

Busy Bee Bulletin

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Calendar Buzz

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Summer Reading Begins Saturday, June 6, 2015!

Baby Time

Ages Birth to 16 months

Spend some quality time with your baby learning rhymes, singing songs, and listening to stories together.

Main Library Children's Program Room:

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7 p.m.

Musical Story Time

All Ages

This music-filled story time is fun for the whole family. Musical stories, finger plays, songs,



rhymes and a cacophony of sound round out this 45-minute program.

Farmington Branch Meeting

Room: Tuesdays, June 2 & 9, 10:30 a.m.

Lunch with Trucks

All Ages

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Bring your lunch and check out the heavy machinery! Look for toy trucks hidden among the vehicles, participate in a book dig, and enjoy a snack from the scoop of

a truck. Take a picture next to a truck tire; will you be bigger than the tire?



Farmington Branch Parking Lot: Monday, June 15,

12-2 p.m.

Pavilion Story Time in Downtown Farmington

All Ages

Join us for stories, fingerplays, movement, rhymes and songs; have fun playing with our outdoor toys afterwards.

Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park: Thursdays, June 18, 25; July, 2, 9, 23, 30, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Talking Is Early Literacy

Talking is an important skill for Kindergarten readiness. Parents and caregivers lay the foundation for talking by cooing and mimicking the sounds a baby makes so that the baby continues to make those sounds, and begins to make others. When adults talk about

everyday activities and ask a child questions, children learn new words and their meanings. At the Library we often hear adults talk to children as they count the steps on the stairway, ask where they want to play, select books to take home, and use the self-checkout.

One day a young girl demonstrated her speaking skills as she pointed to our activity tables and said, "Color, Mommy, color!" We love hearing the conversations children have with their parents as they play with the animals at our toy barn and other creative

play stations.

Even more than talking about daily life and playing, reading picture books enriches children's vocabularies. Many new words can be learned in the context of a story and reinforced by conversation about the words and pictures. Take

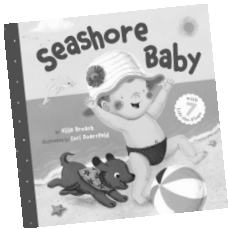
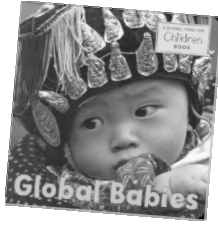


Books for Busy Bees

Board Books

Here is a list of baby-friendly board books. You can find them at the library or buy a copy for yourself at the bookstore.

Ajmera, Maya.
GLOBAL BABIES



Broach, Elise.
SEASHORE BABY

Dewdney, Anna.
LLAMA LLAMA HOPPITY-HOP



Hood, Susan.
TICKLY TOES

Horacek, Petr.
TIME FOR BED

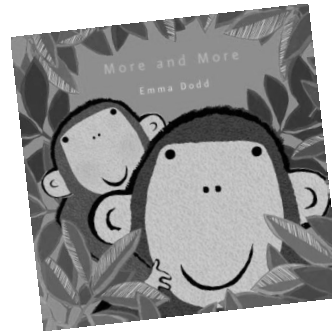


Picture Books

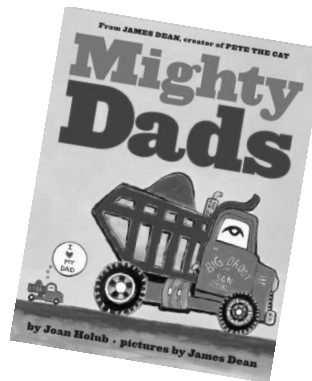
Cole, Henry. **BIG BUG.** It's all about perspective.....Bright pictures show how things become little or big depending on the scale of the objects they're compared with. (A bug looks big until it is shown on a bigger leaf, etc.)



Dodd, Emma. **MORE AND MORE.** A sweet story of a parent (monkey) sharing all the different things he loves about his child.



Holub, Joan. **MIGHTY DADS.** Big trucks teach their little trucks how to do things right—dig, scoop, spin, pour, roll and lift—as the little ones learn to do construction work from their dads.



Low, William. **DAYTIME NIGHTTIME.** This beautiful book with simple text and full-page highly realistic illustrations shows different things seen in the daytime and at night.



