

# It's All For the Family

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# What to expect:

- Our program philosophy
- Current multigenerational programs
  - Chess Club
  - Lego Day<sup>®</sup> and Lego<sup>®</sup> Derby
  - Interactive Movie
  - Community Events
  - Messy Art
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# Our Program Philosophy

- Provide a space for families to interact, generally without screen distractions or other household duties (like, cleaning!).
- Families come with parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, and nannies, so make the space accessible and inviting for all of them.
- Provide experiences that might not be available at home due to the mess or the cost associated with it for a family.

# Chess Club

- Requested by an elementary student
- Funded by the Friends of the Library \$220
  - 5 “No Stress Chess”
  - 5 Tournament travel sets
- First an after school program (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) with some teaching components
- Morphed into a multigenerational program
  - Same time, but opened up to the community
- Next year....



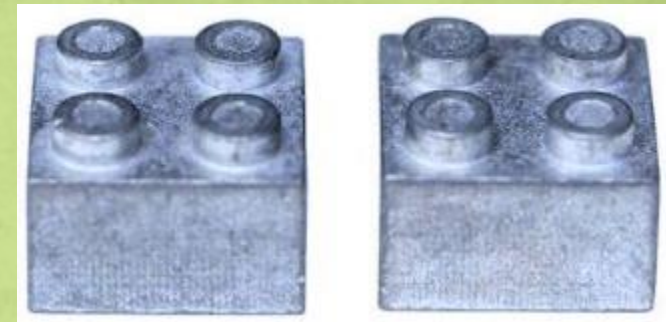
# Lego® Day

- Has taken many shapes...
  - Summer Reading
  - School Breaks
  - After School – registered
  - After School – come and go
- Generally 2 hours free play with challenge cards available
- Open to all ages
- We asked the community to donate Lego® bricks
  - Factor in cleaning time
  - Friends group supplemented with a few additional sets (\$250?)



# Lego® Derby

- Pinewood Derby Track – donated from a local BSA troop that upgraded to aluminum
  - Many man hours sanding, painting, etc.
- PinewoodPro.com
  - Chassis - \$8/each
  - Zinc Bricks - \$5/pair
  - 25 sets = \$325
- Registered event – up to 23 racers



