

FALL INTO A CHILDREN'S BOOK

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Kids are back in school, leaves are changing color, and Sunday TV means football (at least in our house)—yep, Fall is here! Whether your children are fascinated by the different colored leaves and the growing piles of them or they have a school report to do on trees and their leaves, the Chippewa River District Library System has some great books for them to check out.

If they have to identify leaves be aware that we have a tree and leaf identification handout which highlights both books and websites that are very helpful. *Autumn Leaves* by Ken Robbins not only explains in simple language why leaves turn colors and fall off the trees, but has photos of leaves from about a dozen common trees for simple leaf identification. In *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert, young naturalists and artists will delight in the Leaf Man and other creatures and objects created in collages of real leaves. An author's note describes her art technique.

If the football fans at your house pine for the sport when no games are on TV or a thunderstorm keeps them from a pick-up game outside, hand them *Kickoff!* by the Barber brothers. (Yes, those Barbers—Tiki and Rondé—both of professional football fame.) *Kickoff!* is the fictional story of two brothers starting junior high and hoping to work their way onto the football team. Hmm...I wonder whose lives inspired this story? The brothers have also written a couple of non-fiction books telling kids what it was like to play football in the PeeWee League with your twin: *By My Brother's Side* and *Game Day*.

If you have a young Detroit Lions fan in the house, he or she may enjoy *The History of the Detroit Lions* by Aaron Frisch. They can read about when the club started and figure out how many years William Clay Ford has been sole owner. Though they probably weren't yet born when we last won the division championship, maybe learning the history of their team will give them hope that it can happen again! (There's always a next year!)

Between raking leaves and watching the big game, be sure to save time for some of the great programs coming up at CRDL: CRDL Storytime for preschoolers continues every Monday and Thursday morning at 10:15am at Veterans Memorial Library (VML), and on Wednesdays at 10:15am at Faith Johnston Memorial Library in Rosebush (FJML). For 7th-12th graders, CRDL Teen Night "Video Game Open Play" happens at VML on Tuesday, September 30 from 6-8pm. Refreshments will be served to refuel you!

Upcoming computer classes held in the CRDL Computer Training Center include: Introduction to Databases on Thursday, September 25 from 6:30-8:00pm; the all important Security and Computer Maintenance on Friday, September 26 from 1:00-2:30pm; and on Tuesday, September 30 learn all about searching the Web in the aptly named Internet Searching class from 1-2:30pm. Pre-registration is required for all the computer classes. For a full listing of computer classes each month, visit the "Events" page at our website, www.crdl.org, and look for the programs marked with a green star.