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Letter from the Editor

Getting Involved

By Dara Kasza



Hello Mama's, Happy Fall!

Fall is my favorite time of the year: family gatherings, cozying up by the fire and a renewed sense of wanting to give back.. November is the month most people volunteer at a soup kitchen or donate their time and it normally continues into December but volunteerism dramatically declines starting in January. My goal in focusing this month on Community Involvement and not just Giving Thanks is in hopes of sparking an interested to not only get involved this month, at soup kitchens and donating, but to stay involved in the community all year round and show our children that giving back is an essential part of having strong core values. When families reach out to help others, their children learn that this is a natural response. After all, the word “humane” is a variant of the word “human.” The definition of “humane” includes *demonstrating better aspects of the human character such as kindness and compassion and showing respect for other people's views.* The word used to define us also describes the qualities essential to forging a society based on mutual regard. And science tells us that giving makes us happy, from toddler on up.

There are many creative ways to volunteer based on local needs and your child's interests.

Does your child love grandma and grandpas? I have spoke to Golden Living on Hoen Ave and they have plenty or well witted folks who would love to chat with or even just watch a toddler play. If you can't make they time to stay, they would love holiday cards or well wished for some of the patients who don't have family around.

Does your child love animals? Do you have extra blankets or soft toys your children do not use anymore? Please bring them to the Humane Society so the animals there can have something to lay on and play with. Bonus! A wonderful rainy day activity to pet all the dogs/cats/bunnies!

Does your child love G.I. Joe? Draw a nice picture and bring it to the post office to send to overseas for the men and woman who cannot make it home for the holidays.

Does your child love the park? Great, bring a big bag and some gloves next time you go and see who can pick up the most trash!

Does your child love your neighbors? It can be as simple and baking some cookies and brining them over for no reason, just to be kind.

“Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits, Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

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COMING NEXT: December: Planes, Trains and Autos

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Letter from the Executive Board

Best Wishes

Maitreyi Siruguri



Dear Friends,

As I write this note the national elections are still a few weeks away so the dust hasn't settled there yet. While that's ongoing, quite honestly I feel like I got hit by a different hurricane this fall called Kindergarten compounded by a flood of soccer practices and games and as if it needed to be taken to the next level of the Spartan Challenge, I had a couple of months of sickness thrown my way. (I really wish there was a Proposition to ban moms from falling sick.) While my oldest has been handling that routine, my youngest started a couple of mornings of preschool, all of which has meant adjusting to a new pace of life! I really didn't know the intensity of what I was getting into when all this was lining up on my calendar! After the start of the K routine (6 and a half hour days), I must say I have such a refreshed, glorious perspective on the first five years of childhood!

I remember how pregnancy and birth significantly slowed down my days and as a stay-home mom I really dwelled in that stillness of feeding an infant or the carefree spirit of playing endlessly with my toddler under a tree. A part of me sighs when I think back but another part excitedly looks forward to the abundance of life's experiences.

With so much going on over the last couple of months, it has been challenging to take on much more. However, this is the time I feel doubly grateful for having a team of moms who kept the wheels rolling at the Club. Be it new member play dates, playgroups, kids outings, dine and donate fundraisers, mom's outings, meals for moms, the monthly magazine, posting meeting minutes, membership enrolments, book keeping - a whole spate of things has been taken care of by our awesome Board Members! A big Thank You to all of you for your commitment to the Santa Rosa Mothers' Club, helping our community of moms grow and feel more connected. It's also heartening to see so many members participating actively in discussions on our online forum, helping answer each other's queries as well as taking initiative to get our community of moms to meet.

Thank you ALL! Stay tuned for more events as we roll into 2017!

Here's wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families and much cheer for the holidays! I for one am thrilled to be traveling to India with the kids to meet our families and celebrate my grandfather's 90th birthday!

