

# A Family Affair



MCLEAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIVERMORE, KY  
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# Family Bingo Night



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- Co-sponsored event with Geno's Pizza and Family/Youth Resource Center and City of Livermore
- Bingo has a maximum number of 40 due to space
- Light meal is served
- Prizes for all ages

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- Co-sponsored with Independence Bank
- Past month, we co-hosted a Family Garden Stake night. Each family member painted a garden stake to take home and one “family” stake that will be used in our Community Garden.
- The May “Family Fun Night” will consist of the families and our senior adults in the apartments planting the garden beds and using the stakes.



# Family Adventure Night



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- Co-sponsored by several different businesses
- The night is centered around a children's book
- A light meal is served
- Everyone makes a craft that pertains to the book
- Mother Goose on the Loose reads the story

# Galactic Family Adventure Nights



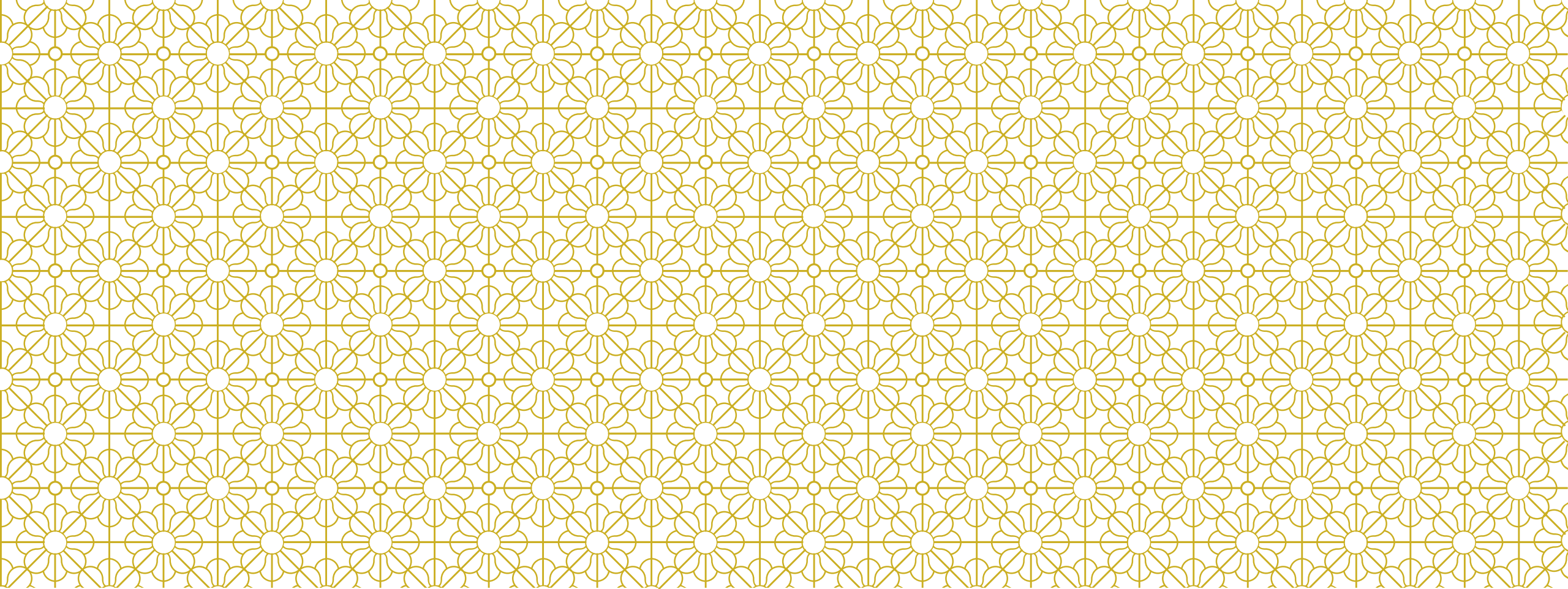
- New to our programming this year
- Tuesday Nights the month of July
- Each week, the family will take home a story and kits to complete for the next Tuesday session.
- Each family will be encouraged to check out a book to read during the week.
- Last Tuesday of the month, we will have Star Gazing on the lawn and a cookout.



