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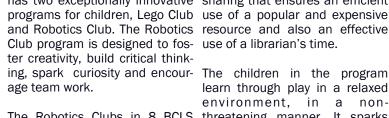
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INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS SPARK CREATIVITY THROUGH PLAY



Altoona Robotics

Hollidaysburg Robotics



a particular robotic sensor and a pate in the program. team building exercise.

get the 6 to 12 year old age co-humor, and laughter. hort with a non-book based program.

The program expands the range over the county! of library programs to include the active creation of participants as opposed to passively listening to storytime.

The Blair County Library System The program provides a model of has two exceptionally innovative sharing that ensures an efficient programs for children, Lego Club use of a popular and expensive and Robotics Club. The Robotics resource and also an effective

learn through play in a relaxed environment, in a non-The Robotics Clubs in 8 BCLS threatening manner. It sparks libraries use Lego Mindstroms creativity. It's free and makes EV3 robot sets and HP laptop Legos accessible to all. There computers for children ages 10 are no income guidelines and no to 14. Each session focuses on library card is required to partici-

Both of these programs are For the Blair County Library Sys- based on play as a way of learntem the Lego Club program is ing. Play is a route to developing unique in that it is a cooperative creativity and it incorporates effort of all eight libraries to tar- cognitive companions like wit,

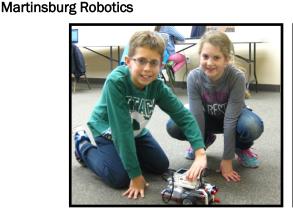
> Lego and Robotics Clubs are very popular and are filling up all



Bellwood-Antis Lego Club



Claysburg Lego Club



Tyrone-Snyder Robotics



Williamsburg Robotics



Roaring Spring Lego Club

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HOLLIDAYSBURG LIBRARY, UKULELE GROUP ANNOUNCE LENDING PROGRAM



Kids' Ukulele Crash Course at HAPL. The kids learned to play their first song after only 14 minutes.

The Allegheny Ukulele Kollective (AUK), a ukulele group based in Altoona, announces their Ukulele Library Lending Program currently active in Blair and Centre Counties and scheduled to reach Bedford County in February. Beginning in 2014 with a pilot program at the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library and since bolstered by a grant from the PA Council on the Arts and support from Ohana Ukuleles, the Ukulele Lending Program aims to reach over 30 public libraries in Central Pennsylvania over the next year. Library pa- asts and our local community. Over 100 trons can check-out the a ukulele from participants will have access to 18 differthe library just like any other item in the ent workshops over the course of the collection or can join-in a "jam" at a local weekend as well as concert performanclibrary. Currently in Blair County Libraries, es by guest artists and teachers. Donaukuleles are available to be checked out tions for the upkeep and replacement of at Bellwood, Claysburg, Hollidaysburg, library ukuleles are also welcomed and Martinsburg, Tyrone and Williamsburg.

Melanie Ramsey, Hollidaysburg's dren's Librarian, is an enthusiastic promoter of the program, "Having ukuleles Represent a public library in Pennsylvacheck out has definitely attracted people from all over our area and beyond. Ukuleles are a community builder and they're a very approachable instrument."

The community programming held by the Allegheny Ukulele Kollective, including the upcoming Allegheny Ukulele Soirée (soiree.alleghenyukes.com), helps to support the Lending Program. The third annual Soirée to be held April 15-17, 2016 at Laurel Lodge, Duncansville, is the longest running ukulele festival in Pennsylvania, providing education and entertainment opportunities for ukulele enthusi-

more information can be found at alleghenyukes.com or by calling 814-826-4232.

and ukulele books for our patrons to nia? Learn how to join the Ukulele Library Lending Program at http:// alleghenyukes.com/join-our-program.



Adult Ukulele Crash Course at HAPL

YRONE-SNYDER TAKES ITS PROGRAMMING OUTDOORS!



The first session of the Heroes of the Natural World Outdoor Activity Series was called Critter Club and allowed Tyrone

Tyrone–Snyder Public Library moved their summer reading events outside with the Heroes of the Natural World Outdoor Activity Series at local parks and nature The final session of this series was a Tree trails. Kids participated in lessons, games, hands-on activities, and stories.

The first session, Critter Club, was held at about trees along the way. the Railroad Park at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue in Tyrone. The caregivers

were invited to attend with their children All of the programs were fun, free, local and to bring a lunch and drinks for the and designed for children ages 6-12 and day. Each program was free and part of a their caregivers to get them outside and Summer series. At Reservoir Park, they held a Creek Exploration with a stream study. The goal of that program was for the kids to find out "who lives in the water". Putting old clothes and boots on and getting right into the water was part of the appeal of the program.

The Heroes of the Natural World program also took them to Albemarle Nature Trail for a habitat hike where the kids explored a forest, meadow, and wetland while meeting some of the plants of our region.

Adventure back at the Albemarle Nature Trail. It centered around asking kids to be a part of a real adventure while learning

close to nature.

Albemarle Nature Trail allowed the kids to hike and explore different habitats while looking out for different animals.