Greetings and Best wishes,
Maitreyi

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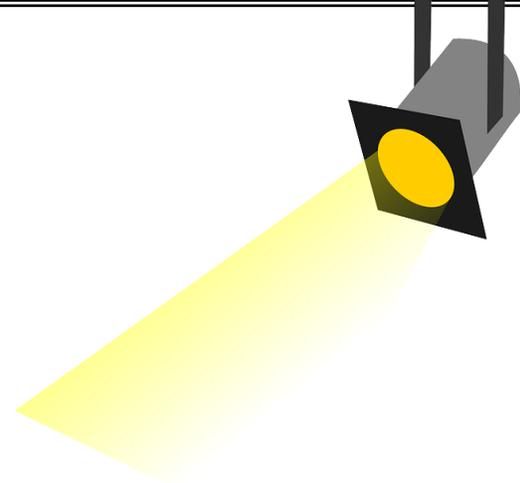
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Where are you originally from? I grew up in North Potomac, Maryland, a suburb outside of Washington D.C. Before the age of 7 I lived in Rochester, New York and Naperville, Illinois.

Tell us about your family: My husband and I met in college and began dating 3 years after graduating. We got married in Sayulita, Mexico in 2010 and have been living in San Francisco for 11 years. Early 2016, we bought a home on the river in Healdsburg and we love going up there with our 14 month old daughter, Olive, and our two Boston terriers, Burrito and Chip. My former first grade students liked to point out that all of our kids have food names:). My parents recently moved from the D.C. area to Sonoma Square to be closer to their only granddaughter! I'm also close with my older brother, Tim, who is single and living in Dallas, Texas.

What TV Show/Book/Music are you loving right this minute? Right now I'm watching Stranger Things on Netflix and am eagerly awaiting the next season of House of Cards. My guilty pleasures are Real Housewives and Below Deck on Bravo:). I'm also reading *My Brilliant Friend*, by Italian author Elena Ferrante.

What is your favorite place to go with your family? In recent years we've made it a tradition to travel internationally during Christmas time. We especially loved Buenos Aires and Bogotá, and headed to Paris and Madrid this year. We look forward to planning this trip all year, but we love to explore in general! Our favorite local place is our house on the river because it's peaceful and we actually have outdoor space, unlike our apartment in SF!

What's your dream job? I think it would be cool to have Anthony Bourdain's job! Travelling all over the world and trying all kinds of food on the show, *Parts Unknown*?! Pretty awesome:)



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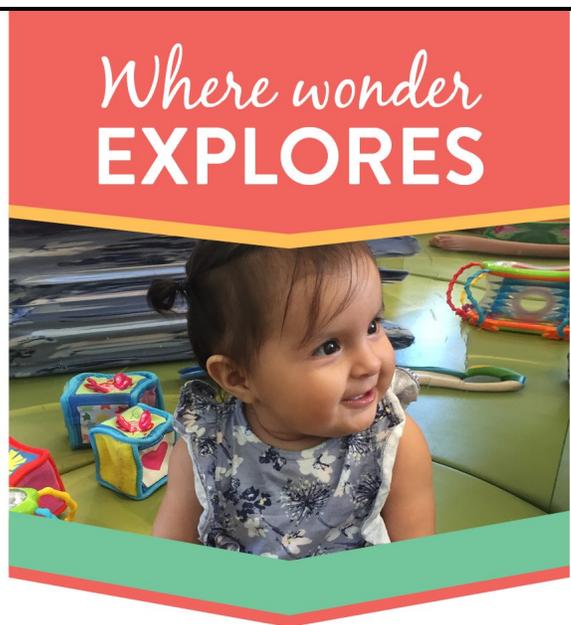
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SRMC Committee Update

Committee Spotlight: Community Involvement

Meet one of the Steering Committee
Chairs : Bronwen Arthur



Why is the committee important to you?

I think it's important for the SRMC to be part of the larger community. I know for me, between kids, work, and everything else, it's easy to get caught up in my own little world. Being part of community service is one of the ways I try to stay engaged and hopefully do some good too!

How do you know you are making a difference?

