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Upcoming Family Events: May	
Famous Armadillo Festival: Town Square-Hamburg (FREE)	4-7th
Alice in Wonderland-The Ballet: The Forum Theatre-Jonesboro	5-7th
Bradley County Cinco De Mayo Festival: Warren City Park (FREE)	6th
The Adventures of Peter Rabbit: Arkansas Arts Center-Little Rock	Thru 8th
43rd Annual Territorial Fair: Historic Arkansas Museum-Little Rock (FREE)	7th
Annual Railfest and Spring Car Show: Front Street Festival Plaza-Texarkana	7th
Annual Cotter Trout Festival: Big Springs by the White River(FREE)	7th
Free State of Yell Fest: River Front Park-Dardanelle (FREE)	6-7th
Cinco De Mayo Culture Festival: Johnson County Fair Grounds-Clarksville (\$2)	7th
Peach Blossom Festival: Main St-Nashville (FREE)	7th
MOTHER'S DAY	8TH
Balloon Dayz in Russellville: Pope County Fair Grounds	13-15th
Kids Day at the Farmers Market: Downtown Siloam Springs (FREE)	14th
Festival on the Ridge: Historic Downtown Harrisburg (FREE)	14th
Peter Pan, A Storybook Ballet: Arkansas Arts Center-Little Rock	20-22nd
Kids to Parks Day- National Parks Across Arkansas (FREE)	21st
Annual Dinofest: Nashville City Park-Nashville (FREE)	27-28th
Annual Augusta Days: Downtown Augusta (FREE)	27-29th
Fulton County Homecoming Festival: Fulton County Court Square-Salem (FREE)	27-28th
Berry Picking on Wye Mountain: Wye, AR-Free Admission (Berries sold by the container)	28-July 30th
Annual Hillbilly Daze: Witts Springs Park-Witts Springs (FREE)	28th
For more events in your area: http://www.arkansas.com/events/	



State Manager Spotlight –Tyra Greenwood

I cannot believe that the HIPPY year is almost over. It has been a year of ups and downs, successes and challenges. I am sure that your year has been a similar one as you have watched your child grow and learn. You have dealt with complex child emotions and had many fits of uncontrollable laughter. You have strengthened your relationship with your child and also watched your child develop his/her sense of independence and demand to be recognized as an individual.

These experiences are all part of the magic and wonder of child development. Sometimes they make us laugh and sometimes they make us cry, but at the end of the day, they are all memories that we wouldn't trade for anything.

Parents, I hope that you will give yourselves a pat on the back and a round of applause for the incredible, tireless work that you do each day as part of the HIPPY program. Your desire to see your children succeed and to take the necessary steps to make that happen are inspiring. When your child looks at you, he/she sees not only a loving parent, but also a dedicated teacher and someone who sets high standards and will help him/her achieve them.

If your children are too young to say it, I want to say THANK YOU for all that you are and all that you do. We hope you have a terrific summer and look forward to seeing most of you again in the fall.



Mother's Day and Father's Day Ideas



Moms: DO NOT read this side of the article.

Hugs and Kisses Box: Fill a cute box with Hershey's Hugs and Kisses. Attach the following poem:

*This is a very special box, that only you can see.
The reason it's so special is it's just for you from me.
It's filled with hugs and kisses as sweet as sweet can be.
Just hold the box close to your heart, and you'll always think of me.*

Shoe Planter: Use an old baby shoe and line the inside with a small plastic bag, with the top of the bag sticking out of the top of the shoe. Fill the bag with potting soil and put in a small plant. Decorate the shoe with fancy laces or other decorations.

Why I Love My Mom Books: Fold several sheets of construction paper together and staple or lace the pages together on the side. On each page, write one reason why your child loves his/her mom. Let your child decorate the pages or attach pictures to go with each page.

Fingerprint Poem and Heart: Cut a heart out of white paper. Let your child make lots of finger prints all over the paper using ink or paint. Attach the heart to another sheet of colored paper. Type or write out the following poem:

*My dirty little fingerprints, I've left on every wall
And on the drawers and tabletops, I've really marked them all
But here are some that won't rub off, I'm giving them to you
Because I'm thankful to have a mom that's just like you!*

Dads: DO NOT read this side of the article

Duct Tape and Dad: Take a simple picture frame, new or used, and cover it in colored duct tape. On a blank sheet of paper write the words "Duct Tape and Dad keep this family together." Center the words on the paper so they take up most of the space in the frame. Make a duct tape x on the paper.



