



**December/January Newsletter** 

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS

StoryKids Storytime for ages 3-6, at 9:45 am stories & activities on Tuesdays December 6 January 3,10,17,24 & 31

Little Ones - Family Lapsit ages 1-4, Come every week to sing songs, learn colors, read books, & more at 9:45 am on Thurs December 1, 8, 15 January 5,12,19,& 26

Family Lapsit Special session on Tuesday December 20 at 9:45am. This is in lieu on normal Tuesday storytime.

# **Kid's Explore Sugar & Sweetners January 5** 2-3pm

Kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to come and learn more about the sugars that we eat!

We will learn about how sugar beets, cane sugar, honey and agave are grown or collected. We will discuss the differences between white sugar and brown sugar, fair trade and commercial sugar and why it's good to know the differences.

Kids can taste test turbinado, stevia, agave, maple

### **Hello Library Families:**

The holidays are here & we have lots of books to help your family celebrate and better understand other families' cultures as well. Come to us for books on Hanukkah, Christmas, Ramadan, Kwanzaa & more, We wish you a happy holiday season & we hope to see you at one of our fun events!

### Mrs. Claus **Holiday Party**

for ages 2 and up **Tuesday**, December 13 10-11:45am



Little children are encouraged to drop in and visit with Mrs Claus. She will entertain your little ones with her holiday magic Your child can try some holiday crafts & eat some treats. We will have gluten-free treats too.

#### Registration is necessary, so we can plan food & crafts.

Silhouette artist Judith Housel will be here to create artistic silhouettes of your child(ren) for \$15 each during the event. Duplicates only \$5. She does incredible work and will here during the entire event & a little longer too.

syrup, brown sugar, and honey individually. Samples provided in tiny condiment cups.

Kids will walk away with a better understanding of all the sweetners out there, and potentially become more open to new foods. Call to register!

#### Lego® Club

December 22 January 26 4-5pm This month work together to create the alphabet out of blocks. We have lots of blocks, so it's not necessary to bring any from home.

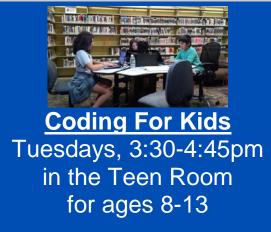


Have some fun building with Miss Karen. Legos & Duplo blocks for ages 2 & up



### Gifted Kids 101 Tuesday, January 3, 2-3pm

Has your child been identified as gifted? Do you wonder if perhaps your child demonstrates some characteristics of being gifted? What is "giftedness"? This discussion will focus on common characteristics of gifted students, identification, and ways in which the learning differences of gifted students can be addressed in school.



Must be able to read at a 3rd grade level or higher! No experience necessary! Bring your own device or, use one of ours. We have laptops & Chromebooks. Bring some earbuds or headphones. No coding on Tuesday, December 27.



# **Drawing Class**

## Tuesday, January 3 2-3pm

Looking for something fun to do during the winter break? Kids ages 9 to 13 will learn to draw with educator and artist, Lois Cohorst today. We will be focusing on Native American Indian life as our drawing theme. Please call to register so supplies can be ordered. **Free class.** Parents can attend the Gifted Kids 101 class held during the same time period. We will touch on unique social and emotional characteristics and the ups and downs of raising gifted children. Program presented by Donna J Campbell, M.Ed. -President of Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented.

# Trying to figure out what to do with your children ages 6 to 13?

A drawing class for ages 9 to 13 with a artist: Lois Cohorst, is being held at the same time as the class.

# Kid's Double Feature & Lego Building

Wednesday, January 4 1 - 4:45pm

Kids ages 5 to 12 can enjoy the movies Smurfs 1 and Smurfs 2 while building with Lego© bricks. Call to register. Treats will be served.

#### More info on other programs!



Hey Teens & Youth! New laptops & computers, and Chromebooks are here and will be ready to use by the end of December.

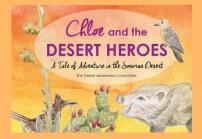
Funded by the Kiwanis Club of Carefree to help kids who sign-up to code in our Tuesday Coding for Kids Club

Anyone can use the new computers. We are so excited to be the recipient of the Kiwanis generousity. It is an incredible opportunity for us to update our youth technology! Youth MP3's & Playaways available for checkout



Here are some new titles that just arrived:

The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate Cody Big Nate



#### Chloe & the Desert Heroes a book written by the Desert Awareness

Committee

#### Tuesday, January 3 10:30-11:30am

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to enjoy a staged reading of the children's book "Chloe & the Desert Heroes: A Tale of Adventure in the Sonoran Desert" written by Phyllis Strupp and the Desert Awareness Committee. This is a great opportunity for young children to be part of a group theater experience. The book will also be available for purchase at







Ramie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo Diary of a Wimpy Kid series Rachel Yoder series by Wanda Brunstetter Lots of classics on MP3 like: The Red Badge of Courage Corrie Ten Boom The Little Prince

# Playaways work with one AAA battery and earbuds!

Books can be checked out separately. Ask the youth librarian for help.

the end of the program.

Call to register.

#### New Homeschool Materials have arrived.

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree has donated 2 different sets in the '5 in a Row' series to help provide homeschool families with good literature and ideas for book-based activities for their families' educational needs.



Thank you for not wearing scented products to the library. Our chemically-sensitive patrons are grateful.

We are on Instagram, <u>Pinterest</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Join us one of these social media platforms!

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