

Children's Corner

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 Saturday 10am—4pm

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Greetings, families!

This month our Youth Department celebrates Black History Month, a time to honor the many and varied achievements and contributions of African-Americans to our nation. Notwithstanding overwhelming odds, throughout our nation's history African-Americans have made enormous accomplishments in all fields of endeavor, including politics, science, art, music, and dance. May we all be inspired and humbled by the integrity, ingenuity, determination, and creativity of our African-American brothers and sisters.

Happy reading,
 Miss Constance

Laura Ingalls Wilder's 150th Birthday Party!! Friday, February 10, 6:00 pm



Join us to celebrate the 150th birthday of this iconic author. Enjoy a dramatic reading from the first book in the series, "Little House in the Big Woods." Then try your hand at a traditional pioneer craft and partake of some old-time tasty treats. Our party closes with a toe-tapping performance by the Fire on the Mountain Cloggers of San Antonio.

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

—Langston Hughes



Weekly Programs

Action Art for Babies 0 to 2 years Wednesdays, 9:30am

Help your baby discover their inner artist in this active and playful introduction to art.

Wee Play for Babies 0-to 2 years Thursdays, 9:30am

Tales, tunes, bubbles, bean bags, and more!

Little Listeners for Toddlers 2 to 5 years Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30am

Tales, tunes, movement, puppets and crafts.

Note: Thursday program ends with a weekly introduction to French and Spanish!

Afterschool Programs

Robotics for Grades K-5 Mondays, 4pm

Enjoy Lego WeDo 2 kits, microscopes, Makey-Makey and more! PLUS: Hang out with Cooper, a HUGE service dog who loves kids!

Y Move! for Grades K-5 Tuesdays, 4pm

Get moving with the Boerne YMCA!

Spanish Club for Grades K-5 Wednesdays, 4pm

Join us for tales, crafts, and fun-all in Spanish!

NEW French Chef Club for Grades K-5

Ooh La La! You will love our new program that gives you a fun and tasty introduction to the world of French cuisine. Bon appetite!

Beginning Ballet on Fridays 10am for Children Age 3—5 4pm for Grades K-5

No need to register for our free introductory classes with Miss Constance.

1000 Books before Kindergarten Goes Online!

If you enjoyed our online summer program with READSquared, now is your chance to go online with us again for an exciting program exclusively for babies and preschoolers! This new program encourages families to read 1000 books with their children before kindergarten. Incentives are offered in increments to sustain interest in continued daily reading. Simply go to our website (www.boernelibrary.org) and click on the READSquared link.

Miss Constance's Bookshelf

These inspiring books about African-Americans will amaze readers of all ages.

DRAW WHAT YOU SEE: THE LIFE ART OF BENNY ANDREWS by Kathleen Benson Young artists will be inspired by the life story of one of the most important African American artists of the twentieth century—and yet one whose name is not often familiar to many people.

ENTRANCE PLACE OF WONDERS: POEMS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE edited by Daphne Muse Poets of the Harlem Renaissance created some of the most inspiring and memorable poems of the twentieth century, and this collection beautifully pairs the very best of them with vibrant illustrations.

HOW TO BUILD A MUSEUM: SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE by Tonya Bolden From a distant dream to reality, follow the creation of the first national museum whose mission is to celebrate the experiences and contributions of African Americans.

LIKE A BIRD: THE ART OF AMERICAN SLAVE SONG by Cynthia Grady Powerful text, music, and art weave the deeply moving and ever-inspiring songs of enslaved African Americans.

MAHALIA JACKSON: WALKING WITH KINGS AND QUEENS by Nina Nolan A deeply moving account of the famed gospel singer whose powerful voice and faith helped her to overcome great hardships.

PREACHING TO THE CHICKENS: THE STORY OF YOUNG JOHN LEWIS by Jabari Asim Evocative illustrations and text give readers a fascinating look into the humble childhood of Civil Rights leader John Lewis.

Parent Pop-Up

The last Thursday of each month we feature a Pop Up program for storytime parents in our play area. Stop by and get some early literacy tips while your tots enjoy play!

Giving Thanks!

We are most grateful to both the Friends of the Boerne Public Library and the Boerne Public Library Foundation for their continued and most generous support of our Youth Department.

The Foundation has funded our BOOST programs that include monthly specials and ballet classes. They have also funded our Early Literacy Computers and Summer Learning Odysseys.

The Friends have funded our tablets for children, including iPads and Nabis. They have also funded our purchase of books, STEM programs, author visits, Tumblebooks database, and our READSquared online program.



Miss Stephanie's Early Literacy Tip

Activities focused on talk help your child build a richer vocabulary. Learning new words will help your child better express themselves. Once your child starts talking, help him find the words for things around him. Make a game of labeling items in your home together. When you are running errands, point out things in the neighborhood and in the shops. Help your child find things that are the same. For example, find some products that are green or things shaped like a triangle.



Sensory Storytime

Special Needs children of all ages are invited to attend this gentle and nurturing Storytime featuring tactile fun on Saturday, **February 4 @ 10am**.

PAWS 4 Reading

Share a book with a trained and certified therapy dog. What a great way to practice your reading! **February 4 @ 10:30am**.

STREAM Saturday

Calling all scientists! Join us for exciting hands-on experiments, art, literature and MORE on **Saturday, February 11**: This month we challenge children of all ages to make some sweet scientific discoveries as they enter the world of confections. Design your own candy bag, then fill it with goodies as you visit a variety of tantalizingly tasty stations including Hershey Kiss Hopscotch, Gumdrop Construction, Marshmallow Mystery, and more!