



## Upcoming Events

**Dr. Suess Birthday Celebration, Carmi Public Library-** March 3rd at 3:00pm  
**Dr. Suess Family Reading Night, Future Leaders Daycare Center-** March 5th at 5:30pm  
**Read Across America Celebration, Shawneetown Public Library-** March 6th at 4:30pm  
**Lawyer in the Library, Carmi Public Library-** March 7th from 3pm-5:20pm  
**Story Time, Harrisburg Public Library-** March 4th, 6th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, and 27th, Tuesdays at 6pm and Thursdays at 11am  
**Kids Fair, Southeastern Illinois College-** March 26th from 4pm-6pm  
**Canning Workshop, White County Illinois Extension Office-** March 28th from 1pm-3pm (must register)



## How to Welcome Spring with a Child!

- 1. Embracing the Outdoors:**  
Take advantage of the pleasant weather by embarking on nature walks or scavenger hunts. Encourage children to observe the changes occurring in the environment as winter transitions to spring.
- 2. Start Gardening:**  
Gardening is a hands-on activity that teaches children about responsibility, patience, and the lifecycle of plants. It's a tangible way to show the concept of growth and care, nurturing their empathy and understanding of nature.
- 3. Explore Science:**  
Spring brings unpredictable weather patterns, making it an ideal time to engage children in weather watching. Embark on exciting bug hunts to explore the fascinating world of insects and other small creatures.
- 4. Include Physical Play**  
Encourage children to stay active and embrace the outdoors with spring sports and games. Playgrounds are fantastic environments for children to challenge their bodies and minds.
- 5. Learn Together:**  
Encourage collaborative learning and teamwork through group projects that celebrate the spirit of spring. Whether it's creating a butterfly garden, building birdhouses, or organizing a community clean-up, working together fosters communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills.
- 6. Enhancing Springtime Learning with Technology:**  
Take children on virtual tours of botanical gardens, wildlife sanctuaries, or museums from the comfort of home. Virtual tours of gardens, zoos, or natural history museums can offer children a broader view of the world's diversity, complementing their direct experiences of spring. Encourage screen time moderation and interactive learning with parental supervision, ensuring a balance between digital and real-world experiences.

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