

Photo story

Activities

Teacher notes

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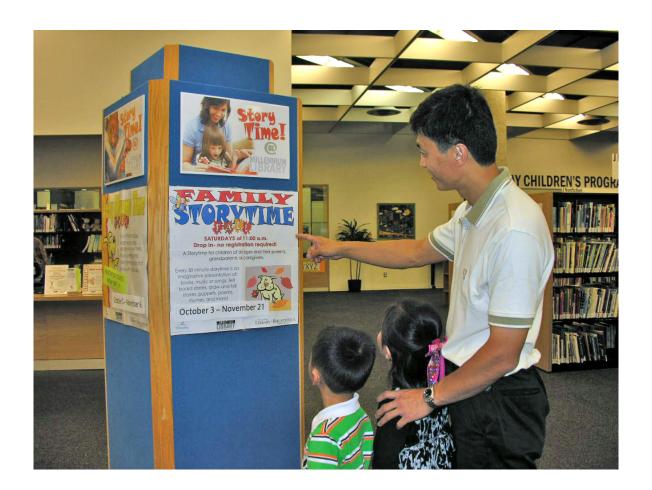
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Activity A - Dialogue

Sahid: Hi Jeong. How are you? And how did you do on your last library project?

Jeong: I'm great! And thanks to the advice you gave me on how to do a search at the library, I

got a good mark on my Manitoba author project.

Sahid: Awesome! Let me tell you something else about the library that I'll bet you didn't know.

Do you remember that old Canadian Tire advertisement where the announcer says,

"There's more to Canadian Tire than just tires."

Jeong: Yah, I remember it.

Sahid: Well, the same goes for the library. There's more than just books and newspapers and

CDs and DVDs at the library. There's also a lot of other cool things happening all year

long!

Jeong: Yah, like what?

Sahid: Well, for one thing, they have noon hour concerts every Thursday – everything from

cultural shows to singers to classical musicians. And on Wednesdays, they have all kinds

of interesting lectures.

Jeong: No kidding? That would give me an opportunity to practice my listening and note-taking

skills.

Sahid: Yah, and the library offers all kinds of programs such as book clubs and computer

classes. Many of the computer classes are designed for people who don't have much experience with computers – everything from keyboarding basics to doing Internet

searches. However, there are also classes for more advanced learners.

Jeong: Well, I could certainly use an Internet class to improve my research skills.

Sahid: Besides that, the library offers all kinds of reading programs for teens and kids. There's

story time where library staff read stories to preschoolers, and family story time where the parents and siblings get involved in the reading, and a lot of other programs for children. There's also book clubs and activities for teens, and all kinds of interesting things for adults like travelogues where people talk about their trips. There's also readings by well-known Manitoba authors. And you know what's the best thing about all

these activities?

Jeong: What's that, Sahid?

Sahid: They're all free!

Jeong: You're kidding!

Sahid: No kidding!

Jeong: So how do I find out what's going on at the library?



Sahid: Well, you can pick up a copy of "At the Library" newsletter which is available at all the

library branches, or you can go to the library website and check out the programs there.

Jeong: Great! I'm going to check it out tonight. I know my kids would love to have someone else

besides me read to them. And I think I'll check out some of those computer classes.

Sahid: Maybe I'll join you for that one. My research skills aren't that great either.

Jeong: Wow! And I used to think that the library was just a stuffy old place for books. I didn't

realize there was so much action there.

Sahid: Yah, there's always a lot happening at your friendly neighbourhood library! Now let's go

sign up for those computer classes.

Activity B – Library Tour

A tour of your local library, especially the Millennium Library downtown, is a great way to become familiar with the many resources, programs and activities offered by the Winnipeg Library. Don't hesitate to ask your tour guide questions about the library. Your teacher will arrange the tour for the class.

Activity C – Skywalk Concerts & Lectures

Ever wondered what it is like to sit in on a university lecture? Do you like good music? Well, the Millennium Library downtown offers both. They have excellent noon hour lectures and noon hour concerts featuring a wide variety of up-and-coming performers. Check out the Skywalk brochure – it's online at the Winnipeg Library website. Skywalk is held from September to March.



