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Rock Island Library Celebrates *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

At 40 years old, a whole generation of readers has grown up with Eric Carle's children's classic, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The Rock Island Library is celebrating the book's birthday milestone this September with "*Very Hungry Caterpillar*" Rhyme Time programs.

Rhyme Time is a special series of programs designed for the early learning needs of children ages birth to five. With stories, rhymes and guided play, the programs help build pre-reading language skills in babies and toddlers.

The library will offer "*Very Hungry Caterpillar*" Rhyme Times on:

**11 a.m. on Thursday, September 10 at the Main Library, 401 19th Street,
11 a.m. on Saturday, September 12 at the 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th Street.**

Library staff will read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," sing songs and lead children in some caterpillar crafts and games. The program is free and meets in the Children's Room of each location. No registration is required.

Libraries offer plenty of print, online, visual and audio resources, many of which are free with a library card. For money-saving entertainment, enlightenment and enrichment for all ages, visit the Rock Island Main, 30/31 and Southwest Branch libraries, or check the Rock Island Library online at www.ripl.lib.il.us for details about library cards, services and free events for the family.

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