

Outreach Services

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



May - June 2010

How Are You Spending Your Summer Vacation?

By Cynthia Lawrence, Outreach Director

This is probably the most commonly asked question of all during the last days of school for both teachers and our students. While many of us think of things like summer jobs, summer projects, family vacations, and summer camp, there is a whole world of possibilities that can help Deaf and Hard of Hearing children stay connected with trends and continue learning about the world around them. This issue of the Outreach newsletter contains lists of events and summer camps that you are encouraged to explore and consider for your students or children, if you are a parent. However, many opportunities are also available through your communities and technology. At a recent national conference attended by Deaf Educators, Administrators, and Parents, much information was shared from all states regarding programs and strategies for connecting students and the community. I would like to share some ideas that I believe we can easily implement in Indiana:

Video Pals. Many adults remember having pen pals when they were young. With current technology, students may also develop friendships and have conversations with other children like them through videophone technology or computers. Any family in Indiana who has a Deaf or Hard of Hearing family member may apply for a free video phone and have it installed in their home at no cost. They must have access to high speed internet and have someone in their home that uses ASL for communication. A variety of free software programs, such as SKYPE, may also be used if you have access to a computer with a webcam and high speed internet. If you know of a family or are a

family interested in connecting with a video pal, contact Outreach Services for links to providers and a release for exchanging information with other Deaf and Hard of Hearing families and children. Please call or email us at 866-970-5998 VP, 317-920-6311 V, or familylife@isd.k12.in.us.

Visit your local library. Computers are available with internet access at local libraries if you or your families don't have one at home. You can browse the internet and find games and websites that encourage language and vocabulary development, research topics of interest and set up free email accounts to help connect with others. Libraries also provide summer reading incentives and many provide programs and free informational sessions. If you or your child or student needs an interpreter, request one well in advance and be sure to attend the event and encourage the libraries to continue to provide accommodations.

Visit the lending library and/or home demonstration site if you come to Indianapolis this summer.

Outreach services are available 12 months a year. Our Assessment Center and Raney South, which houses the lending library and home demonstration room, are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. throughout the summer. The LEAP (Language Enrichment and Play) program will continue for 8 weeks on Tuesdays starting June 15 and we will have monthly Family Learning in Play (FLIP) activities as well. More information is included in this edition of the newsletter. The Assessment Team is available all summer for any necessary testing with a referral from the local educational authority. The team is also available to answer questions and provide guidance in IEPs and/

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To identify and find resources to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families throughout the State of Indiana.



or school questions or concerns. Contact Pam Burchett at pburchett@isd.k12.in.us or 317-924-4275 V or 866-971-8310 VP. Expertise regarding Spoken English, ASL, Cochlear Implants, hearing aids, and additional disabilities are readily available to families and school personnel.

Set up a picnic or event in your community.

Several teachers have had some success in bringing their students together by hosting pitch ins and organizing fun events in their communities. Many Deaf Educators and Interpreters have had opportunities to meet others in their geographic regions and could work together to host events for families and students. Don't be shy, call one of your colleagues or families and set up a picnic. Let us know and we will help share information with folks we know in your areas as well.

Most of all have a safe and relaxing summer and take advantage of the time away from school to socialize, network, or learn a new skill.

View on-demand children's stories in ASL with new service!

In the March-April issue of the Outreach Newsletter, we shared with the community an article from Clearwater, Fla. We feel this information is worth repeating so here is a friendly reminder of this new service which may help on a rainy day during the summer! "Children and adults alike can now view popular children's books translated into American Sign Language by dialing ASLstory.info on their videophones. This new venue is what co-owner Keith Wann calls supporting Deaf literacy."

A new book is narrated every month. To view the pre-taped stories, people with videophones can dial ASLstory.info then sit back and enjoy!

Although this program is sponsored by CallVRS, all calls into ASLstory.info are not interpreted calls and do not involve interpreters or call placement. Additionally, none of the calls to ASLstory.info result in billable minutes or profits.

For more about ASLstory.info visit www.callvrs.org.

Upcoming events ...

PTCO Day at the Indiana School for the Deaf 1200 East 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46205
May 2, 2010 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
contact PTCODay@isd.k12.in.us if you have any questions.

ISD & Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children along with Barnes & Noble will have a Bookfair on May 14, 2010 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the Clearwater Crossing Barnes & Noble store located at 3748 East 82nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46240. For more information please contact 317.920.6311 (V), 866.970.5998 (VP), or Mrice@isd.k12.in.us (Email).

2010 Indiana Deaf Educators & Educational Interpreters Conference - "the Path to Success for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students" will be June 10th -

11th, 2010 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibit Hall Indianapolis, IN. Questions? For additional information, contact Sharon Bryan at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Project. Toll Free 1.800.622.3035 Fax 812.237.8089 or email Sharon. Bryan@indstate.edu.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department METRO NORTH DISTRICT to host the 4th Community Day on Thursday, June 24, 2010 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Broad Ripple Park 1450 Broad Ripple Avenue. Meet your local Law Enforcement Officers!

