

Stories Abound

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



News You Can Use

--- Our weekly Mix It Up Art class is still ongoing every Wednesday for the month of February. If you can't make the live session we will be sending a link to registered patrons. Please contact the library at 608-938-4011 or at mntpublib.info@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.

--Our activity kits have been moved inside to the entryway for the winter. They are great for when you need a break from the screens or want something to do on the cold winter days. We have kits available for all ages and they change every week. Stop in and pick up yours today.

--Speakin of the entryway, it is open for Express Services Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 7pm to speak with a librarian, pick-up holds, or request other items. Appointments can be made for browsing, computer usage and curbside pickup.

--Check our free resource links. They are perfect for a cold, snowy day or to supplement your online learning. They are all completely free and don't require any login or sign up information. The site is updated frequently, so keep checking back!

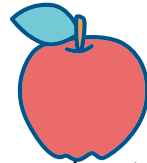
www.prek-12resources.com

--If you are looking for previous newsletters, resources or information, about upcoming events make sure to check out our website monticellopubliclibrary.org



Did You Know?

The average child asks 73 questions a day. The questions start at around 3 years and will intensify as they approach 5 years. Questions help your child to figure out the world around them.



School Readiness Tip:

The most effective ways for kids to learn about the physical and social world are by testing out new materials, playing with sand, water, and mixing bowls while engaging themselves in pretend play. Encourage your child to use their imagination!



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2- Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3- Mix It Up Art Class @ 10:30am
- Feb. 10 - Mix It Up Art Class @ 10:30am
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 - President's Day
- Feb. 15 - Mardi Gras
- Feb. 17 - Mix It Up Art Class @ 10:30am
- Feb. 20 - Love Your Pet Day
- Feb. 22 - Walk the Dog Day
- Feb. 24 - Mix It Up Art Class @ 10:30am
- Feb. 26 - Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- Feb. 27 - Polar Bear Day

Stay healthy and safe.

Don't forget to wash your hands and wear your masks!



Try It At Home: Snow Caterpillar

Here is a great winter activity to do as a family! It's just a little different than the traditional snowman.



1. After a fresh dump of sticky snow, make balls of snow and line them up together to create a very long caterpillar.
2. Find various items in the yard or outdoor space to give the caterpillar some character (i.e. rocks for eyes and spots, twigs for antennae).
3. Once the caterpillar is complete, see if you can jump over it! How many times can you jump over? Are some parts of the body bigger than others? Notice the different ways you have to jump - or leap over the caterpillar.
4. Try making some bigger snowballs to make jumping more challenging. Try other ways to get over or around the caterpillar (i.e. jump, hop, leap).

Be Inclusive

Ensure that everyone has an opportunity to help build the caterpillar. Help or encourage the little ones when needed.

Learning Opportunities

Count how many snowballs make up the caterpillar!

Imagination Booster

Name the caterpillar and imagine the colors that he or she might be in the summertime. Add a few drops of food coloring to some water in a spray bottle and make the caterpillar's colors come to life!