Activity D - Scanning the library newsletter

Find the answers to the following questions by scanning the sampler 'At the Library' newsletter:

- 1. How often is the library newsletter published?
- 2. Which programs do you have to pay for, and which ones are free?
- 3. What is the Skywalk Concerts and Lecture series all about?
- 4. Who read at the "Author Reading" on Friday, September 11?
- 5. Who leads the English Conversation Groups?
- 6. What is Zumba?
- 7. How many computer workshops does the Winnipeg Library system offer?
- 8. What was the first book chosen by the 'Teen Central Book Club?'
- 9. What is manga, and where will you find the Teen Manga Club?
- 10. What do you do with your baby at Baby Rhyme Time?
- 11. What is the program called in which you share with your toddler 'the world of picture books, rhymes, finger plays and felt stories?'
- 12. What is Story Time?
- 13. "A Story Time for the whole family?" What's the name of that program? How many libraries offer it?
- 14. Which library hosted 'A Batty Halloween?'
- 15. Who is the magic man?
- 16. What does Bob Frayer do?
- 17. Which library hosts the Kids Lit Book Club?
- 18. What did the West Kildonan Library offer on Friday, October 23?



Activity E - Book Talk

A book club is a group of readers who get together to share their thoughts on a book that they've all read, or a book that they want to recommend to the other members of the club. It's fun to bring a book that you have read and enjoyed, and then share it with other students. For this activity, you need to go to the library and pick out a book that you think you'd like - on any subject - and that you think would be of interest to the class. (The librarian can help you in your book selection). After you've read the book, you're going to share it with the class. You'll have 10 minutes to present the book. You're going to say something about the author, then tell the class what the book's about (this is called the narrative), describe the main characters, do a short reading from the book, and then tell the class why you liked this book and why you'd recommend it to them.

This is a great way to improve your English and your presentation skills, and you're going to get some suggestions from the students about other books that you might want to read.

Activity F- Reading to Children/Family Story Time

Family Story Time is where parents and children get together. You might read a story to the children, or tell them a story or fable from your own culture, or teach them a song that you can sing together. It's a lot of fun, and a real learning experience for the children.

Your teacher is going to arrange a get-together for you. Your job is to prepare a book from the library, or a story or a song from your culture, and be prepared to share it with the children. And make sure you 'ham it up' – use gestures, facial expressions, and change your tone of voice to entertain the children.

Activity G – Brainstorming Ideas

Now that you know about the library, and it's many programs and activities, it's time to do your part. The library is always looking for suggestions and ideas that fall into three categories – literacy (learning to read), literary (related to literature and stories), and cultural programming (such as the Skywalk concerts). Your teacher will lead a brainstorming session – be prepared to come up with ideas that your teacher can pass on to the library.

These photo stories and activities were produced to introduce EAL/ESL and new learners to the wealth of programs, collections and services of Winnipeg Public Library. The photo stories help visually guide the learner through common experiences of the library. The activities help reinforce vocabulary and encourage familiarity with library resources.

Each module presents a new topic to expand library knowledge, vocabulary and reading, writing, and speaking skills. Supplementary handouts and guides are also available for classroom and individual use. All materials are available in .pdf at *winnipeg.ca/library*.

Please note that library fines, fees and hours are subject to change. Content will be updated periodically to reflect changes to library hours, fees and collections. Visit the Library's website at *winnipeg.ca/library* for up to date information on the library.

Feedback is always welcome. Contact the Administrative Coordinator of Outreach Services and Marketing, Winnipeg Public Library at 204.986.4255.

The photo story and activities are suitable for Canadian Language Benchmarks 5-6.

The activities for this unit are arranged according to a suggested sequence for learning. The lessons target the following skill areas:

Reading (A) (D)

Writing (D)

Speaking (A)

Listening (B) (C) (E)

Teacher Instructions and Answer Keys

Activity A – Dialogue

This dialogue will introduce the theme of this module – programs at the library. The teacher can begin the class by asking the students if they know about any of the programs at their local library branch, and to name any programs that they know about. Then the teacher can assign two students to read the first part of the dialogue, and then another two for the next part and so on. Once the dialogue is finished, the teacher can ask the students if they have any questions about the programs mentioned in the dialogue, and if any of them interest the students.

