

EAGLE Monthly Newsletter

Exploring Avenues of Getting Literate Early

An Empowerment Project of Floyd, Mitchell and Chickasaw Counties

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EAGLE is a Literacy Resource Program for individuals working with 0 – 5 year old children. Its focus is to provide age-appropriate programming for this age group to enhance school readiness skills.

EAGLE Resources



EAGLE, an acronym which stands for “Exploring Avenues for Getting Literate Early”, is a program geared towards children five and younger. Its main purposes are igniting an early interest in books and reading, preparing young children for school, and providing resources to those in direct contact with children on a daily basis. To accomplish these goals, EAGLE partners with preschool teachers, public librarians, registered daycare providers, and others within Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw Counties. EAGLE offers its resources through numerous avenues including special programs, bookbags, and resource support.

Programs All public libraries in the tri-county area are invited to host special programs for preschool children offered by EAGLE. Recent programs offered have been *Little Cloud*, *Itsy, Bitsy Spider*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Newton and the Big Mess*. EAGLE tends to offer four programs each year, and public libraries may host any or all of the programs for their communities. Programs last about an hour and include a story, exploration of targeted concepts through games and activities, and free books for participating children to take home. Siblings of children within the target age range are always welcome! EAGLE programs have also been offered at area preschools and parent support groups. Look at the “Schedule of Events” on the back of this newsletter to see if there is a program scheduled in your area soon.

Bookbags EAGLE also offers bookbags to children and their families. Bookbags are kits that include a book and an accompanying activity that extends key concepts covered in the book. This resource gives parents and others working with children an easy way to connect literature to other activities. Bookbags are available at preschools, many daycare centers, and most public libraries in Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw Counties.

Daycare Provider Crates EAGLE and several registered daycare providers in the tri-county area initiated a program in 2004 that strives to meet the needs of home daycare providers. Through this program, EAGLE home-delivers a crate filled with educational resources for registered daycare providers to use free of charge for one month. After one month, the EAGLE coordinator picks up one crate and leaves another with different resources. Each daycare provider crate contains: four book bags, a game, a resource book, and a video containing picture books in a video format. In the fall of 2008, a music and movement activity CD and bookbag have been added to each of the rotating crates. The providers keep track of usage and evaluate the resources within each crate. The daycare provider crates program gives participating providers an inexpensive way to offer a variety of educational resources to the children in their care. This EAGLE resource is available to any interested registered daycare provider.

For more information about EAGLE or if you would like to submit information for upcoming newsletters, please contact Diane Day at eaglepro@iastate.edu or 641-394-2174.

Schedule of Events

**Parents – please post this on your refrigerator as a reminder of these upcoming events.

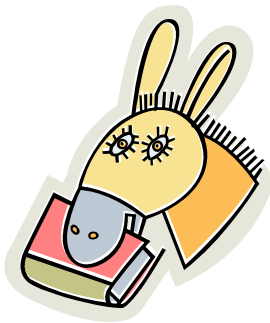
Key: (TYPE OF EVENT) P/C = Parent & Child C = Child P = Parent DC= Day Care Providers

Floyd County	Mitchell County	Chickasaw County
<p>Thursday, September 11 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Floyd County (DC).</p> <p>Saturday, September 20 at 9:30 AM <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Marble Rock Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>-----October-----</p> <p>Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 AM <i>Book! Book! Book!</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Marble Rock Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, October 23 at 10:30 AM <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Charles City Public Library (P/C).</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 9 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Mitchell County (DC).</p> <p>Wednesday, September 17 at 10:30 AM <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Riceville Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>-----October-----</p> <p>Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30 AM <i>Book! Book! Book!</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Riceville Public Library (P/C).</p>	<p>Monday, September 8 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotation in Chickasaw County (DC).</p> <p>Tuesday, September 16 at 12:15 PM <i>Book! Book! Book!</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Upham Memorial Library in Fredericksburg (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM <i>Book! Book! Book!</i> Program for 3 to 5 year olds at New Hampton Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, September 25 at 4:00 PM <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Alta Vista Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>-----October-----</p> <p>Monday, October 13 at 10:00 AM <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Nashua Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, October 18 at 4:00 PM <i>Book! Book! Book!</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Alta Vista Public Library (P/C).</p>

It's
Back to School
Time!



Fall EAGLE Library Programs



Book! Book! Book! was written by Deborah Bruss and illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke. Down on the farm, all is well until the children go back to school and the animals become bored. When the animals head to town in search of something to do and end up at the public library, they find it hard to communicate. Each animal does their best until finally the librarian knows exactly what to do. The playful, splashy pictures show the library as a busy, exciting place. This program is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years and will include activities that tie into the storyline of the book. Children within the targeted age group will receive a paperback copy of *Book! Book! Book!* to add to their personal book collections. Books will be available to children outside of the targeted age group as well.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, written by Eric Carle, is a classic tale about a caterpillar who eats his way through a variety of foods-and even the book, before spinning his cocoon and changing into a butterfly. This program is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years and will include activities that tie into the storyline of the book. Children within the targeted age group will receive a paperback copy of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to add to their personal book collections. Books will be available to children outside of the targeted age group as well.

