

Central Library



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2014 Wish List

Central Library

- Support for Summer Reading Program
- Support for other children's programming throughout the year.
- Seating for Tween Area
- Contributions towards an AWE Early Learning Station

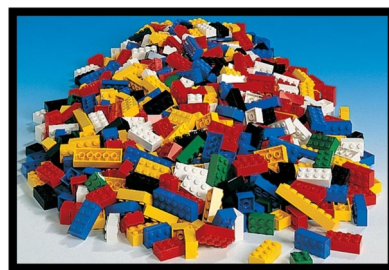


**AWE Early
Learning Station**



East Branch

- Support for Summer Reading Program
- Support for other children's programming throughout the year, including:
 - Story times
 - LEGO® Builders Club
 - Mini-Minecraft at the East Branch



Holmes County District Public Library

Children's Department & East Branch



2013 Children's Program Activities



2013 Dig Into Reading Summer Reading Highlights



Summer reading is one of our biggest programs of the year at the Central Library and East Branch. The library strives to bridge

the gap from one school year to the next, helping children maintain their reading skills and avoid "summer slide."

Donated funds help make summer reading successful in many ways from sponsoring performers to purchasing incentives used to promote reading.

Central Library

- 252 children participated in the summer reading program.
- 744 people attended the 6 scheduled summer reading programs.
- 3,157 hours of reading was done by participants. This is an increase of 577 hours from 2012.

East Branch

- 49 children participated in the summer reading program.
- 130 people attended the 6 scheduled summer reading programs.

Rub-A-Dub-Dub Club

This summer reading program was implemented at the Central Library and East Branch to provide early literacy activities for babies through age 2. Parents and caregivers received a log filled with activities to do with their child that help build early literacy skills. Reading board books, singing songs, reciting fingerplays and pointing out objects in the real world are the first steps parents can take to prepare their child for reading.



Central Library

Due to an overwhelming response to our request for donations, the Children's Department was able to accomplish many of their goals for 2013. Below are some highlights in addition to summer reading.:

Breakfast with the Birds

14 "early birders" arrived at 8 am on a Saturday morning in May to attend the first annual **Breakfast with the Birds** program. The program included a breakfast of donuts and juice, basic bird identification, a bird walk, and making homemade bird feeders. Participants also entered a drawing to win ODNR bird call CDs and a beginning birder's basket. The basket included: bird ID guide, a bird feeder, 5 lbs of birdseed, bird flashcards and binoculars. The **2nd Annual Breakfast with the Birds** will take place, Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Mini-Minecraft for Kids

Minecraft is a game that allows players to build structures by breaking and placing blocks in a 3D world. They can also explore, gather resources and craft items. Due to donor generosity, we purchased a server and 12 game licenses for the educational version of Minecraft. This popular program has attracted children, ages 7—11, to the library who don't normally visit., and has provided a safe, secure environment for playing the game with others.

Other Programs:

- First Dinner & a Movie for Families.
- 2nd Annual Storybook Costume Party.
- Snacks for Family Movie Matinees.
- Prizes for Star Wars: A Galactic Event.
- Crafts for I Spy the Holidays Family Holiday Program.

Wish List Accomplishments:

- Purchase of a play rug and wooden vehicles.
- New puzzles and toys.
- Cozy hide-away for reading and play.
- Books and realia for literacy baskets.

Items purchased with funds provided by donors.



East Branch

Thanks to donor participation, the East Branch was able to accomplish the following in 2013 and early 2014:

Summer Reading Program



Community donations were instrumental in making Summer Reading at the East Branch successful in 2013. Donated funds were used to provide a more diverse set of performers and learning opportunities for the children of Holmes County as well as in purchasing incentives to make our Summer Reading Program a more exciting one for all involved.



LEGO Builder's Club

As one of the most popular building block toys in the world, LEGO provides an excellent opportunity for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programming. With generous help from donors, we were able to purchase a number of LEGO building sets and pieces. This popular monthly program allows children, ages 5-12, to let their imaginations run free and build, whether alone or in groups. This creates a positive connection between play and learning.

