

# Stories Abound

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



## Upcoming events at the library

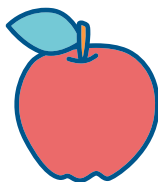
**January 2020 (all month long)**- Take and make a craft grab bags

*Each week we will have a new craft to take home with you that you can do on your own time.*

**January 17, 2020 @6:30 pm**- Family Dance Come in your fanciest outfits for a fun evening with a family friendly dance.

**January 20, 2020 @ 1:00 pm**- Coding Day Come in and try your hand at coding. We will have coding projects for all ages!

The Monticello Public Library is excited to announce it has partnered with the Pacific Library Partnership, Bay Area Discovery Museum, and California State Library as a pilot site in order to reimagine school readiness. Each month, we will be promoting simple ideas and activities that parents can do to help to promote literacy in early childhood beyond reading aloud to your children.



### School Readiness Tip:

(Best for ages 2-8)

After reading, ask children to describe the events of the story in order using the words first, next and last. This activity is perfect for promoting literacy and math skills by focusing on sequencing and recognizing that order is important.



## Try it at Home:

**Finish the Drawing (suitable for all ages):**

### **You will need:**

paper and something to write with.

### **How to do this:**

1. Draw a crazy squiggle line.
2. Have your child finish the drawing by adding to it.
3. Have the child share what they drew.



### **How can I make this more challenging for my child?**

- Draw a new crazy shape for your child to complete.
- Have your child tell a story about what they drew.
- Start the drawing by using letters or shapes. What can they be turned into?

### **What is my child learning?**

-By asking a child to complete a drawing, they are learning to visualize and problem solve by taking something strange and make it into something more recognizable. This activity takes planning, visualizing, creativity and also works on fine motor skills like learning how to hold a pen or pencil.



## **Did you Know?**

Children who have strong math skills in early childhood, will become stronger readers. Math in early childhood is more than just counting and number recognition. It is comparisons, sorting, shapes, patterns and more!