I'm not quite sure I know how to answer this question, but I can share one of my favorite community service experiences from last year. After the Valley Fire in September, I was looking for ways to be of help. We collected some items for donation. (The SRMC Facebook group was a great way to coordinate this). And some of us also volunteered at the evacuation center in Calistoga and elsewhere. Members volunteered according to their own schedules, but a couple of us went over to Calistoga with our daughters to volunteer one day after school. It was really inspiring to be volunteering with my daughter and be part of a community of people coming together to help.

What input are you looking for from SRMC members?

As I've been thinking about community service, in the coming year I'd like to pursue more opportunities to join into existing service activities, rather than starting our own. This could look like helping with an immediate need (as in the case of the Valley Fire), joining together to participate in a scheduled creek cleanup, or...whatever club members are most passionate about! That's what I'd like to know from SRMC members. Do you work at an organization that could use volunteers? Is there an organization you'd like us to partner with on an activity? A volunteer event that would be great for families? Let me know!

If an SRMC mom wanted to be a volunteer for your committee, how would she know she was a good fit?

I think anyone who is wanting a way to get more involved in the community, and looking for that nudge that will get them out the door to do it, is a great fit. The opportunities are limited only by the time and energy we can bring to this.

What can SRMC members expect from your committee?

Over the next year, I'd like to coordinate a few opportunities for members to volunteer together. I'd like to target those opportunities based on member interest. If we have a core group of regular volunteers, perhaps we could make a monthly commitment with a local organization. If not, we could take part in occasional activities in the community. Let me know what you'd like to do!

Come Volunteer for SRMC!

Volunteering is a great way to fill that gap in your resume and connect with other interesting moms, while helping one of the best resources in Sonoma—SRMC!

*SRMC Committee Chairs have their SRMC Membership Fee waived for 12 months after one year of successfully volunteering.

Recipe Mama

Chicken Noodle Casserole



"Creamy chicken and noodle casserole topped with crushed crackers. Wonderful as leftovers topped with melted cheese!"

Ingredients

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1 onion chopped
2 garlic cloves
6 ounces egg noodles
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 half bag of frozen pea
1 cup frozen or fresh broccoli
1 cup sour cream
salt to taste
ground black pepper to taste
1 cup crumbled buttery round crackers
1/2 cup butter

Directions

Poach chicken in a large pot of simmering water. Cook until no longer pink in center, about 12 minutes. Remove from pot and set aside. Bring chicken cooking water to a boil and cook pasta in it. Drain. Cut chicken into small pieces, and mix with noodles.

In a separate bowl, mix together mushroom soup, chicken soup, onions, garlic, peas and broccoli and sour cream. Season with salt and pepper. Gently stir together cream soup mixture with the chicken mixture. Place in a 2 quart baking dish.

Melt butter in a small saucepan, and remove from heat. Stir in crumbled crackers. Top casserole with the buttery crackers.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 30 minutes, until heated through and browned on top.

Have a recipe you love and is kid friendly? Please send to me at editor@santarosamothersclub.org



Why use playdates and playgroups for your children?

Playdates are great for kids! They learn how to interact with other kids, they learn how to share, and just how to get along in general. And it gives parents a great opportunity to connect with other adults to talk about parenting, but also to talk about things totally unrelated to being a parent, which is refreshing.

Using a playdate as an opportunity for parents and children alike is important, experts say. But before you get out your calendar and start making calls to other parents, it's important to understand playdate etiquette. Remember that there's more to it than just scheduling a time, date, and place to meet. Age, frequency, and location are just a few of the important factors to take into consideration when you're planning your little one's social calendar.

Playdates with a Purpose by Margaret Lamar

Looking for a way to give to your community and host a playdate? Here are some ideas!

Color a Smile!