Activity B – Library Tour

A tour of your local library, or the Millennium Library, is an excellent way to make your students aware of the vast collection of resources at the library. You can arrange a tour by phoning any one of the 20 branches of Winnipeg Public Library. For a tour of the Millennium Library call Bookings: at 204-986-6689. Go to *wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/libraryservices/tours.asp* for more information on tours.

Tour of the Millennium Library:

- The tour takes about one hour, and includes all four floors.
- The main floor includes the circulation desk, the children's area, Teen Central, adult fiction, and new titles.
- The second floor includes the ESL/EAL section, music CDs, DVDs, and books in other languages.
- The third floor is Micromedia services which includes newspapers (with Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Tribune issues dating back to the last century), reference magazines and the local history room.
- The fourth floor is the Information Services, for research into various non-fiction subjects.

Activity C – Skywalk Concerts & Lectures

One of the many activities offered by the Winnipeg Library is the Skywalk Concerts & Lectures. These are live lectures and concerts – all free - which take place in the Carol Shields Auditorium on the 2nd floor of the Millennium Library. They are held every Wednesday and Thursday from 12:10 pm to 1:00 pm, from Sept. through March. Many of the lectures are given by professors from the University of Winnipeg; the live concerts feature everything from solo performances to ensembles in a variety of musical genres.

You could arrange to take the class to one of the events (no need to book ahead), and when you return to class there could be a class discussion about the lecture or concert. You could also have the students take notes during the lecture, and then have the students answer prepared questions about the lecture the next day.

Skywalk brochures are available at the Millennium Library and library branches, or in the "At the Library" newsletter. Skywalk information is also available at:

http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/pdfs/skywalkseries.pdf

Activity D – Newsletter Scanning

Having the students scan the library newsletter (either the latest newsletter or the sampler, which is a representative sample of all the library programs) is a great way for them to become familiar with the many programs available through the Library. Copies of this bi-monthly newsletter, called "At the Library," are available at any library branch, or it can be downloaded from the main Winnipeg library site.

Answers to the sampler quiz

- 1. Every two months
- 2. All programs are free
- 3. University lectures on Wednesday at noon; mini-concerts on Thursday at noon
- 4. Richard Wagamasee
- International Centre volunteer
- 6. Zumba combines Latin music and a fitness program
- 7. Three
- 8. Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card
- 9. Manga is a Japanese comic book. It's at the Sir William Stephenson Library
- 10. Together you will discover songs, finger plays, simple books and rhymes.
- 11. Time for Twos
- 12. Story Time is a 30-minute creative presentation of books, action rhymes, finger plays and felt stories.
- 13. Family Story Time; it's offered by six libraries
- 14. Sir William Stephenson Library
- 15. Scott Burton
- 16. Bob Frayer does origami he turns colourful sheets of paper into wonderful works of art.
- 17. St. James-Assiniboia Library
- 18. Fun Film Day

In addition to the above quiz, you could also prepare your own quiz from the latest newsletter edition so the students would have up-to-date information on the latest library programs. You can select questions that focus on activities that would be of most interest to the students and their children. Once the scanning activity is complete, you can have a general discussion with the students about activities and classes that might be of interest to them or their children.

Many of the programs listed in the newsletter have a telephone number for more information. You could assign students to call the library to find out more about specific programs and report back to the class.

Design a poster. You could divide the class into groups of two and have the groups design a poster to advertise one of the programs. The students need to make sure they include all details such as location, dates and times.

