

Check It Out Column for week of June 7-13

Have a Fun Summer at the Library!
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What can you do in the summer in Warsaw that is free, fun, and doesn't involve getting sunburned? If you haven't already, sign up for our library's Summer Reading Program, of course! The Summer Reading Program started this Monday, June 8. However, there's still time to be a part of this exciting program! There are several age brackets (infant-preK, K-2, 3-6, teens, and adults), and anyone can sign up. You don't have to have a library card to participate, but what better time to get one than during the SRP?

This year's theme is "Be Creative @ Your Library". The arts—painting, music, drama, dance, poetry, and more--will be explored during the 2009 SRP, with plenty of weekly programs to help one do just that. Programs include special story hours for little ones in Center Park on Mondays, drop-in crafts on Tuesdays, and "Reading with Canines" on Fridays. There will also be special programs on Thursdays. Some of the highlights for kids will include a water show in Center Park, the Madcap Puppets, the family Rubber Band, Rusty the Magician, and Franklin Visits the Library. There will be a showing of "The Velveteen Rabbit" as well. A dance troupe from Ft. Wayne "The Village Beyond" will be here the evening of June 22, and there will be a teen drama workshop on June 24.

These programs are exciting and get you into the library, but the fun part really starts at home! While you're here, check out some books, and then start reading! Be sure to fill out your Reading Log and bring it back with you the next time you come in to get nifty prizes. (How cool is it to get rewarded for reading?) Each child sets their own goal, writing down the titles of the books they read. Once the goal is reached, they can collect prizes! Now, you don't have to read library books - if there are books collecting dust on your shelves at home that you've been dying to crack open, read those too! If you need suggestions for reading, check out the library blog, Bookshelf Buzz at <http://bookshelfbuzz.blogspot.com> for current book reviews!

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