

# Fall into Great Programs

## The Rock Island Public Library

September 29, 2009



### Library Events Provide Family Fun During the Fall Break

While Rock Island/Milan schools are on break Oct. 5 – Oct. 16, kids can embark on a new chapter of fun learning and family enrichment activities at Rock Island Public Libraries.

Activities are free and open to children from pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grades and their families.

#### Activities for little ones, ages birth to five:

**Rhyme Time for Pirates!!** Fun story and language skills for ages birth though five. 6 p.m. Oct. 12 at Southwest; 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at Main and 11 am. Oct. 17 at 30/31.

**Weekly Storytimes:** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays/Fridays at 30/31 Branch; 10:30 am. Wednesdays at Southwest. Oct. 19 – Dec. 4. Enjoy a story and related activity. Free!

#### Bring your action toys to the Library for a “sleepover”

What kind of fun things are your favorite toys doing while you’re asleep? The Children’s Library will help kids uncover their own “toy story” with a favorite toy “sleepover.” Children can bring their toy to the Main Library Children’s Room anytime before 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. Children’s Library staff will check in the toy and keep track of its activities at the library. Just the toys will be staying overnight, but they’ll be in good hands.

Pick-up starts at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning, Oct. 17 Children’s librarians will serve donuts and juice and show pictures of the toys’ adventures during their night at the library. Sign up is required, and space is limited. Call 732-7360 to register.

#### Tap into free tech tools at your library

On October 5, 12 and 14 at 11 a.m., kids can learn how to find everything they want using great online research tools, such as the library catalog, Novelist for children, Grolier Online encyclopedia, Learning Express Library and more. Many of these tools can be used at home with a Rock Island Library Card. Bring a library card, or (if your child is a Rock Island/Milan resident), apply for one at the library with two forms of ID. No registration is required.

#### Use your brain!

**Mighty Math Club @ Main:** 3 to 4 p.m., Oct. 6 and 13. Fun math games for grades 3-6. Main Library.

**Make a computer game with SCRATCH software:** Oct. 9 at 3 p.m., Main Library. Limit of eight children, grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. You must register. Call 732-7360. Scratch software is a free shareware product developed to help children understand computer programming.

### **Enjoy some creative courses**

**Make-a-bag project:** Oct. 6 at Main Library and Oct. 13 at 30/31. Both at 11 a.m. Make a reusable bag with recycled materials. Call 732-7360 for details. Grades 3-6.

**Make a Word Cloud with Wordle:** Oct. 16, at 3 p.m., Main Library. Grades 3-6.

**Art Program: Hoots and Howls, Coyotes and Owls:** Oct. 9 and Oct. 16, 10:30 to noon at Main Library. Discover native animals with artist/teacher Gloria Burlingame. Create coyote puppets, draw a desert still life, draw a stuffed owl and create an abstract owl sculpture. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Sign up for one or both courses. Call 732-7360 to register. The library thanks sponsors Evie and Charles White for making this program possible.

**Read on the Wild Side: Coming Attractions Book Club** on Oct. 14 will discuss "Where the Wild Things Are," 6:30 p.m., Main Library. Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Free book for participants. Call 732-7360 to sign up.

For questions about any of the above programs, please call the Children's Room at 732-7360. All programs are free and open to the public.

Libraries offer plenty of print, online, visual and audio resources, many of which are free with a library card. For money-saving entertainment, enlightenment and enrichment for all ages, visit the Rock Island Main, 30/31 and Southwest Branch libraries, or check the Rock Island Library online at [www.ripl.lib.il.us](http://www.ripl.lib.il.us) for details about library cards, services and free events for the family.