McQuinn, Anna. **LOLA PLANTS A GARDEN.** Lola loves her book of garden poems. The nursery rhyme “Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary” makes Lola Lola Extraordinary want to plant a garden too. With a little help from her mommy, daddy and friends, Lola grows her own garden.

Yoon, Salina. **FOUND.** One day, Bear finds someone's lost stuffed bunny. He goes to great lengths to find its owner, searching high and low, but without success. So, Bear plays with the bunny, wishing it could be his own. Just when he thinks he can say it's his, Moose shows up and is so happy to see his lost toy! Who does the bunny belong to now?





Head, Shoulders, Bees and Toes

Superhero, Superhero Turn Around

Superhero, superhero turn around.
Superhero, superhero touch the ground.

Superhero, superhero put on your suit.

Superhero, Superhero pull on your boots.

Other verses: jump up high; fly, fly, fly

Five Superheroes Fingerplay

5 superheroes ready to fly.

Here comes the villain—

Stop that guy!

This superhero can save the day.

Off he flies –

up, up, and away!

(Count down to zero.)



I'm a Superhero

(Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a superhero with my star.

I help people near and far.

If you have a problem, call on me.

I will be there 1, 2, 3!

Did You Ever See a Hero?

(Tune: "The More We Get Together")

Did you ever see a hero, a hero, a hero,

Did you ever see a hero, flying up in the sky?

Flying this way and that way and this way and that way,

Did you ever see a hero, flying up in the sky?

Other verses: Putting on their cape, hopping on one foot, saving the day, twirling around



Super Pokey

You put your right glove in,

You put your right glove out,

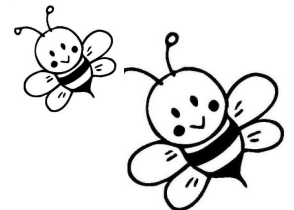
You put your right glove in,

And you shake it all about.

You do the Super Pokey and you fly yourself around.

That's what it's all about!

Verses: Left glove, Right boot, Left boot, Mask, Cape, Super self!



Baby Bees

Because in today's world people seem to be so very busy that even small children sometimes have full schedules, parents may find it hard to fit in unscheduled play and doubt its value.

However, research strongly supports the idea that free play benefits children. In **THE BIRTH TO FIVE BOOK** author Brenda Nixon lists several reasons why play is extremely important:

- Play involving make-believe can help children work through

emotional problems like fearfulness by coming up with imaginary situations that express their feelings and give them more power.

- Physical play often allows children to work off extra energy in a positive way instead of through aggression. It also helps develop muscles.
- Free play gives children a chance to learn language, cognitive and emotional skills in a hands-on way.

Parents and caregivers can support play by providing age-appropriate toys and encouraging children when they engage in playful activities.

The Farmington Community Library offers programs which include free play for children from infancy through preschool. Check out the website www.farmlib.org for more information. Come and see what YOUR library offers you.





Bee a Superhero!

Superhero Mask

Every superhero needs a disguise.

Supplies:

- Heavyweight paper like card stock or construction paper
- Hole punch
- Elastic string
- Coloring utensils

