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Mondays Rock at the Rock Island Public Library

Parents and caregivers who are looking for free family education and entertainment can put Mondays on their list with a wide array of activities at the Rock Island Main Library this fall:

DePriest Puppets, performing "Beauty and the Beast," Monday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. at the Main Library, 401 19th Street.

Messy Mondays: Get messy at the Main Library, with a book reading and messy craft activity for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grades. All programs are at 6 p.m. in the Main Library Children's Room. Dress for messiness! Dates and activities include:

- Sept. 14: Slime Making
- Sept. 28: Playdough Creation
- Oct. 5: Picture Making With Colored Pasta
- Oct. 19: Painting a Pumpkin Craft
- Nov. 9: Pine Cone Bird Feeder
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Craft
- Dec. 21: Handprint Wreath

Monarch Mondays: Flutter into the library to enjoy a book and related craft or activity with Monarch Mondays. The program focuses on Monarch Award List books, an Illinois children's choice award for Kindergarten through 3rd grades. The award list is designed to encourage children to read and discover outstanding children's books, authors and illustrators. All programs are at 6 p.m. in the Main Library's Children's Room. Books and the programs include:

- Sept. 21: *My Dog is As Smelly as Dirty Socks and Other Funny Family Portraits*, Hanoch Piven.
- Oct. 26: *Max's Words*, by Kate Banks
- Nov. 2: *The Cheese*, by Margie Palatini
- Dec. 14: *Scaredy Squirrel*, by Melanie Watt

All of the above events are free and open to the public. 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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