



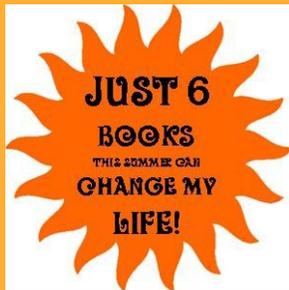
Energizing Education

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Upcoming Events:

August 4: Jackson County Fair
 Tour Time TBA
 We'll tour the barns and educational sites at the fair! After the event, you're free to explore the fair on your own. Admission to the fair and \$5 food voucher provided for each attendee.
 RSVP REQUIRED.



August 20: Pool Party
 5:30pm
 Let's CELEBRATE!
 You read all summer long, now it's time to party and play in the pool! Books, games, and dinner provided.
 (Parkside)

Burning Through the Pages!

Our Burning Through the Pages summer programming continues to blaze on this summer! Funded with additional grants for summer programming from Dollar General, the Burning Through the Pages campaign aims to make sure students read at least six books throughout the summer, as studies show that's all it can take to prevent students from backsliding in reading level over the summer.



On July 9th, JPS families gathered at the Middle School at Parkside for Mystery Family Night. Families worked out mysteries together using clues throughout the library and the school. Every child got to pick out their own detective kit to take home, as well as a book of their own! Jackson District Library also brought in materials for



families to browse through and check out, even registering a few new library cards!

For Comedy Night on July 23rd, festivities moved to Frost Elementary, where special guest Rosco the Clown put on a show for families. After the show, Rosco taught the older students how to tell a joke while younger students did a craft and parents had a quick lesson on literacy strategies for the home. After an excellent dinner of cheeseburgers and veggie burgers, every attending family received a joke book, balloon animals from Rosco, and, as always, every student went home with their own book!



Mentor Spotlight



Name: Sheila Troxel
Business: CP Federal Credit Union
Why did you volunteer?: I thought it would be fun to help a young person develop a passion for reading and who knows? I might learn a few things too! Reading is so crucial to everything we do, that I wanted to help a child seek out answers to their questions, explore new worlds and not believe everything that they are told to believe just because they saw it on TV.
Why is reading important to you?: Reading gives me knowledge and knowledge gives me the power to make good choices. Reading helps me learn more about a subject or issue so that I

can form my own conclusion. Reading helps me visualize the story, which is not often how a director of the movie version sees the story.

Favorite Book Growing Up: I read the usual Nancy Drew books, Boxcar children, Beverly Cleary and Judy Bloom books too. But if I had to pick a favorite...I would say the World Book Encyclopedia – they had, as part of the series, a book that explained how things were made.

Favorite Novel Now: Wow, that's a toughie as I have eclectic tastes...I'm currently reading an autobiography, Margaret Thatcher: The Downing Street Years...Last summer, I read all of Kathy Reich's books as I couldn't seem to put them down. AND I loved the Harry Potter series too!



Fall Volunteer Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
8/13	1:00-3:00 pm	Imagination Library	United Way Conference Room A
8/14	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	CAA Conference Room
8/19	8:00-10:00 am	Imagination Library	UW Conference Room A
8/20	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Tutor	UW Conference Room A
8/21	4:00-6:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for Trained Tutors	CAA Conference Room
8/22	10:00am-12:00 pm	EE Tutor	UW Conference Room D
8/26	10:00am-12:00 pm	EE Tutor	Reynolds Hall
8/27	1:00-3:00 pm	EE/level 2 for Trained Tutors	Reynolds Hall
8/28	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	CAA Conference Room
9/3	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/4	4:00-6:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for Trained Tutors	Frost Room 38
9/5	8:00-10:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/9	11:00am-1:00pm	Imagination Library	CAA Conference Room
9/10	1:00-3:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for trained tutors	CAA Conference Room
9/12	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Reynolds Hall
9/19	9:00-11:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/23	8:00-10:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/25	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38

Jackson Grand Slam

Some Energizing Education tutors and their students went beyond the classroom this month when they attended the United Way's Annual Jackson Grand Slam on July 14th alongside Big Brothers Big Brothers mentors and their Littles. Our students were excited to see their Mentors during summer break, and the outing was a great success! Many thanks to Big Brothers Big Sisters and the United Way for including our students in this fun tradition!



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To volunteer for next school year:

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