

PLAYGROUND EXPLORATIONS - SUMMER 2015

June 15 - Aug. 7

Bringing STEAMM + Literacy to Playgrounds this summer.

Without access to teachers, books, materials and knowledgeable adults, many kids experience a slide in skills during summer months. The City of Dubuque and AmeriCorps, in partnership with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, ISU Extension, Carnegie-Stout Public Library and Girl Scouts of America attempt to "Climb the Summer Slide" by offering interactive **Story times** at eight of the city's neighborhood playgrounds to encourage kids to keep learning and reading over the summer.

This FREE program is open to all 6 to 14 year olds.

Activities and books will be geared to 1st - 4th AND 5th - 8th grades!

COME JOIN THE EXPLORATIONS!

EXPLORE FOOD & GARDENING!

City Gardening *Dig in the dirt and experience the joy of growing.*

Based on the book, From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons. Learn about gardening, food and nutrition this week as we plant and care for a garden of your design. This Food and Gardening exploration is in partnership with ISU Extension.

June 15 - 19
Prescott/Hilltop

June 15 - 19
Comiskey/Burden

June 15 - 19
Lincoln/Jackson

June 15 - 19
Marshall/Orange

EXPLORE READING!

Reader's Theater *Bringing stories to life.*

Based on the book, Surviving the Applewhites. Have fun with Reader's Theater and enjoy putting on a performance as we explore Reading at the parks!

June 22 - 26
Comiskey/Burden

June 22 - 26
Marshall/Orange

June 22 - 26
Lincoln/Jackson

June 22 - 26
Prescott/Hilltop

EXPLORE WRITING!

Book It *We all have a story to tell. Let us help you tell yours!*

Based on the book, What do you do with an idea? Learn to write and publish a story to cherish forever. Kids turn into authors during the Writing exploration at a story time park near you.

July 6 - 10
Lincoln/Jackson

July 13 - 17
Prescott/Hilltop

July 20 - 24
Comiskey/Burden

July 27 - 31
Marshall/Orange

EXPLORE ART!

No Mistakes in Art *It's all in how you choose to look at it!*

Based on the book, No One Saw: Ordinary Things through the eyes of an artist. Explore Art and creativity, with its many perspectives at a story time park near you.

June 29 - July 2
Lincoln/Jackson

July 13 - 17
Comiskey/Burden

July 20 - 24
Prescott/Hilltop

Aug. 3 - 7
Marshall/Orange

EXPLORE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING!

Building Structures *Can you build it? Try your hand at construction.*

Based on the book, Iggv Peck Architect. Learn about engineering and architecture at this exploration. Design, build and test your structures during the Engineering exploration at a story time park near you!

Architecture: Bridges, homes, planes

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Splat! Inventions *Do you have the best design to protect an egg from breaking?*

Based on the book, Egg Drop Blues. Learn about the scientific method as we invent contraptions to protect an egg from breaking when we drop it from different heights off the playground equipment. Join the Engineering exploration of inventions at a story time park near you.

Scientific Method: Egg Drop

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EXPLORE MATH!

It's all about the Benjamin\$ *Making something out of nothing - crafts that could make you \$.*

Based on the book, Lunch Money. Learn about making money from crafts you can easily make at home, as well as smart shopping tips to help save money. This Math exploration is in partnership with Girl Scouts of America.

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EXPLORE MUSIC & TECHNOLOGY!

Making Music *There's music all around: hear the rhythm and beat in everyday life*

Based on the book, My Big Mouth. Learn to put words to rhythm as we explore music and poetry during a story time park near you. This Music exploration is in collaboration with Carnegie-Stout Public Library and will be featuring Garage Band technology.

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ALL Story Time Explorations include:

- 4 trained staff to help facilitate the learning!
- Team Building Challenge
- Story and Books fitting the theme
- Learning Activity followed by games and sports activities.