# Upcoming Events for the Family



- Rhythm and Rods Summer Series (May-August)
- Monthly Drive In Movie Night
- Monthly Flea Market with family activities
- Father's Day Event with Southern Outdoors
- Food Truck Festival
- Haunted Library in October



# **NON-TRADITIONAL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS**

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# NON-TRADITIONAL?

- We have a great summer reading program for kids. It is a very successful, weekly program.
- Our teen and adult programs were not thriving. We struggled to get three or four participants each week.
- We COULD, however, get many people to show up for special programs.
- We decided to add more of these special programs, and turn them into our summer reading programs for teens and adults. It was VERY successful!





# Painting Classes

- This has been a very successful program for us. We had around 40-50 attendees each time.
- If you aren't an artist, you can probably find someone in your community that would be willing to help you out and teach for you!
- We use canvas panels rather than stretched canvas. We use Walmart craft paint instead of artist grade.
- Our brushes also came from Amazon.
- Sign up lists are an absolute must for this event. Speak with your teacher and find out how many they are comfortable teaching at one time.
- There are dozens of easy painting tutorials online. However, make sure you don't use their photos when advertising.
- Since this is a special program, we do not charge for it. However, our painting classes offered each month are \$5 per adult, children are free. This is only money to cover our expenses.



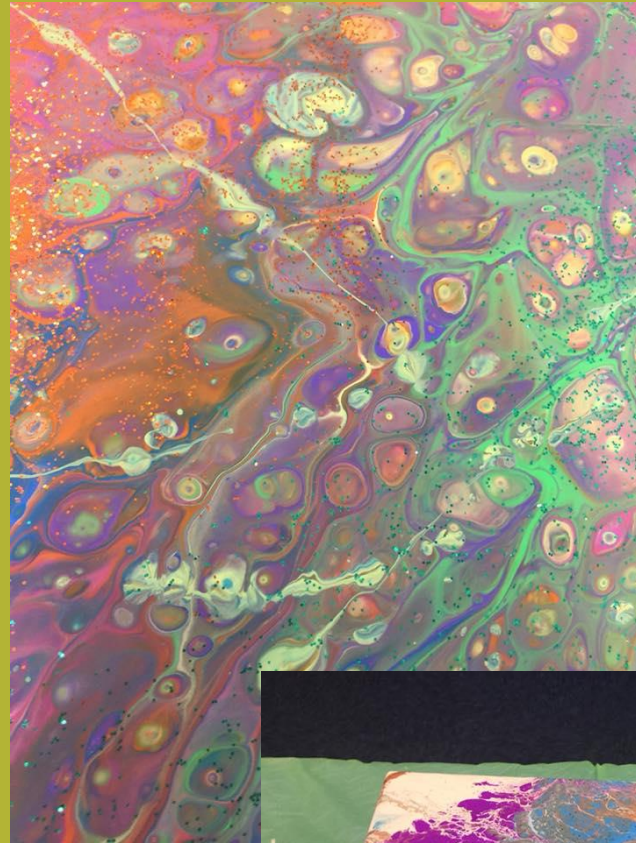






# ACRYLIC POURING

- You can find tutorials for this online, or feel free to email me if you're interested in learning.
- Use thinned down paint (not water, though) and layer it in a cup in order to "pour" art.
- It is very cool, but messy!
- We had a great turn out for this event! We had to do three classes!





# ROCK PAINTING

- Easy and cheap! Use Walmart craft paint and rocks are FREE!
- We have a large group of people that paint and hide rocks in my county, so I marketed this event on their Facebook Group.
- We marketed this event as a family program, and had people of all ages show up to paint with us.
- Mostly teens and adults.
- Use cheap plastic tablecloths to save your tables.