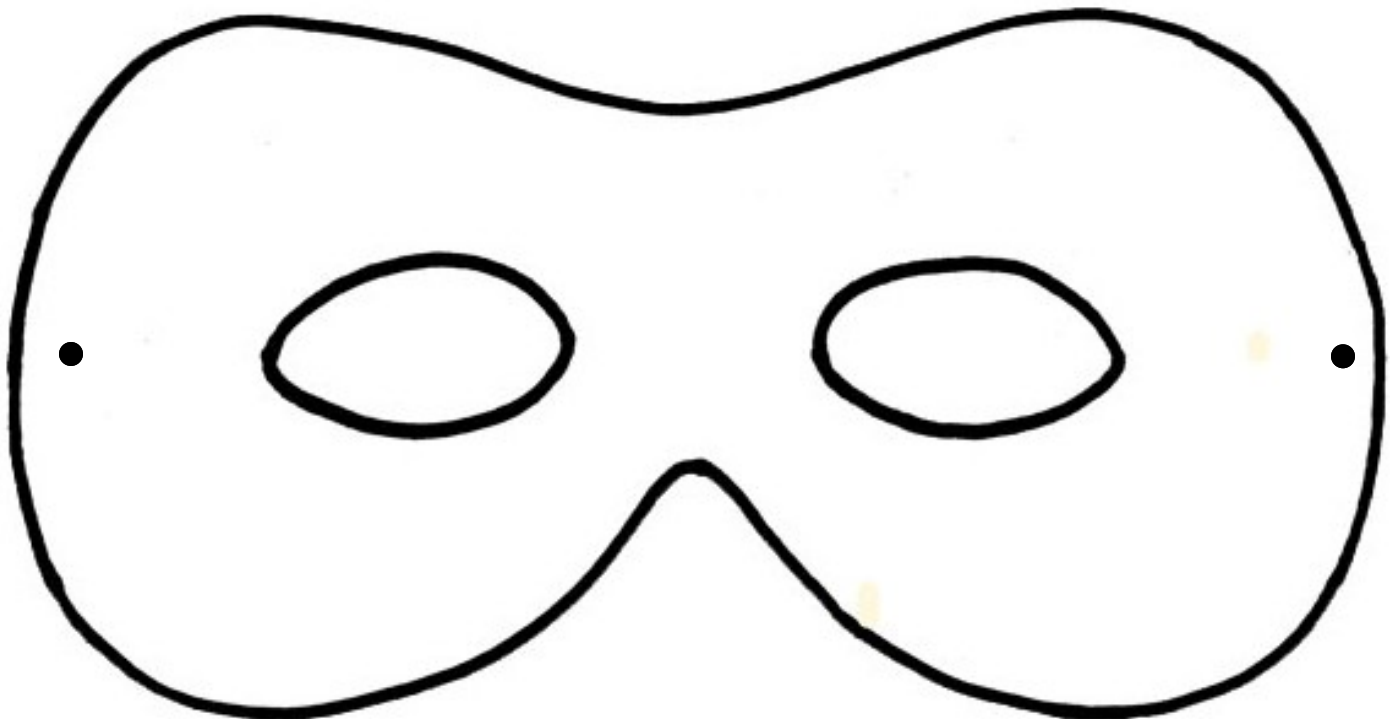
Directions:

1. Trace a mask onto heavyweight paper, using the template below.
2. Punch holes where indicated by the two black dots.
3. Tie elastic through the holes to create a band around the head.
4. Decorate the mask as desired.



READ:
**THE AMAZING ADVENTURES
OF BATHMAN!**

by Andrew Thomas Pelletier





Bee a Superhero!

Superhero Shield

Every hero needs a shield for protection!

Supplies:

- Dinner-sized paper plate
- 2" x 8" cardboard strip
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Directions:

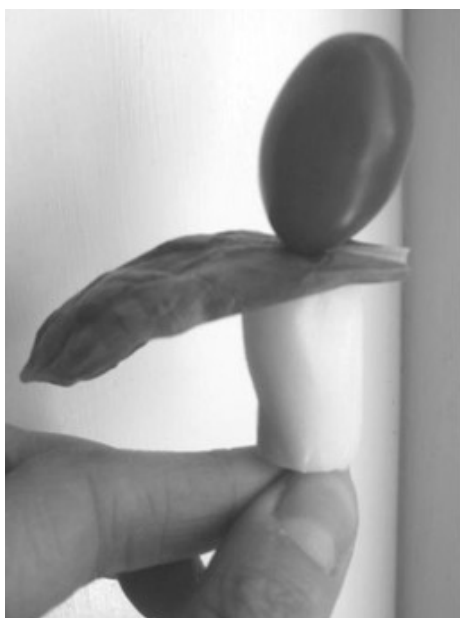
1. Decorate the bottom of the paper plate using crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
2. Turn the plate over, and glue down the ends of the cardboard strip to form a handle.



READ:
**SEND FOR A
SUPERHERO!**
by Michael
Rosen



Super Snack



Every hero needs to refuel. Replenish energy with a super snack that looks like a caped crusader!

Ingredients: piece of string cheese, a baby spinach leaf, cherry tomato (or grape or olive), cream cheese, knife.

Directions:

1. Spread cream cheese onto one end of the string cheese.
2. Affix one end of the spinach leaf onto the cream cheese.
3. Add a dollop of cream cheese on top of the spinach leaf, above the string cheese.
4. Place the cherry tomato into the dollop of cream cheese so your finished product appears similar to the picture on the left.
5. Now fly this super healthy snack toward a hungry mouth!

