NEW EARLY LITERACY SPACES AT THE LIBRARY

St. Charles County, Missouri – Thanks to the generosity of St. Charles City-County Library Foundation donors, new interactive early literacy spaces have been installed in two library branches.

In the children’s areas of both branches, children can play with interactive games, building materials, train tables, and wind tunnels. Some other structures, toys, and play spaces are unique to each branch. The Kisker Road Branch Library offers an Alphabright (with light-up alphabet blocks), an interactive three-sided play set, and large foam building blocks. The Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library has a Baby Garden, an interactive light board, a magnet wall, and a Pretend & Play Animal Hospital. These spaces are available for family playtime during the hours that the library is open.

An observer of these new spaces may see only fun and games, but children’s play is actually an important part of their development. Researchers in the fields of education and child psychology have discovered significant evidence that play is necessary for healthy learning and growth. As children play and pretend, they also learn critical cognitive, emotional, social, and physical skills. What children learn through play in their early years sets the stage for future success in the classroom and beyond. Along with the practices of writing, reading, talking, and singing, playing is the foundation of early literacy.

Grand Opening Celebrations have been scheduled at the Kisker Road Branch Library and the Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library this month. A ribbon-cutting and reception will be followed by activities for children at each location. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Join us Monday, November 18, from 4:00-6:00 at the Kisker Road Branch (1000 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO 63304) and Thursday, November 21, from 4:00-6:00 at the Middendorf-Kredell Branch (2750 Highway K, O’Fallon, MO 63368).

The St. Charles City-County Library District is your Kaleidoscope of Discovery. Over 2 million St. Charles County residents visit our 12 branch locations each year. Every day the Library is changing and evolving, offering new services and exciting events and classes for all ages, expanding the eLibrary collection, and enhancing our customers’ Library experience. For the latest on what’s happening, visit the Library’s website at www.myLibrary.org.

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