# NERF PARTY

- We started off by planning a Nerf party for kids and teens (2 separate events) and were surprised to learn that the adults wanted in on the fun too!
- We used overturned tables and cardboard boxes for shelters.
- We encouraged everyone to bring their own nerf guns and we supplied standard darts (Amazon).
- We did several different “matches”, last team standing, etc.
- Made trophies to distribute.





# MINI-GOLF

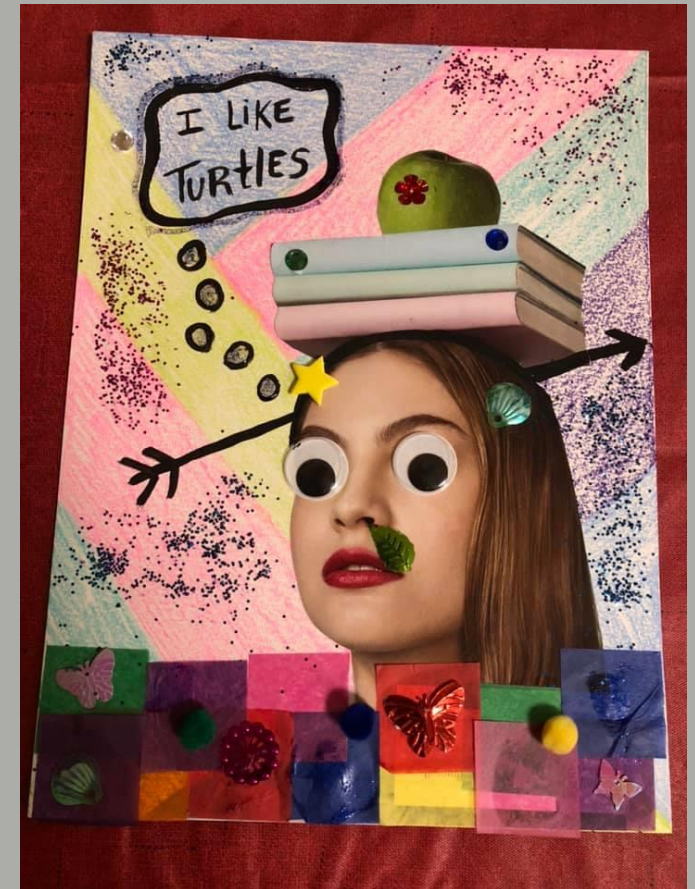
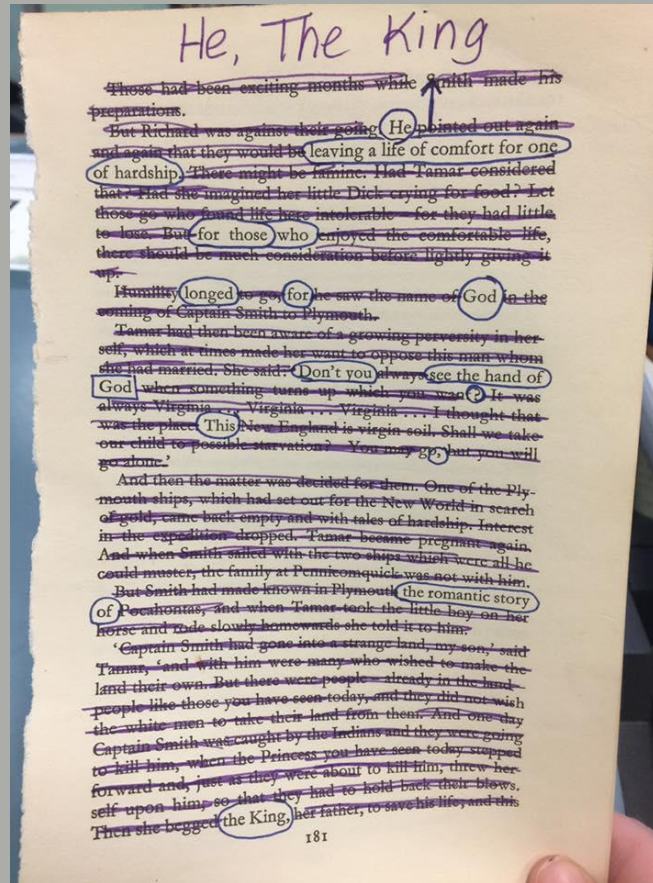
- This was EXTREMELY popular!
- You need LOTS of PVC pipe and pool noodles! Everything else we had in the library!
- We bought child sized clubs and foam golf balls on Amazon.
- We borrowed adult putters from community members.
- We entered each family into a drawing for a prize.
- Folks who got a hole in one on the last hole got entered in twice.