<http://www.familythemedays.ca/Themes/Superhero.htm>



Bee a Superhero!

Superhero Cuffs

Supplies:

Toilet paper tubes
 Paint (preferably metallic)
 Scissors
 Stickers

Directions:

1. Paint the toilet paper tubes and let dry.
2. Cut lengthwise through each paper tube, and round the resulting angled corners for comfort.
3. Decorate the tubes with stickers.



Superhero Rescue Sensory Bin



Supplies:

Plastic containers
 Water
 Action figures
 Turkey basters, measuring cups, spray bottles

Directions:

1. Fill plastic containers with a small amount of water, and freeze.
2. Add some of the figures, cover with water, and freeze again.
3. Keep freezing, in layers, as above, until each plastic container is filled, or you run out of figures.
4. Once the containers are ready, run them under warm water to release the ice blocks.
5. Provide basters, measuring cups, spray bottles, and warm water so that children can rescue the superheroes by melting the ice.



Bee Crafty!

Foot- and Handprint Superhero



Supplies:

- Paint
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Sponge or brush
- Paper

Directions:

1. Remove the child's shoes and socks.
2. Dip the sponge or brush in the paint.
3. Brush the paint on the child's foot.
4. Press foot on paper.
5. Repeat steps two through four, using the child's hand and pressing it down at a right angle to the heel of the footprint.
6. Once dry, let youngster draw on a head, face, and arms.

Ask the child, "What's your superhero's power?"

Quicksand Play Dough

Supplies:

- 1c. cornstarch
- 1c. play sand
- Yellow tempera paint
- Few drops of water

Directions:

1. Combine cornstarch and play sand, mixing well.
2. Slowly add yellow tempera paint until dry mixture is the consistency of firm cookie dough.
3. Add a drop of water at a time, kneading the dough thoroughly, until it holds together when squeezed, but oozes when it sits.

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/10/quicksand-play-dough-recipe.html>





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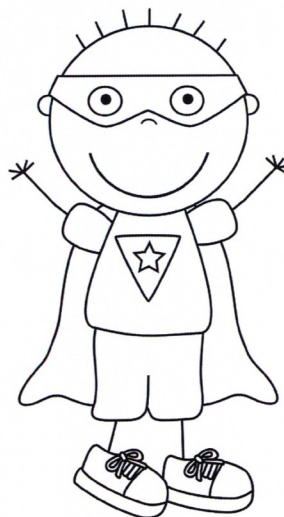
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I AM SUPER!

Affix child's picture
HERE.



My SUPER name is _____

My SUPER age is _____

In school, I am SUPER at _____

At home, I am SUPER at _____

I am most SUPER at _____



Bee Curious!

Superhero Shadow Science

Supplies:

Paper
Markers
Scissors
Flashlight

Directions:

1. Design a superhero logo, and draw it on the paper.
2. Cut away the background of the logo (children will need help with this step).
3. Dim the lights, and shine the flashlight at the superhero logo, casting a shadow on the wall.

Questions to ask:

What would happen if we turned off the flashlight?

What would happen if we turned on the lights in the room?



Super-Senses Mystery Box



Supplies:

Tissue box
Felt
Scissors
Glue
Assorted objects

Directions:

1. Cover the top of the tissue box with felt, cut to size, and glue it in place around the hole.
2. Cut intersecting lines through the felt over the hole in the tissue box, allowing little hands to reach inside. Use the image at the left as an example.
3. Place objects inside the box, and ask children to guess what they are touching.

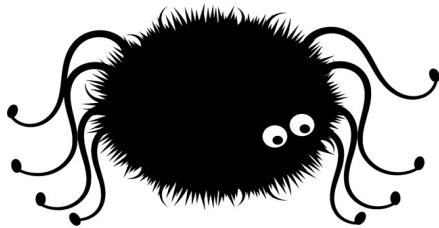




Bee Active!

Spider and Flies

Choose one child to be the spider; the rest are flies.



Tell the children that the spider is going to try to catch all of the flies. Every fly that the spider tags helps it catch more flies.

The spider grabs the hand of the first fly it catches to start a chain of captured flies that try to tag the free flies. (Which can take some coordination and concentration!)

The last player to be caught becomes the new spider.

