

June 17, 2019
5:00 – 7:30pm
Central Library

Parents, guardians, and friends: tonight we are focusing on communication and friendship. Young children depend on language and communication to make their wants and needs known, solve problems, ask questions and play with others. So, join us in play tonight with hands on examples and then play and learn with your child all summer long.

Let's Get Curious!

Visit Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat in person on **June 19th, 5:00 – 7:30pm** at the **Bishop Museum and the Central Library**



Open Ended Questions for Play

I wonder if....
What's another way to...
How many more.....
I wonder how.....
What would happen if.....
What's another way to.....
How is this like...
Can you find another.....

Conversation Starters for Families

Our hope is these questions will encourage many wonderful times of laughter, engagement and learning.

What was the best part of your day?
What was the worst?

If you could be any type of sandwich what would you be and why?

What is your favorite thing to do outside?

What is your favorite animal? Why?

Where do you like to go in the car?

If we were at the grocery store, what would you like to buy?

How many animal noises can you make?

If you could have any "super-hero" power, what would you have?

How high can you count?

If you could make three wishes, what would they be?



For our the Soar in 4 summer calendar visit www.soarin4.org

Continue Learning at Home

Reading books and telling stories are important ways to support young children's communication and language skills

Expose children to new vocabulary, books based on children's interests and cultures.

Through their own observations, children begin to make a connection between actions and reactions. Understanding cause and effect helps children predict and explain events in new contexts. Building with blocks, mixing paint, experimenting with items that sink or float in water, or banging on a pot to hear it make noise are great ways to help teach cause and effect.

Patterns help children make sense of the world by breaking and sorting information into meaningful "chunks," allowing children to create new understandings. Patterns can be found in nature as children explore shapes, characteristics and sort objects found on a nature walk. Children can observe patterns in seasons and in the sky through the shapes and movement of the clouds, sun, moon and stars. Help children to identify patterns in language through speech and rhymes.

Children gain knowledge through their play. They learn to think, remember and solve problems. Children increase their problem-solving abilities through games and puzzles. They strengthen their language skills by modeling other children and adults. So, make time each day to play together!

