

Center for Early Childhood Education

Newsletter

Our Mission: To help all children in Howard County to be successful when they enter school.

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Reading Is Very Important In All Our Lives

When do you start the love of reading for your child? Start today! Read something to your child every day – even if it is the cereal box or an advertisement that came to your home. Read signs that you see around town or read a menu if you eat at a restaurant. When you read, your child will learn those funny things on paper mean something and let them know that someday they will be able to read, too. Read library books, and take advantage of the many activities the library offers you and your children. The Kokomo library offers story time for children of all ages. The Greentown Children's Library, located in the elementary school, also has story times for preschool children. The Kokomo Area Reading Council will be holding its Young Author's Conference at Indiana University Kokomo. Children throughout the county will be writing their own books and putting them on display at IU Kokomo for all to see. This year the theme is, "Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday." The guest author, Louise Borden, wrote the book titled, *A. Lincoln and Me*. The event is Friday, March 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free, so bring your young children and let them experience an evening of what reading is all about.



Guest author Louise Borden, who wrote the book, "A. Lincoln and Me", will be sharing her story of how she began writing children's books. The event is Friday, March 27, at IU Kokomo's Kelley Student Center. **This event is free.**

Where Can You Get Books Other Than The Library?

Here at the Center for Early Childhood Education, we put several books in each tote. If you don't receive our Totes for Tots, please give us a call and we will sign up your family for a wonderful experience. The totes are delivered once each month and you will trade your old tote full of

books and for new ones. We have lots of books here at the center, so if you bring your child to the Activity Day, you can spend time reading books here.

ACTIVITY DAY is THURSDAY March 12 from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



Jace and Claire, "Totes for Tots" kids, are pictured with Marilyn at the Clifford the Big Red Dog celebration at the public library. Another way to help your children learn to love reading is to take them to events like this one at the Kokomo Public Library.

Treat your child to an evening of music presented by the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra, which features a Ball State University student on the alto saxophone.

The concert is Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Havens Auditorium on the IU Kokomo campus. **FREE ADMISSION.**

Little Learners Child Care

Did you know that the Little Learners Child Care program on the IU Kokomo campus is open the public? The program serves toddlers (ages 1-2) and preschool children (ages 3-6). Call (765) 455-9306 or e-mail childcare@iuk.edu for more information.



Prevent Burns

Your child can get burned in many ways, but it is easy to prevent. Here are some tips to keeping your child safe from burns:

- Keep your child away from hot stoves, grills, heaters, or fireplaces.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove.
- Turn hot water heaters to 120 degrees or less.



- Test bath water before your child gets in.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, and matches out of reach.
- Limit the amount of time your child spends in the sun and put on sunscreen.
- Install smoke detectors.

For more information:

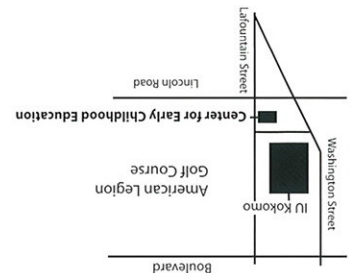
Bright Futures Family Tip Sheet for Early Childhood at http://www.brightfutures.org/TipSheets/pdf/ec_color.pdf



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