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## Kieran McDonnell's Eagle Scout Service Project for the Rochester Public Library

### Two LEGO Storage and Display Carts for their "LEGO Fun @ Your Library" program

-by Kieran McDonnell



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I have loved playing with LEGOs my whole life and I wanted other kids to be able to play with LEGOs as well. Over a year and a half ago, I initially shared this project idea with the Rochester Art Center to see if they could use a "LEGO imagination station" for its education and summer camp programs focused on modular building (also known as building things with LEGOs). They liked the idea, but would not have space to store the cart that would hold and display the LEGOs.

From there, I was working to contact people from the Boys and Girls Club and other non-profits that help kids when I saw the Rochester Public Library flyer about a new program called "LEGO Fun @ Your Library". I attended this event with my Dad and I thought it was really fun. However, the cart used to store the bins of LEGOs was an old library cart. I arranged a meeting with Heather Acerro, Head of Children's Services at the Rochester Public Library. She said the library received a grant for \$1000.00 to purchase LEGOs for their program. I suggested making two LEGO storage and display carts for the library for my Eagle Project; one that would be used at the library and another that could be loaned out to other organizations or be transported for other events or even be put on a bookmobile. She asked me to come up with some designs of the cart using a similar size to the existing cart that would fit their existing plastic bins. After doing some research, I came up with a good design and made a ¼ scale model of the cart. I met with Ms. Accero again and she

really liked the model and thought it would be perfect

for their needs. She wanted a total of two carts, both painted in "RPL" blue with either a painted or decal logo. She also wanted casters with brakes and hard plastic pockets to hold LEGO magazines and printed instructions for small creations.

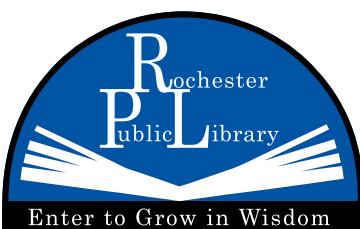
After getting unit and district approval, I met with my project coach, Mr. Mike O'Connell and he had some different ideas for my plan to increase stability and selection of materials. I priced all of the materials that I would need. I started asking for donations from family and friends for the project. Once I had enough funds, I worked with Dan Bochmann at Kruse Lumber to get estimates on the wood materials for the project. He took my designs and instruction and came up with a good priced estimate for the

wood. I worked with Paula from Insty-Prints to get a commercial quality decal to affix to the carts based on an image of the RPL logo. Both Dan and Paula suspended their labor costs for those materials which saved the project a great deal of money. I was very thankful for their kind donation. I then purchased the other materials and supplies needed; casters, Lego tiles, handles, etc.

For all of the seven work sessions, I gave instructions on what needed to be done,

"I have loved playing with LEGOs my whole life and I wanted other kids to be able to play with LEGOs as well."

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provided safety instructions as well as provided snacks and beverages.

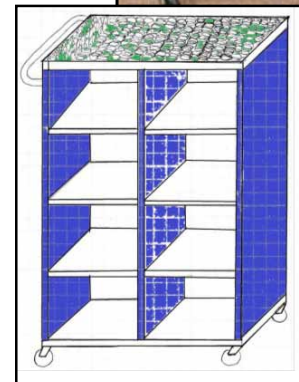
The first session was measuring and marking the shelf and support boards. The second session was attaching shelf supports to the side and middle boards. The third session was assembling, gluing, and clamping the frames. My original plan for assembly that I discussed with my Eagle mentor was not going to work, so I needed to work with the adults at the session to find a different way to assemble the carts. My plan was to have helpers complete all of the gluing and then clamp the frames. The reason this would not work is that the biscuit joints and wood glue used would swell up and dry before we get a chance to clamp and square the frame together. Instead of gluing the whole frame together and then clamping, we glued them clamped the carts in sections. This seemed to work ok, but there was stress at the end getting the frames square as the glue was drying. This was the most difficult session to lead because there were many more people there and we were not following the original plan for the session.

The fourth session was sanding the frames. This session took longer than I thought and I needed to provide encouragement to the helpers to hang in there to get the job done. The fifth session was

priming and painting the frames. The sixth session was cutting and attaching the shelves and backs. I instructed my helpers to make sure all of the shelves and backs were square. It turned out they were not and needed to be trimmed individually which took a lot of time.

