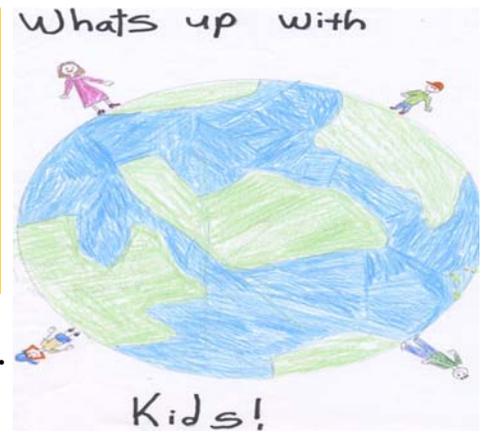


What's Up With Kids!

Roselle Public Library Youth Services Summer, 2009

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Featured Reporter

Featured Reporter - **Christina P.**

Age - 8

School - Erickson Elementary

Favorite subject in school - Science

Favorite teacher - Mrs. Ortner

Favorite Television Program - iCarly

Favorite Sports Team - The Cubs

Favorite Book - A-Z Mysteries

Hobbies - Karate

Christina was in a National Karate
Competition in May 2009.



What Does It Mean To Be “Green”?

by Isabella K., age 9

“Being Green” means to love and protect the Earth! It means that we must take care of the environment so it can last forever. We want the environment around us and the whole Earth to be healthy, so all living creatures can survive and live well.



“Being Green” takes effort. It takes work from all of us to help our planet. The first place to start is in your own back yard. There are some fun and easy things you and your family can do to be green. Here are some of my tips:

- 1) Bag trash while you walk or bike in your neighborhood.

You can pick up garbage, plus recycle the cans and bottles. It’s a great way to clean-up and recycle/ reuse!



- 2) Plant Anything!



Plant a garden, flowers, or anything. Every time you grow plants, they help the environment by taking the bad carbon gases using them as food, and then the plants make healthy air we can breathe, or oxygen.

- 3) Compost Food and Yard Clippings!

A compost bin or pile is a great way to recycle organic stuff, like food and yard clippings (grass and leaves). This will eventually decay and become new soil, you can use in the garden.



4) Recycle!

Recycle everything you can think of at your home! You can recycle paper, plastic, cans, glass and even e-waste. E-waste, electronic waste, are things like batteries, computers, electronic parts, TV's, and things like that. There are E-Waste drop off sites in our area.



5) Turn off the lights!

OK, my mom and dad do say it a lot, but it makes sense. When you leave a room, just turn off the lights to conserve and not waste energy.

6) Conserve Water!

Don't run the water while brushing your teeth. You only need the water at the end when you rinse. Think Green!

You just can't "Be Green" whenever the mood hits you. You need to "Think Green" and come up with ways to CONSERVE, REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE!!!!



**Join us at the next "What's Up With Kids!"
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in the Youth Services Storytime Room

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The 'Twilight' Saga

by Katerina K., age 11

Many of you have probably heard of *Twilight*, the movie, but did you ever know that it was first a book? That's right, *Twilight*, was originally written by Stephanie Meyer, who has written all four books in the series. The first in the series is, obviously *Twilight*, followed by *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and the last book is *Breaking Dawn* which I am currently reading). In the first book, *Twilight*, Bella Swan, a light-skinned, dark haired 17 year old girl from California, decides to move to the dreary town of Forks, Washington, to live with her dad, Charlie, while her mom and her step-dad travel. There, she meets a mysterious boy whose name is Edward Cullen. Eventually, Bella and Edward fall in love, and he has to tell her his families secret, that he and his family are vampires!!

In the second book, *New Moon*, Edward has to leave Bella behind, and that strikes her into a long period of depression that only her friend Jacob Black can console her. But, of course, her boyfriend is a vampire, and now she learns that her best friend is also a mythical creature! At the end, Edward and his family come back, and they are reunited after both of them suffer long months apart from each other.

In the third book, *Eclipse*, Bella, and Edward, are engaged!! But, they also have to battle newborn vampires. I won't tell you anymore, otherwise I'll spoil everything!!!

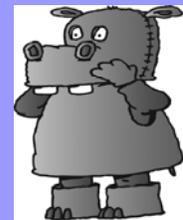
I'm currently reading the fourth book, *Breaking Dawn*, and so far, it's G-R-E-A-T, great ! I hope you guys learned what books to read.

The Twilight Saga can be found in the Young Adult Area of the Roselle Public Library.

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Chrissa Stands Strong - An American Girl Story
by Christina P., age 8

The American Girl Doll of the year is Chrissa Maxwell. She has her own movie. The movie is called "Chrissa Stands Strong." It is the story of a girl, Chrissa, and her family that move from their home in Minnesota to live with her grandmother on a farm after her grandfather dies. On the farm, there are pet llamas. Chrissa names her llama "Starburst" Chrissa starts out at her new school, but a certain group of girls, called Mean Bees, pick on her and bully her from the first day there. They are really mean. They insult her, call her names, destroy her homework, and even stab her with a pencil. Chrissa doesn't want to tell anyone because she thinks the bullying will get worse if she does. It finally gets so bad and even dangerous, with Chrissa's brother getting seriously injured in a fall from it, that she knows it's time to take action. She confides in her art teacher, who encourages her to talk to her parents. Chrissa finally tells her parents and they report it to the school. The "Mean Bees" get suspended. Chrissa then starts a campaign in her school to stop bullying. Everyone gets on board with it, even the Mean Bees.

