Spooky Storytime & Craft

Oct 26 | 10:30-11:30am

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Join us for a day of spooky fun for the whole family! Come in costume for added fun! All ages, preschoolers with an adult.

Book or Treat

October 26 | 12-1:45pm & 3-4:30pm | Three Rivers Public Library - Minooka Branch
109 N. Wabena, Minooka

Enjoy the treat of a free book! Sponsored by the Friends of Three Rivers Library, visit the Minooka Branch during Book or Treat, before and after Minooka's Halloween parade, to select a free book. Halloween costumes are encouraged! No registration is required for this free event, open to those from birth through high school. Supplies are limited.

Minooka Halloween Parade

October 26 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Costume Parade & Trick or Treating

Oct 26 | 11:45am-12:45pm

Fountaindale Public Library | 300 W Briarcliff, Bollingbrook

Join us for a day of spooky fun for the whole family! Come in costume for added fun! All ages, preschoolers with an adult

Trick-or-Treating at Dollinger Family Farm

October 27 | 1 PM – 2 PM | FREE

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! Register for Costume Contest between 12:30 and 1pm

Monster Mash with DJ Drelaurin

Oct 27 | 2-3:30pm

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

(All ages with adult) DJ Drelaurin is back! Come in costume for music, dancing, games, and fun. No registration

Halloween Spooktacular

Oct 29 | 6:30-8:30 | Joliet Public Library | Black Rd. Branch | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

Oct 30 | 10:30am-12pm | Joliet Public Library | Black Rd. Branch | 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

(All ages with adult) Bring the whole family for a Halloween extravaganza! Come in costume for exciting stories, games, crafts, and snacks that will be taking place throughout the library. No registration is required.

Trick or Treat After Hours

Oct 31 | 7-8:30pm

Plainfield Public Library | 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield
Didn't get enough of Trick or Treating? Stop by for a spooky scavenger hunt.

Annual Halloween Hot Dog Giveaway

Oct 31 | 4 -7 PM | Braidwood City Park | 227 W 3rd St, Braidwood

The Braidwood Lions Club will be hosting their annual community Halloween Hot Dog Giveaway on Thursday October 31st at the Braidwood City Park pavilions from 4-7pm. Free hot dogs, chips, popcorn, hot chocolate, lemonade and hay rack rides will be provided (while supplies last) compliments of the Lions Club. The entire community is invited, so bring your friends and family down to the park for some good community spirit and lots of fun. Costumes are encouraged but not required. For more information, please call 815-791-8093 or visit www.braidwoodlionsclub.org.

Coal City Halloween Movie in the Park

October 19th
Campbell Park

Minooka Halloween Parade

October 26th, 2-3 pm

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

Braidwood Scarecrow Fest

October 19th, 1-4 pm
Scarecrow and Chili competition

Downtown Morris Trick or Treat

October 24th
5-7 pm

Morris Lions Club Halloween Contest begins at 4 pm on the Courthouse Lawn.

Minooka Movie in the Park

October 26, 7:45-10:30 pm
Lakewood Ball Field

Showing: The House with a Clock in the Walls
FREE

Minooka Community Bon Fire

October 26th, 6:30-8:30 pm

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.

Have a sponsor table, pas out giveaways or donate to the event.

(Movie in the Park will be showing)

Clifton Baby Book Club

Central Citizens Library District
1134 E 3100 N

Clifton, IL
October 4, 2019 - 10:00 am

Clifton Baby Book Club
Central Citizens Library District
1134 E 3100 N
Clifton, IL
October 18, 2019 - 10:00 am

Watseka Baby Book Club
Watseka Public Library
S 4th Street
Watseka, IL 60970
October 9 - 10:00 am

Ice Valley Trunk or Treat
1601 River Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
October 26th
12:00-3:00pm

Trunk or Treat
Court Street Ford
558 William R Latham Senior Dr
Bourbonnais, IL
October 30
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Harvest Daze
Iroquois County Historical Museum
103 W Cherry
Watseka, IL
Oct 4 at 4 PM - OCT 6 at 4PM

Dress up your little Ghosts & Goblins!!
When: Saturday, October 19th 2019
Where: Watseka Park District parking lot/Cherry Street in
Watseka starting at approximately 5pm or shortly after.
Cost: FREE
Open to Children ages 0-12 years of age.
Trunk or Treat follows the Kids Costume & Pet Event
sponsored by the Watseka Park District with registration
beginning at 4pm.
For more information please call 815-432-2416.

Kankakee Area Jaycees Halloween Festival
Sunday, October 20th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Farmers Market Parking lot and S. Schuyler Ave

LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

Joliet Public Library-Main

Spanish Storytime October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30pm-7:30pm (Children of all ages) A chance for children to explore the world of books through stories, songs, and crafts in a group setting. This storytime is presented completely in Spanish. No registration is required.

Joliet Public Library-Black Road

Toddler Time October 2, 9, 16, 23 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 October 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11:45am-12:30pm (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 October 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 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 October 1, 2, 8, 15, 22 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 October 2, 9, 16, 23 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 October 5, 12, 19, 26 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.

Shorewood Library

Itty Bitty Storytime October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 at 10:00am-10:30am (Recommended for under age 3) Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers will enjoy 30 minutes of songs, socialization, and sensory activities designed for developing early literacy and motor skills.

Stay and Play October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 at 10:30am-11:00am (Recommended for under age 3) Stay and hang out with your friends in the Children's Department after story time!

White Oak Library-Crest Hill

Toddler Time October 2, 9, 16, 30 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 October 5, 12, 26 from 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 October 5, 12, 26 from 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.

Evening Storytime October 29th from 5:00pm-5:30pm 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 October 29th from 5:30pm-6:00pm 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 October 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 from 10:30am-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!

Three Rivers Public Library District

Morris Public Library – Morris, IL

Story Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-10am, Wednesdays, 10-10:30am. 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 Storytime: Mondays, 6:30-7:00pm. 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.

Chalk the Walk: Tuesdays 4-5pm

LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

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

Plano Public Library

Music & Movement: Mondays, 10:30am and 6:00pm. For ages 0-6 years old with an adult. Join us for some of our favorite music and movement activities. Kids will get to use simple musical instruments, play with a parachute, and more. Be prepared to move and groove!

Yorkville Public Library, Yorkville, IL

Drop-In Story Time: Fridays, 10:30-11:00am. Take a trip with us this summer! Get your passport and stamp to adventure! We are exploring other cultures this summer during our weekly Drop In Story Time. Stay for the related craft after story time. Registration is NOT required. *August, only 8/2/19 is listed.

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. 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 0-23 months old.

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10am

Coloring Page

