

FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please keep in mind that this is a time of interacting with the children through play as you both play and learn together.</p>						<p>1 Saturday LIVE Downtown Central Library 11:15am</p>
2	3	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i> No Play & Learn</p>	5	<p>6 10:30 am Arlington Hills Library Magical Mia</p>	<p>7 10:30 am Highland Park Library Magical Mia</p>	<p>8 Saturday LIVE Downtown Central Library 11:15am</p>
9	10	<p>11 • <u>Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm</p>	<p>12 • <u>Play & Learn</u> North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St Albans 9:00—11:00 am</p>	13	14	<p>15 Saturday LIVE Downtown Central Library 11:15am</p>
16	17	<p>18 No Play & Learn at Sun Ray Magical Mia at St Library Rice at 10:30 am</p>	<p>19 Magical Mia at Sun Ray Library 1:30pm</p>	20	21	<p>22 Saturday LIVE Downtown Central Library 11:15am</p>
23	24	<p>25 • <u>Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm</p>	<p>26 • <u>Play & Learn</u> North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St Albans 9:00—11:00 am</p>	<p>27 • <u>Play & Learn</u> Hamline Library 10:30-12:00 pm</p>	28	<p>29 Saturday LIVE Downtown Central Library 11:15am</p>
30	<p>31 • MN Literacy Council 756 Transfer Rd 10:30-12 pm</p>					

Do You Know About the Minnesota Literacy Council?

“Getting children school ready is the hot topic these days. What does this mean for me the parent, grandparent, friend, neighbor who watches my neighbors’ child sometimes, concerned citizen, childcare provider, pre-school teacher, friend of a child, aunt/uncle. Come to the Play & Learn group July 31st at the Minnesota Literacy Council to **experience hands on activities that you can do with the children in your life to help get them ready for school & to have fun with learning.** You will make a special project with the child(ren) you bring, we will read several engaging, fun interactive books, work with hands on materials, and you will walk away feeling great with new knowledge! And most important...SNACKS/TREAT PROVIDED!!!!” The Minnesota Literacy Council (MLC) is located at 756 Transfer Road, St Paul, MN 55114, just left of the Amtrak station off of University Avenue (1 mile or so east of hwy 280). The MLC was one of the state’s first providers of literacy & ESL services. Today MLC offers literacy programs for adults, children & families, volunteers, and community programs-serving thousands of Minnesotan’s each year. Look for more play & learns at MLC next month too!

Training Information

Here are some of the classes offered by Resources for Child Caring that you may enjoy as a caregiver. For more information on other training opportunities or location of classes please contact **Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610**.

Reducing the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome—Wednesday July 12th at 7-9pm; or Aug. 10th 7-9 pm

Shaken Baby Syndrome— Tues. July 18th at 7:45 PM or Tuesday August 15th at 7:45 pm

Journey into the World of Children Literature—Thursday August 17th at 6:30 pm

Exploring Early Childhood Career Paths—Tuesday July 25 6:30pm

Emergency Response—Saturday Aug. 12th at 9:00AM; or Saturday Aug. 19th at 9:00AM

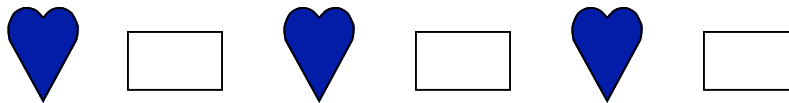
GRANTS

Resources for Child Caring is looking for Family, Friend and Neighbor child care providers. Who is a FFN provider? They are a non licensed care giver who is caring for a family member or a friends or neighbors child, paid or unpaid care. Providing care any where from 3 to 40 hours a week.

Grants for learning material, safety, CPR & First Aid classes, other health and safety classes, books and educational toys are some of the examples of items that can be purchase with your grant. If you are caring for children ages 0 to school age and would like to learn more of the resources available to you call Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610.

Children's Activities

Recognize, Make and describe simple patterns, relations such as



Other activities to try:

Assist child in making different shapes with their snack foods:

⇒ **Using M&M or Skittles, sort by color (you could also use Peanut M& M and Plain M&M and sort by shape.**

⇒ **Raisin, and dried bananas, raisins** _____

⇒ **Animal crackers, pretzels, animal crackers** _____

⇒ **Make shapes with pretzel**

Help build patterns with blocks

⇒ **Square, triangle, square,** _____

⇒ **Big, little, big** _____

Go on a walk around your home

⇒ **Have the children look at the different color flowers (write them down, then make a**