# Roselle Public Library Youth Services Spring, 2009

Logo by- Kaela B., age 10



## Happy 10th. Anniversary!

Thank you to all participants who have taken part in the "What's Up With Kids Newspaper" over the last 10 years!



My India Trip by Ananya S.. age 7

I went to India for Winter Break. I loved it there! After a long flight, we landed in India. We landed in Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra – a state in India. We were there to visit my grandpa, grandma, aunt, uncle, and cousins. In Mumbai, I had a bunch of fun. One of my favorite things to do was stand outside on the balcony and look down to the streets below. I also enjoyed running and jumping and playing games with my cousins. India was burning hot. My Dad took us to the beach where he used to go when he lived there.

After a few days, I left for Sangli, my Mom's hometown. In Sangli, we traveled by three wheeled rickshaws and it was amazing! My sister got to ride on my cousin and aunt's Motor-Scooter.

We then went to a town called Mahabaleshwar. I got hurt after our first lunch there, but my wound quickly began to heal. We saw a beautiful mountain range called Sahyadri. We also went to the top of a fort, which an Indian hero had conquered. His name was Shivaji Maharaj. It was a long hike to the top, but it was worth it. We even saw the holes the archers used to shoot through.

In Mahabaleshwar, there were lots of monkeys jumping around on trees and rooftops. We went to a fair we played games and got to ride horses. There were lots of monkeys around at the fair too. One of them snatched my Dad's water bottle, cracked it and drank from it. The funniest part was watching the monkeys eat corn on the cob. All to soon it was time to leave.

The not so fun part of my trip was when my whole family got sick. But we all felt better soon.

In India we met a lot of aunts and uncles, and cousins. We ate yummy foods and got beautiful Indian dresses and jewelry. We went to the McDonald's. The food was very unusual and different from the McDonald's here.

I had so much fun in India! I cannot wait to go back there!

#### My Trip to the American Girl Store By: Christina P 1, age 8

It all started when we couldn't find Bitty Baby American Girl. My grandma bought it for me when I was born and my mom put it away until I was older so I wouldn't ruin it. After my grandma died, and we were cleaning out her house, we found several outfits she had ordered for Bitty Baby, thinking I was playing with her. Well, Mom felt really bad that we didn't have Bitty Baby, so she went in the garage and started digging through boxes looking. Since we moved here about 5 years ago, Bitty Baby was only seen once in the last 5 years. While looking for something about 3 years ago, my mom came across Bitty Baby and let me play with her for a day. Then mom took her and put her away in a safe place where we would be able to find her when I got older to play with her. After many hours and days of looking, we determined Bitty Baby was lost.

Now, with the clothes and no doll, we decided to take a trip to the American Girl Store downtown. We started out very early on a Sunday morning and got there as they opened. It was one of the most amazing sights I have ever seen!!!! There were dolls everywhere!!!! Even my poor 11 year old brother that we dragged with, thought it was a pretty cool place.

We started out on the first floor, looking at all the period dolls. I had gotten Kit Kittredge for Christmas, and I wanted to see if they had any interesting things for her. As I walked up and down the aisles of Kit, I couldn't believe all that was there for her. I wound up getting her new outfit, the Reporters Dress. It is so pretty.

Next, we walked over to the "Nursery" section where they had Bitty Baby's and Bitty Twins. Mom said I could have a new Bitty Baby if I wanted one. I looked over the Baby's and wandered over to the Twins section. They were so adorable. I didn't know you could buy the twins separate at the store. You can't do that online. Instead of Bitty Baby, I chose one of the twins, a girl, with brown hair and brown eyes. I also talked my mom into a pair of pajamas for her. I named my Twin, Lindsay Marisa. She is now my favorite doll and I sleep with her every night.

We also got upstairs where they have the Look Like Me Dolls and all their clothes and accessories. There is also a hair salon, a hospital, a restaurant, a sweets shop and a make your own t-shirt shop for the dolls. It was all pretty neat, but a little overwhelming.

The American Girl Store is the best store I've even been too. I can't wait to go back again, hopefully, someday soon with Bitty Baby, if we ever find her.



### Pixie Tricks by Melinda W., age 8

I love Pixie Tricks books! I love them because they have wonderful details. I am almost done with number eight. The characters are named Violet, Sprite, Queen Mab and Leon. Sprite is a fairy. He is a royal pixie trickster. He has to trick 14 bad fairies that have escaped from the outer world. Queen Mabis the Queen in the other world and she's also Queen of fairies. The book I am reading is good. I think everybody should read it. The book I am reading is called The Wicked Wizard Captured Sprite. You will find out what happens if you start reading it now today at the library!! It is where the computers are. It's all the way at the wall. There are 8 Pixie Trick books and 100's of others to read!

Picture by Milinda W. age 8

