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A newsletter for parents and adults working with young children.

Design, create, tinker, Makerspaces and DIY (do it yourself), are all buzz words that you are probably hearing or reading about. In essence, it is what you have been doing all along as you have planned and organized arts and crafts activities for children. This edition of the Parent and Childcare Provider Newsletter will re-introduce you to the arts and crafts world with a little extra tinkering and recreating of fun projects and activities.

By the way, we have done a little redesigning of our newsletter, and we hope that you will enjoy the new features and changes that we have made. Please share this wonderful resource with your parents and childcare staff, this is our contribution to the world of co-creativity.

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Parent and Childcare Providers Training

Parents, childcare providers and individuals working in latchkey programs are encouraged to attend and must register for each workshop separately.

STEAM Magic & Maker Fun

Saturday, March 5 • 10:00 a.m.
Zauel Library • 3100 N. Center

Re-create, re-design and become re-energized by joining the maker community during this presentation. The best of new books and resources that promote DIY (do it yourself) will also be presented. Experience STEAM Magic & Maker Fun, when the Sloan Museum leads us in becoming a "Maker." Call 799-2771 ext. 1503 to register.



Every Child Ready to Read

Saturday, March 12 • 10:00 a.m.
Hoyt Library • 505 Janes

Children's librarians will share the best of new books as well as ideas, activities and resources that parents, childcare providers, and other professionals can use at home or to enhance your after school programs. This session will introduce you to some of the proven techniques and activities that promote early literacy. Designed for emergent readers, we will also incorporate other ideas and activities that will engage school age children. Call 755-9826 to register.

NOTE: All childcare providers, parents and educators attending this workshop will receive a certificate for participation. However, providers wishing to receive training credit hours should contact Great Start to Quality Resource Center at 989-399-7457 or register online at www.GreatStartToQuality.org

GROWING MINDS

Books for Fostering Reading Readiness and Creativity in Young Children

R is for Rocket: An ABC Book by Tad Hills

Learn the ABCs with Rocket, the dog who inspires kids to read and write!

Each letter gets its own page full of alliterative verse, and letters are in bold for easy recognition. Check out other books in the Rocket series, too.



ABC School's for Me by Susan Katz

Children are introduced to their ABC's through familiar school activities and objects in this clever rhyming story.

There's No Such Thing as Little

by LeUyen Pham

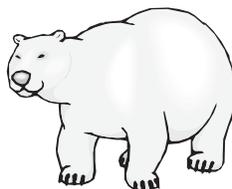
The peek through die-cut holes and charming illustrations encourage little ones to expand their vocabulary and think big!



Waddle! Waddle! by James Proimos
Penguin gets more than he bargained for as he searches for his new friend, learning the real meaning of friendship along the way in this humorous story featuring bold illustrations and repetitive words.

Polar Bear's Underwear by Tupera Tupera

Poor Polar Bear! He can't find his underwear! Good thing he has Mouse to help him. Whimsical illustrations and fun cut outs make this story interactive, and repetitive text helps build word recognition in young children.



Bear Sees Colors by Karma Wilson

Colors, colors everywhere! Can you find colors just like Bear? Playful rhyming text and adorable illustrations creatively introduce colors to the youngest Bear fans.

Over the Hills and Far Away: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes collected by Elizabeth Hammill

Featuring many familiar nursery rhymes, as well as others from around the world, this collection offers beautiful illustrations from over seventy artists.



Changes: A Child's First Poetry Collection by Charlotte Zolotow

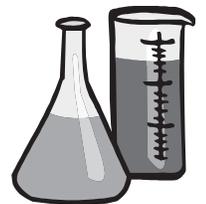
A wonderful first book of poetry; Changes takes the reader through four seasons of classic poetry. The lovely illustrations enhance the text, and the thoughtful layout makes it easy for pre-readers to identify key elements of poetry.

The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

Beekle, an imaginary friend, undergoes an emotional journey looking for his human. His story is told in simple prose and stunning illustrations that masterfully convey the emotional essence of this special childhood relationship. Winner of the 2015 Caldecott Medal.

Tinkerlab: A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors by Rachelle Doorley

Aimed at parents, teachers, and caregivers of young children, this book provides an excellent introduction to tinkering, and provides creative experiments plus tips for fostering creativity in young children.