Donate cheerful drawings to spread smiles. The nonprofit collects hundreds of colorful, cheerful crayon drawings by children and distributes them to nursing homes, Meals On Wheels and individuals across the country who are in need of a smile. Host a coloring playdate and let the kids go crazy—just be sure to follow the simple guidelines provided on the Color A Smile website (avoid phrases like "get well," no glitter or glue, etc.). They even have the coloring pages for you to print out! Explain that their pictures will go to people in need of some comfort and joy. See their website for more details: <http://colorasmile.org/> You can also contact the local Meals on Wheels organization to donate your drawing directly to them and spread some local smiles!

Send a Birthday-in-a-Box!

Lots of kids celebrate birthdays with presents, candles, and cake. Unfortunately, many children don't get those treats on their big day. The Birthday Giving Project looks to help all kids celebrate in style by sending boxes with decorations, cake frosting, candles, a book, and a small toy to communities in need. Have each person bring a different item to the playdate and pack your box! Check out <http://www.family-to-family.org/> and click on The Birthday Giving Project to get more details.

Diaper Drive

Local women's shelters are always in need of baby supplies. Have your playdates bring diapers, wipes, and other items that your local shelter has specified (their needs change somewhat but some items are always on the list). Usually, there are items moms need too (toiletries, feminine products, underwear, etc.). In Santa Rosa, check out The Living Room for a list of items needed by women and children in our local community. <http://www.thelivingroomsc.org/>

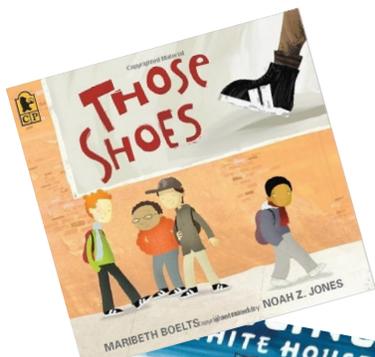
Interested in joining, co-leading or leading a playgroup within SRMC?

If so, please contact playgroups@santarosamothersclub.org

Books for Kids: Community

By Margaret Lamar

Books about kindness, gratefulness, and community offer our children a chance to learn about their impact on the world around them.



Those Shoes. Ages 5-8

All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. Though Jeremy's grandma says they don't have room for "want," just "need," when his old shoes fall apart at school, he is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small. But sore feet aren't much fun, and Jeremy soon sees that the things he has — warm boots, a loving grandma, and the chance to help a friend — are worth more than the things he wants.

Little Blue Truck. Ages 1-7

Beep! Beep! Beep! Meet Blue. A muddy country road is no match for this little pick-up—that is, until he gets stuck while pushing a dump truck out of the muck. Luckily, Blue has made a pack of farm animal friends along his route. And they're willing to do whatever it takes to get their pal back on the road.

With a text full of truck sounds and animal noises to read aloud, here is a rollicking homage to the power of friendship and the rewards of helping others.

The Mitten Tree. Ages 3-6

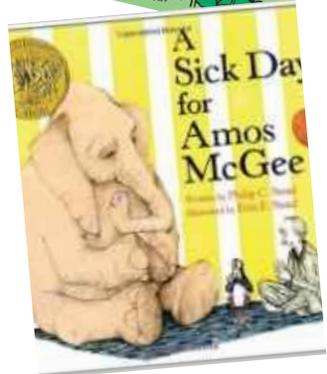
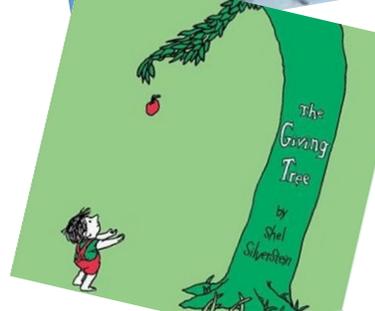
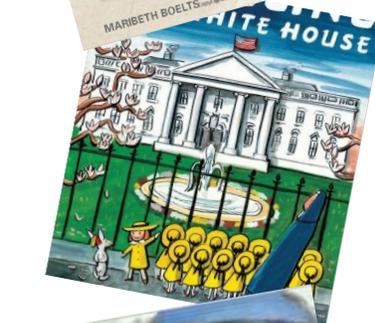
One snowy day an elderly woman, Sarah, watches children gathering at the bus stop. While they never seem to notice her, she notices them, especially one little boy who has no mittens. That night, Sarah knits the boy a pair of cozy mittens and places them on the blue spruce tree for him to discover. It soon becomes a game, with the children looking for new mittens on the mysterious tree every morning, and Sarah joyfully knitting new ones each night. With its touching message and delightful illustrations, adults and children will enjoy this intergenerational tale for years to come.