The seventh session was attaching the final components. I instructed my helpers to drill holes and attach the handles, attach the casters (two fixed and two swivel) for each cart, attach the six 10X10 inch LEGO plates to the top of each cart and affix the RPL decal logo. At the end everything looked amazing. However, it took lot longer than I thought. When I tried to move the finished carts around, it was hard to maneuver because the carts were very heavy. I made a decision to switch out the two fixed casters with two swivel casters on each cart, even though it was strongly recommended to use two fixed and two swivel casters for stability. The carts were heavy enough where that was not a concern and it makes it easier to be moved.

This project took 129 hours of volunteer help provided by 14 different people. I have received many great compliments on my project and I am very proud of it. A big thank you goes to the Rochester Public Library for giving me the opportunity to take my vision and let me make it a reality.



## Smart Play Spot Opens

*-by Heather Acero*

Where will you find a canoe, a farmer's market, a bookmobile and a post office all under the same roof? At the Rochester Public Library in Rochester, Minnesota! The grand opening of the Minnesota Children's Museum Smart Play Spot at Rochester Public Library on March 16th brought a number of families, community members and local politicians out to celebrate this vibrant early literacy play space.

The installation is the tenth of eighteen Smart Play Spots that will be installed across Minnesota by the museum. Rochester's Smart Play Spot was funded largely by the State of Minnesota, Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, with matching funds provided by Rochester Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Audrey Betcher, Library Director, Ann Sand, President of the Rochester Public Library Foundation Board, Dianne Krizan, Minnesota Children's Museum President and Senator David Senjem all provided comments on the exciting day.

The Smart Play Spot at Rochester Public Library has been open only a short time, but it has already become a destination for area families. Children are asking parents to bring them to the library and when they arrive they never want to leave. The space is designed as a place for preschoolers and their grown ups to play, sing, read, write and talk together. Research shows that regular practice of these five activities will prepare young children to learn to read.



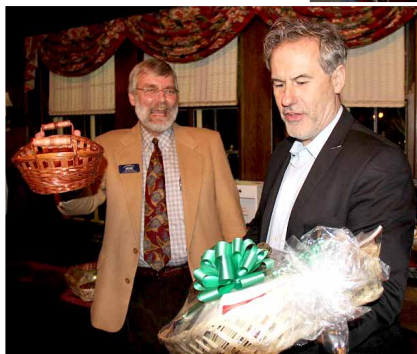
Senator Senjem made his picture book reading debut with an entertaining reading of Ezra Jack Keat's *The Snowy Day* for the preschoolers in the audience. A ribbon cutting and refreshments followed.



# Whiskey Fundraiser at Plummer House Success



The Whiskey Fundraiser raised over \$1700 for the Library Foundation. Guests (top) mingled and chatted over light foods and a multitude of drinks over the course of three hours. Andy's Liquor and Library Foundation partnered on gift baskets that were raffled off by John Hunziker and Kieran Folliard, founder of 2Gingers Whiskey



Attendees learned about and sampled a variety of whiskeys (top left), scotches (top), and bourbons (bottom left). There was also a variety of Irish ales to assist in the pre-Saint Patrick's Day celebration. One favorite was the "Big Ginger" cocktail, created by Kieran Folliard.

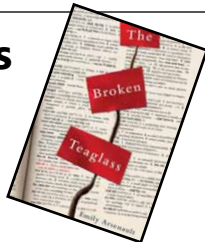
Members of the Rochester Caledonian Pipe Band set the mood for the evening. They played during the opening meet and greet before joining the festivities for the rest of the evening. They even stopped for pictures with two of the experts from Beam International (right), who supplied the libations.



## Bookgroups

### Armchair Traveler

April 2, 11am  
Meeting Room A  
*Broken Teaglass*  
Emily Arsenault



### Literature Into Film

April 30, 1:30pm  
Meeting Room B  
*Amazing Grace*  
Eric Metaxas



### Mystery Readers

April 22, 1pm  
Meeting Room A  
Classic and Grand Master Authors

### Night Owl

April 16, 7pm  
Meeting Room A  
*Bitter Sweets*  
Roopa Farooki

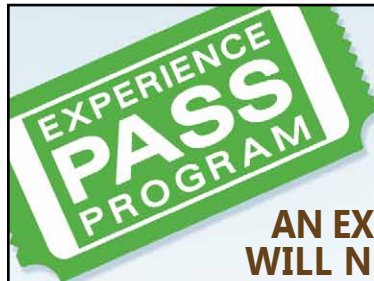
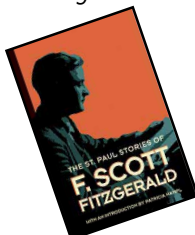


