

Mono County Early Literacy

Mono County Libraries



'Playdough Drops'!

Spreading Winter Cheer

Do you remember the days of playing with playdough? Perhaps you recall the warm squishy feeling of freshly made playdough oozing between your fingers. Maybe you recall the creatures and designs you carefully sculpted. It seems so simple, but do you know that playing with playdough has powerful skill development benefits? The squishing, rolling, and flattening helps with fine motor development and is also very calming and therapeutic (we all could use more of that these days). Playing with playdough helps to spark imagination, builds hand-eye coordination, and concentration. When playing together with a friend, parent, or sibling there are many opportunities to build social skills while talking, discussing, and playing collaboratively. Encourage your child to describe what they are doing while they play! Playing with playdough can also build strong literacy and numeracy skills. I hope you will enjoy the power of playing with playdough and come join in for more early literacy fun and stories on Mammoth Lakes Library Facebook page each week for Virtual StorytimeLive with me or one of our branch librarians! Don't forget to stop by the library for a Playdough-Grab-N-Go!

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RAISING A READER

A Community In Healing

RESILIENT RED BAGS

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During my recent visit to neighboring northern Mono County preschool affiliate sites and branch libraries I was able to capture these smiling faces of resilience! As most of you know, on November 17th just after 12pm, the Mountain Fire swept through the community of Walker causing loss of life, homes and property. The stories of loss (and near loss) for preschool families and staff pierced my heart. At the same time I was struck with the positivity and strength that radiated from the educators, children and families affected.

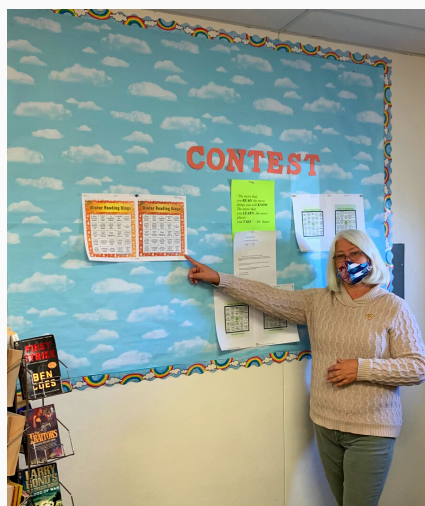


RAR Red Bags continue to rotate (however slowly) in the hopes of engaging families through reading and helping to build and nurture these habits. Never underestimate the power of reading with a child. Reading with a child deepens bonds while building literacy skills and enjoyment for reading! What better way to stay home than with a good book! Each Red Bag is filled with (4) book titles and each Red Bag will contain a different set of books. Activity ideas to extend the story are included in some bags. Want more books? Imagine how proud and excited your child will be to have his/her very own library card! ***All 2020/21 RAR participants receive a Blue My Library Loves Me Bag and small gift with library card application!***

*Please note "RAR" on application. Ask your preschool Teacher for application or come in/call the library. Any Librarian will be happy to help!



Your Library Connection



Connecting Community through Stories

Storytime Presents and Mono County Winter Reading Challenge

We are looking for volunteers to read-aloud children's books for *Storytime Presents* posted on Mammoth Lakes Library FB and social media weekly. This is a terrific opportunity to connect children with members of the community through stories and share the joy of reading! Readers simply record on a phone or other device and upload to a link that will be provided. Please contact Ms. Chalese cmiller@monocoe.org or Carissa Devine cdevine@monocoe.org

Get ready for our Mono County Winter Reading Challenge! What better way to Stay Home than with a book! This reading challenge is for EVERYONE and focuses and celebrates "the transformative power of seeing oneself reflected in a book." Readers are encouraged to select a book/s that harnesses this connection. Sign up at monocolibraries.beanstack.org TODAY!

Stay Home order is in effect for our county and region But we can still CONNECT Through stories!!