

February Children's News 2010

Storytime

The winter session of storytimes are now in progress for children ages 1 ½-6. There is room available in our Wednesday morning preschool group (ages 3 ½-K). Please call 949-3630 ext. 3 for more information. Look for our registration for the spring series of storytimes in March.

Valentine's Craft

Join us in celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday, February 8 at 4 pm. Children will hear a Valentine's Day story and create a heart card hanger. Registration for children ages 6-10 is now being taken.

"Everything Old is New Again"

Children who decorated a sphere during the **Apple Blossom Garden Club** workshop at the Library in January, will have their creations on display at the RI Convention Center February 18-21 at the annual RI Federation of Garden Clubs' standard flower show. Each piece will be judged and ribbons awarded. Children may pick up their arrangements at the library once the show is over.

Dan Butterworth and his Marionettes

Join us for some fun with Dan Butterworth on Wednesday, February 17 at 1:30 pm. Children ages 5-10 may register beginning Feb.1. Dan will entertain children with his hand carved marionettes in Carnival del Mundo, a compilation of puppets and dances he created from his travels. Adults and children alike will delight in Dan's performance!

Art Class

Children ages 6-10 may sign up for a class taught by artist and teacher Adele Karbowski on Thursday, February 18 from 2:30-3:30 pm. Adele will teach art Inspired by nature. Registration is required and must be done in person. A \$5.00 materials fee will be required at registration which will begin February 1.

Dr. Seuss Day!

Children ages 6-10 are invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss and his books on Friday, February 19 at 10:30 am to prepare for his upcoming birthday on March 2. Activities will include a Dr. Seuss trivia game, story and craft. Children will create their own Seuss character. Be sure to register beginning Monday, February 1 so you won't miss out on this creative and fun activity!

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night

Children who are entering kindergarten in the fall, along with their parents, are invited to an evening of stories and fun activities in this collaborative effort between the local libraries and the Smithfield Outreach program. The integrated

preschool teachers will be on hand, as well as the children's librarians from both libraries in town. Parents will receive a calendar explaining the early learning standards to use with their children to better prepare them for kindergarten. Refreshments will be served. Monday, February 22 at 6:15 is the date for the Greenville Library event. A second event will be held at the East Smithfield Library in the spring (date TBA). Please call 949-3630 ext. 3 to register.

Lego Club

The Children's Department is interested in setting up a Lego Club for children to meet twice a month after school. Coaches are needed to oversee the kids and help with suggestions for building various projects. If we can have at least two committed young adults or adults interested in this project, we will begin registering the children. Please call 949-3630 ext. 3 if interested.

Children's Display Bubble

For February, eight-year-old Cole Hayhurst will display his stuffed animal collection of cats in the Children's Room Bubble. Cole loves collecting stuffed animal cats because "they are so fuzzy." So be sure to stop in the children's room to view Cole's cat collection!