### Nonfiction Readers

April 10, 2pm  
Meeting Room A  
*Shakespeare: The World as Stage*  
Bill Bryson

### Plain Readers

April 16, 12pm  
Meeting Room A  
*St. Paul Stories*  
F. Scott Fitzgerald

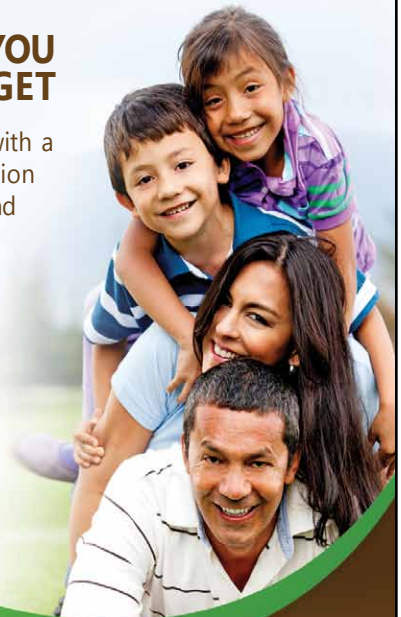


## "CHECK OUT" A FREE FAMILY EXPERIENCE

### AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET

Through the Experience Pass Program, visitors with a valid library card can check-out free, day admission passes to visit partnering museums, art, and recreation organizations. Program runs April 8th through June 29th.

For more information, contact Children's Services at 507.328.2303 or visit [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/experiencepass](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/experiencepass)



Chester Woods Park, Hadley Creek Golf Course, Heritage House Museum of Rochester, History Center of Olmsted County, Rochester Area Family YMCA, Rochester Art Center, Rochester Civic Theatre, Rochester Recreation Center

# APRIL 2013

*All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public*

## Monday, April 1

### **Rube Goldberg Machines! The Science of Art/The Art of Science, Auditorium, 10am & 1pm**

Draw or build a machine! Rube Goldberg machines perform simple tasks in complex ways. Part creativity. Part ingenuity. What will you create? Supplies provided.

## Tuesday, April 2

### **Family Story Time: Children's International Book Day!, Auditorium, 10am**

Celebrate International Children's Book Day! Hear fun stories and create your own mini-book.

### **Chess Club: Game On!, Auditorium, 1pm**

This is not your usual Chess Club. You can still learn the basics and battle on the chessboard—or you can play cool board games, card games or the Xbox 360! What are you waiting for? Get your game on!

### **Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30pm**

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Meet Peter Rabbit after story time! Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

## Wednesday, April 3

### **Special Story Time for Preschoolers: Meet Peter Rabbit!, Auditorium, 10am**

Hop into Spring! Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child. Meet Peter Rabbit after Story Time! No registration required.

### **Meet Rochester Firefighter Ken Dose!, Meeting Room A, 1pm**

Meet Rochester firefighter Ken Dose! Join us for stories and a self-directed art project. Create paper people to

represent Community Helpers that live and work in your neighborhood. Our art table will be set up in the Children's Division from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Be creative!

### **Painting and Poetry, Auditorium, 3pm**

Local artist and poet, Mary Lou Devlin will be here to present a painting and poetry workshop for youth age 12-18. During the workshop, participants will create a painting inspired by poetry. Each student should bring a poem they like, either that they have written or found.

### **Introduction to Digital Cameras, Meeting Room B, 6pm**

Learn about the differences between a digital camera and a conventional camera (and the pluses and minuses of each). We will also look at how to transfer digital photos from your camera to your computer and different methods of printing your digital photographs. If you already own a digital camera, please bring it (along with its manual and any cords or other accessories).

## Thursday, April 4

### **Baby Time!, Auditorium, 10am**

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

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### **Toddler Time!, Auditorium, 10:30am & 11am**

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). No registration required.

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### **Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1pm**

Do you have general questions about computers, using email, using the library website or the internet? Come to the library to practice on our computers and ask a librarian your questions. No sign up for this session.

### **Children's Choice Book Awards: Redesign It!, Auditorium, 1pm**

Children's Choice Book Awards are about you choosing your favorite books from the previous year! You read them. You vote. It's your choice! Help us redesign the covers of your favorite novels. You be the designer. This program is best suited for children in grades 3 to 6.

## Friday, April 5

### **LEGO® Fun at the Library!, Auditorium, 10am & 1pm**

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own creations using our challenge idea or your own imagination. LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

## Saturday, April 6

### **HOORAY FOR SATURDAY! Children's Choice Book Awards, Auditorium, 10:30am**

Children's Choice Book Awards are chosen by you! Join us for a special story time featuring the nominees in the K-2 category with special guest readers. Vote for your favorite book! Let your voice be heard!

