

The Road to School Success at the La Pine Public Library

The La Pine Public Library is a vital link on the road to success in school. Throughout the year, we have worked with preschool and school-age children to help them reach their potential. Here are some examples of how we accomplish this:

- Monthly story times at local preschools and day care facilities
- Weekly story times in the branch
- Weekly programs for elementary-aged youth
- Bi-weekly programs for teens
- Monthly programs focused on home-schooled youth, from elementary-aged through teens
- Visits to schools to promote the Summer Reading program
- Creating booklists for teachers
- Book talks in the classroom
- Weekly research assistance in the Teen Laptop Lab
- Assistance in finding materials for homework assignments
- Assistance in choosing books at your child's reading level
- And so much more!

As summer arrives, we want your child to continue reading so that the skills they learned throughout the year are not lost. Plus, we can help find the right book so that reading continues to be fun! Spend those hot summer days chilling out with a cool book from the La Pine Public Library!

StoryStars! 2008

Save the date! StoryStars! 2008 is coming on Saturday, July 19. Each year Deschutes Public Library brings a children's author and/or illustrator to the Tower Theatre for a family program that celebrates children's literature. This year's StoryStar (drum roll, please) is—Todd Parr! Todd is a much-loved children's author and illustrator, as well as creator of a popular television series, ToddWorld. Todd has partnered with Target, Reach Out and Read, People Magazine, and many other organizations to promote early literacy and reading. Todd describes his books as, "...simple reading about acceptance, differences and empowerment for kids to feel better about themselves in a simple, fun way." Others describe his books as, "offbeat, punchy, funny, quirky." However you describe them, his books such as *It's Okay To Be Different*, *This Is My Hair*, and *The Best Friends Book* are sure to become favorites of yours.

Todd reads aloud some of his books at the Tower Theatre on July 19 at 2pm, and draws characters that we all know and love. Admission is by free ticket, available at all Deschutes Public Libraries beginning July 5. Limit of 5 tickets per family.

Todd will also have a casual conversation with adults interested in writing or illustrating for children, and getting their manuscripts published. Ask questions and learn from Todd at the Bend Public Library, July 19 @ 4pm. Call 617-7097 to register, beginning July 5.

Todd will also be doing book signings at Paulina Springs Books in Redmond at 11:00 a.m., and at between the covers bookstore in Bend at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20.

Save the date for StoryStars! 2008 with Todd Parr!

Sunriver Area Adult Summer Reading!

Summer is almost here...despite what the weather tells us! And summer reading is NOT JUST FOR KIDS! The theme for our 5th annual Adult Summer Reading Program is "Pollinate Your Mind" which is related to the kids theme "Catch the Reading Bug" and the teen program "Metamorphosis @ Your Library." Thanks again to the Friends for their support of the summer reading programs. Your help is invaluable!

Everybody should stop by in June and pick up reading coupons. For the adults, when you read three books you'll receive a small gift and a coupon for a free book from the Friends book sale shelf.

