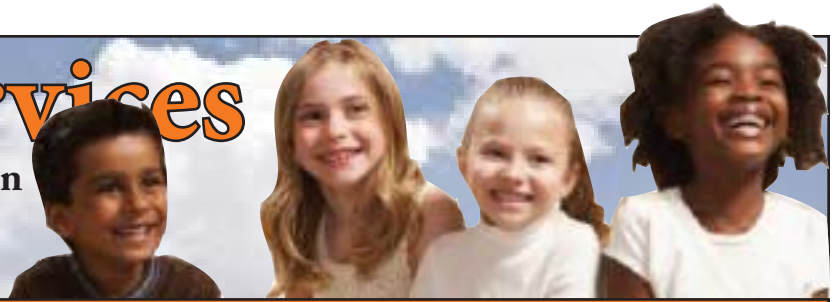


Outreach Services

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



November - December 2009

Family Literacy Month and Much More!

November is National Family Literacy Month!!

Written by Cindy Lawrence, Outreach Director

Schools, Libraries and Families throughout the country are celebrating National Family Literacy month. The [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO) has drafted a definition of literacy as the “ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts.” Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society. The events that are taking place the week of November 9th through 14th, also promote ways to “enable individuals to achieve their goals” concluding with a workshop specifically for families of children who are between the ages of birth through 8 years of age. Many events taking place at the Indiana School for the Deaf also coincide with Family Literacy month and are included in this Newsletter as well as in mailings and email messages sent out in October. Feel free to share with families and others who may be interested. Below, is a list of events that would make your trip to Indianapolis fun but educational too!

Monday – Friday, November 9th – 13th 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair

The Irene Hodock Library, located in the Alumni Building is the location for this event and will have lots of books and games for everyone to purchase. There will also be time on Saturday, November 14th for you to visit and shop!

Wednesday, November 11th 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ISD School Board Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), Room 202 located in Raney Hall North. This would be an excellent time to meet the ISD School Board members and to witness what occurs during a school board meeting.

Thursday, November 12th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. F.L.I.P. (Families Learning In Play)

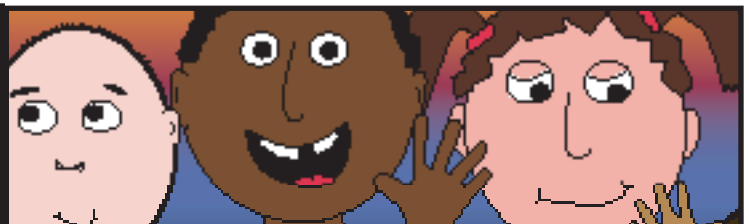
This program is held in Raney Hall South. Dinner is available from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. but you must RSVP to attend. **FLIP** is for deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth to five and their families/caretakers. Families and children learn language together through play, story time, and other activities. Outreach Early Intervention Specialists coordinate **FLIP** and invite specialists who are highly qualified in Spoken Language Development, Listening, and American Sign Language. This session includes Spoken English Activities, while alternating sessions include ASL activities. Contact us for further information and dates.

Friday, November 13th 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE for the Grand Re-Opening of Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

This will take place in Raney Hall South and the Eliza Willard Assessment Center. There is so much to see and learn that you may want to bring your camera!!

Outreach Mission:

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



Friday, November 13th 7:00 p.m. “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

The Indiana School for the Deaf Theatre Department proudly presents this play for 2 nights only. Tickets are available by contacting Pam Lewis at 317-924-8402 V/TTY or Plewis@isd.k12.in.us

Saturday, November 14th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Family Literacy Day*

Parents and caregivers of children from birth to 8 years old are invited to participate in a variety of activities that will promote future success in reading and thinking skills. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Suzanne Reading from Butler University. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities such as: reading tips, read aloud strategies, storytelling strategies, and art activities. Registration fee is \$10.00 per family which includes lunch. Childcare will be provided by the YMCA.

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So, as you can see there are many opportunities to learn and to have fun. With so much happening it is imperative that you send in your [registration form](#) early, order your tickets, and even [book your hotel](#) as soon as possible. There is a block of rooms being held for Friday, November 13th at a rate of \$84.00 plus 17% tax at the Courtyard Marriott Castleton 8670 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250 Phone: (317) 576-9559. You must make your reservations before [November 6th at 5:00 p.m.](#) to receive the special rate.

