



From the Children's Corner of the Library

Toddlers, preschoolers and caregivers – you are invited to come play, socialize and make new friends at our BLOCK PARTY program at the Spirit Lake Public Library Thursday mornings April 19, May 3 and May 17 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the community room. This is a come and go time period as suits your schedule and child(ren).

What is a BLOCK PARTY? It's an opportunity for children to improve early literacy skills through unstructured play. Research shows child play isn't just for fun, "play is the work of children" and this program offers a place for children to "work" at the library. The Friends of the Library have generously provided toys that promote literacy, STEAM, physical development, and social development. Toys include building blocks, figurines, play vehicles and other props for play.

BLOCK PARTY is a free and self-guided program. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Grownups are welcome to bring their favorite morning beverage and may choose to observe their child or to get down on the floor and join the play.

Family Storytime on Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m., has a superhero theme to celebrate National Superhero Day which is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Among the books we will be reading is *PJ Masks Save the Library!* If your child has a superhero t-shirt, costume or cape they are invited to wear it to storytime if they wish.

We're gearing up for the summer reading program, 'Libraries Rock!' and are excited with the entertainment we have lined up including Allison Antoine –Kindermusik, Absolute Science, Lisa Laird and her Pockets Full of Fun puppets, Jane Shuttleworth from Iowa Lakeside Lab and Carole Stephens with her Macaroni Soup concert.

Hope to see you soon at the library!