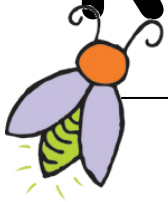


KIDSHEET



MARCH 2017

INDIANA EARLY LITERACY FIREFLY AWARD

From March 1st through May 1st, parents, caregivers, and children who are under the age of 6 years may vote for their favorite picture book from the list provided.

These are the Firefly Award nominees and one will be chosen as the winner in May.

Miss Kay and Miss Linda will use these books in Story and

PlayTime so that more children can be exposed to them.

These books have been nominated by the Firefly Committee made up of professionals in Indiana, including teachers, librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators.

The purpose of this award is to encourage those who work with very young children to

interact with these exceptional picture books.

Race Car

by Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Grumpy Pants

by Claire Messer

Best in Snow

by April Pulley Sayre

Don't Wake Tiger

by Britta Teckentrup

Music Class Today

by David Weinstone

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

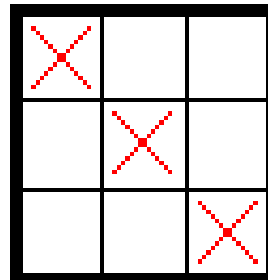
Study after study shows that **PLAY** is an important aspect of learning for young children.

Children use fine motor skills (needed to grip pencils, crayons, etc.) and gross motor skills (needed to control their bodies) in their play. They react to each other socially, they think, they use language, and they respond emotionally to the play activity.

Because children's play draws upon all of these behaviors, it is a very effective vehicle for learning.

At Jay County Public Library, we think playing is so important that we've created many ways for your child to play. Come check out our puppet theater, kitchen set, activity centers, puzzles, and games available for children. Join in our programs where playing is a central aspect. Check out books that offer you more options for creating play time in your own home. Most importantly, let your child play!! What the heck, join them. Surely playing is good for adults as well.

TIC TAC TOE / BOOK 3 IN A ROW!



Children up to age 12 years are invited to join us for a reading program continuing through March.

Designed in the style of a tic tac toe board, the program requires children to read specific types of books to cross off that space on the game card.

Once they have crossed off 3 in a row, they can turn the card in, receive a sticker, and be entered for a chance to win a prize.

The prize drawing will be held Monday, April 3rd. Game cards and complete rules are available at the circulation desk.

There is a limit of 10 cards for the month of March. Cards will vary slightly, with a total of 8 different game cards available.