



Finkelstein Memorial Library's

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PROGRAMS

Homework Help

Grades: 1-5

Mon-Thurs, Jan 11– Mar 25 at 4-6 PM

Registration Required on Mondays only

Monday Morning Stories

Ages: Babies-4 years old (w/ caregiver)

Jan 11 – Mar 29 at 11—11:30 AM

No session on Jan 18 or Feb 15

Toddler Time

Ages: Babies—4 with parent or caregiver

Wednesdays, Jan 13- Mar 31

Session I: 10-10:30 AM

Session II: 11-11:30 AM

Family Movie Night

Ages 5—Adult

Tuesdays at 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Jan 19: Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Feb 2: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

Feb 16: Up

Crafts for Kids

Ages: 5-7 year olds

Thursdays – Drop-in at 6-7:30 PM

Jan 14 & 18 / Feb 11 & 25

Thursday Arts

Ages: 8-10 year olds

Thursdays – Drop-in at 6-7:30 PM

Jan 21 / Feb 18

3 Apple Award Book Club

Ages: 8-12 year olds

Time: 4:30-5:30

Mondays, Jan 11 – Mar 22

(No sessions Jan 18/ Feb 15)

Children's Department Newsletter

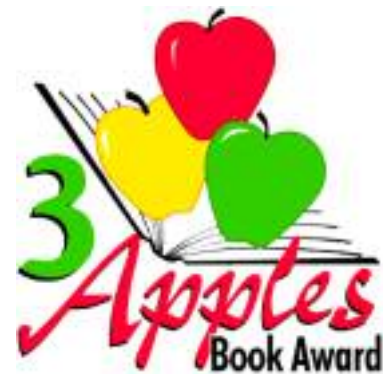
Outreach

Finkelstein Memorial Library has lots of great children's programs in the library, but you might not know that it does outreach, which is literally "reaching out" to the community.

Children's department staff does various visiting program such as story time to local day care centers, working with the ERCSD Mobile Library, and visiting schools within the East Ramapo Central School District.

Librarian Liz Marcus has done story time outreach at the Tops for Tots Day Care, West Street Child Care Learning Center and Noah's Ark Christian Academy (formerly IRC Child Care Resource and Referral) for two years. She brings a variety of holiday, seasonal, or other theme picture books to read to about 30 preschool age children each week and does fingerplays for added fun.

Children's Department Head Sue Donohue and Librarian Elyse Stoller recently added weekly visits to Grandview Elementary School to present the Knights and Tales Chess Club to



Book Club

The 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books. The choice of books to nominate is as wide as the children's reading interests and tastes, making this truly a Children's Choice award.

Each year, children in grades three through six, ages 8 to 12, will have the opportunity to nominate their favorite book at either their school or public library. Finkelstein readers nominated books and the top nominees have been announced.



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Book Club continued...

Children will be encouraged to read the books selected. This winter children at Finkelstein can join our Monday night book club to do crafts and discuss the following three books:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Junie B., First Grader (at last!) by Barbara Park

More information can be found at www.3applesbookaward.org
Or ask a Children's Librarian and find out what are the other 12 titles on the 2010 - 3 Apples Book Award List of finalists for the Children's Choice Award. Don't forget to register for this program which starts on January 11, 2010.



BOOK REVIEWS!!!

Name: Luiush S. **Age:** 8
Book Title: *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo Something Fishy*
Author: Nancy Krulik
Review: Katie turned into a clown fish and found Ms. Sweet's lost ring.



Name: Yehudis R. **Age:** 9 ³/₄
Book Title: *Mallory on Board*
Author: Laurie Friedman
Review: Mallory's best friend Mary Ann's mother and her friend Joey's father get married on a boat. Mallory goes to the wedding and feels left out when Mary Ann and Joey spend time with each other.

Name: Amaya M. **Age:** 8
Book Title: *Michelle Obama*
Author: David Colbert
Review: This story is about Michelle and her brother Craig growing up. Michelle is a very interesting woman with a very interesting family and life.

Name: Naomi M. **Age:**
Book Title: *Calling Doctor Amelia Bedelia*
Author: Herman Parish
Review: This book is about Amelia Bedelia. She went to Doctor Horton's office. She picked up a lot of phone calls. She upset a lot of people on the phone because she takes everything literally. I liked this book a lot.

Outreach continued.... one of the groups. The children learn chess and act out the the chessboard pieces.

As part of the summer reading program librarians and staff talk up the excitement of joining the program each summer at the ERCSD elementary schools. This year's SRP theme is Make a Splash! and as you might guess, the Children's Department will have beach, pool and ocean type crafts and activities as part of the program. The Children's Department staff also will meet the ERCSD Mobile Library at selected schools to play the SRP game with the students and give out prizes.

The FML Children's Department feels that outreach is an important part of its programming since it brings books and fun to children who have difficulty getting to their library. Through outreach, we are truly able to serve the community and the children in our community.



