



Stories Abound

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



School Readiness Tip:

(Best for ages 3-8)

Mornings can be tough! Make it easier while teaching planning skills by working together with children to make a list of what they need to do before school (using words or pictures). Have them check off items on the list as they get ready independently.

Did You Know?

Giving kids specific, special responsibility can help them with self-control and focus. "You are the big kid here, and I'm putting you in charge. Make sure your brother stays close."



Upcoming Events

- August 29-Summer Reading Ends
- August 29- Drive in Movie
- September 1- First Day of School
- September 7- Labor Day
- September 8- International Literacy Day
- September 11- Remembrance Day
- September 13- Grandparent's Day
- September 19-Talk Like a Pirate Day
- September 19- Drive in Movie
- September 22- Fall Begins
- September 30- Drive in Movie

Stay safe: wear a mask & wash your hands!

News You Can Use

Our entryway is open for Express Services Monday thru Thursday from 12pm to 6pm to speak with a librarian, pick-up holds, or request other items. A computer/printer station will also be available by appointment. Don't hesitate to call or email the library with your requests! We are happy to help fill your needs.

We are cohosting new drive in movie events with Zwingli United Church! Bring your snacks or get a prepackaged snack from concessions. Bring your car or favorite chair and enjoy some of our favorite family movies. Our first drive in movie is Saturday August 29th at 8:00pm. Parking begins at 7:00pm

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

www.prek-12resources.com



Try It At Home:

Zip Lines

You will need:

Scissors

String

Pipe cleaners

Pre-made hooks and pulleys

Large paper clips

Tape

Pre-cut cardboard pieces

Recycled materials (e.g. produce baskets, plastic containers)

Pennies

Binder clips



How to Do This:

1. Set up a zip line using string and tape to attach each end high off the ground (e.g. to a chair or table).
2. Sort materials into separate bins.
3. Explain to children what zip lines are. For example, "Zip lines can be found in playgrounds, but are also used to access remote areas high in the air, like the rainforest canopy. Zip lines use gravity to propel an object from one end of a sturdy cable to the other. Today you are going to use your creative problem solving skills to build something that will safely carry weights across a zip line and deliver and drop a package."
4. Give children time to plan and design their objects using the materials provided and sorted neatly into bins. Attach each child's or group's object to the zip line using the premade hooks and pulleys. Invite children to add weight (pennies) to their objects, and then test how they work on the zip line, and if they make it all the way across

Try these:

Show children images of real life zip lines for inspiration.

Give older children the added challenge of trying to safely deliver and drop something fragile (e.g. an egg, medical supplies).

When setting up the zip line for young children, place one end (the starting point) higher than the other. For older children, allow them to experiment to find an effective angle.

What is my child learning?

One of the more important life skills to foster in children occurs when you support them in taking risks and exploring creative ways to solve problems. Sometimes, these solutions are practical but involve using only the materials available. In the case of this activity, children gather household items to create a specific technology (zip lines) which can be used to solve different problems, such as how to deliver specific items. As the challenges become more difficult, and materials more scarce, children are left with the most important resources for the job: flow and their own creative thinking