# ADDITIONAL IDEAS

- Bad Art Night – make the WORST piece of art that you can! Have everyone vote for their favorites!
- Black Out Poetry – Use discarded books and sharpies or pens to make some poetry!





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# Working Together to Engage Families

**“It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.”**

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**Fredrick Douglas**



## **Parent Cafes**

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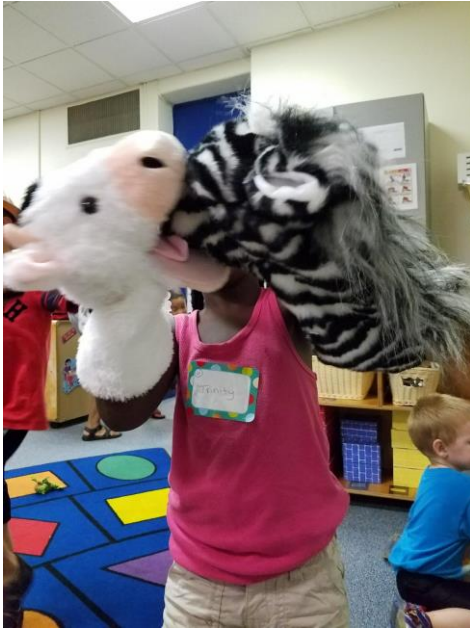
**Are they happening in  
your community?**

# Remove barriers between staff and patrons by taking part in a Parent Cafe.





# Stay flexible and have fun.



# SCANIMATION® BOOKS

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## PEANUTS A SCANIMATION BOOK

Good grief, the gang's all here! Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Sally, and, of course, Snoopy—these cherished characters from the most popular comic strip of all time meet the magic of Scanimation. [Read More...](#)

EVERY CHILD WHO OPENS  
THESE BOOKS WILL  
**BE AMAZED!**

(and so will every parent)

## WHAT IS SCANIMATION?



it's like a video  
without a screen.

[find out how it works!](#)

## MATCHING GAME

match the pairs  
to see what  
happens!



[PLAY NOW!](#)

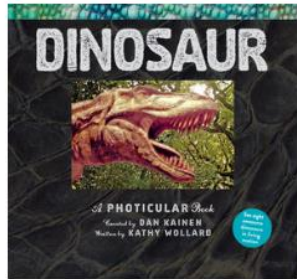
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Get a sneak peek at Santa!, watch the video:

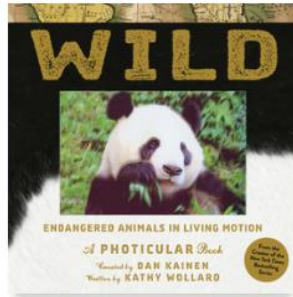
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# Books