## Monday, April 8

### **Homeschool Adventure Time: Game On!, Auditorium, 2:30pm**

Drop in for an afternoon of gaming. Challenge your friends (or the librarian) to games on the Kinect or battle them with a variety of card games and board games! Grades 2-6

### **Afterschool Adventure Time: Game On!, Auditorium, 4pm**

See description above.

### **Homework Assistance Study Table, 6pm**

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### **Taking the Lead: Rochester Women in Public Policy 1970-1990, Auditorium, 7pm**

The League of Women Voters of Rochester is pleased to announce the publication of their first book, "Taking the Lead: Rochester Women in Public Policy 1970-1990". This book preserves an important piece of local history. Many Rochester women became the first in their elective office during this time period. Others were the first to take the chairmanship on important committees and boards. From the first state senator, to the first woman on the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Board, this book is full of fascinating stories about important changes in our government and the women who changed the system. Written by volunteer authors, the chapters are reminiscences of the 25 women themselves. Come and meet some of the authors and some of the 25 special women highlighted in this book.

## **Tuesday, April 9**

### **Library Time, Auditorium, 10:30am**

This program for disabled adults is an opportunity for participants to enjoy reading books, watching films, making crafts and other fun learning activities.

### **LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30pm**

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### **Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30pm**

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

### **Writing Group, Meeting Room A, 6:30pm**

Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out. Once a month we will meet to read and critique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment. Mike Kalmbach will help to facilitate the meetings. Mike is a freelance writer and editor, and manages the online writing community <http://writanon.com/>. If you have any questions for Mike prior to your first meeting, please email [kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us](mailto:kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us), or call 328-2313.

## **Wednesday, April 10**

### **Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10am**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

### **iFilms: International and Independent Films, Auditorium, 6pm**

TEDDY BEAR Denmark / Danish, English and Thai with English subtitles / Synopsis The 38-year-old bodybuilder Dennis would really like to find true love. He has never had a girlfriend and lives alone with his mother in a suburb of Copenhagen. When his uncle marries a girl from Thailand, Dennis decides to try his own luck on a trip to Pattaya, as it seems that love is easier to find in Thailand. He knows that his mother would never accept another woman in his life, so he lies and tells her that he is going to Germany. Dennis has never been out traveling before and the hectic Pattaya is a huge cultural shock for him. The intrusive Thai girls give big bruises to Dennis' naive picture of what love should be like, and he is about to lose hope when he unexpectedly meets the Thai woman Toi.

The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

### **Photo Editing Basics, Meeting Room B, 6pm**

Do you want to touch up and crop your digital photos? How about learning how to convert them into e-mail friendly sizes? This class will demonstrate free online tools for basic editing of your digital photographs. Please bring a digital photo you want to play with on either a flash drive, CD-ROM or other storage device.

## **Thursday, April 11**

### **Baby Time!, Auditorium, 10am**

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

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### **Art Room Extended: Homeschool Edition, Auditorium, 2:30pm**

Love the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Room Extended! Create fantastic art in the library's auditorium. Grades K to 5.

### **Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 4pm**

See description above.

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## **Saturday, April 13**

### **HOORAY FOR SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME: Pajama Party!, Auditorium, 10:30am**

Join us for some pajama fun! We will have stories, songs, and rhymes about pajamas and pajama parties. Wear your pajamas and slippers to help us celebrate!

## **Monday, April 15**

### **Choral Arts Ensemble: Listening to the Voices, Auditorium, 12pm**

Singers from Choral Arts Ensemble, under the direction of Artistic Director Rick Kvam, will give a preview of their upcoming concert, "Listening to the Voices", a program featuring musical settings of the voices ancient and contemporary that influence us:

voices sacred (Psalms and traditional hymnody), poetical (Robert Frost and e.e. Cummings) and philosophical (Henry David Thoreau) as interpreted by Bach, Randall Thompson, Stephen Paulus and other composers. Choral Arts Ensemble is a 40-voiced auditioned adult choir with members drawn from Rochester and the surrounding communities. Founded in 1985, the ensemble is equally dedicated to the creation and performance of exciting new music as well as the sensitive presentation of masterworks from the Renaissance to the 20th Century.

