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A New Look!

Spring is in the air! It's a time of renewal and rebirth. We begin to see things in a new light. In turn, we're energized by the prospects and opportunities that await us. With that thought in mind, we are pleased to roll out this new version of our **Friends Features** newsletter. With digital technology making color printing more accessible, we're delighted to include colorful photos of the many things that go on at the library. We hope you find the new version both refreshing and revealing of all the possibilities that the Lititz Public Library has to offer!

Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers.

Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on children's literacy and learning.

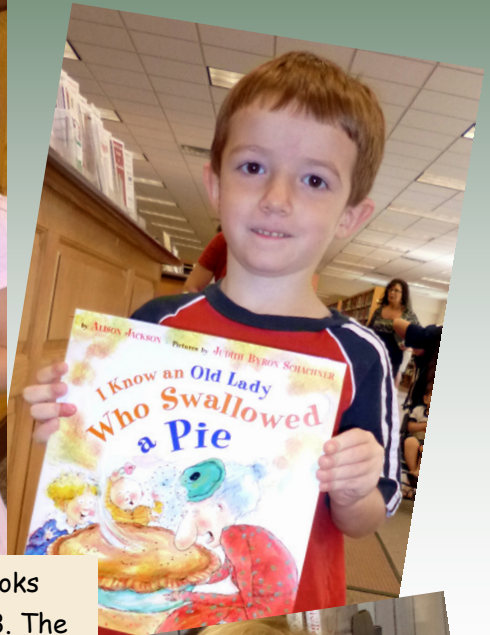
- Invite a child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

Reading well is at the heart of all learning. Children who can't read well, can't learn. Help make a difference for a child.

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, Educational Partnerships and Family Involvement Unit, Reading Tips for Parents, Washington, D.C., 2003.

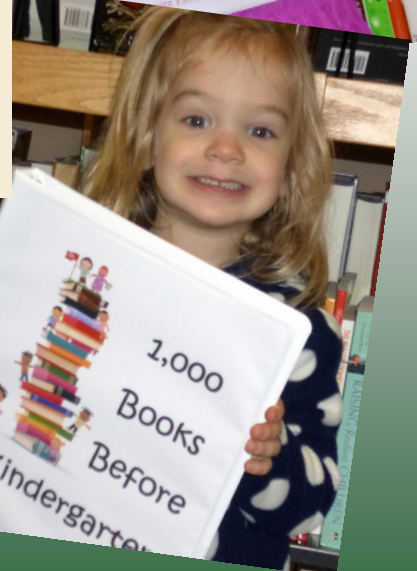
Nourishing the Mind ♦ Enriching the Community ♦ Connecting to the World

A picture is worth a thousand words...



The Lititz Public Library initiated its 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program in January 2013. The program is for children from birth through the day they enter kindergarten. Each child who wants to participate may pick up a notebook at the library, which has an overview of the program and a sheet to list the first 100 books that are read. After the first 100 books are read, participants bring the notebook back to the library to get a sticker and new sheet for the second hundred books. Repeat the process for each hundred books read. After a child reaches 500 books read, he or she gets a paperback book. Once 1,000 books are read, the child receives a hardback book.

At end of 2013, Karen Payonk, Youth Services Librarian, reported that 214 children started the program, with 42 completing 500 books and 15 finishing the program.



**A 1000 Books
Before Kindergarten
is worth a
lifetime of success!
(It's priceless!)**



In Partnership for the Community

As two local nonprofit organizations sharing a similar mission to provide educational, recreational and cultural enrichment for the community, The Lititz Public Library and the Lititz Historical Foundation began a partnership in November 2012 to offer local history programs after Cory Van Brookhoven, President of LHF, approached the library about using the library's community room for its winter lecture series.

Now the organizations are embarking on another shared opportunity: A free family pass to the Lititz Historical Foundation Museum for Lititz Public Library card-holders. Starting Memorial Day, when the museum opens for the season, an adult library card-holder will be able to check out the pass, which will be good for up to five people during regular tour months from Memorial Day to the last day of October. During this time, the museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Shown L to R: Sallie Rihn, Lititz Public Library Community Relations Coordinator; Cory Van Brookhoven, Lititz Historical Foundation President and Amy Rhodes, Lititz Historical Foundation Event Coordinator are pleased to partner to offer the Museum Pass to library card holders.

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The mission of the Lititz Public Library is to provide materials, services and programs for educational, recreational and cultural enrichment to residents of Lititz Borough, Warwick Township and Elizabeth Township.

MINI MAKERS FAIRE

Saturday, April 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The mini maker faire at the Lititz Public Library is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, authors, artists, students and others who will show what they have made and share what they have learned.

The mini maker faire is moving full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) ahead! The Lancaster Berks Makers group will show Arduino controlled robotics, a USB volume control (also arduino controlled), an animated cartoon-type display called flipbook, a scroll saw bowl (wood project), a 3D printer and printed items, internet connected devices all based on the Electric Imp platform including: ePaper display, LED strip lighting, wearable electronics and temperature monitor. A grandmother who writes children's stories/poems and draws illustrations to accompany

the stories/poems will show how she uses free online software to upload scans of the stories and illustrations to create a bound hardback or softback book for her grandchildren. A middle school student will show pouches, wallets, purses, bows, bookmarks, flowers and more made from duct tape. A couple will demonstrate how they spin yarn from the fleece of the alpacas they raise and how they weave items from that yarn on their handmade loom. Entertainment will be provided by musician who builds and plays cigar box guitars. So plan to come out and make something of it!





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**"Children are made readers on
the laps of their parents."**

Emilie Buchwald

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**Summer Reading 2014
COMING SOON!**

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