



# Stories Abound

*Upcoming events, ideas and activities for families to do at home from the Monticello Public Library*



## News You Can Use

- Library reopens May 3rd!
- Summer Reading begins June 1st! All ages are encouraged to sign up! This year you will be able to set your own reading goals and you can earn entry slips for our grand prize of a Nintendo Switch. See our website or Facebook page for more information and how to sign up!
- Looking for a way to keep busy this summer and help out your community? We need a helping hand with our outdoor movies, summer youth programs, and activity kits! We will have opportunities for volunteers working with groups or working on your own. Let's work together to make this summer one to build memories on. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Katrina at the library for more details. Call us at 608-938-4011 or email us at [mntpublib.info@gmail.com](mailto:mntpublib.info@gmail.com)
- Check out the library entryway for the latest activity and craft kits for ages. Every week is a new theme and activity.
- Don't forget to check out <https://www.prek-12resources.com/> for a variety of free resources for all ages and interests. All of the links on this site are aligned with the Common Core Standards and are all age appropriate. With these links, all materials are free to use, without having to sign up or register for anything!



## Upcoming Events

- May 1: May Day
- May 2: National Brothers and Sisters Day
- May 4: Star Wars Day
- May 5: Cinco De Mayo
- May 9: Mother's Day
- May 15: National Chocolate Chip Day
- May 2: National Pizza Party Day
- May 26: National Paper Airplane Day
- May 28: Monticello Last Day of School
- May 31: Memorial Day
- June 1: Summer Reading Begins!



## Did You Know?

Studies have shown that kids who spend more time outside might be happier and more relaxed. Time outdoors can even improve short-term memory, concentration and cognitive skills. (It's almost like nature makes us smarter... amazing!)



## School Readiness Tip:

Skills such as storytelling, writing, and reading begin to develop while your child is playing "pretend." At first the play focuses on action and objects, but as your child gets older, they use their ideas, imagination, and language more and more. Provide opportunities for them to play pretend at home and advocate for pretend play in their preschool or child care.

Stay safe by wearing your mask over your nose, washing hands regularly and staying 6 feet apart!



## Try It At Home: Make a Homemade Birdfeeder

Welcome feathered friends to your yard with a recycled bird feeder.  
(You will need a grown up to help you with this since sharp objects are used)

### You will need:

- Empty Milk Jug
- Twine or String
- Sequins or Glitter
- Craft Paints
- Paint Brush
- Tacky Glue
- Paper Plate
- Wooden Dowels or Twigs
- Scissors or Exacto Knife
- Bird seed

### Directions:

- Start with an empty, clean milk or water jug.
- Use the razor knife to cut a small X on each side of the milk jug.
- Slide the wooden dowels or twigs through from one hole to the opposite hole. These are the perches!
- Cut a rectangle out above each perch.
- Glue sequins or glitter and paint as desired.
- Cut a hole in the cap and thread the twine through.
- Fill the bottom of the feeder with seed, screw the cap back on and hang!
- TIP\* It is easier to fill the feeder from the top than the sides.



FYI: If birds have a set feeding area in your back garden, they can feed their young easier which also saves them energy that can be utilized elsewhere. For Spring feeding you should offer fruit, baked and crushed eggshells, sunflower seeds, nectar, peanut butter and mixed birdseed