SAVE THE DATE - July 16th-18th, 2010 for the Southeast Regional CHARGE Syndrome/ Deafblind Weekend for Families and Professionals. Where: MeadowView Conference

Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. For Information Contact: Jennifer Vick 615.936.2862, Jennifer. Vick@vanderbilt.edu.

Annual Assistive Technology Conference on July 29th-30th, 2010 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center 100 South Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46225. For more information contact Sara Croft, Education and Outreach Coordinator at scroft@eastersealscrossroads.org.

The MOOG CENTER for Deaf Education Presents "Supporting Mainstreamed Students with Hearing Loss" on Monday, September 20th, 2010 in Saint Louis, Missouri. For inquiries contact : Connie Ciavarella at 314.692.7172 or cciavarella@moogcenter.org.

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Clifford the Big Red Dog's Birthday Party!

The children enjoyed full communication access with the story presented in ASL, spoken English with sound field amplification and with the print projected on the big screen. Birthday party games and activities followed the story. Cupcakes and ice cream were served and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Clifford!

Summer Camps...

Indiana School for the Deaf, Day Youth Sports Camp for Grades 3-7 on June 7-11, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Indiana School for the Deaf 1200 East 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Application Deadline is May 24, 2010.

All those interested should contact **Garrett Wooten, MS Athletic Coordinator** at gwooten@isd.k12.in.us or **866.327.6712 VP**.

Girls = Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading.
Boys = Football, Basketball, Baseball, Wrestling.

3rd Annual Deaf-Blind Retreat at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired 658 East State Street Jacksonville, IL 62650 June 9-12, 2010.

Application Deadline is April 30th, 2010.

The Fee/Cost of the Retreat is \$55.00 including 4-day experience, 8 meals, 3 nights of lodging.

If you have questions regarding transportation please contact Minday at mindy.mayer@chicagolighthouse.org or Joann Rushing at 312.666.1331 Ext. 3451 or 815.922.5938 (V). All other questions, please e-mail deaf-blindinfo@chicagolighthouse.org.

Indiana School for the Deaf, Camp Willard 2010 at Flat Rock River YMCA Camp in St. Paul, IN June 13-19, 2010.

Application Deadline is April 30th, 2010.

Indiana Residents : \$300
Out of State Residents: \$400

Contact Linda Hines for more information:

866.970.3772 VP
317.924.8403 V
Lhines@isd.k12.in.us

Website:
www.deafhoosiers.com/CW

Hear Indiana Youth Leadership Camp at Bradford Woods State Road 67 North Martinsville, IN 46151 for youth ages 8-18 on July 18-23, 2010.

Application Deadline is May 15, 2010

Please email Camp Director, Tony Gigli, at tony.gigli@hearindiana.org if you need an application mailed to you.

For more information please visit their website

www.hearindiana.org/camp

Indiana Children's Deaf Camp for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing children ages 6-16 on July 25-30, 2010 at Camp Alexander Mack located at 1113 E. Camp Mack Road Milford, IN 46542.

Application Deadline is June 1, 2010.

Total Cost: \$300

For registration forms and additional information please visit their website www.indeafcamps.org



**YMCA YOUTH ENRICHMENT BRANCH
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS!**

Early registration for the upcoming
2010-2011 school year!

Receive \$10 off your registration fee by signing up before
Tuesday, May 18th 2010!

Call 577-2070 or 887-8788 for more information

**Peter Rabbit Pays a Visit to the
April 15th F.L.I.P. Event**

As you can see by the picture below, everyone had a great time when Peter Rabbit came to visit with all the families during the April Event! Don't be left out of the fun.....

There will be a Family Cookout on Thursday, June 17th, Clifford returns on Thursday, July 15th, and don't miss meeting Biscuit the Dog on Thursday, August 19th.

For more information please feel free to call 317.920.6311 (V), 866.970.5998 (VP) or familylife@isd.k12.in.us.



**Exciting opportunity for your family
and children!**

From the wonderful survey results that were collected at the beginning of the 2010 semester, we are able to address your need for a one hour YMCA experience.

We would like your child to join us after school for an hour of homework assistance, snack, and fun activities!

Monday-Friday until 4:00 p.m.

Weekly Rate: \$29.00

Please note: If the program is utilized over the one hour, extra fees may apply.

Contact Sarah Reynolds at sreynolds@indymca.org or call 317.877.8788 (V) for more information. Please visit the YMCA Room in Raney Hall South to meet the staff and get registration forms!

Mark Your Calendars...

F.L.I.P. is for deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth to five and their families/caretakers. There are still plenty of activities for the following dates:

- * Thursday May 6 (Sign Language)
- * Friday May 14 (Barnes & Noble Bookfair)
- * Thursday May 20 (Transition to Preschool Workshop)
- * Thursday June 17 (Family Pitch-In)
- * Thursday July 15 (Clifford the Big Red Dog)
- * Thursday August 19 (Biscuit the Dog)

L.E.A.P. is for deaf and hard of hearing children ages 18 months to 3 years. **Summer L.E.A.P. Tuesdays ONLY:**

June 15
June 29
July 20
August 3

June 22
July 13
July 27
August 10

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