Making Makers by AnnMarie Thomas

From the creators of Make: magazine and makezine.com comes this excellent introduction to the maker movement for parents, teachers and caregivers.

COLD DAYS, WARM HEARTS

Activities and Crafts for Young Children

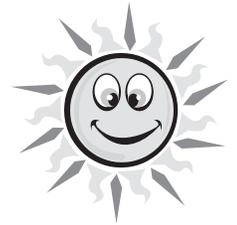
WINTER BEACH BLAST PARTY

Beat the winter blues by turning up the thermostat, beach music and wearing swimsuits, shorts and sunglasses for the day. Have a picnic on beach towels. Blow up balloons or a beach ball to play beach volleyball.



YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

You are my sunshine
Bright, yellow sunshine
You bring me sunlight
All through the days
You help the seasons go
You make the plants grow
Please be my sunshine always



SAND CASTLE TREATS

Take small, clean sandcastle molds and fill them with Rice Krispie treats mix. Once they have hardened and cooled, remove the treats and let the kids decorate them with small candies and frosting.

TINKER TRAY ROBOTS

Have tinker trays filled with items such as:



**thumb tacks • tooth picks
clothes pins • paper clips
marbles • rubber bands
gems • plastic beads
wiggly eyes • paper scraps
nuts/bolts • small cardboard tubes
brads • buttons**

Collect pieces of styrofoam packing material and cut into different size pieces for body parts. Let the kids be creative in building their robots.

CUP OF TEA

Here's a cup, (Make fist of one hand)
And here's a cup, (Make fist with other hand)
And here's a pot of tea, (Form teapot with both hands)
Pour a cup,
Pour a cup, (Pouring motions)
One for you and one for me (Pretend to drink)

THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF SAGINAW IS AT YOUR SERVICE!

The children's library staff in all our branches is very happy to help you select library resources and answer your questions. We enjoy recommending the best new children's materials. Visit the library soon, or check us out online at www.saginawlibrary.org.

Butman-Fish Library
1716 Hancock
799-9160
Kristine or Maureen

Hoyt Library
505 Janes
755-9826
Linda or Michelle

Wickes Library
1713 Hess
752-3821
Stacey or Amy

Zael Library
3100 N. Center
799-2771
Kathy or Beth

ON THE WEB

Everyday Steps to Reading & Writing

<http://families.naeyc.org/everyday-steps-to-reading-writing>

Creative Experiments for Mini Makers

<http://tinkerlab.com/>

Find Out More About MakerSpace

<http://renovatedlearning.com/makerspace-resources/>

Make Your Own Tinker Tray

<http://mericherry.com/2014/08/30/make-tinker-trays-kids/>

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Programs for Children at the Public Libraries of Saginaw

Preschool Storytimes

Enjoy thirty minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and fun. For children 3-5 years of age with loving adult.

Zauel Library

Fridays • 10:30 a.m.
February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Butman-Fish Library

Fridays • 10:30 a.m.
March 4, 11 & 18

LEGO Club

Butman-Fish Library

Saturdays • 2:00 p.m.
February 6 & March 19

Children must be 7-12 to register, call 799-9160.

Wickes Library

Tuesdays • 4:30 p.m.
February 9 & March 8

For kids ages 7-12. No registration required.

DUPLO Club

Zauel Library

Saturdays • 11:00 a.m.

February 27 & March 26

Duplo Club is for young builders 3-6 years of age with a loving adult.

MakerSpace Mondays!

Butman-Fish Library

Mondays • 5:00 p.m.

February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Drop-in and come tinker with us!

Activities will vary each week.

Service Provider Appreciation

Are you thankful for your dependable mail or newspaper carrier? Let them know how much you appreciate them by having the kids make cards from recycled and tinker tray materials and a treat for a service provider you appreciate.

LIBRARY HOURS

Butman-Fish Library - 1716 Hancock
Mon. & Tues. • 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed. - Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hoyt Library - 505 Janes
Mon. & Thur. • 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tues. & Wed. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wickes Library - 1713 Hess
Mon. - Thur. • 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. • Closed

Zauel Library - 3100 N. Center
Mon., Tues., & Thur. • 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday • 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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