My Dad Rocks: Have your child find a medium sized rock. Let your child paint or decorate the rock however he/she wants. Using permanent marker or paint write "My Dad Rocks" on the rock. It can be used as a paperweight or other decoration.

Just Like Dad: Have your child put on some of Dad's clothes and pose in his car, on the couch, or anywhere else that you can usually find him. Add other props that dad usually is using. Take pictures and put them in a cute frame or simple photo album.

Nuts About Daddy: Fill up a clean glass jar with Dad's favorite nuts. Or, make a batch of chocolate covered nuts (Melt baking chocolate and pour in dad's favorite nuts. Spread on a baking pan or baking sheet until hard. Then break into pieces.) and put the nut pieces in the jar. Tie a note to a piece of ribbon or twine that says "I'm Nuts About Daddy" and attach it to the jar.

(Sources: teachjunkie.com, childcarelounge.com, kidssoup.com, simplekids.net, care.com)



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Mothers Read-A-Thon Winners



This year, the HIPPY Arkansas State Office organized the first annual Mothers Read in March Read-a-Thon. This event was open to HIPPY sisters, aunts, or other key female figures in the lives of HIPPY children.

We had terrific participation throughout the state and it was clear that there were many competitive parents in some of the HIPPY households. There were also, many heart-warming stories shared with us during March, including one about a sister who made it her goal to read 100 books to her sibling for the read-a-thon, even when it meant staying up late to get her own work done.

Whether a mother or other female figure read one book or 50 books, each one made a difference in the life of a HIPPY child.

We also want to give a shout out to the **Fathers Read-a-thon Winner from Southside HIPPY: Chris Lindsey** who was unintentionally left off the list last month. Way to go Chris!

Following are the Mothers Read-a-Thon winners from each site. These winners read the

most books for their program and will be receiving a certificate of achievement from her site, as well as a prize from the HIPPY Arkansas State Office.

Heber Springs HIPPY

Autumn Allen

Dawson HIPPY

Mary Morales

Faulkner County HIPPY

Rachel Farley

Dawson MIECHV HIPPY

Lisa Stevenson

WACD HIPPY

Amy Brown

Wilbur Mills-Lonoke HIPPY

Michelle Bolenbaugh

Boston Mtn.-West Fork HIPPY

Sharon Albright

Boston Mtn.-Siloam Springs HIPPY

Andrea Javed

Southside Batesville HIPPY

Angela Coles

North Central HIPPY

Amy Johnson

SEARK HIPPY

(Coordinator-Becky Newton)

Kesha Goudelock

SEARK HIPPY

(Coordinator-Laura Stell)

Aimee Budd

SEARK HIPPY

(Coordinator-Casey Tyrone)

Ruth Wiley

Benton HIPPY

Erin Ash

Quitman HIPPY

Linda Story

North East Arkansas HIPPY

Carleen Skinner

ARESC HIPPY

(Coordinator-LaTyeshia Rembert)

Heather Henry

ARESC HIPPY

(Coordinator-Paula Archer)

Ashley Stone

ARESC HIPPY

(Coordinator-Cathy Taylor)

Evelyn Franklin

ARESC HIPPY

(Coordinator-Shawani Milton)

Brittany Vaughan

ARESC HIPPY

(Coordinator-Christine Hopkins)

Vincentia Simmons

Eastern Arkansas HIPPY-Brinkley

Rosemary Anderson

JUHRA HIPPY

Jessica Jackson

The winning mothers read a total of 4,164 books.

Fun Summer Books

- ☼ *Let It Shine* by Mar-yann Cocca-Leffler
- ☼ *Mouse's First Summer* by Lauren Thompson
- ☼ *Summer Days and Summer Nights* by Wong Herbert Yee
- ☼ *Fireflies* by Julie Brinckloe
- ☼ *How I Spent My Summer Vacation* by Mark Teague
- ☼ *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell* by Lucille Colandro
- ☼ *What Lives In a Shell* by Kathleen Weidner
- ☼ *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold
- ☼ *Beach Day* by Karen Roosa
- ☼ *Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreea
- ☼ *Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea* by Jan Peck
- ☼ *The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark* by Will Grace
- ☼ *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McClosky
- ☼ *Curious George and Ice Cream Surprise* or *Curious George Goes to the Beach* by H. A. Rey



A few of the amazing HIPPY mothers and grandmothers who participated in the 2016 Read-a-Thon!

**# of Books Read by all
HIPPY Mothers in March**

16,075