



**Bemidji Public Library
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**WILDLIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER :
Program for Children at the Bemidji Public Library**

On Tuesday June 29 at 2:00, naturalist Jaime Thibodeaux from the Neilson Spearhead Center will lead a workshop for children at the Library about wildlife on the Mississippi River. Elementary school age children will learn about wildlife and plants that live in the Mississippi from the Headwaters all the way down to the Gulf Coast. This week's "Tuesday at 2" event requires advance registration so be sure to call the Library 751-3963 for a reservation.

Mark your calendar for July 7 at 3:00 when Robert the Magician will be in Bemidji for his special literary magic show. The Library, in partnership with the City's Park & Rec. Department, will hold this program at the Main Building at Diamond Point Park.

Every Monday evening at 6:00, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10:30, there is a storytime for younger children ages 3-5. Every Thursday morning at 10:30 there is a "lapsit program" for 2 year olds, with finger puppet and flannel board stories and other special readings for that age.

"Make a Splash" is the theme for this year's summer reading program at the Bemidji Public Library. The reading program is well underway but it is not too late to participate. Children that have not yet been in the Library this summer will want to stop by right away to register. Every week that kids come in to report their minutes reading, they go home with a prize. Their name is also entered in a drawing for a special weekly give-away. Youth in grades 6 – 12 also will enjoy the "Make Waves At Your Library" reading program. There are many incentives and prizes for the teen reading program.