

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.

Parent Groups Host EAGLE Literacy Programs

EAGLE will present *It's Mine! A fable by Leo Lionni* on Sunday, March 11th to *Family Matters* at St. John Lutheran Church, 300 Merrill Street in Nashua. Supper will be provided by Family Matters from 5:00 – 6:00 with the EAGLE program following from 6:00-7:00. *It's Mine!* is a story about some frog friends who learn an important message about sharing.



Children and parents will participate in fun activities together including listening to the story, creating a frog chorus, games, crafts and more. Parents will learn about the EAGLE program and receive early literacy information. This program is designed for children ages 3-5 and their parents; however, siblings are welcome to attend with their families. Each child in the targeted age group will receive a free copy of the book *It's Mine! A fable by Leo Lionni* for their personal collections. Parents will also receive a free copy of the paperback *Every Child Ready to Read – Literacy Tips for Parents* and a literacy packet for babies/toddlers. Pre-registration is requested for this free program. To register, call St. John Lutheran Church 641-435-2396 by March 9th.

EAGLE presented the first half of the *It's Mine!* program to *Our Kids Count* in Charles City in January and will present the second half on April 10th. *The Learning Connection*, a Mitchell County parent group, will sponsor both a morning and an evening presentation of *It's Mine!* in April. Look for details in next month's EAGLE newsletter!

Scheduling EAGLE Programs

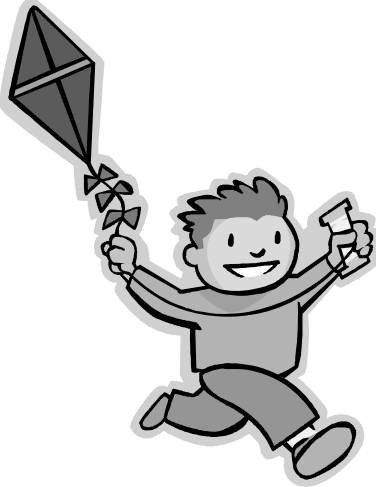
Seasonal EAGLE programs, like *Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *The Hello, Goodbye Window* are first offered to public libraries to encourage young children and their families to utilize their public libraries and have a meaningful experience with literature at the same time. However, EAGLE and public libraries aren't always able to find a time that works out for everyone involved. If a seasonal EAGLE program is not being offered in your area, and you would like to host a program, contact Diane Potratz.

EAGLE can also provide programs specifically intended for preschools and daycare centers. Preschools and daycare centers can schedule programs that support topics they cover. For example, if your preschool has an upcoming unit on people in the community, EAGLE can present a program that reinforces that concept. If your program is interested in scheduling an EAGLE program, please contact Diane Potratz.

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>Saturday, March 3 at 10 AM <i>Itsy, Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Rockford Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, March 8 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotations in Floyd County (DC).</p> <p>Saturday, March 10 at 10-11 AM Nature Tales Program at the Fossil and Prairie Center in Rockford. The topic will be “Young Animals in Spring.” Pre-registration is appreciated for this free program. For more information, please call Heidi at (641) 756-3490 (P/C).</p> <p>Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30–7 PM <i>Our Kids Count</i> meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church, 601 Milwaukee, Charles City. Supper will be served at 5:30, followed by the program at 6:00. This week’s program will be <i>Doodle Bugs on the Road</i> by Tia McInroy (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, March 29 at 10:30 AM <i>The Hello, Goodbye Window</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Charles City Public Library (P/C).</p>	<p>Thursday, March 1 at 9-3 Book Distribution at Mitchell County WIC Clinic in Osage (P/C).</p> <p>Wednesday, March 14 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotations in Mitchell County(DC).</p> <p>Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 AM <i>Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Riceville Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 PM <i>Itsy, Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Osage Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 AM <i>Itsy, Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Stacyville Public Library (P/C).</p> <p>Saturday, March 31 at 1:30 PM <i>Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at Nissen library in St. Ansgar (P/C).</p>	<p>Sunday, March 11 at 5:00-7:00 PM <i>Family Matters</i> Meeting at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua. EAGLE will present <i>It’s Mine! A fable by Leo Lionni</i>. See article in this newsletter for details (P/C).</p> <p>Monday, March 12 Registered Daycare Provider Crate Rotations in Chickasaw County (DC).</p> <p>Saturday, March 17 at 9:30 AM <i>Itsy, Bitsy Spider</i> program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Ionia Community Library (P/C).</p> <p>Wednesday, March 21 at 9-5 Book Distribution at Chickasaw County WIC Clinic in New Hampton (P/C).</p> 

EAGLE Library Programs

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