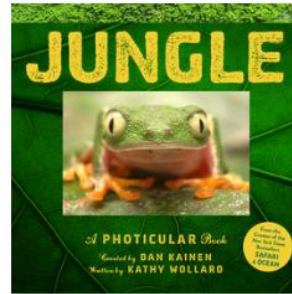
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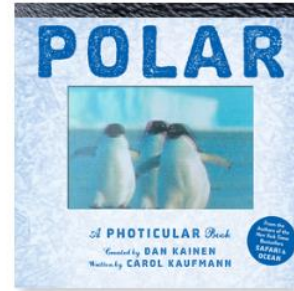
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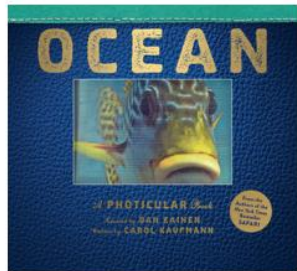
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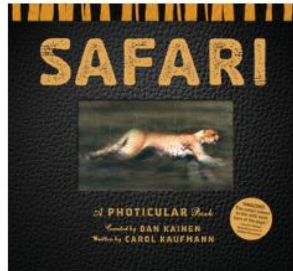
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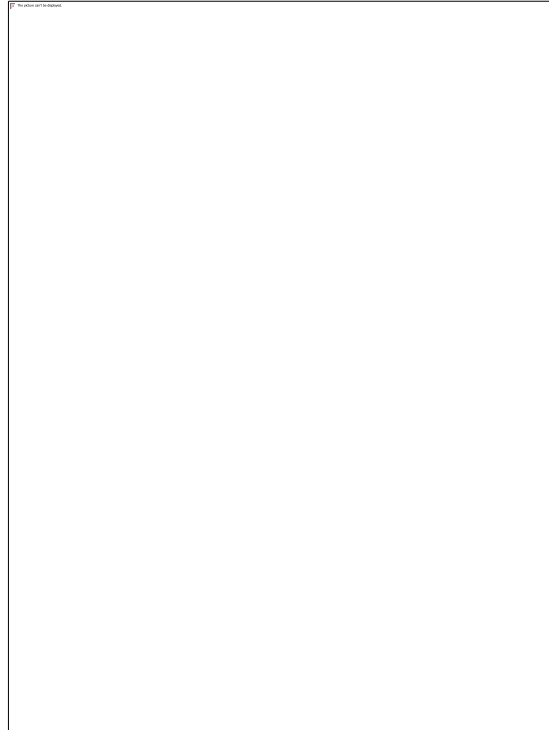
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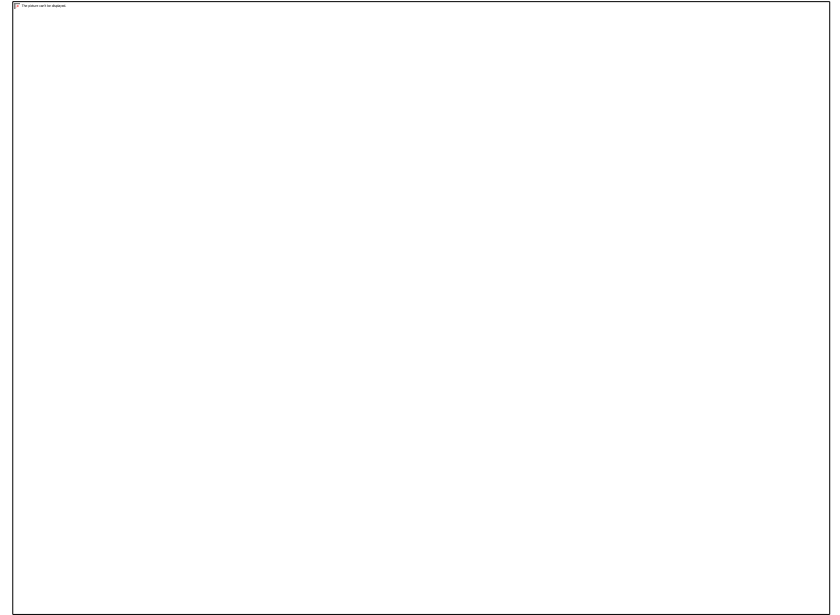
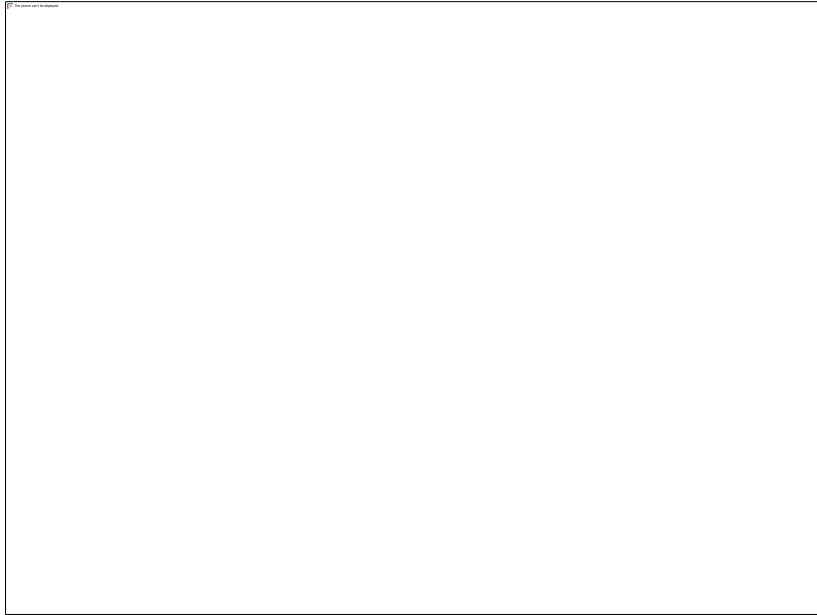
# Tell me. Show me. Involve me.

