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## OUR MISSION

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

## OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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Receive our newsletter twice a year by US Mail.  
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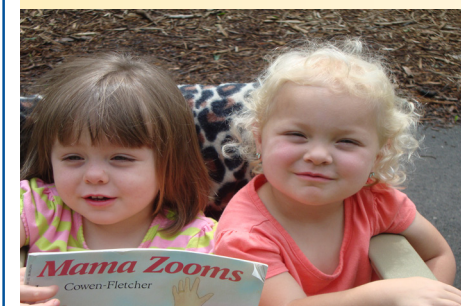


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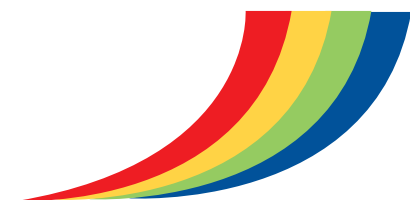
## BOOGIE WITH BOOKS IN THE PARK! MAY 31, 2014



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## Boogie with Books in the Park

On Saturday, May 31, children came out to Lineberger Park in Gastonia to enjoy a day of storytelling, dancing and bonding with family.

Boogie with Books in the Park, sponsored by the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, had an estimated 200 participants. Every child who attended received a free book. "I hope everyone had as much fun as I did," said Michael Linker, Executive Director of the Partnership for Children.

Brenda Craig, Mayor Pro Tem in Gastonia volunteered as a storyteller. She was honored to participate.

"The event was a real benefit to our community," Craig said. "It warmed my heart that so many children went home with a free book."

Thank you to our Supporters and Contributors of the event including: Aaron's, Inc., Business Sorority, Child Care Connections of Cleveland County, FirstBook, Gaston County Public Library, Gaston Learning Academy/Diane Holland, Guilty Pleasures Catering, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Life for Kidz, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., Ollie's Bargain Outlet, QSC Food Mart/Jaya Gupta, Rob Lowery, Röchling Engineering Plastics, Truliant Federal Credit Union/Tammy Kane.

In addition special thanks to all of our Storytellers including:

-From Gaston County Public Library, Annette Aldin, Debra Livingston, Laurel Hicks, Rene Crump, Sarah Miller

-Brenda Craig, Mayor Pro Tem of Gastonia

-Capt. Bill Melton of Gaston County Police Department

-Pam Pegram with A Place to Grow Child Care Center in Lincolnton

## Preschool Connection Learning Academy-Second Location!

After 13 years, Angela Warren, Owner at Preschool Connection in Belmont has opened a second child care center located at 102 Glenway St. Belmont.

Warren has always been interested in child care. Having been a teacher in child care for 25 years, her passion was to provide a high quality center for children so that when they walk in the door they can be proud to be there. She credits a lot of her success to her parents and the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties.

"The funding I have received from the Partnership over the years is crucial in maintain a quality 5 star center," she said.

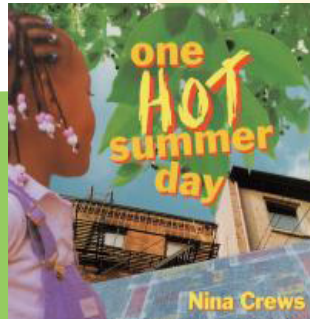


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### Summer Book Recommendations

One Hot Summer Day  
By Nina Crews

Red, White and Boom!  
By Lee Wardlaw

Should I Share my Ice Cream?  
By Mo Willems

Canoe Days  
By Gary Paulsen

How I Spent My Summer Vacation  
By Mark Teague

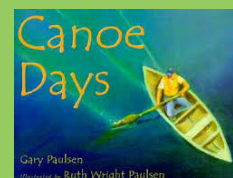
See Me Dig  
By Paul Meisel

Hooray for Summer  
By Kazuo Iwamura

Plant a Little Seed  
By Bonnie Christensen

Yucky Worms  
By Vivian French

The Princess and the Pea  
By Alain Vaes



## APPLE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 20, 2014 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come visit our Booth in the Kid's Orchard!

## Family Share Night

On April 29, 2014, the Partnership held a Family Share Night at Bojangles in Dallas. The Partnership received 10 percent of the proceeds from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Partnership set up a table at the restaurant, spoke to patrons and also did a raffle for three sets of baseball tickets- The Gastonia Grizzlies, the Charlotte Knights and the Hickory Crawdads.

The event was a success because the evening showed an increase in sales at the restaurant. The event allowed us to educate people about the Partnership and our services and brought in more customers for Bojangles. It was a win win for all!

Pictured is Board Member Sarah Miller, who purchased dinner for her family that evening.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes who maintained their:

5 star rating:

•Bay's Child Development, Brown's Little Shepherds, Carolina Kids Club, Gaston Learning Academy, Kenlin Academy Preschool, Little Angels Preschool, Ms. Brenda's Child Care Services, Norris S. Childers Elementary Pre-K, Preschool Connection, The Grace School Child Development Center, Woods World Family Child Care

4 star rating:

•A Toddler Tech University, A Waller Learning Center, Childcare Network 99, Lighthouse Child Development Center, Little Tykes Child Development Center, Love's Learning Center, Mini Academy @Denver, Ms. Em's Child Development Center

Increased their star rating:

- Cora's Tiny Tots Learning Center increased from a 2 star to a 3 star
- Tiny Tot Child Development Center increased from a 4 to a 5 star
- Tutor Time Child Care Learning Centers moved from Temporary to 4 star

