**LibraryWise: News and Notes from the Greenwood Reading Center**

Welcome back, Friends! Have you ever gotten something for a specific purpose, but then discovered that it was better used for something else? Listerine, for example, was originally invented as a surgical antiseptic, but someone decided that it would work better as mouthwash. Thankfully, the flavor has improved in the interim. Bubble wrap was invented as textured wallpaper. Also thankfully, we appear to have better taste in interior design than in the late 1950’s!

Aside from the old switcheroo, there are the commonplace items that began as a fantastic failure, as originally intended; silly putty, for example, was intended to be synthetic rubber, but researchers could never get it to retain a useable shape. It makes a rather fun toy, however, and turned out to be quite useful in space! Here at the reading center, what had been intended as an outdoor reading attraction, has turned out to be an indoor infants’ and toddlers’ adventure!

If you have very young children- or grandchildren- then you are welcome to bring them by on Friday, July 11 during regular hours for a short ‘read with me’ experience. Very sturdy board books mean that tiny hands can ‘read’ along without fear of damaging anything while the adults read along as well. Though babies can’t read or understand certain concepts, having regular stories and word games allow them to add words to their vocabularies. Readers aren’t born, they’re made!

July calendar items: Library Board Meeting on July 21 at 7:00pm, Mystery Meal on July 24 at noon, in the Community of Christ fellowship hall.

If you haven’t stopped in to Make Your Mark in the bookmark coloring contest and would like to, stop in for entry forms!

FAQs: Our hours are Monday 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Homework Helpdesk is on Mondays. We have free internet use via Wi-Fi or public-use computers, fax capabilities and can make copies for a small charge. Yes, you can find us on Facebook! Contact us at (607) 225-4553 or [greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com). Visit us on the web at: greenwood.stls.org