In addition, the Winnipeg Library website has a webpage called "Library Programs & Events" which lists all the current events at the Millennium Library and branch locations. You can get to the page off the main Winnipeg Library site, or go directly to:

http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/eventsall.asp

Activity E – Book Talk

Think about forming a book club in your class. To get it started, you could ask the students to prepare a short read-aloud from a book from a library branch. The reading could be anything the students choose – a page of two from a children's book or a graphic novel, a teen novel, or piece of fiction that the students found exciting or interesting, a poem, a selection from a biography, or from a book containing large pictures or photographs – something that is not too difficult to understand and that would be of interest to the class as a whole. The students should show their selection to you beforehand to ensure that the reading is appropriate for that level. You can tell the students that if they are having difficulty finding an appropriate selection, the staff in the library are very helpful. (This will provide another speaking opportunity for the students).

You're going to say something about the author, then tell the class what the book's about (this is called the narrative), describe the main characters, do a short reading from the book, and then tell the class why you liked this book and why you'd recommend it to them.

You should limit each student's entire presentation to no more than 10 minutes, and the teacher may want to spread the presentations out over several days so the students don't get bored from hearing one presentation after another.

Activity F – Reading to children

If you have a class of adults who have children of their own, you may want to consider booking someone from the Winnipeg Library's 'Outreach Services' department to come to your class to talk to the students about issues such as early literacy. The staff person will bring along some children's books and poems and provide a short demonstration of what you'd experience at the library. This might stimulate the students to read to their children in English, or in their own language because the Millennium Library has many children's books in other languages. The students don't have to stick to reading. They can teach the children simple songs, or tell the children stories from their own culture. (The library has a tremendous collection of songs and stories). In addition to being educational, it's a lot of fun!

The Outreach librarian can also talk about other programs and activities at the library as well as the resources available at any particular branch, and through the main branch. For booking an Outreach person, call 204-986-6689.



Activity G – Brainstorming ideas

Now that your class is familiar with the library's resources, programs and activities, it's time to put them to work. The library is always looking for suggestions and ideas related to three categories – literacy (learning to read), literary (related to literature and stories), and cultural programming (such as the Skywalk concerts). As a final activity in this module, you could have a brainstorming session with the students to share their ideas about new activities, programs and resources for the library, especially those designed for new Canadians.

You could start off by asking the students about the current resources and activities available at the library to get the conversation going. You could then break the class up into groups of four to brainstorm new initiatives for the library.

Once all the initiatives have been discussed with the class as a whole and outlined on the blackboard or chart paper, compile them, and then send them in one email through the 'Ask the Librarian' section of the library webpage, with the title, "Adult Programming Suggestions" or "Childrens' Programming Suggestions". You will find the online Librarian Email form at

wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/libraryservices/eref/emailref.asp. In your email, let them know your suggestions were a result of this learning module.

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER SAMPLE



The Winnipeg Public Library's newsletter @ the Library has information on library programs, news and membership. The newsletter is published every two months and is available at the library and on the library's website winnipeg.ca/library.

Below is an **example** of library programs. The current issue is at the library or read it on the library website. The library has programs for everyone - adults, teens, children and families. You may have to register for some programs. If there is no registration phone number, no registration is needed. **All programs are free!**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Skywalk Concerts & Lectures

The Skywalk series offers thoughtprovoking Wednesday lectures from some of the University of Winnipeg's best professors, and Thursday concerts by an assortment of local musical performers. Bring your lunch!

Millennium Library
 Carol Shields Auditorium, 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday Lectures

October 14: Prof. Michael Dudley, U of Winnipeg Institute of Urban Studies, "Can Winnipeg Become a 'Sustainable City'?"

Thursday Concerts

October 15: Martha & Me: Jazz standards in a concert/cabaret setting, with vocalist Martha Brooks and pianist/composer Glenn Buhr.

Author Reading: Richard Wagamese

Celebrated writer Richard Wagamese of the Wabaseemoong settlement in Northwestern Ontario will read from and talk about his most recent book, *One Native Life*.

Millennium Library
 Carol Shields Auditorium
 Friday, September 11
 12:10-12:50 p.m.

Manitoba During the Great Depression

The Wall Street Stock Crash of October 1929 set in motion an economic depression, with effects felt throughout the world for more than a decade. Historian Lloyd Penner will discuss how the Great Depression impacted Manitobans, how they coped with mass unemployment and drought, what measures were implemented to combat hardship and legacies left.