# Let's Derby!

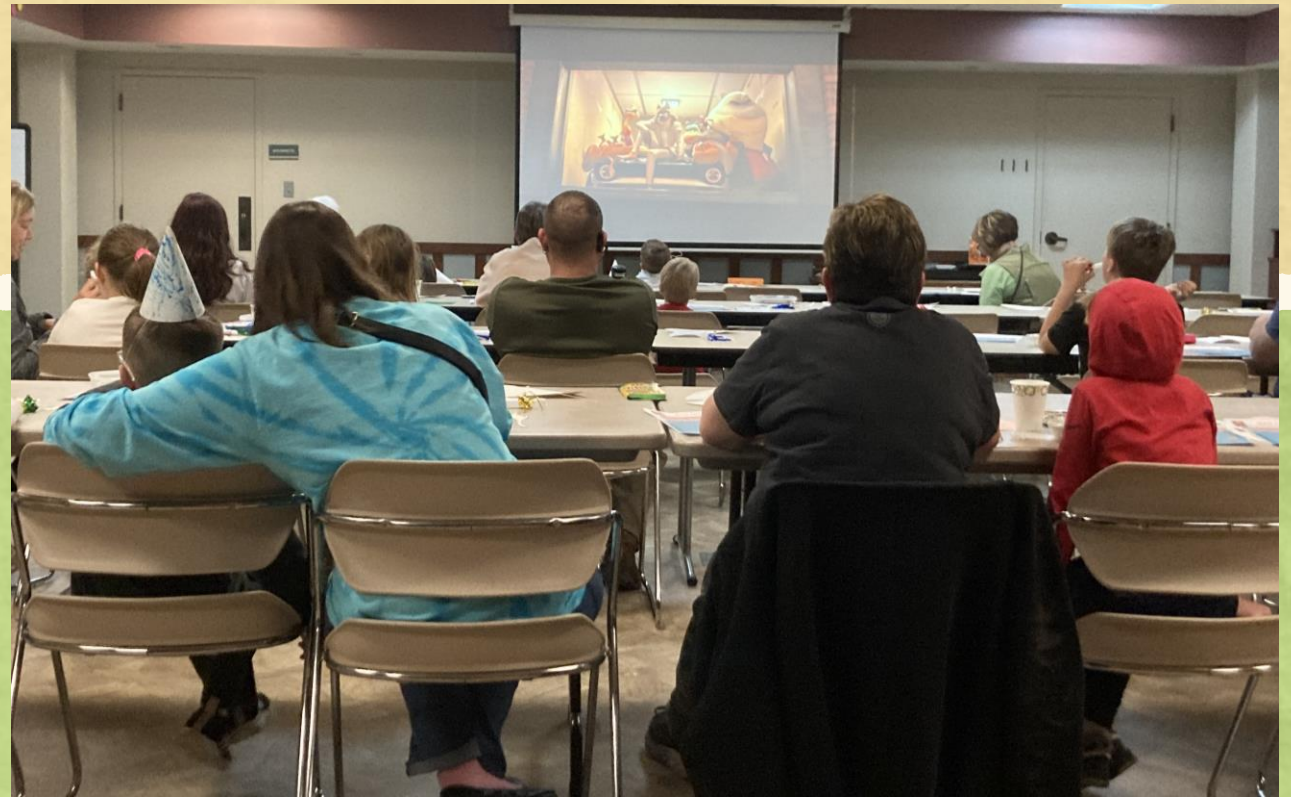






# Interactive Movies

- The Little Mermaid
  - Frozen
  - The Bad Guys
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- Cost varies, depending on if you want to provide purchased props, make your own, or just have prompts for actions/sounds
  - Don't forget popcorn and lemonade (or water)



# The Little Mermaid

- Supplies Purchased
  - Plastic “dinglehoppers”
- Supplies Provided
  - Shaker Eggs (from story time!)



## The Little Mermaid Interactive Movie

Sing Along! Closed-captioning will be on, so if you can read, PLEASE sing along! Grownups too!

### When you...

See Prince Eric



See Max

See King Triton

See Sebastian

See Ariel with a fork



See a shark



See Skuttle

See Skuttle with a fork

See Ursula



See Fireworks

Hear Under the Sea

See Chef the first time

See Chef chase Sebastian

Hear Kiss the Girl

See merfolk wave

### Do this:

Make Kissy Noises

Bark!

Hold up 3 fingers like his trident!

Make clicking noises like castanets

Hold your fork in the air!

Library scream! AHHH!

Squawk!

Use a dinglehopper to comb your hair!

Boo!

Say "Ooh" and "Ahh"

Shake your shaker and dance!

Say "Hee hee hee, haw haw haw"

Clap to the beat!

Sing like Skuttle "wah wah wah"  
then shaker egg gentle to the beat

Wave at the screen!



# Bad Guys

- Supplies Purchased \$50
  - Squeakers
  - Noise Makers
  - Novelty Rings
  - Party Hats
  
- Other Supplies
  - Cut out "tails"
  - Scrap paper
  
- Planned for up to 40 people



# BAD GUYS Interactive Movie

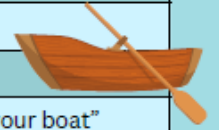


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Throughout the movie

When anyone says "Guinea Pig" or "Professor Marmalade"	Squeak your squeaker
When anyone says "birthday"	Blow your noise maker
Anytime a tail wags	Wag your tail!
Any time piranha farts	Hold your nose
When someone takes a picture	Say "Cheese!"
Snake says "snake attack!"	Hiss like a snake
Wolf says "Big Bad Wolf"	Howl!
Snake gets his birthday hat	Put on your party hat!
The elevator doors open	Say "oooooooohhhhhhhh"
Shark sticks out his tongue	Stick out your tongue and say "ahh"
Wolf growls	Growl with him
The security guard opens the cover to fish surprise	Yell "SURPRISE!"
The golden dolphin is missing from the pedestal	Gasp!
Shark says "hey there, son"	Say "Hi dad!" and wave
The mayor steals the ring	Put your ring on
The cat jumps to Wolf	Say "awwww"
Marmalade introduces The Good Guys	Clap your hands!
Wolf starts dancing	Get up and dance!
Dr. Marmalade says "you finally get it"	Say, "WHAT?"
The ship is pulling up to the jail	Sing "row, row, row your boat"
The Crimson Paw takes off their mask	Gasp loudly!
The governor says "the paperwork"	Crumple your paper and throw it!
The movie ends	Help clean up - thanks for coming!

Follow along--



# Community Events

- Warming Stations
  - Christmas by the Lake
  - Color the Wind Kite Festival
- City Department events
  - Wellness Center Open House
  - City Holiday Party
  - Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Others: Garden Fiesta, Pumpkin Palooza, Fresh on Friday @ Central Gardens, Farmer's Market, Earth Day Outdoorfest,... the list goes on...



# Community Events: Color the Wind



- Story Time
- Beverage bar, craft time, and board games
- Presentation "Festivals 'in the wind'"

# Messy Art & Escape Rooms (Covered in the next session)



# Lessons Learned

- Do:
  - Make sure to include “all ages!” on your marketing
  - Visit the schools or other groups and promote programs
  - Be flexible – your first iteration may not be the one that the community wants/needs
- Don't:
  - Get discouraged if nobody shows up... you'll never know all the reasons why it didn't work
  - Overthink it too much
    - Keep it stupid simple
  - Overschedule yourself

# Questions?

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