

## **HELPING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL USING BOOKS FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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**Students, parents, and teachers are all looking forward to next Tuesday when most area elementary, middle, and high schools begin their 2008-2009 school year. Your Chippewa River District Library has numerous resources to make your school year more fun and rewarding.**

**The library has several series of books that are specific to the individual grades; for example “Making the grade: everything your fourth grader needs to know”, “What your kindergarten needs to know” and “How is my sixth grader doing in school?” These series focus on the individual subjects such as reading, writing, math, social studies, and science at the particular grade level and show how to help your students do better. These series are also valuable to the home school parents.**

**“Home Schooling 101 : the essential handbook” offers a biblical-minded approach to teaching with very complete chapters on language arts, math, writing, history, science, music, art and general health. It also focuses on life skills that should be learned such as self-reliance, personal safety, time and money management, and decision making. “Mary Pride’s complete guide to getting started in homeschooling” helps you pinpoint the best teaching methods for your child. It also gives information on how to find everything you need from the newest contests to the coolest learning adventures.**

**The library has numerous resources on helping your child learn to read. “Literacy play over 300 dramatic play activities that teach pre-reading skills” shows**

teachers and parents that literacy skills can be taught by play. “Children love to pretend, and dramatic play is the perfect environment for children to practice and apply literacy concepts.” Literacy skills are enriched by pretending to fish, ride an airplane, participate in a car wash, be a veterinarian, or go to school.

“Children’s Book Corner” is a read aloud resource with tips, techniques, and plans for teachers, librarians and parents for the pre-K to Kindergarten age. It has plans using over 50 well known picture books such as “Green eggs and ham”, “Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?”, “Harold and the purple crayon”, and “Leo the late bloomer”. Each plan gives publication information about the book, actual time needed to read it, a brief summary of the book, a pre-reading focus, a while reading portion with questions to ask, and a follow-up discussion which will bring the experience to a satisfying close.

“How to help every child become a reader” is based on excellent materials provided by the U.S. Department of Education. It gives Internet sites that provide free information and materials to model reading programs, sources of funding, and suggested books.

All branches of the Chippewa River District Library will be closed Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Sunday hours from 1:30 – 5:30 pm will resume September 7<sup>th</sup> for the school year.

Upcoming library programs include *Mastering the Keyboard* September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2:30 pm, *Basic Computing* September 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 12:30 pm, *CRDL Storytime* September 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 – 10:45 am and a *Teen Anime Movie Event* directed by Hayao Miyazaki September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6-8 pm.