We are here to assist YOU! If you should have any questions, concerns, or need additional information please feel free to contact my Administrative Assistant, Mary Rice, at 317.920.6311 V/TTY, 866.970.7633 VP or Mrice@isd.k12.in.us . I hope you can join us!

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Vision Statement:

To have a world where every child with hearing impairment is availed all of the attention and resources that their individual circumstance requires.

Assistance We Provide:

Hearing Test: we provide funding for those who cannot afford testing.

Ear Molds: we help cover the cost of ear molds for those who cannot afford new earmolds.

Hearing Aids: we help find funding for new hearing aids for those who need assistance.

How Deaf Individuals become Successful Readers

Submitted by Cindy Lawrence, Outreach Director

Dr. Suzanne Reading, PH.D., CCC-SLP, Associate Professor of Speech, Language, and Communication Disorders at Butler University recently completed a study that asked the question: How do deaf individuals become successful readers? She discovered some very interesting trends and common characteristics after interviewing 22 deaf adults who all have college degrees and/or jobs requiring a high level of reading. Dr. Reading shares a keen interest in the connections between languages, communication, and reading and has authored articles regarding languages and literacy. She shared some of her findings with ISD and Outreach staff and included basic facts of learning that:

- Language ability is a foundation for reading.
- Unlike language, reading does not develop naturally for either hearing or deaf children.
- Reading must be directly taught.
- Children learn to read in order to read to learn; this ability is expected by 3rd grade.

The participants in the study added tips from their experience that they felt influenced their ability to read including having a significant person who encouraged reading (parent, sibling, teacher), adults who created excitement about stories, early exposure to books and stories and parent involvement.

Dr. Reading will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Family Literacy Day. She will share further information from her studies with families at our first Family Literacy Weekend, November 14th. The good news is that deaf and hard of hearing children can learn to become successful readers. Come and share in the information and enjoy hands on activities that will allow families to participate in building their children's reading foundation. Thank you Dr. Reading, for asking the question and sharing good news with families.

Family Literacy Day!

Saturday, November 14th

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Raney South, Indiana School
for the Deaf

1200 East 42nd Street

Indianapolis, IN 46205

Family Literacy Program will
include the following:

- Early Literacy Developmental Milestones
- Creating a literacy-rich home environment
- Reading tips for parents
- Art, writing, and shared reading activities

Keynote Speaker:

- Dr. Suzanne Reading, Butler University

Contact Mary Rice if you have any questions or concerns at

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The ISD School Board was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 1999 and has statutory responsibilities for the oversight of the ISD. (IC 20-22-2-1) Have you ever read the Indiana Code involving the Indiana School for the Deaf?

Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, located on the Campus of the Indiana School for the Deaf, is excited to announce the "Grand-Reopening" to showcase all the programs and services available. Please join us on Friday, November 13th, 2009 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Come see what we are all about!

ALOHA to new staff joining Outreach

The new Outreach staff, who are available to all families, joined our Outreach team this Fall. They are:

Sarah Neese as our new Early Intervention Specialist for Spoken Language. She is currently facilitating our toddler LEAP (Language Enrichment and Play) program, co-facilitates play groups, and will also be providing home visits to families.

Mary Rice as our new Administrative Assistant in Outreach. She is new to Outreach but has been serving the school since 1993. Most currently she was the Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent's Office for the past eleven years. She is also a parent of a Deaf son.

Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

has a website, www.deaf-kids.com, which allows you to share your event information with the entire state of Indiana. We value diversity and respect all viewpoints and opportunities for communication; therefore, please contact sponsors of events supporting specific methodologies. We suggest the questions on the following link be considered when viewing website and newsletter information:

<http://www.deaf-kids.com/IND/Links.asp>. Please submit information at least one month in advance of your event.

Questions? Please contact Mary Rice at 317-920-6311 or 1-800-722-6166
or email Mrice@isd.k12.in.us

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Family Literacy Day
November 14th, 2009
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number:(____) _____ E-Mail: _____

- Yes I will be attending the Family Literacy Day on Saturday, November 14th
- Registration Fee per family \$10.00 (includes lunch) Paid Check # _____

I will need childcare:

Name: _____ Age: _____

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Please let us know if your child(ren) have special needs _____

Return completed Form and \$10 Registration Fee to: Outreach Services ATTN: Mary Rice 1200
East 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46205

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