Millennium Library
 Carol Shields Auditorium
 Saturday, October 3 at 1 p.m.
 To register: call 204-986-6450



Practice your English Speaking Skills

English Conversation

Groups are for adult English-asan-Additional-Language learners who want to improve speaking and listening skills by talking with others in a group setting.

The Group is led by an International Centre volunteer and is open to any newcomer adult who can understand English spoken at an almost normal speed and who can already speak in short sentences. Offered in partnership with the International Centre. Regular attendance is expected.

Millennium Library
 Saturdays, October 10
 November 28, 10:30 a.m.
 To register: call 204-986-6475

Zumba Dance Party

Join Winnipeg in motion as we dance our way to fitness! Zumba combines Latin music and a fitness program.

Millennium Library
 Carol Shields Auditorium
 Friday, September 18
 12:10 p.m.

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

Computer Basics

Instructor: Conrad Padilla

If you need to gain experience in using a mouse and creating and saving information on a computer, then this workshop is for you. You will learn basic computer terminology and components, along with creating, saving, and opening files.

Munroe Library

Wednesday, September 9 10:15 a.m.

To register: call 204-986-3736

Millennium Library

Wednesday, September 16 10:15 a.m.

To register: call 204-986-6450

Email Basics

Instructor: Conrad Padilla

This workshop will show you how to open and maintain a free email account, such as Yahoo, Hotmail or GMail.

Henderson Library

Monday, September 14, 10:15 a.m. To register: call 204-986-4314

Internet Search Techniques

Instructor: Library Staff

There is a wealth of information on the Internet, but if you don't get the results you were expecting, or don't know where to start your search for information, this hands-on workshop is for you.

Henderson Library

Monday, September 28, 10:15 a.m. To register: call 204-986-4314

Finding your Apple a Day: Health Information @ the Library

Instructor: Library Staff

In this workshop, you will gain hands-on experience to help you locate books, magazine articles, encyclopaedias and brochures about topics such as prescription drugs, surgery, diseases and preventative and alternative health.

Millennium Library
 Thursday, October 22, 2 p.m.
 To register: call 204-986-6450



JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Book Clubs:

St James-Assiniboia Library

Teen Book Club

This fall we will be reading novels that are inspiring and thought provoking. Our first book is **Alma** by William Bell.

Ages 13 - 18

Every 3rd Saturday @ 11 a.m. September 26, October 17, November 7. Registration starts September 11. To register, call 204-986-3425

Millennium Library

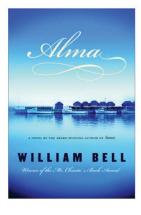
Teen Central Book Club

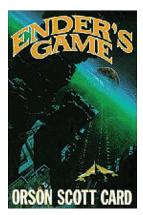
This teen-run book club meets every six weeks. All the books are chosen by group members, and everyone gets a turn to lead the discussion.

Our first book this fall will be **Ender's Game**, by Orson Scott Card (but be warned, reading Orson Scott Card can be contagious!).

Ages 13 - 17

Saturday, September 26, 1:30-3 p.m. To register, call 204-986-6488





Twilight and New Moon Mania Party

Celebrate the most anticipated new movie of the year with trivia, games and prizes! Registration will be limited.

St. James-Assiniboia Library

Ages 13-18 years Saturday, November 14 @ 2 p.m. To register, call 204-986-3425

Teen Manga Club

If you enjoy reading manga and would like to meet other teens to share your favorite books with, come join us at the Sir William Stephenson library!

We love to talk about new series and our favorite characters. If you have your own manga you're working on, feel free to bring it for group feedback.

Sir William Stephenson Library

Ages 13 - 17

Meetings are once a month on Thursdays @ 5 p.m. September 24, October 22. To register, call 204-986-7070

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Baby Rhyme Time



(Ages newborn to 24 months + caregiver) 20 - 30 minutes

It's never too early to introduce your baby to the wonderful world of books and reading.

Together you will discover songs, finger plays, simple books and rhymes.