### **TLC Meeting - Teen Library Council, Meeting Room A, 4pm**

Come let your voice be heard! Assist in providing insight into tween/teen reading interests, programming needs and activities. Help make the library a youth friendly space where you and your peers want to be! Any questions, contact Lynette @ 507-328-2305.

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## **Tuesday, April 16**

### **Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12pm**

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - St. Paul Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald by F. Scott Fitzgerald

### **Chess Club for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30pm**

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. It'll have you saying "Check, mate!" This program is best suited for

children in Grades 2 to 6.

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### **Night Owl Book Group, Meeting Room A, 7pm**

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - Bitter Sweets by Roopa Farooki.

## **Wednesday, April 17**

### **Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10am**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

### **Rochester Issues Forum: Tax Reform 2013 - Dead or Alive?, Auditorium, 6:30pm**

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussion. The goal of the this event is to create an opportunity for dialog. Attendees will be encouraged to think critically about the issue and gain insights by listening respectfully to others' points of view.

## Thursday, April 18

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## Friday, April 19

### **Senior Techies - Absolute Beginners on the Computer, Meeting Room B, 10am**

Have you never owned a computer (or does the computer your kids gave you just collect dust)? Have you never used a computer mouse? Have you never written or received an email? Then this class is for you. No experience with computers whatsoever is required for this class.

## Saturday, April 20

### **HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!**

#### **Accordion Fun for Everyone with Jean David!, Auditorium, 10:30am**

Join us for some musical fun. Sing along to favorite songs and even dance a pixie polka to the catchy rhythm of this unique musical instrument! Sponsored by Friends of the Library  
Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

## Monday, April 22

### **Mystery Book Group, Meeting Room A, 1pm**

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing a mystery by a Classic/Grand Master author.

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## Wednesday, April 24

### **Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10am**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

### **Name This Club!, Auditorium, 4pm**

It's your library; it's your club. Play, create, discuss on a topic of your choice. The next month's meeting will be determined by you. But first, we need to name this club. Grades 2-6

### **Sharing Photos Online, Meeting Room B, 6pm**

Would you like to put your digital photos on the internet to share with

family and friends? In this class, we will look at some web sites that allow you to share your photos and set up a free photo sharing account. Please bring some digital photos you want to use (on a flash drive, CD-ROM, memory card or camera) during the class.

### **Visiting Author Series: ATINA DIFFLEY, Auditorium, 7pm**

Atina Diffley is an organic consultant, educator, public speaker, and author of the Minnesota Book Award nominee Turn Here Sweet Corn: Organic Farming Works. She is the editor and designer of Roger Blobaum's Organic History Website, and a contributing author and lead trainer for Wholesale Success: A Farmers Guide to Selling, Postharvest Handling and Packing Produce. From 1985 to 2008, she and her husband Martin ran the Gardens of Eagan, an urban-edge, organic vegetable farm, which he started in 1973 as one of the first certified organic produce farms in the Midwest. In 2008 the Diffleys sold the Gardens of Eagan name to the Wedge Community Co-op, which continues to provide organic produce to the local community. The Diffley's on-farm projects now include breeding of sweet corn cultivars, mentoring beginning farmers, and transitioning conventional land to organic.

### **Thursday, April 25**

#### **Baby Time!, Auditorium, 10am**

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

This program was funded by an IBM Centennial Grant.

#### **Toddler Time!, Auditorium, 10:30am & 11am**

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). No registration required.

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#### **Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1pm**

Do you have general questions about computers, using email, using the library website or the internet? Come to the library to practice on our computers and ask a librarian your questions. No sign up for this session.

### **Homework Assistance Study Table, 6pm**

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### **Saturday, April 27**

#### **HOORAY FOR SATURDAY: Grow a Garden!, Auditorium, 10:30am**

Gardening is a super-fun family activity! Join us for this hands-on program with Master Gardeners to learn about growing your own food and flowers.

### **Monday, April 29**

#### **Senior Techies - Email, Meeting Room B, 2pm**

Have you ever wanted to have your own email account to send and receive emails from your friends and family? This class is for you! We will set up free email accounts, learn the basics of writing and sending emails, and talk about email safety (and some email scams to avoid).

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### **Tuesday, April 30**

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#### **Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30pm**

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

### **THE LATEST BUZZ FROM THE LIBRARY**

Meet Bee Frog. He was created when half the kids wanted to be bees and half the kids wanted to be frogs during Preschool Storytime. Not baffled, the group created the Bee Frog, who hops and buzzes to everyone's content. This was after they were buffalo. And ponies. And magical ponies. And t-rexes...

