

Fall 2011

Waukesha Public Library

Programs for Children & Families

My Dog May Be a Genius

By Jack Prelutsky

My dog may be a genius,
and in fact there's little doubt.
He recognizes many words,
unless I spell them out.
If I so much as whisper "walk,"
he hurries off at once
to fetch his leash...it's evident
my dog is not a dunce.

I can't say "food" in front of him,
I spell f-o-o-d,
and he goes wild unless I spell
his t-r-e-a-t.
But recently this tactic
isn't working out too well.
I think my d-o-g has learned
to s-p-e-l-l.

By Jack Prelutsky
from his book *My Dog May Be a Genius*.
Greenwillow Books, 2008



The Game's Afoot at the Library!

The book selected for this year's Waukesha Reads! community-wide reading event is **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, a Sherlock Holmes mystery by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This wonderful classic of masterful detection and bone-chilling suspense involves an ancient curse on the Baskerville family descendants and a giant hound haunting the misty moors of England. The Library's Children's Department joins in the community celebration of this book with a day of mysteries and puzzles for the whole family to solve.



Saturday, October 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join a **Mystery Scavenger Hunt** – play Mystery Book Bingo, create fingerprint art, design your own secret code and learn about real crime scene investigations. Come find out about some of the great mystery stories you can take home to enjoy!

Activities will be on-going.

Drop by to help solve the mysteries!

Adults be sure to pick up a free copy of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* at the first-floor Reference Desk, available as long as they last. Kids may pick up a list of recommended books for children based on the themes and setting of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* at the Children's Desk.

Everyone can join in Waukesha Reads!

■ SCHOOL'S OUT! ■ SCHOOL'S OUT! ■ SCHOOL'S OUT! ■

A Mouse Tale of Mystery!

Thursday, October 27

Show time: 2:00 p.m.

Free tickets available 45 minutes in advance at Children's Desk.

Can you guess the title of this mystery movie? Based on the children's book series *Basil of Baker Street* by Eve Titus, this Disney animation draws heavily on the tradition of Sherlock Holmes with a heroic mouse who emulates the famous detective.

Fun Fact: Titus named the main character after actor Basil Rathbone, who is best remembered for playing Holmes in classic films.

No registration required. Seating may be limited.

Kohl's Wild Theater

Friday, October 28

Show time: 2:00 p.m.

Free tickets available 45 minutes in advance at Children's Desk.

The wild animals of Wisconsin talk and sing through the magic of theater! Milwaukee County Zoo and Kohl's Department Stores present a live, interactive show that promotes conservation through drama, puppetry, games and songs.

No registration required. Seating may be limited

Read to Rover

Curl up with a dog & a good book!

Ages 4-10 years.
Registration Required.



In the *Read to Rover* program, children read stories to a dog and the dog loves listening! The dogs help turn the reading environment into a non-threatening place where children can read for the fun of it! There is no risk of being embarrassed when a child mispronounces a word, reads at a slow speed or does not comprehend the exact meaning of sentences. Pet therapy combined with children's literacy! What a perfect fit!

The dogs who volunteer for *Read to Rover* have been trained and tested for health, safety, appropriate skills and temperament. Many of the dogs are registered therapy animals. The *Read to Rover* dogs volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team.

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25

Children may read to the dog for 10-15 minutes.
After-school sessions from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Evening sessions from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration opens Monday, September 19.
You may register for up to three sessions.
Register at the Children's Desk or call 262-524-3692.

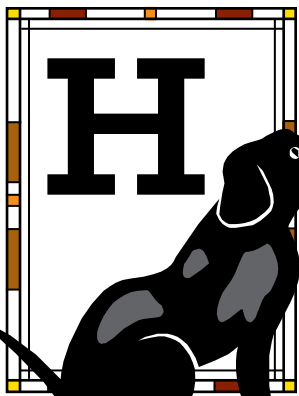
A WRITER ONLY BEGINS A BOOK. A READER FINISHES IT.
—Samuel Johnson

PLAYGROUP at the LIBRARY

For parents and other adults with children birth to three years.

Fridays, September 9 – November 4
10:30 a.m. to Noon

An opportunity for parents to meet and talk with other parents of small children while the little ones play safely under their parents' supervision. Drop-in and find infant toys to play with and board books to read and check out. An opportunity to make friends for you and your baby!



Hound



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Books Too Good to Miss!

An early childhood literacy workshop for those who work with and care for young children.

Monday, December 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Required registration begins Mon., Nov. 7. Call the Children's Dept. at 262-524-3692.

Continuing Education Hours Available

The entire workshop will be devoted to sharing new and can't miss books for young children. Library staff will present some of the best new books, as well as some old favorites and share ways to use them in your classroom and circle-time activities. This is an additional, slightly shorter version of our annual Spring workshop for teachers, day-care providers and early childhood educators and parents.