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# Model developmentally appropriate interactions with children

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# Create an environment in which children feel safe to express their emotions.



# Strengthening Families: The Pathway to Improved Outcomes for Children and Families

How does your agency/organization/practice implement everyday actions that help build protective factors?



## Parental Resilience

- Demonstrate in multiple ways that parents are valued
- Honor each families race, language, culture, history, & approach to parenting
- Encourage parents to manage stress effectively
- Support parents as decision-makers & help build decision-making & leadership skills
- Help parents understand how to buffer their child during stressful times

## Social Connections

- Help families value, build, sustain & use social connections
- Create an inclusive environment
- Encourage opportunities for families to meet & network with one another.
- Promote engagement in the community & participation in community activities
- Work closely with family & parent advisory groups

## Knowledge of Child Development

- Model developmentally appropriate interactions with children
- Provide information & resources on parenting & child development in families' home language
- Encourage exploration of parenting issues or concerns
- Provide opportunities to try out new parenting strategies
- Address parenting issues from a strength-based perspective

## Concrete Support in Times of Need

- Respond immediately when families are in crisis
- Provide information & connections to other services in the community
- Help families to develop skills & tools they need to identify their needs & connect to supports
- Build relationships with families so they feel comfortable sharing challenges

## Social & Emotional Competence of Children

- Educate parents on how to encourage their children to express feelings through words, artwork, & expressive play
- Help children develop a positive cultural identity & interact in a diverse society
- Include children's social & emotional development activities in programming
- Create an environment in which children feel safe to express their emotions

## Nurturing & Attachment

- Create family education & skill building opportunities that promote attachment
- Model nurturing & consistent care to children & families
- Support children & families by understanding the impact of loss or trauma & how to respond appropriately



[Enrichfamilies.org](https://enrichfamilies.org)



# **National Center for Families Learning**

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**Have you visited their website?**

## Free Resources

NCFL is proud to offer a range of free resources to meet different literacy and education challenges.

### Resources

Families/Family Literacy

Early Childhood

ELL

K-12/Reading

Educators & Literacy  
Professionals

Webinars

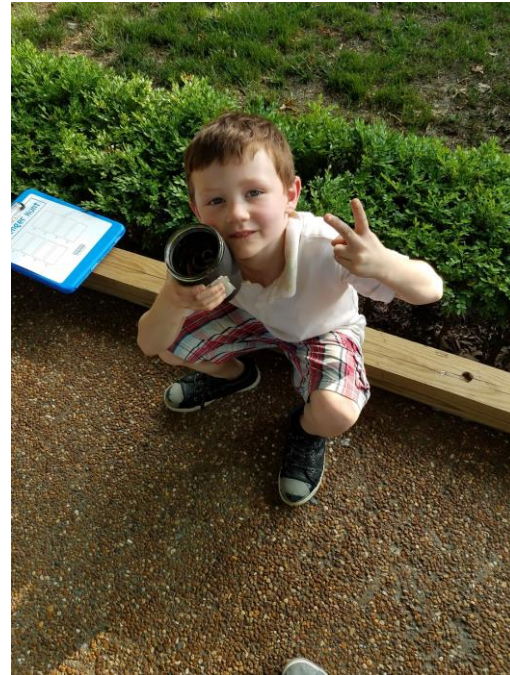


# Let's Learn Together Outside Kentucky!



# Not everyone loves worms.

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# Wonderopolis



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Who Was the First Person in Space?