Visit or call the host branch beginning September 11 to register.

*Please bring a small blanket to place on the floor for your baby.

Cornish 204-986-4679

Mondays @ 1:30 p.m. October 26 - November 30

Louis Riel 204-986-4576

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. October 1 - November 5

Millennium 204-986-6488

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 2 - November 6

Osborne 204-986-4775

Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m. October 1 - November 5

St. Vital 204-986-5632

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. October 8 - November 26

Sir William Stephenson 204-986-7096

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.
October 2 - November 6

Time For Twos

(Ages 24 to 36 months + caregiver) 20 - 30 minutes

A love of books and reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Share this gift with your toddler as together you explore the world of picture books, rhymes, finger plays and felt stories. The group setting provides a fun, social experience for you and your child. Visit or call the host branch beginning September 11 to register.

Fort Garry 204-986-4919

Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. September 21 - November 9

Louis Riel 204-986-4576

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 2 - November 6

Pembina Trail 204-986-4380

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. October 22 - December 10

River Heights 204-986-4940

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. October 8 - November 19

Transcona 204-986-3955

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 16 - November 27

Westwood 204-986-4747

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. September 29 - November 17

Pre-school Story Time for 3 - 5 Year Olds



Story Time is a 30-minute creative presentation of books, action rhymes, finger plays and felt stories for children who are ready to be on their own in a group. A different theme each week provides a fresh introduction to a variety of high-quality picture books. Don't forget to choose a few to take home!

Visit or call the host branch beginning September 11 to register.

Charleswood 204-986-3071

Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. October 6 - November 24

Fort Garry 204-986-4919

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 2 - November 20

Henderson 204-986-7916

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. October 6 - November 24

River Heights 204-986-4940

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 9 - November 20

St. James-Assiniboia 204-986-3425

Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. September 28 - November 30

West End 204-986-4677

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 2 - November 27

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Family Story Time



A Story Time for the whole family! Stories, rhymes and activities are geared primarily toward children ages 3 - 5; however, younger and older siblings can enjoy being part of the action. Parents also attend with their children, so everyone joins in the fun! Visit or call the host branch beginning September 11 to register.

Cornish 204-986-4679

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 2 - November 20

Millennium 204-986-6488

Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m. October 3 - November 21

Munroe 204-986-3736

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. October 9 - November 27

Pembina Trail 204-986-4380

Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
October 20 - December 8

St. John's 204-986-4689

Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. October 6 - November 24

Sir William Stephenson 204-986-7096

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. October 7 - December 2

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Enjoy a Haunted Halloween

Louis Riel Library

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. For 6 and up To register, call 204-986-4576



The Magic of Scott Burton

An entertaining family magic show that will have laughing in amazement! To register, call the branch.

- St. John's 204-986-4689
 Monday, September 28, 3 4 p.m.
- Pembina Trail 204-986-4380
 Tuesday, September 29, 2 3 p.m.

Origami Workshop with Bob Fraver

Bob Frayer turns colourful sheets of paper into wonderful works of art. For ages 8 and up (younger in accompanied by an adult). To register, call the branch.

- Fort Garry Library 204-986-4919
 Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- St. Vital Library 204-986-5632
 Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 7:30 p.m.

Book Clubs

Children ages 9 - 12 are invited to join a book club and share their love of reading with others. Visit or call the host branch beginning September 11 to register.

Millennium Pre-Teen Book Club

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Book titles for October are:
October 3 - **No More Dead Dogs**by Gordon Korman

October 31 - **Clockwork**by Philip Pullman
To register, call 204-986-6488

Kids Lit Book Club

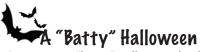
St. James-Assiniboia Library

Every 3rd Saturday @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. September 19 and October 10 To register, call 204-986-3425



West Kildonan Library

Friday, October 23, 2 - 2:45 p.m. For kids of all ages To register, call 204-986-4389



Come to our "batty" Halloween bash for stories & a "spooky" craft!

Sir William Stephenson Library

Saturday, October 17, 2-3 p.m. For 6-12 year olds To register, call 204-986-47096