This movie is really good and everyone should watch it to help them learn about bullying.

“Batter - Up!!!”

by Zachary K., age 11

Spring is a time for flowers, warmer weather, and baseball!

I like baseball! I like to play and to watch the game. I think it is a fun and exciting game. I enjoy working together on a team to, hopefully, win! Even when we don't win, I usually learn a lot about the game. Baseball plays are filled with offensive (when you are batting), and defensive (when you are in the field) strategies that make the game exciting. It's not just about batting, running bases, and catching balls. I really like to “steal” bases and pitch, too!

There is a real history to baseball. Baseball, as we know it, seems to have its origins in an old game called “Rounders” which was popular in England and Ireland over 300 years ago. By the late 1700's the term “Base-Ball” was documented by a German scholar named Johann GutsMuth. He stated, “English Base-Ball is a contest between two teams in which the batter has three attempts to hit the ball while at home plate”. That is still true today!

By the 1800's, baseball had become very popular in America. These games were locally called “Town-Ball”, and sometimes “Round-Ball” and “Base-Ball”. But it wasn't until the mid-1850's that the baseball craze hit New York. By 1856 baseball had earned the name of “National Past-time”. A year after that 16 local ball clubs formed and came together under the “National Association of Baseball Players”. In 1876, the “National League” was founded---now the oldest of the major Leagues. By 1893, almost all of the baseball rules that we play by today, were formed.

Baseball has had some ups and downs in its history. But all in all, baseball has become one of the most loved sports around the world. And I really like it too!



Cubs! Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL

Lincoln Park Zoo

by Christina P, age 8

My first visit to Lincoln Park Zoo was Saturday, April 11, 2009. We got up early in the morning and got to the zoo before it even opened. We were the first visitors inside. The first animals we visited were the monkeys at the monkey house. They were fun to watch, but a little smelly. Next, we visited the lions, reptile house, and bears. We then went to watch the sea lion. He was swimming around and came up on the rocks facing the fence and looking right at me. He was so cute!!

We then walked to the Lincoln Park Conservatory. It is known as the “flower house”. There are several different rooms. One room is like a rain forest with all types of plants and is very humid. My favorite room is the one where the “season display” is located. This time, it was the Spring/Easter display with all kinds of orchids, lilies and bright colors like pinks, purples, yellows and whites. It smelled so good in there. I didn't want to leave. I would like to see the winter display. I bet it is really beautiful with the poinsettias and holly and winter flowers.

I really enjoyed my visit at both these places. It was a lot of fun and I can't wait to go back.

photo by Christina P



THE LAST GEM

by Ananya S., age 9

Long, long ago, there lived a little girl. She lived in a tiny log cabin with her two brothers and two sisters. She was the youngest of them all. Every day she would go for a walk and play with her animals. The girl's name was Ruby. Every day Ruby's family would send somebody to get the newspaper.

One day it was Ruby's turn to get the newspaper. When she read the news she was shocked! The newspaper said: "The last gem on earth is in the hands of the evil Dr. Muna Nitis! She read on: The "last gem, which is a ruby, shall help her rule the world!" Ruby, not being a girl to waste time, began thinking of a plan. She shared it with her older siblings who immediately agreed.

The next morning, when Ruby went out for a walk, her brother Addam came with her. Ruby grasped a twig with reddish pink berries and pulled them off the tree. Addam found a perfectly white round stone. Ruby then squeezed the berries' juice into an empty cauldron. Ruby and Addam then went home with Ruby clutching the cauldron. When they got home their older sister polished and cleaned the stone so that it looked like a real gem. Ruby then dipped the polished stone into the reddish pink mixture. Now it looked exactly like the ruby in the newspaper.

When it was mid day Ruby quickly ate lunch. Then with lots of farewells, hugs, and kisses, Ruby set off towards Dr. Muna Nitis' mountain lab. She had only a basket of food and drink, the fake ruby, and her courage and eagerness. When Ruby reached the lab she quietly opened the door.

She slipped in and walked loudly into the center. Moments later she found herself face to face with Dr. Muna Nitis herself! "Well, well, well, a brave little girl sneaking into my lab!" she said. Suddenly her face became red with anger. Dr. Muna glared at her. She was eyeing the fake gem in Ruby's hands. She quickly snatched the fake ruby from Ruby's hands and ran to the place where the real gem was kept. "You are a clever little girl to switch the gems but you will never be as clever as me!" said Dr. Muna Nitis while cackling in a self-satisfied way. Throwing the real gem at the wall, she shattered it to pieces as she kept the fake one in its place. Now it was Ruby's turn to laugh. "That's what you think," Ruby said as she ran out of the mountain lab's door.

Ruby dodged the things that were flying out the door. She found her siblings outside waiting for her. Laughing joyously she raced them all home. Ruby had saved the world.



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