

Children's Author Janet Lawler—Library Programs

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SPRING PROGRAMS

Valentine's Day / Mother's Day

Featuring *Love Is Real* (HarperCollins 2014). Whimsical foxes, bunnies, and bears celebrate the nature of unconditional love in all the “little things” from sunrise to sunset.

Author will read book and encourage children to ponder how they show love to their families and friends. Craft/activity to be coordinated with media specialist. Children can make cards for Valentine's Day or Mother's Day; they will be provided with cut-outs of animals from book to decorate cards. Washable hand stamp for each child (a “kiss” or a heart).

Depending on time and interest, Author will share her additional “love” books (*If Kisses Were Colors*, *A Mama Bug's Love*, and *A Mother's Song*).

Father's Day

Featuring *A Father's Song* (Sterling, 2006, board ed. 2010). The shared joy of a day in the park highlights the bond between a father and child. “...*an excellent book for reading aloud and sharing one-on-one.*” School Library Journal

Author reads book, encouraging children to join in with noises, hand movements, and sharing about favorite activities with their dads or special adults in their lives.

Craft/activity coordinated with media specialist—card showing favorite parent/child shared activity.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ocean Counting

Early introduction to non-fiction!

Ocean Counting (National Geographic, 2013; named Outstanding Science Trade Book 2014 by Nat'l. Science Teachers Association) is a stunning pre-school introduction to non-fiction and counting. Children will learn about ocean animals and answer questions on every page. They will “go fishing” with simple fishing poles and magnets. Each child will get a washable fish hand stamp.

Curriculum Guide on Author’s website includes Common Core standard references through grade 1; includes activity and math project ideas.

FALL PROGRAMS

A Silly, Silly Halloween

This not-so-scary program for pre-K and K–1 features Author’s two pop-up Halloween books. Kids will wonder what *Silly Ghosts* (Jumping Jack Press 2011) are looking for when they pop out to surprise and entertain. And *Silly Skeletons* (Jumping Jack Press 2013) go trick-or-treating and fool the neighborhood with their very “real” costumes.

Kids will learn a new song as they wiggle and rattle their bones around and make scary faces. Coloring sheet activity coordinated with media specialist—kids color their favorite costume on a skeleton; ghost washable hand stamp for participants.

Rain Forest Colors (any season, but first offered fall 2014)

Rain Forest Colors (National Geographic 2014) is a color concept book that introduces non-fiction and rain forest animals. Children participate as Author reads by answering simple questions and taking a fun “Color Quiz” that involves close looks at some of the fabulous animal photos.

Craft/activity coordinated with media specialist.

WINTER/HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Snowzilla is Coming to Town!

Cami Lou and her brother build the biggest snowman ever, but will they be able to save ***Snowzilla*** (Two Lions Press, 2012) when a judge rules he’s got to go? Conflict resolution and community are themes in this entertaining story, inspired by real facts (a giant Snowzilla in Alaska) that author will share.

Craft activity coordinated with media specialist—three circles and background paper provided; kids create and then color/ sparkle a special snowman.

Time and room permitting, Author will direct a “freeze dance” with tulle snowballs and music. Each child will get a washable snowman hand stamp.

Tyrannoclaus—A Prehistoric Christmas

What better combination—Christmas and dinosaurs! ***Tyrannoclaus*** (HarperCollins, 2009) is wrapping presents when a volcano erupts beneath the workshop on Christmas Eve.

Author will read her prehistoric twist on *The Night before Christmas* and teach children a *Tyrannoclaus* song sung to the tune of “Jingle Bells.” Coloring sheet of final page of book offered as activity coordinated with media specialist.

All Individual Programs: \$250

Books available for sale and autographing depending on library policy.

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