

Community Newsletter

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Winter 2025



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https://sesameworkshop.org/







Social Media Contest

Friday, January 17 thru Monday, February 3

Following our Owl Moon story time, we invite you to take part in our winter contest. Look for our Facebook post to share a picture of child(ren) dressed warmly to play outside.



Or you may submit your picture to beth@madisonss.org. The birth-5 year winner will be announced in early February! Winner will receive books and other goodies!







Story Time with Ms. Beth

Date: Thursday, November 14 Time: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm



Owl Moon is a lovely story of a father taking his daughter "owling," a nighttime walk in the snow to search for an owl. Author Jane Yolen dedicated this book to her husband, "who took all of our children owling." Dolly Parton was the 4th of 12 children, and began her Imagination Library in 1995 to honor her beloved father. We are excited that 2025 is the 30th anniversary of this program! This is one of the books Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has sent. Dolly Parton herself will turn 79 on January 19, so let's celebrate her birthday by enjoying this book together!

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7483569234?omn=83552809939

Little Learning Library

Kids grow fast—fresh toys are interesting and keep them learning!

Families, come check out a tote of toys and books to use at home!

Bring back in 2 - 4 weeks to check out another tote of age-appropriate toys and books.

Here's an example of a tote we have for an infant:



Our Little Learning Library is **FREE** and for children ages birth - 5 (specifically, babies who are sitting up/playing through the August that a 5-year-old begins Kindergarten)

We are open most Mondays 9 am - 12 pm and Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm, and by appointment with Beth: beth@madisonss.org or 828.689.1528. Our Office is Located in Spilman Hall on the campus of Mars Hill University.

Please note: We will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and are closed during inclement weather

Kith & Kin Play Groups

Smart Start conducts 'play days' for young children and their caregivers (parents, relatives, neighbors) throughout the county. These play groups are based on the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn model where everyone, children and adults, learn through play. The activities include developmentally-geared activities for young children (birthage 5), and information for their caregivers.

- Marshall Library on Tuesdays
- Bursh Creek Community Center on Thursdays

Groups meet from 10:00 am - noon

Contact Beth Detwiler for more information: anestinghouse@gmail.com

Looking for tools to get your rising preschooler ready for Kindergarten?

Visit our website for free resources: https://www.madisonss.org/parents

Looking to enroll in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Click this link: **Dolly Parton**



play & learn