

FALL 2017
CALENDAR OF EVENTS/RESOURCE GUIDE



THINKING
OUT LOUD

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child.”

Here are proven techniques you can use to teach your child that reading is valuable and enjoyable.

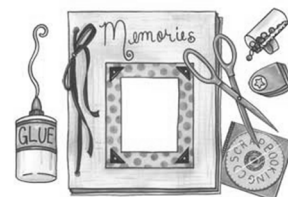
- Set a good example as a reader - let kids see you reading every day.
- Get a subscription in his or her name to an age-appropriate magazine for your child. When relatives and others ask for gift ideas, suggest magazine subscriptions, books, or a book store gift certificate.
- Make reading fun - a time that you and your children look forward to spending together.
- Check out *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease (New York: Penguin Books, 1995). It’s loaded with fun tips and reading recommendations.
- Keep lots of books, magazines, and newspapers around the house. Visit the library often and shop for books at garage and yard sales, swap meets, and used bookstores.
- Don’t fret if “Captain Underpants” has captivated your child rather than *Robinson Crusoe*. The important thing: he’s reading! Encourage it and he’s likely to move on to more sophisticated titles as he gets older.

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CREATING MEMORIES ~ CONNECTING THE GENERATIONS

How often have you wondered about your ancestors—who they were, how they felt about the times in which they lived, what made them happy or sad, what hardships they faced in raising a family, or what hopes and dreams they had? You can’t take for granted that you or your older family members will be there “tomorrow” to share memories of your childhood with your own children.



Start today to preserve your family’s history and personalities. You can begin by collecting oral biographies of family members and friends. All you need is a notebook and pen, or a tape recorder. Then, create a few questions to start off the interview. Make this a family project by getting others involved in thinking up questions ahead of time. You might ask questions such as, “Do you remember any members of your family who were real “characters”? Or “Tell us about your favorite game you liked to play as a child.”

Some of you may be saying that your family wouldn’t be interested. Maybe they aren’t interested now, but when someone is gone, the stories and experiences not shared are lost forever.

You can begin to preserve your family’s own life history by doing the following:

- Come up with a set of questions that you can answer about your own life. Put your answers down on paper or record them. You don’t have to be a great writer or storyteller to do this. You may be able to find a special book with questions already written where all you have to do is record your answers in the book. Ask at your local library or bookstore.
- Begin a journal and encourage other members of your family to do the same.
- Record stories you hear at family gatherings. Holidays and reunions are ideal times to do your collecting because a story from one person often triggers another person to share one.
- Pull out some old photos and write names and dates on the back. Put them in an album and include a few comments beside the picture in the album. Make sure you number the photo lightly on the front and have the same corresponding number on your note just in case the two get separated.
- Share a special story behind a family “treasure” that you are planning to give to a young family member. Keeping the story alive associated with the object is often as valuable to a family as the object itself.
- Create a family memory book by giving each person pages in a scrapbook to fill with objects that trigger memories for them. Then put each family member’s pages together. Younger children can do this, too, with a little help. Your family will be strengthened through your efforts.

TIME TOGETHER

Three ways to improve communication with your child:

1. Watch a television show or movie together. Ask your child what he or she thinks of the messages and values presented in the show.
2. Take your child out for breakfast. Talk about what is on your child’s mind.
3. Schedule time each week for family meeting to talk about plans, concerns, celebrations

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**COMING
EVENTS**

Coats for Kids

October 1– 19
 Please donate your new or “gently” used coat, for kids of all sizes. You can “Make a Difference!”



Nov. 1 – Dec.30

**Keep It Together
Annual Fundraising Drive**

Celebrate Families
Holiday Festival
 December 9,
 1pm-4pm



At Community Center
 Crafts and gifts to make,
 gingerbread cookies to deco-
 rate, Santa Claus, Christmas
 Trees, food, lots of fun.

All Free

SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thanks to all of our partners, we had the opportunity to celebrate with our community and their families this summer by joining together for a couple of great events that we have done for many years and one new event.

Free Fish Day was the first of this summer’s events which drew 233 excited anglers to our local reservoir. Experienced and inexperienced anglers of all ages took their chance at hooking the “BIG ONE”. We’d like to acknowledge the Izaak Walton League, Silverton Kiwanis, Silverton Lions, City of Silverton, and ODFW for their contributions.



Home Garden Tour was our second and new event of the summer. We partnered with the Silverton Garden Club to present a self-guided tour of 8 locations in and around Silverton. Participants got to explore beautiful home gardens. Learn from other enthusiasts and find some of the hidden treasures in “Oregon’s Garden City”.



The **Community Picnic** was this summer’s third successful event. The Silverton Senior Center, Silverton Kiwanis, City of Silverton, Silver Falls YMCA, Portrait Express, Safeway, CASA, the winners of Silverton’s GOT Talent Show and others all joined with Silverton Together to make this event a memorable one for families. Dinner, live music, swimming, bingo, family photos, fun activities, and helpful information was **all free** because of these wonderful organizations.

Thanks again to all who got involved to make these events so successful!

APPLE TREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



This year’s Apple Tree Crew gathered an awesome amount of school supplies to help about 1,000 kids. We collected at least 95% of the supplies the schools requested.

The Apple Tree School Supplies Drive was started seventeen years ago as a youth leadership program. We are very proud of all the students who have participated in the program over the years. The members of the Apple Crew this summer were: Ameerah & Jasmine Aguirre, Daniela and Monse Aguirre-Teeman, Hannah Barrett, Naiya Brown, Carolina Gaspar, Kenzie & Sami Hudson, Nate & Rachel Kurns, Amber Ross, Arianna Sanchez, Cherise White and Jessica Zhao.

Please tell these students how much you appreciate the wonderful job they completed this summer. **THANK YOU!**



Upcoming Parenting Workshops

How many times have you asked yourself questions about your children’s behavior? Questions like: “How can I do everything to get ready for Christmas?” or “Bill & Cindi won’t quit tattling on each other. What am I to do?” or “How can I control their cell phones when I’m not there?” Questions like these will be answered at one of our upcoming Saturday Workshops from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Community Center, 421 S. Water St. We will provide free childcare and refreshments.

- October 7 Sibling Rivalry
- November 4 Enjoy the Holidays ~ Manage Your Stress
- January 20 Talking & Listening to Your Child
- February 17 Navigating Social Media

For more information or to register, please contact Silverton Together at 503-873-0405 or janh@wavecable.com