[Can Germs Live in Outer Space?](#)

What Do Astronauts Eat in Space?



What Would You Pack For a Trip To Outer Space?

How Will Future Astronauts Travel To Outer Space?

What Can Satellites Do?

How Did Astronauts Build a Space Station?



[wonderopolis.org/wonder/who-was-the-first-person-in-space](https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/who-was-the-first-person-in-space)





**Story Walk  
Installed at  
The National  
Quilt Museum.**

# Getting to YES!

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# 4 Rivers Love On A Leash

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# BATH COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2019 Community Superhero for our Children – 7<sup>th</sup> annual Child  
Abuse Prevention Conference

# CHILD ABUSE

## QUICK QUIZ

How many kids will die today because of child abuse



0-1

2-3

4-5

Which type of Abuse is the most prevalent



Physical Abuse

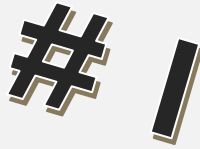
Sexual Abuse

Emotional Neglect



# KENTUCKY

- The Child Maltreatment report ranks Kentucky #1 with double the national average.



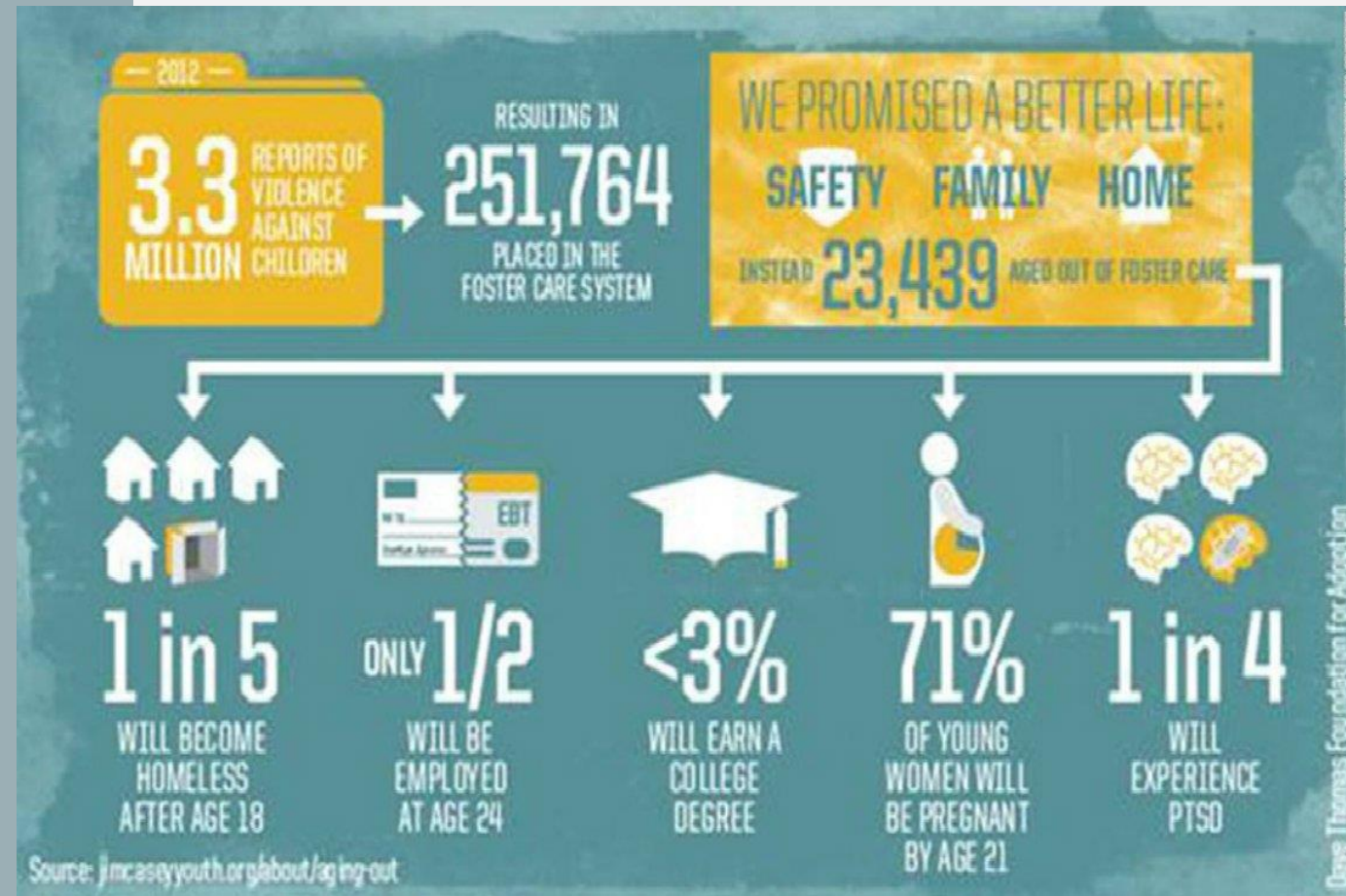
- 22.2 victims per 1,000 children
- The national average is 9.1 per 1,000
- This means that you have a 2% chance that any child you meet is a victim of child abuse.

