

EXTRA! EXTRA! Read to Me all about it! Sept 2009

Free early childhood resources from your public library

Summer Reading

This year's summer reading program, Be Creative @ Your Library, exceeded all of our expectations. Almost 3000 children and teens signed up for the program. 789 (28%) were ages 0-5. Thanks to all the moms, dads, caregivers, and siblings who read to our youngest library users this summer. Over 48% who signed up earned at least one Summer Reading Dollar. In fact, most earned the maximum of 20 Summer Reading Dollars. They earned more than 23,000 Summer Reading Dollars that can be redeemed from 46 local merchant partners. What a great gift from the community to the library and to our children who read.



Book Sale

The annual Friends Kid's Only Book Sale was held August 1-2. Children who participated in Summer Reading got a free book when they came to the book sale. And the Friends still earned a record-breaking \$2289 that will be used for youth

services programming in the coming year. Young Friends helped at the sale and one, Michelle Zheng, went the extra mile. She sold flower arrangements to shoppers at the Book Sale and earned \$113 for youth services.

Resources kits



Look for the new Read to Me Early Childhood Resources Kits in the library catalog. Each kit contains 5-8 books on a topic of interest to those who work with young children. Kits are available on the following topics: parenting issues, nutrition, child development, language development and signing, physical fitness and play, and art and music. Some nutrition and art and music kits are bilingual. We have several kits on each topic, and the contents of each kit are different. Look in the library catalog to view the contents and request kits.



New Schedule

As of July 1, the library has had to reduce hours at all of our branches. For hours at your branch please go to our website <http://www.santacruzpl.org/> and click on the article about new hours or the link to branch locations and hours. Starting this fall we have a new schedule of weekly storytimes at Central, Live Oak, Aptos, Boulder Creek, and Scotts Valley. Remember to read with your children and please join us for storytime at a branch near you.



Family Place

And do come to Aptos for a taste of the Family Place experience. Starting in October, you and your child can play and have fun in the Young Peoples Room on the first Tuesday of the month and the third Wednesday of the month.



Weekly Schedule



BABY STORYTIME

for babies 0-13 months
(Pregnant parents are also welcome.)

Tuesdays 11:15 Central 420-5720

MOTHER GOOSE TIME

for 3 months to 2 years

Wednesdays 11:00 Aptos 420-5309
(starts 10/7)

LAPTICES

for toddlers 1-3 years, 20-minute program

Thursdays 11:15 Central 420-5720
Thursdays 11:00 Scotts Valley 420-5369
(starts 9/10)

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

for 3-6-year-olds, 30-40 minute program

Tuesdays 11:00 Aptos 420-5309
(starts 10/6)
Tuesdays 11:00 Scotts Valley 420-5369
(starts 9/8)
Wednesdays 11:00 Boulder Creek 420-5369
(starts 9/9) (all ages)
Wednesdays 11:00 Live Oak 420-5359
Wednesdays 11:15 Central 420-5720

