

## **Spend Part of Your Spring Break at the Olathe Public Libraries**

The Olathe Public Library has planned many free programs for all ages during spring break, March 13 – 20. The main library is located at 201 E. Park while the Indian Creek Branch is located at 12990 S. Black Bob Road. The activities are as follows.

### **Savin' of the Green Book Sale**

Save big at the used book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Olathe Public Library. The sale will be open from 10 am – 3 pm, March 13 at the branch library. Choose from a wide variety of books, CDs, DVDs, cassettes and videos. All materials are sorted by category. Shop the "Five-Bucks-A-Bag" Sale from 1 - 3 pm only. Purchase a plastic bag at the door for \$5 and fill with materials. Buy two bags, get one free.

### **AARP Tax Assistance**

Spending spring break doing taxes may not be fun, but AARP volunteers will offer tax help from 10 am - 3 pm, March 15 – 18 and 9 am – 4 pm, March 20 at the main library only. A walk-in only, first come, first served basis for all taxpayers with middle and lower income. This service will continue until April 15. For more information, call 913-971-6888.

### **Safe Sitter ® Babysitting Classes**

Kids ages 11 – 16 can take this fun class to learn how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Class will cover choking infant and child rescue, but not infant/child CPR. The first class will be offered from 1 – 3:30 pm on March 15 and 16 at the main library. A ceremony for participants and their parents will be held at 3:30 pm on March 16. The second class will be held from 9 am – 3:30 pm, March 18 at the branch library. Participants in this class should bring a sack lunch, snacks and drinks. Ceremony will be held at 3:30 on March 18. Registration for both classes begins at 10 am, March 8. Space is limited. Call 971-6888.

### **Spring Break Movie**

Enjoy a free movie at the library at 4 pm, March 15 at the branch library and at 2 pm, March 17 at the main library. *Ponyo* is rated G with a running time of 103 minutes. The entire family is invited, but kindergartners and younger must be accompanied by an adult. No registration.

### **Teen Library Club (TLC)**

Teens in 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades will meet from 5:30 – 7 p.m., March 15 at the main library. Members plan and promote library programs, participate in special community service projects, attend outings, assist with teen page and blog and discuss books, music, movies and websites. Refreshments served. No registration is needed.

### **Build a Tune at the Library!**

Kids ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – come make noise at the library at 10:15 am, March 16 at the branch library and 10:15 am, March 17 at the main library. Try out musical instruments, sing songs, listen to stories about construction and make a cool craft to

take home. Registration begins March 2 – call 913-971-6874.

### **Spring Break Cookie Decorating Program**

Kids in sixth grade and younger are invited to decorate cookies from 2 – 3 p.m., March 17 at the branch library and from 11 am – 12 noon, March 18 at the main library. All supplies are provided and participants may come and go as they please. Parents are invited. No registration.

### **Olathe Anime Club**

Teens in grades 6 - 12 can share their manga drawings, watch anime and play anime computer games while learning about Japanese culture from 4 – 7 p.m., March 18 at the branch library. The movie, *Ponyo*, will also be shown. No registration is needed.

### **Book Munch for Lunch Bunch**

Attention all book and lunch lovers! Meet with other bibliophiles to talk about books, what you are reading, and a chance to hear bookish news from your librarian. The first information meeting, “What is This Book Munch Business,” will be from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, March 18 at the County Café in the Johnson County administration building basement, 111 S. Cherry. No registration. For more info, call 913-971-6888.

### **Afternoon Rush @ OPL**

Teens in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades can meet from 1:30 – 3:30 pm, March 19 at the main library to play Nintendo, Wii, Play Station 2 or use a laptop to play Runescape, or check MySpace/Facebook accounts. The movie, *Where the Wild Things Are*, will also be shown. Enjoy pizza and snacks. No registration.

### **R.E.A.D. to a Dog**

Children of all ages may sign-up to read to a dog provided by Pets for Life, Inc. from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., March 20 at the main library. Stop by children’s services upon arrival and sign up for a reading time available on a first-come, first-serve basis.