BOOKLEGGERS!

"Bookleggers" (NOT Bootleggers!) offers 4th, 5th & 6th graders a smorgasbord of books to tempt their reading appetites.

The **Bookleggers** (Waukesha Public Library children's staff and trained book-savvy volunteers) can be "booked" to go out to 4th, 5th & 6th grade classrooms in area schools (or scout meetings or afterschool programs etc.) to "book-talk" (a short, engaging "advertisement") choice books for kids.

Bookleggers is based on the simple fact that "the more you read, the better you read!" Ideally, we want children to choose reading as something they enjoy. But children, just like adults, will choose what they are familiar with. We're offering a chance for kids to get to know a variety of books at their reading level and to hear about the books from people who love books and reading. Then the kids will have a reading "shopping list" they are excited about the next time they visit their library.

To schedule a **Booklegger** visit to your classroom or group meeting, please call the Waukesha Public Library's Children's Desk at 262-524-3692.

Sing-along Favorite Songs

with Miss Vicki

Friday, November 18, 1:30 p.m.

On loan to us from Brookfield Public Library, the talented Children's Librarian, Vicki Brostrom, will share lots of childhood favorites. This Sing-along is open to all ages. No registration (or even a good singing voice) required!

Cuentos con Señora Sally

Spanish Language Storytimes.

Optimum ages 3-6 years, but all ages welcome.

Fridays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28; 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Viernes, Septiembre 30, Octubre 7, 14, 21, 28; 7:00 a 7:30 de la noche
Cuentos en Español para familias.

Para edades 3 a 6 años, pero todas edades pueden venir.

Drop-in Storytimes

No registration required.

Stories Alive for 3-5s

Thursdays

September 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6

9:30–10:00 a.m.

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Children should be 3 years by Sept. 8 to participate.

Pajama-rama!

Evening Storytimes with

Kathy Luck & Charlie Snail

Wednesdays, September 21– October 26

7:00–7:30 p.m.

For all children up to age 8 years and their families. (Bring a pillow, wear your old fuzzy slippers—Pajama attire is optional—but FUN!)

TGIF Storybreak

Celebrate the end of the week!

Fridays, September 9–October 21, December 2 & 16

1:30–2:00 p.m.

Optimum ages 3-5 years, but all ages are welcome.

11-11-11 @ 11 a.m.!

Friday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.

10 + 1 = Stories + Fun We're going to prove on this unique date that STORIES COUNT!

For children 3–6 years and an accompanying adult.

Registered Storytimes For Little Ones

To register call 262-524-3692 or stop by the Children's Desk.

Time for Two's

Children should be 2 years by November 7 to participate.

Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 & December 5

9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29 & December 6

9:30–10:00 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, October 10.

Baby & Me – Lapsit Storytimes

For one-year-olds & accompanying adult.

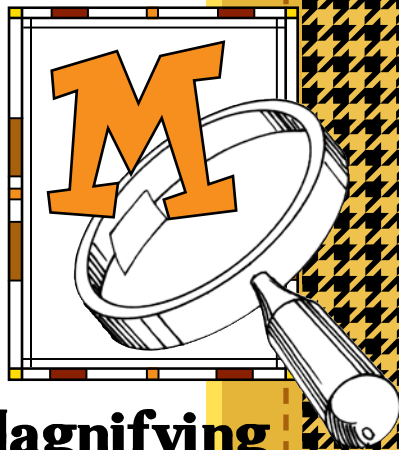
Storytimes include a chance for conversations with child development specialist, Cheri Riehle, on topics of importance to families with young children.

Mondays, October 3–31

9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, September 12.

Child should be one-year old by October 3 to participate.



Magnifying Glass

Teen Fall Library 2011

Teen Zone

Teen Tuesday EVENTS

Teen Tuesday events will be held in the Teen Zone at 3:30 p.m. All other teen events and group meetings will be held in the Community Room.

Teens in 7–12 grade are welcome!
Snacks will be provided for each event!

September 13

Teen Tuesday – Back to School Super Mario Party

October 7

Waukesha Reads Teen Movie Night

6:00 p.m.

October 11

Teen Tuesday – Mario Kart

November 8

Teen Tuesday

Cupcake Decorating

The Library's teen groups meet once a month throughout the year:

Teen Advisory Group

Meets the last Tuesday of the month (Jan–Nov), 6 p.m.

Teen Book Club

Meets the last Tuesday of the month (Jan–Nov), 7 p.m.

Teen Manga & Anime Club

Meets the third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

We welcome the opportunity to serve people with disabilities. If you or your child require a program to be in an accessible format, please call 262-524-3746 at least 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

Waukesha Public Library

321 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186

Children's Services: (262) 524-3692

HOURS Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (School Yr.)

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Summer)

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Oct-Apr)

www.waukesha.lib.wi.us