

# 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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### Summer Reading Club

The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library is offering a Summer Reading Club from June 1 through August 1. Visit the KHCPL South on June 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a kick-off party for the Summer Reading Program. They will have creative booths for you to explore how to “unleash your creativity.” At this Create-A-Palooza, you will be able to play games, make crafts, have snacks, and beginning at 7 p.m., you will be able to experience the “unique and imaginative” songs and stories of Ruditoonz. For more information, visit <http://SummerReadingClub.khcpl.org> or call 765-457-3242. The Greentown Public Library will also have a Summer Reading Club called “Be Creative” from June 1 to July 24. Also, be sure to check out GPL’s fun and exciting Wednesday summer programs such as the Wizard of Oz Marionette Show, Incredible Karaoke Contest, Junie B. Jones Character Visit, and more! You can find information about these programs and more at <http://www.eastern.k12.in.us/gpl/Greentown.htm> or by calling (765) 628-3534.



### June is Home Safety Month

A representative from Gear Up for Child Safety will be at our June 11 Activity Day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to provide information on making your home safe for your child. Gear Up for Child Safety is a program offered by the Family Service Association that includes a thorough safety evaluation of the home, education for the parent, and safety equipment such as car seats, pack ‘n plays, baby gates, and more. Referrals are required for participation and will be available at Activity Day. More information is available at [www.fsahc.org](http://www.fsahc.org).

There are few simple steps you can take to make your home safer from falls, fires and burns, poisonings and drownings.

#### Falls

- Keep a close eye on young children.
- Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs.



#### Fires and burns

- Set your water heater to 120 degrees (just below the medium setting).
- Have a smoke detector/alarm near or outside of every bedroom.
- Test bath tubwater before your child gets in.

#### Poisonings

- Poison Control phone number 1-800-222-1222.
- Keep all medications and cleaners out of reach of your child (use child safety locks on cabinets).
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near bedrooms.

#### Drownings

- Stay with your child when they are near water, including the bathtub.

These are only a few of the many steps that you can take to make your home safer.

For more information, visit the Home Safety Council at <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth/homesafetymonth.aspx>

**Watch for a separate mailing for another event featuring fingerprinting and photographing of your child on Activity Day.**

#### 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](mailto:childcare@iuk.edu) for more information.



# Fun Summer Activities

Looking for some inexpensive activities to do with your family this summer? Kokomo Parks and Recreation is offering several programs that are low-priced, and some are even free! The Kokomo Park Band Concerts begin June 10 at Highland Park on the stage at 8 p.m. and showcase local talent. The weekly concerts will take place on Wednesdays at the same time, and are free for your family! You can find information about other parks programs at [www.cityofkokomo.org](http://www.cityofkokomo.org).

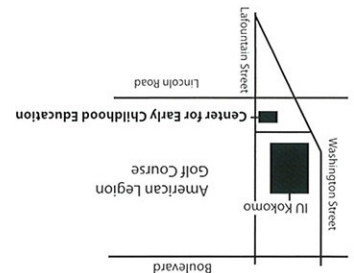


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