

North East Library hosts 'Play With Me' weekend fun

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NORTH EAST — They gathered excitedly, and sat none-too-quietly, waiting for the fun to begin at the North East branch of Cecil County Public Library Saturday morning.

Marge Kilczewski,
Library Associate,

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welcomed the room full of boisterous preschoolers and their parents to join her in a celebration of all things winter starting with polar bear finger puppets and ending with crafts and activities called “ABC Come Play With Me.”

“This was a big crowd,” Kilczewski said. While happy with the turnout, she said it eliminated the opportunity to add movement to the activities. The children enjoyed the songs, finger puppets and stories that drew them in with jingle bells to ring and ribbons of netting to swing overhead.

“We probably come to the library once a week,” said Sherry Eichinger-Wilson. “This is our first time with a structured play group.”

The event met with the approval of Noah Eichinger-Wilson, 5.

“I liked the story,” he said.

Jessica Confer likes the CCPL programs not just for the activities but the life lessons for Jaxon, 3 and Peyton, 2.

“The kids learn how to share and how to play with others,” Confer said. “And the activities get them out of the house.”

Kilczewski said CCPL offers weekday and weekend programs for all ages; including Hello Baby, Baby Steps and Movers & Groovers. It’s a testament to the Children’s Librarians, she said.

“We’ve got a good team. We all have our niches,” Kilczewski said.

Once the group session was finished, the children were invited to visit stations where they could paint snowflakes with dabbers, make a snowman finger puppet, explore a sensory bin, play with salt dough or blocks, make a cereal bird feeder and more.

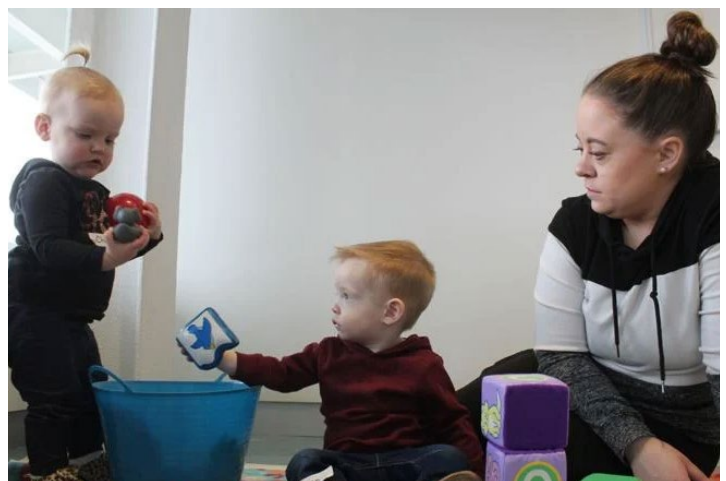
Sherry Echinger-Wilson said Noah, 5 and Rowan, 3 look forward to coming to the library.

“They can play. They can make noise,” she said of the children’s library section at North East with its many stations and play areas. “It’s a place they are very excited to come to.”

To see a schedule of upcoming events, as well as free classes, book clubs and other opportunities for lifelong learning go to <https://www.cecilcountylibrary.org/>.



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