The Giving Tree. Ages 1-8

"Once there was a tree ... and she loved a little boy." So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk ... and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee. Ages 2-6.

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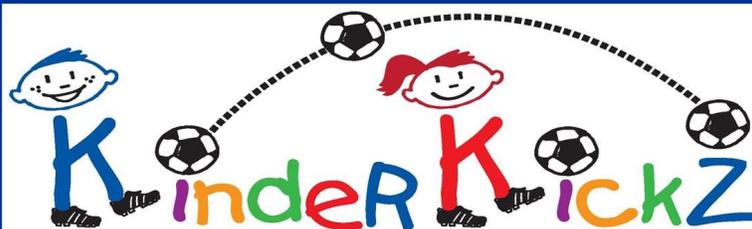


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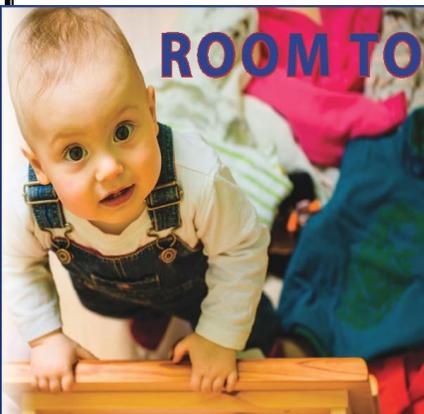
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Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and simple stories for your active toddler! Toddler Time lasts 20-30 minutes followed by playtime. Toddler Time is free and no registration required. For children ages 18-35 months, with a caregiver.

Babytime (0-17 months)

11:15am

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
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Delight and stimulate your baby's senses with bouncing rhymes, songs, fingerplays and simple books! Babytime lasts 20 minutes followed by playtime. Babytime is free and no registration required. For children ages 0-17 months, with a caregiver.

November 2, 2016

Wee Read

11:00am

Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Songs, rhymes, fingerplays and simple stories for babies and toddlers and their caregiver. Wee Read lasts 20-30 minutes and is followed by playtime. Wee Read is free and no registration required. For children 0-35 months.

Preschool Storytime

11:00am

Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Nurture in your preschooler a love of books, listening skills, and interaction with others! Preschool Storytime lasts 30 minutes and includes longer stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and songs followed by playtime. For children ages 3-5, with a caregiver.

November 3, 2016

Preschool Storytime

11:00am

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
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November 4, 2016

Zoppe Family Circus

4:00pm to 6:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Crazy, Awesome Science! CMOSC

2:00pm

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Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

10:30am

Northwest Santa Rosa Library
Event Address:
150 Coddington Center
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Join us for Family Storytime at Northwest Library. We'll read some stories, sing some songs, and use our imaginations! These fun librarian-led storytimes will model the everyday practices -- talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing -- that will help your child get ready to read. For families with kids ages 0-5, with a parent or caregiver. In the Children's Room at Northwest Library.

November 5, 2016

Zoppe Family Circus

4:00pm to 6:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds
175 Fairgrounds Drive
Petaluma, California 94952

Come one, come all--the circus is coming to Petaluma! Join the Zoppè Family Circus for this family-friendly, unique event in the heart of Sonoma County. The Zoppè Family Circus welcomes guests into the intimate 500 seat tent for a one-ring circus that honors the best history of the Old-World Italian tradition. Starring Nino the clown, the circus is propelled by a central story (as opposed to individual acts) that feature acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning, and plenty of audience participation. Giovanni Zoppè, the sixth-generation circus performer who plays Nino, says the show aims higher than what passes for circuses these days. \$18-\$25.