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/spider-and-flies>

Superhero Yoga

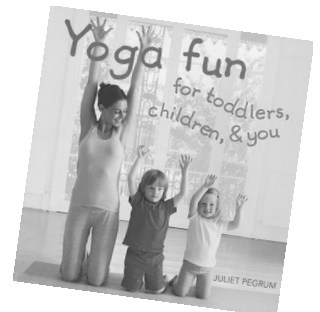
Give active children a positive outlet with the “Superman” yoga pose!

Directions:

Have children lay on their bellies, arms and legs outstretched.

Then encourage them to lift their arms, heads, and legs off the ground, holding this pose for as long as they can while taking deep breaths.

Ask them to imagine that they are superheroes flying over a city, looking for people to save!



READ:
**YOGA FUN: FOR TODDLERS,
CHILDREN, & YOU**
by Juliet Pegrum





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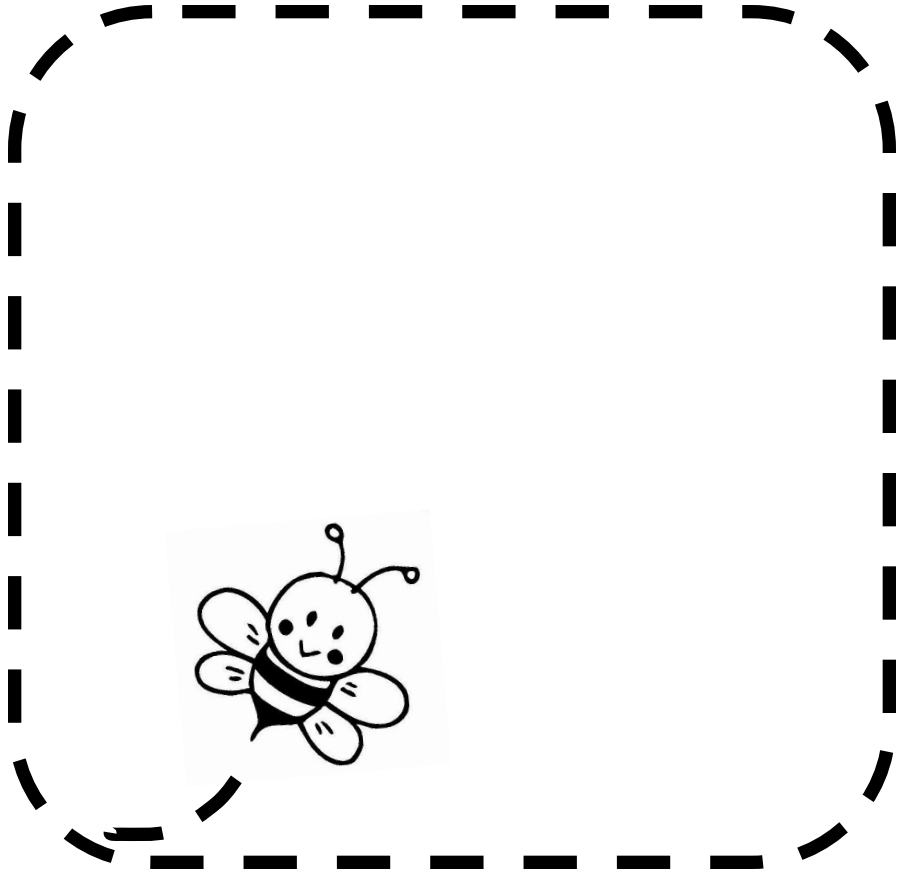
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Talking Is Early Literacy (cont.)

advantage of thousands of beautifully illustrated picture books in our collections. Children's librarians are eager to recommend books that will appeal to any child's interests and attention span; ask during your next visit or call (248) 848-4315.



Family Reading Partnership

We also encourage you to visit www.familyreading.org, the website of the Family Reading Partnership, which publishes a free newsletter and provides suggestions that help young children become good readers and successful students. On that website is a lovely quote by Peggy O'Mara, "The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice." We look forward to hearing *your* voices at the Library!

Family Fun in Riley Park Returns Wednesday Nights This Summer!



June 17 ~ Jason Abbott

July 8 ~ Jim Gill

July 22 ~ Ms. Carissa

August 5 ~ School of Rock

August 19 ~ Double Play flute and tuba

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