

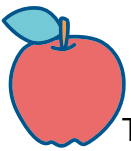
Stories Abound

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



Upcoming Events

- Mar 1st- Mardi Gras
- Mar 8th- International Woman's Day
- Mar 13th- Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 14th-Mar 18th Monticello Spring Break
- Mar 14th-Mar 18th- Scavenger Hunt
- Mar 14th-Mar 18th- Sidewalk Chalk Course
- Mar 17th- St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 18th- Family Movie @ 1:00 pm
- Mar 18th- Teen Movie @ 5:00 pm
- Mar 20th- First Day of Spring
- Mar 30th National Walk in the Park Day



School Readiness Tip

Turn play into engineering learning by asking questions like "How can you make the base of your block tower more stable?" or "Can you make a bridge that could hold five of your toy cars, even if a big wind came?"

When children explore and learn through science, they build thinking skills they will need throughout life.



Did You Know?

Why do people wear green for St. Patrick's Day? Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, so people wear green in honor of that. It is also believed that if you wear green then you will be invisible to leprechauns! If you aren't wearing green, then a leprechaun will see you and pinch you!



News You Can Use

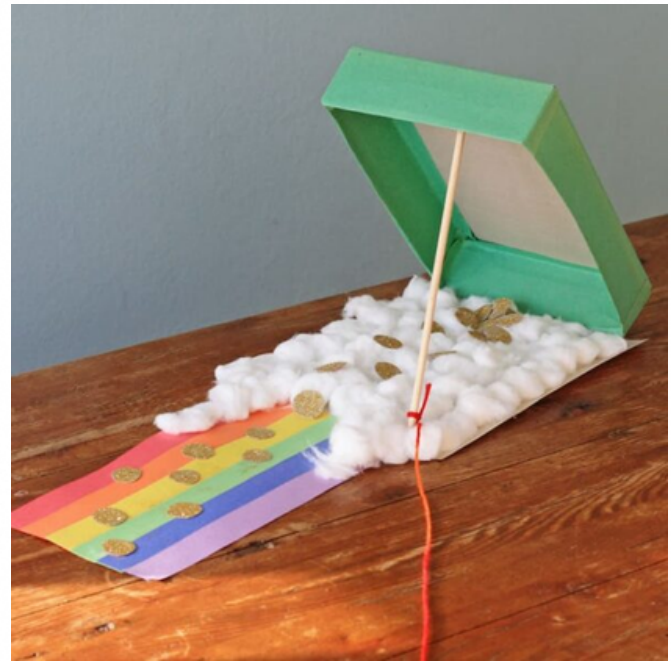
- Beginning Feb 28, the library will be opening up to Phase 2 of our reopening guidelines, with social distancing inside the library. We will start to offer in person programs (outside whenever possible, weather dependent).
- Over spring break, (March 14-March 18) we will be having an outdoor chalk obstacle course available all week long, with a winner for the fastest time announced Friday March 18. Also, on that Friday, we will have two different movie events, one for families and one for teens.
- Participate in a Monticello themed scavenger hunt over Spring Break. Stop into the library for your sheet, available all week. Return with all of the items you see and receive a prize!
- We encourage you to read (or have someone read to you) for 15-20 minutes everyday. Every month, we have a fun coloring sheet to mark which days you have read which you can get at the library or at our website. Color in everyday you read. When your calendar is full, return to the library at the end of the month for a small prize!
- We have launched our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Stop in or go to <https://monticellopubliclibrary.beanstack.com> to sign up.
- Our activity kits this month will be: Paper Bag Princess (2/28), Rainbows (3/7), St Patrick's Day (3/14), Spring Flowers (3/21) and Sun Catchers (3/28).



Try It At Home: Cereal Box Leprechaun Trap

Supplies for a Leprechaun Trap

- Recycled Cereal Box
- Gold Glitter
- Paper in green red, blue, purple, yellow, orange, white
- Cotton Balls
- 12- inch Dowel or Stick
- 36- inch Piece of Yarn or String
- White Craft Glue
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Tape



How To Make a Leprechaun Trap

- Close the open end of the cereal box using tape. Cut the front (or back) of the cereal box off. Cover the box with green construction paper.
- Using the piece of cardboard you just removed from the cereal box, cover a section with glue stick. Sprinkle the glue with glitter and let it sit for about 5 minutes. Tape the excess off onto a piece of paper and funnel the excess glitter back into the glitter container.
- Cut the glittered cardboard into squares. Use scissors to round the corners of the squares to make gold coins. Set the coins aside.
- Cut red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple construction paper into 2-inch wide strips. Begin with red, glue the orange strip on top of the red overlapping by 1-inch. Next add yellow, overlapping the orange by 1-inch. Continue this process with green, blue and purple. Trim 1-inch off the last (purple) strip so that all visible colors are 1-inch wide. This is your rainbow path.
- Cover a piece of white construction paper with white craft glue. Add cotton balls to the craft glue to create the clouds.
- To connect the rainbow path to the cloud, run a bit of glue stick along the underside edge of the path and stick it to the white paper, just under the cotton balls. Pile some of the gold coins onto the cloud, then create a "bread crumb" type trail of coins from the cloud down the rainbow path.
- Get your kids to set up the trap by placing the clouds and path on the table or floor. Tie yarn around one end of the dowel. Prop the cereal box up with the dowel and hide! When the leprechaun follows the gold trail and ends up inside the box with the pile of gold, pull the yarn which will yank out the dowel and drop the box, trapping the leprechaun inside! Be sure to remind your kids that they are very, VERY fast. So fast, they may not even see him escape!