Science Saturday at Environmental Discovery Center

1:00pm to 3:00pm

FREE. Tangible experiments & projects let children explore the natural world. Every first Sat. 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Event is free. Parking \$7. 393 Violet Rd., Santa Rosa.

Hora de Cuentos para Niños/Bilingual Storytime (edades/ages 0-5)

10:15am to 11:00am

Roseland Community Library
779 Sebastopol Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

¡Bienvenidos a la Hora de Cuentos para Niños en español e inglés!
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ASTRONAUT LULLABIES Planetarium Concert

3:00pm to 4:00pm

SRJC Planetarium, Lark Hall
1501 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

Expect a heart expanding, multi-sensory journey as a live planetarium show is choreographed to Jim and Kathy Oceans' thought-rocking collection of original astronomy inspired "space music." From "Sugar in Space" to "Coming of Age in the Milky Way," you are invited to contemplate our place in space on our "pale blue dot" home world. Come see why Examiner.com called ASTRONAUT LULLABIES "out of this world." \$10-\$15.

Sunday Boating at the Barn

10:00am to 1:00pm

Free. Volunteers help you try a non-motorized vessel—canoe, kayak, rowboat, or sailboat—on the Petaluma River. Open year-round. Sundays. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. David Yearsley River Heritage Center. Copeland & D Streets, Petaluma.

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November 8, 2016

Toddler Time (18-35 months)

10:30am

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Babytime (0-17 months)

11:15am

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November 9, 2016

Wee Read

11:00am

Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Songs, rhymes, fingerplays and simple stories for babies and toddlers and their caregiver. Wee Read lasts 20-30 minutes and is followed by playtime. Wee Read is free and no registration required. For children 0-35 months.

Preschool Storytime

11:00am

Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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November 10, 2016

Preschool Storytime

11:00am

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November 11, 2016

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November 12, 2016

Hora de Cuentos para Niños/Bilingual Storytime (edades/ages 0-5)

10:15am to 11:00am

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November 13, 2016

Brick Palooza

9:00am to 5:00pm

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95404

There will be fun for the whole family at Brick Palooza - Northern California's only LEGO Festival! Check out a huge exhibition of LEGO art, play areas, and hands on activity booths. Vendors will be selling all kinds of LEGO related products and services. From new and used sets, to vintage and classic. Bulk LEGO by the pound, individual minifigures, jewelry, t-shirts, and so much more! Take your imagination to the Building Zone, try out the interactive Modular Castle, or take a break in the Theatre Room, where The LEGO Movie and Brickumentary will be showing. Don't miss the robotics and hands on stop motion demonstrations. Food and drink will be available. \$10 (Children 4 and under are free)

Sunday Boating at the Barn

10:00am to 1:00pm

Free. Volunteers help you try a non-motorized vessel—canoe, kayak, rowboat, or sailboat—on the Petaluma River. Open year-round. Sundays. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. David Yearsley River Heritage Center. Copeland & D Streets, Petaluma.

November 15, 2016

Toddler Time (18-35 months)

10:30am

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Babytime (0-17 months)

11:15am

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November 16, 2016

Wee Read

11:00am

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6959 Montecito Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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Preschool Storytime

11:00am

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November 17, 2016

Preschool Storytime

11:00am

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Fire! Fire!

4:00pm

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Santa Rosa Firefighters suit up and read fire stories! Then it's all aboard to have a look at the Fire truck! For children 2 - 6 years old and their parents. Free!

November 18, 2016

Crazy, Awesome Science! CMOSC

2:00pm

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Family Movie Night 4:00pm to 5:45pm

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Come join the Central Library at this monthly

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movie series every 3rd Friday night!
There will be snacks and family fun movies to enjoy!

November 19, 2016

International Games Day!

