

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

A United Way of Racine County quarterly newsletter for families of young children.

Summer 2019



Color Scavenger Hunt

Boredom is an opportunity for adventure! How many times have you already heard “I’m bored” this summer? Encourage learning, exploration and exercise with this simple, outdoor activity.

Materials:

White paper lunch bag
Markers

1. Write “Color Scavenger Hunt” at the top of your white paper lunch bag.
2. Choose the colors you want the children to hunt for and use markers to scribble small squares of each color on the front of the bag.
3. When children find an item that matches a color, they place it in the bag. When everyone is finished, sit in a circle and talk about what they found and where.

Inspired by: iheartcraftythings.com

Healthy Chocolate Hummus

Satisfy your sweet tooth with your favorite fruit and this healthy chocolate hummus dip.

Ingredients:

2 cups chickpeas
(no salt added)
4 tablespoons
Cocoa powder, unsweetened
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/4 cup maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Instructions

1. Add all ingredients into a food processor and puree until smooth.
2. Serve with fresh fruit, crackers or pita chips.

Inspired by: superhealthykids.com

Summer Reading

Summer is a busy time of year for everyone. Longer days and warmer temperatures mean lots of activities to choose from. Finding time to read should still be at the top of that list. Here are three ways to incorporate reading into your summer schedule.



Read Aloud

Make time to read aloud each day. Find new places to enjoy books together. Whether it's the porch or the park, set aside 15 minutes daily for this important bonding time.

Travel Talk

Encourage reading during trips by regular conversation. Read traffic signs out loud. Try to find the alphabet while talking about the surroundings you pass. These simple games help develop important vocabulary and word learning skills.

Visit the Library

The library is full of magic and adventure all year round, but the summer months offer especially amazing reading programs, events and engaging presentations. Make it a regular part of your routine.

Imagination Library

If you live in Racine County and have a child under the age of five, you are eligible for the Imagination Library program. Participating children receive high-quality, age - appropriate books through the mail each month until they turn five at no cost to the family.

Visit UnitedWayRacine.org/IL to register today, or contact Joanee Meyerhofer at 262-456-6472.



Imagination Library Celebrates 10 Years

Imagination Library is 10 years old! In celebration, United Way is running a community match campaign from June to August. Every dollar raised will be matched thanks to our campaign sponsors - Lavelle Industries, Johnson Financial Group, Aurora Healthcare, and Thrivent Burlington.

To make a contribution, Visit UnitedWayRacine.org/IL or text the keyword “IL” to 41444.

Imagination Library Graduates

If your child has participated in Imagination Library and recently graduated from the program, be sure to check your mailbox for a postcard. Take a moment to share your experience on the graduate survey at UnitedWayRacine.org/IL, then bring your postcard to your local Racine County library to pick up a super reader medal!

Upcoming Events

A Garden Full of Books—Imagination Library Fundraiser

Saturday, September 7, 5:30 p.m.—Petrifying Springs Biergarten, 5555 7th St., Kenosha

Join United Way of Racine County and United Way of Kenosha County for a FUNdraiser benefiting Imagination Library at Petrifying Springs Biergarten.

Enjoy live music by The Squeezettes, a 50/50 raffle and much more at this family-friendly event. A portion of the sales will be donated to Imagination Library.

A Sky Full of Stories Story Time

Friday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.—Graham Public Library, Union Grove

Join us as we explore the galaxy during an out-of-this-world adventure. All children in attendance will receive a free book compliments of United Way.



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