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HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY STORYTIME NEWSLETTER MAY 2012

Springtime Greetings,

Everywhere you look there are the glorious signs of spring. We have been celebrating the arrival of spring in grand fashion at the library for the last several weeks. One of our most exciting activities this past month was the Easter Egg hunt. The library hosted five Easter Egg hunts over the course of three days. After each hunt, library staff served up yummy treats. Even the Easter Bunny stopped by to say hello and allowed the children to crawl up in his lap for a snapshot. A big thank you to the many parents, grandparents, and friends who donated Easter eggs and candy. Because of your generosity, there were plenty of goodies for everyone.

In addition to bunnies, our other storytime themes included chickens and ducks. The children were all given an opportunity to get up close and personal with some real baby animals including a velvety soft rabbit, a fuzzy chick, and two waddling ducklings. One precocious preschooler asked if we would be talking about alligators next week. I quickly sensed where this conversation was leading so please let me assure you that although I love to provide children with a variety of hands on learning experiences, I promise any animals I bring to share with my library friends will be of the cute, cuddly, and loveable sort. 😊

As the days of spring go zipping by, it is now time to turn our attention to summer activities. This year, as in the past, the library will host a summer reading program. This program is designed for children of all ages. Much work needs to be done in planning, organizing, and carrying out what we hope to be a crowd pleasing summer of enticing programs. Because of this, we will officially end our storytime season on May 17th. We will however include a weekly preschool storytime during our summer program. More details about our summer reading program will be mailed/ emailed to you in a few weeks.

In the meantime, we have lots of exciting things planned for May including our annual Picnic at the Park and Children's Book Week. Please check out the details and the dates as you will not want to miss out on the fun activities we have in store for your family. Mark your calendars and take advantage of this splendid time of year with your storytime friends!

Smiles,
Miss Angela

Children's Book Week is May 7th-13th

Children's Book Week is a celebration of books and reading for youth. Sponsored by the Children's Book Council, this special week allows libraries a special opportunity to emphasize books for children and the joy that comes from reading.

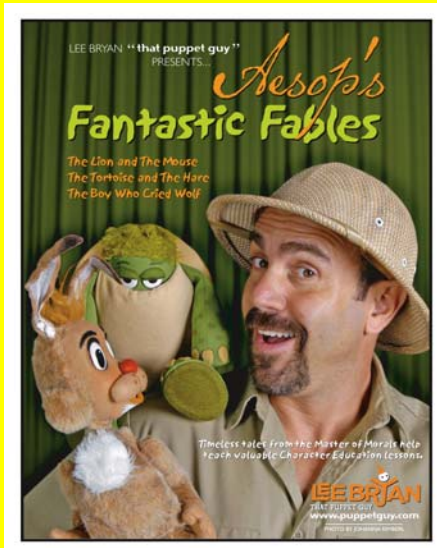


Aesop's Fantastic Fables

presented by Lee Bryan, The Puppet Guy

AND THEY'RE OFF!!!

It's another exciting day at the races as the TORTOISE AND THE HARE weave their way through the tales of the LION AND THE MOUSE and the BOY WHO CRIED WOLF!



Get ready...get set...for some home-spun family fun with this clever solo "tour-de-farce" created especially for younger children.

Tuesday, May 1st at 10:00am

Location: Harnett County Government Complex
Commons Room

300 West Cornelius Boulevard (Hwy 401), Lillington
Located between Harnett County Social Services and
the Harnett County Health Department

Picnic at the Park

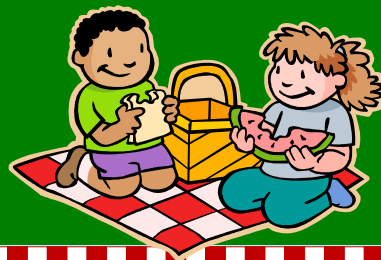
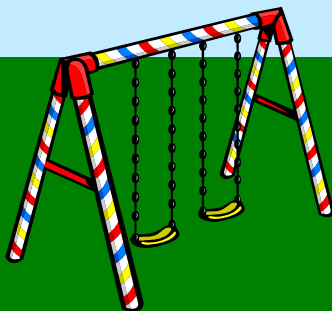
Wednesday, May 16th from 10am-12pm

and

Thursday, Thursday, May 17th from 10am-12pm

Pack a picnic lunch and a quilt and join your storytime friends at the Lillington Recreation Park located at 307 South 1st Street. Entertainment will be provided by Mimi the Clown. Activities will include a magic show, face painting, and bouncy houses.

All ages are welcome!



CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Saturday, May 5th-Thursday, May 10th

Free Book Exchange

Tired of the same old books?

Why not swap them out for something different?

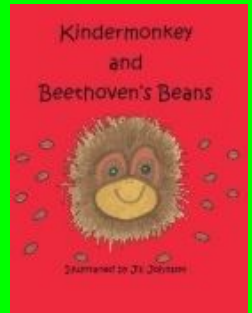
Simply bring in up to three of your gently read children's books from home and trade them in for three more of your choice.



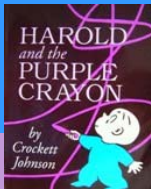
Saturday, May 5th at 11:00

Storytime

Enjoy a morning of stories and music with local children's book author Jill Johnson and her loveable sidekick Kindermonkey!



**Tuesday, May 8th
Movie Night**



Harold and the Purple Crayon

5:30pm-6:30

This film is based on the 1955 children's book classic by Crockett Johnson. A craft activity based on Harold's story will be offered following a double feature movie showing.

This activity is most appropriate for ages 3-8.



HUGO

5:30pm-7:30pm

This film is based on the 2008 Caldecott Book Award Winner, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. It also recently earned five academy awards. This movie is rated PG and is most appropriate for ages 9 & up.

Wednesday, May 9th and Thursday May 10th at 11:00am



**Preschool Storytime
Busy, Buzzy Bees**



Special guest and backyard beekeeper, Charles Fleming and his daughter Genevieve will provide our preschoolers with a insightful look into the world of bees!

Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 & 6:30

Bedtime Stories

Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite bedtime pal!

Ages 5 and under: 5:30-6:15

Ages 6-10: 6:30-7:15



MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>ROCKIN', RHYTHM, AND READING</p> <p>Come for a morning of toe tapping, finger snapping, and hand clapping music, stories, and games.</p> 		<p>1</p>  <p><i>Puppet Show</i> 10:00am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Main Library Toddler Time 10:00</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 11:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Main Library Toddler Time 10:00</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 11:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Storytime with Jill Johnson and- Kindermonkey 11:00am</p> 
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<p>13</p> <p>Picnic at the Park</p> <p>Pack a picnic lunch and join your friends at the park for a magic show, face painting and some outside playtime.</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Coats Storytime 11:00</p> <p>Storytime with Ms. Jessica</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Picnic at the Lillington Recreational Park 10am-12pm Everyone is invited! <i>(Bring a picnic lunch)</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Picnic at the Lillington Recreational Park 10am-12pm Everyone is invited! <i>(Bring a picnic lunch)</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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