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

The Central Library joins thousands in celebrating the popularity and power of games and play! Come join us at 1:00pm on November 19th! The library will join over a thousand libraries around the world on November 19, 2016, for the ninth annual celebration of gaming in libraries – International Games Day @ Your Library. Like so many other libraries across the country and around the world, The Central Library will offer special gaming programs and events suitable for the whole family.

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November 22, 2016

Toddler Time (18-35 months)

10:30am

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Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Babytime (0-17 months)

11:15am

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November 25, 2016

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2:00pm

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November 26, 2016

Santa's Riverboat Arrival

11:00am to 2:00pm

River Plaza Shopping Center
72 E. Washington Street
Petaluma, California 94952

Enjoy live entertainment while waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus to arrive at noon by tugboat at River Plaza Shopping Center on E. Washington Street. The Christmas couple will be welcomed by costumed dancers from the Petaluma School of Ballet's "Nutcracker." Then Santa and Mrs. Claus will make their way across the shopping center parking lot where they will be available for family photos and Christmas wishes in their special tent. Don't let the fun stop there! Keep the festive mood flowing by making the short walk to historic downtown Petaluma for Shop Small special offers and activities.

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For kids 0-5 years old.

FREE

November 27, 2016

Sunday Boating at the Barn

10:00am to 1:00pm

Free. Volunteers help you try a non-motorized vessel—canoe, kayak, rowboat, or sailboat—on the Petaluma River. Open year-round. Sundays. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. David Yearsley River Heritage Center. Copeland & D Streets, Petaluma.

November 29, 2016

Toddler Time (18-35 months)

10:30am

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Babytime (0-17 months)

11:15am

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November 30, 2016

Wee Read

11:00am

Rincon Valley Library
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Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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SRMC EVENTS!

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Balloon Turkeys

By Dara Kasza



This Balloon Turkey is a great craft to keep kids happy while waiting for the real turkey to be ready. Put one of the older teenagers in charge of the activity.

Supplies

Balloons

Colored Construction Paper

Tape

Eyes and Feathers optional

Instructions

Inflate a balloon for each child.

Attach a ribbon and tie it to a chair or table leg.

Have the children draw and color feathers on lightweight paper.

Then, have them cut out the paper feathers and either tape or glue them to the top of the balloon. They can also draw, color and cut out a face or draw it directly onto the balloon.

Use the turkey crafts to decorate for your Thanksgiving feast.

Have a few turkeys prepared before the guests arrive. If you decide to make these as a group craft, seeing one completed will help the children construct their own.



Special Dates with your Little One

By Stella Outchkova

Community Involvement



The Holiday season is upon and what better way to show generosity than community service with your little one. Working together, kids learn to solve problems, make decisions and successfully contribute to their community. They gain awareness of others, and connect global issues with a local perspective. All this will serve them as they transition from toddlerhood to childhood through teenage years and to adulthood (hopefully!)

Here's a few ideas to get you started:

~ pick up litter at a local park

~hold a Teddy Bear and friends (stuffed animals) drive. Donate the collected items to a local shelter for kids already there or just arriving. Also, check with the local fire station and police station. They often accept donations for stuffed animals as they can be a comfort to children in times of distress.

~make centerpieces, holiday cards, birthday cards or notes for assisted living facilities, children hospital or Meals on Wheels.

~ head out to your local animal shelter (make sure to call ahead first and set up a good time) and give the food, treats and toys to the shelter animals.

~ a local (Sonoma County) resource for community involvement would be the Volunteer Center. Every December their red Secret Santa hearts can be found at businesses across the county. A person in need is "featured" on the card with their Christmas gift wish. For the last two years my little one and I have picked out cards and shared the joys of the holidays with less fortunate.





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mission statement:

provide an environment where mothers and young children can develop friendships and community, exchange information, and have valued opportunities for social interaction with other mothers, children and families.

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FOR LITTLE ONES

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Explore a different theme every week with stories, arts and crafts activities, and movement games for children ages 1-5 and their caregivers.

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2017
10:00 am-Noon • \$5 per child
Up to 2 adults per child are free before 11:00 am

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