

Coming in March: the first meeting of the highly anticipated LEGO club!

We will have more information available in the March newsletter and on our website, so be sure to check back for more details!

STORYTIME SCHEDULE

February 2012

No Storytimes

Feb. 20-24

Tiny Tales (ages 1-3)

Wed & Thurs 10 am

Preschool (ages 3-5)

Tues 10 am & 6:15 pm

School Age (ages 6-11)

Wed & Thurs 3:30 pm

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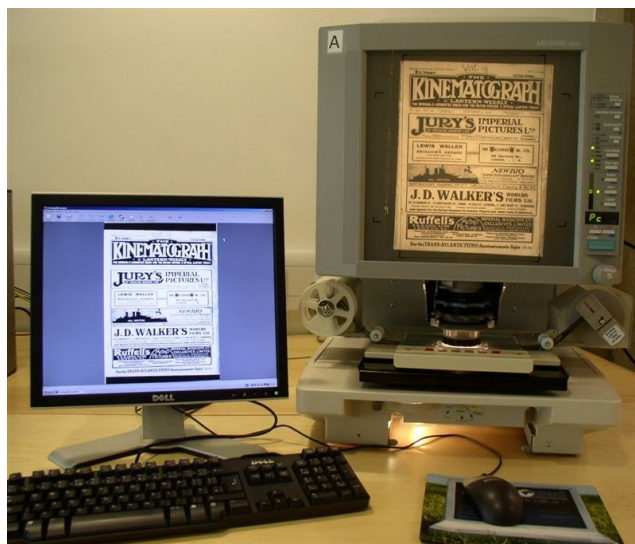
www.pontiacpubliclibrary.org

Mon-Thu 9am - 7pm

Fri-Sat 9am - 5pm

Sunday Closed

MICROFILM READER FUNDRAISING DRIVE



Please consider making a donation to our microfilm scanner and reader fund. Our current machine is old, out of date, impossible to repair due to lack of available parts, and on its last legs. We are over 3/4 of the way to meeting our goal of the \$7000 needed to buy an up-to-date machine that will allow you to both view the film, scan the film, and email or print! Ask for more information at the circulation desk, and thank you!

Best Children's Books of 2011

The results are in for the best books written for children and teens in 2011! The books were selected by librarians and children experts for their quality, creativity, and originality.

Children

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos was awarded the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature.

Tales for Very Picky Eaters by Josh Schneider won the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book.

A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka was awarded the Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson won the Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author of outstanding books for children and young adults. Shane W. Evans, illustrator and author of **Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom** won the Coretta Scott King Illustrator award.

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall received the Pura Belpré (Author) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm, and celebrate the

Latino cultural experience.

Diego Rivera: His World and Ours by Duncan Tonatiuh was awarded the Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award.

Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet was awarded the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children.

Teens

Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley won the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults.

The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin won the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults.

For exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience, **Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy** written by Bil Wright won the Stonewall Book Award.

You can find these titles here at the library! Ask Michael at the children's desk or at the circulation desk for help finding the titles or to place a hold.

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5	6 Adult Book Club 6 pm	7 Preschool 10 am & 6:15 pm	8 Tiny Tales 10 am School Age 3:30 pm	9 Tiny Tales 10 am School Age 3:30 pm	10	11 Game Day 2 pm
12	13 Board Meeting 5:15 pm	14 Preschool 10 am & 6:15 pm	15 Tiny Tales 10 am School Age 3:30 pm	16 Tiny Tales 10 am School Age 3:30 pm	17	18
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Youth Services Updates

Here at the library we have story times for 1 to 3 year-olds and 3 to 5 year-olds. Story times at the library provide many benefits to your toddler or preschooler by encouraging early literacy development, group participation, and social interaction. And, story time is fun for kids and their adults!

The story times encourage children to listen to stories and to participate in group activities. The stories are simple and the illustrations give visual cues about the meaning of unfamiliar words in the stories. Children also expand their vocabulary through listening to the stories and by talking to the storyteller about the stories.

Besides introducing children to books, illustrations, and authors, story time is great way for your child to interact and participate with children their own age. By listening and participating in songs and activities together, story time is a great way to get your child accustomed to being around other children. Also the children's interaction with the story teller mimics the interaction they will have with teachers in school.

We have story times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Stop by the front desk or the children's desk to register!

Call 815-844-3475 or email Michael at mharms@pontiacpubliclibrary.org for more information.

