



Early Literacy Program

Montour Falls Library

2018

Since its onset, the Early Literacy Program at the Montour Falls Library has based its foundation on a fun, interactive, and educational experience for the families of our community. Over the years, this immediate goal has been achieved, and we continue to build upon a successful program that provides the benefits of early literacy.

Infants, toddlers, and pre-school aged children who are exposed to words, whether it be through music, stories, or other forms of language and expression, are shown to have an advanced school-readiness level than children who are not. Experts agree that the more often children are allowed to hear and see words and the way they are put together, the more prepared they will be for their academic future. This is what our program is all about!

Our Early Literacy Program welcomes families weekly for three regularly scheduled story times; two with an emphasis on stories and activities for toddlers and preschoolers, and a unique baby story time. Ways in which we incorporate early literacy into these programs include movement, music, stories, crafts, and other age-appropriate activities. In addition to our weekly programs, children and caregivers are invited for a monthly special event, which includes presentations from local community partners who expand upon our goals and initiatives. We continue to bring song and music into our groups with a local artist who visits our story time monthly. Beginning in June, our "Blankets and Books" returns for our popular story time at Havana Glen Park, surrounded by nature. As always, our vast collection continues to expand, as we add new titles and items each month.

It is our hope that we may continue to serve our families and this community. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated, and will allow us to continue to grow. Matching funds from M. Suzanne and Carl H. Blowers double each donation to the Rouletta Blowers Gasparian Early Literacy Program.

We thank you for your consideration!

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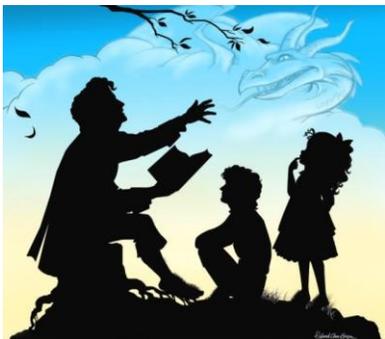
The change in seasons is always an exciting time for the Early Literacy Program! Warmer weather means more ways to explore and learn using our library resources. Starting June 5, we will begin meeting every Tuesday (weather permitting) at 10 am for our “Blankets and Books” series at Havana Glen Park. Our opening day will be a presentation by Tanglewood Nature Center, as they bring “Amazing Animals” for us to enjoy! Each Tuesday in our series, we welcome you to come enjoy outdoor stories and activities, as well as a chance for the children to use the playground. We will also begin incorporating more hands-on activities into our story times, with STEM based toys and games. This summer will see new special guests during our weekly story times, so be sure to stay up to date by checking our website and Facebook page!



Corning Science and Discovery Center

Friday, May 25, at 10:00

Join us as the Corning Science and Discovery Center presents a program on weather and the seasons.



Tanglewood Nature Center

Tuesday, June 5, at 10:00 at Havana Glen Park

Join us as the Tanglewood Nature Center brings live animals and gives an exciting presentation on Amazing Animals. This will be the first day of our summer Blankets and Books outdoor storytime series.

“There's so much more to a book than just the reading.”

—Maurice Sendak



Song and Story

Second Friday of every month at 10:00

Lisa Fernandez, local musician and founder of Compost Theatre, will be bringing her blue ukulele for an hour of silly songs with rhymes and reading.

Free and open to all ages.

Every day is a story day.



Toddler Story Time at 10:00 on Tuesdays

Join us for an hour of stories and play for curious young minds. Make friends and learn something new. Open to all ages.

Infant Lap Time at 10:00 on Thursdays

We sing, dance, and read with newborns and siblings and share information and resources for parents. All ages welcome.

Preschool Story Time at 10:00 on Fridays

We will bring our stories to life with puppets, go ABC fishing, create art, and more! This program is open to all.

2018 Annual Fund Drive Early Literacy Program

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Montour Falls Library
Early Literacy Program
and its programs that help to
revitalize our community!

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due to generous matching funds from
M. Suzanne and Carl H. Blowers.**

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as a thank you for your generosity.**

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click on the **"Donate"** button on the front page to
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