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

1 in 4 kids in care are waiting to be adopted

1 in 3 kids are removed because of drugs

20% of Foster kids will be homeless at some time as adults



LITERACY

## WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

- Foster kids are more likely to not be literate, or to lack behind in literacy.
  - Financial skills are more likely to be lacking.
  - Developmental skills are likely to be behind.
  - Emotional coping skills will be behind.
  - Behaviors may not be near age appropriate levels.
  - Absenteeism from school is normal
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- 2.5% of Foster children will finish a college degree. (24% of general population will)
  - 30.7% of Foster children will graduate High School.



WHAT WE DID

# SOFT TOUCH APPROACH

- The Library developed a Soft Touch Approach to encourage our community to come in to the library.
- We designed a stronger outreach team and a new facility manager giving each of them equal seniority with our normal operations.
- We talked to our DCBS office, Pathways, and other social service providers.



## WE CHANGED THE BUILDING

We rearranged the main floor of the library increasing the children's space. Adding cameras, and making sure the spaces could be better observed by staff.

We also made sure that DCBS new they were welcome to schedule visitation at the Library.



## WE INVITED DCBS IN

- We Invite DCBS to come in and piggyback on our major programming. Our Haunted Library had 2,000 attendees this year and DCBS had a table handing out candy. We didn't have much candy at the end.
- We also invite DCBS to use our facility for Foster Parent training and recruitment events.
- DCBS held their foster parent Holiday event at the library and we made it possible for families to have the run of the place.



## WE GIVE OPPORTUNITY

- During any position opening that is available for young adults or teens we inform DCBS that we have something open, and give them the specifics about the position and allow them to pass it on to children in care.
- Then we make sure to talk to them about the interview process. We will interview as many qualified children from foster care as possible. We do not preferentially hire foster youth but we do go out of our way to make it possible for them to have the opportunity.

## WE SERVED

- We have staff members who serve on the RIAC/ LIAC teams.
- We also serve on the Adult Education support board.
- We give staff flexibility to participate in Site Based Decision Making at the schools.
- We give our deselected books to the local schools if possible. We have given more than 2,000 books to our local schools in the past 4 years.
- We actively assist with FRYSC needs, trying to connect them with community resources.
  - (Underpants)

## WHY?



- 9,810 kids were in foster care in February 2019
- Being a safe place for those kids means we are a safe place for everyone.
- We are supposed to provide resources for our community and by working with this group we are building our capacity to provide more effective resources.
- Kids are important!