

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM  
CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

*March Events:*

- On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Tanglewood brought us a presentation on Birds of Prey. The Parish House was used for this event, and proved to be a spacious location for this event. New families and regulars were in attendance, and the event was successful. Tanglewood will return in June, and will be our kick off event for our Blankets and Books series.
- Roxanne continues to attend many meetings in regards to better partnership with the community for our Early Literacy Program.
- Alexandra Appel will join our Tuesday and Friday story times as an assistant. Alexandra has brought the Toy Library event to our library on a number of occasions, and is very passionate about helping to supplement our story times with fresh ideas, crafts, and hands-on activities.
- Lisa Fernandez held her Song and Story on the second Friday of April.
- Karin Thomas ran story time as a special guest on a Tuesday in April. Karin had many sensory activities and projects for the children, as well as new songs and stories.
- The Early Literacy Program promoted the viewing of the library's chicken eggs as a way to bring in families. Families were invited to a "Hatching Party" two Fridays in the month of April. These events were well attended, and the story times had themes and activities related to this event.
- The Program is planning the activities for our popular "Books and Blankets" story time during the summer months, as well as beginning to look into scheduling new and returning events for the second half of the year, after our "Books and Blankets" program ends at the end of August.
- New promotional material continues to be created by the library staff for weekly story times, as well as special events. New venues to distribute these materials have been explored and given material. This effort will continue, as well as regular updates on the website and our Facebook page.

*Upcoming Events:*

- Our May event will be from Corning Science and Discovery Center, with "Weather and Seasons" as the theme.
- Lisa Fernandez will perform on the second Friday of May for her "Song and Story" program, her last of the season until September.
- Karin Thomas will return to do a story time on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as a special guest.
- Alexandra Appel will join us on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> for her first story time, and will join us every Tuesday and Friday until mid-June.

## *Ongoing Children's Programs*

### **Toddler Story-Time: Tuesday Mornings**

A program designed for Toddlers approximately 1 to 3 years of age. Music and the reading of stories are appropriate for this group.

### **Infant Lap Time: Thursday Mornings**

A program designed for newborns to approximately 1 year of age including music, stories and information sharing with new parents.

### **Preschool Story-Time: Friday Mornings**

Designed for ages three and older, this story hour focuses on school preparedness by reading and the use of literacy skills. We have started a monthly craft with this group as well as the incorporation of a felt board.

### **Song and Story: Second Friday of the Month**

A local performer runs this program for our preschool group once a month. A theme is chosen and encourages child participation in songs, rhyming and storytelling.