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February Events at the Oakdale Library

The Oakdale Library will offer a number of free programs for all ages this February, beginning with "Wee Move and Play" on Monday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. This program features an hour of music, movement, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers. Wee Move and Play promotes creativity, fine motor development, and collaboration.

Children are invited to build and play with LEGOs on Monday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 24 at 3:30 p.m. Finished LEGO creations will be displayed at the library. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision at all times.

The public is invited to receive free tax preparation assistance from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers on Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. VITA volunteers are trained by the IRS. Please call the library at (209) 847-4204 to reserve a spot, as space is limited. The last day for tax preparation at the Oakdale Library will be April 7.

The library will offer free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. This program offers a basic introduction to computers, including an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and simple tasks. The Internet Basics course on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. will introduce participants to the Internet and teach them how to search the World Wide Web.

A Valentine's Day Craft Party will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m. All ages are invited to make Valentine's Day themed crafts.

The NAMI* Connection Recovery Support Group will meet at the library on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) This free, peer-led support group is designed to help adults living with mental illness. Participants can gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others. The support group is led by NAMI-trained facilitators who follow a structured model to ensure that everyone in the group has an opportunity to be heard.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m. children can visit the library for STEAM*: Infinity, featuring a reading of *Infinity and Me* by Kate Hosford. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Participants will then make triangles that go on forever. STEAM programs are designed for children in kindergarten and older; children 4 and under must be supervised by a parent.

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The Oakdale Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. to discuss *In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien. Book clubs allow community members to expand their knowledge of books through meaningful discussions with others.

The Oakdale Library Book Club, crafts, LEGO programs, and Wee Move and Play are sponsored by the Friends of the Oakdale Library. The Oakdale Library is located at 151 S. First Ave. in Oakdale. For more information, please call (209) 847-4204.

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