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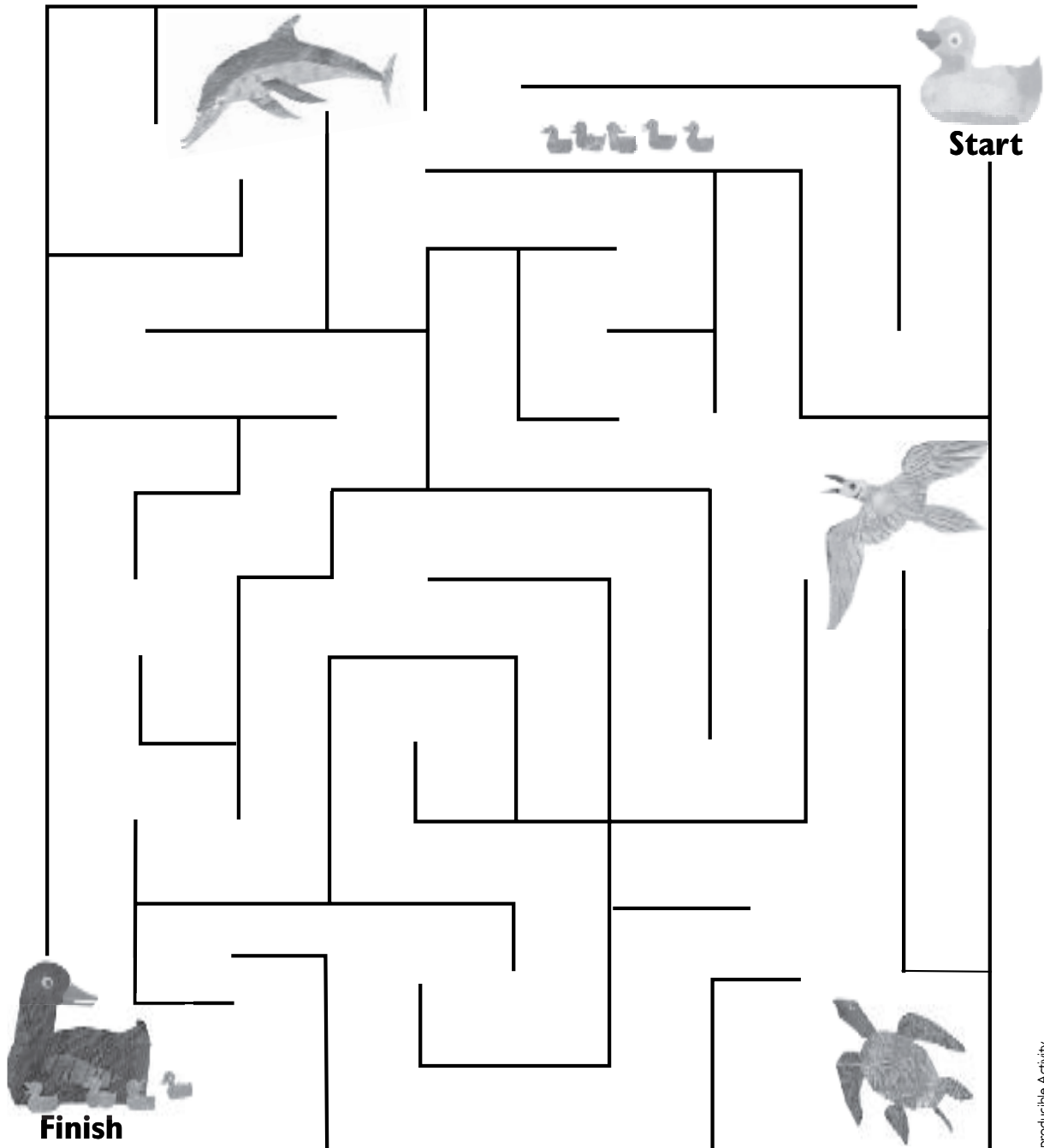


Eric Carle

10 Little Rubber Ducks



Can you help the little rubber duck cross the wide sea to find the mother duck and her ducklings?





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Who's Who in the Children's Department

Meet Alma Roman!



"I enjoy interacting with the staff and patrons" says Alma of her job as a substitute Children's Librarian.

After obtaining her Masters in Library Science, Alma has worked various positions and donating countless hours volunteering for a variety of organizations in Rockland County. She is currently retired and subs for Children's and Adult Services a few days a week. Her first job was for the NY Academy of Medicine as a periodical librarian. At the American Lederle Laboratory and then at NY University Environmental Library she was a research librarian. For two terms, a total of 8 years, Alma worked as Commissioner of Human Rights for Rockland County. Between 1996-2006 she was a full time Children's librarian here at Finkelstein.

When Alma is not helping patrons find materials with her cheerful smile she volunteers at: Rockland Employees Federal Credit union as president of board; as a trustee of the Village of Pomona; is on the Salvation Army's Advisory Board; Head Start of Rockland County; Rotary Club of New City; and as an elder (board member) for Germonds Presbyterian Church.

Recently Alma also joined the friends of the library. She is a life member of Finkelstein Library and has a gold card! Alma would love to see the library expand by having branch libraries in the north and south districts.

Alma is most proud and excited about the success of homework help, an idea she developed and worked on for two years before it got off the ground. It is an innovative program that few libraries do but it is one of the library's most successful programs. The free program utilizes high school students as volunteers and so is inexpensive to implement. It has also brought together students, parents and staff. To get Homework Help going and watching it grow is very rewarding to Alma. In the future Alma envisions a mentoring program of high school kids working with elementary students – taking homework help to the next level.

Check out Alma's favorite books: *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* by Mildred Taylor, *The Watsons go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis, and EB White's *Trumpet of the Swan*.



Library Hours

Monday 9:00-9:00

Tuesday 9:00-9:00

Wednesday 9:00-9:00

Thursday 9:00-9:00

Friday 9:00-6:00

Sat. & Sun 1:00-5:00

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