



Kid Talk!

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Talking Tools

Talking tools are tools that parents can use to help develop their child's speech and language skills. A child who has strong speech and language skills will be a better reader and writer. Each of the 'Kid Talk' newsletters will cover 2 different talking tools to practice with your child.

THIS ISSUE:

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These "Talking Tools" can be used at any time in any order:

"Repeat Your Child's Sentence & Add to It" You can help your child's sentences grow by repeating what (s)he say and adding one new word. For example, your child says "I see ball" you say "I see a **big** ball".

"Use New Words" When talking and playing with your child, talk about words they don't know. Repeating new words often helps your child learn what they mean and learn to say the words themselves. For example, your child says "I see a **big** dog!" you say "You're right, that dog is **HUGE!** - **Huge** means **REALLY big!**"

READ, READ, READ!

- Aim to read 3 books per day with your child.
- It is okay for children to want to read the same book again and again. This is an excellent way for kids to learn new words, memorize the story, and pretend to read the story by themselves.
- Nursery rhymes, poems and rhyming books are great for teaching rhyming. Rhyming is an important skill needed for later reading success.
- Your child can choose books from the public library, access talking books online, or even trade books with friends.



Online Resources:

To access **FREE** online books through the Winnipeg Public Library go to: <http://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/ebooks/>

Click on this →



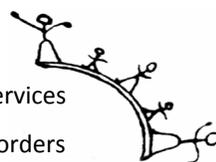
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Winnipeg Public Libraries -

The library has **LOTS** of programs, workshops, concerts, and **FREE** activities to keep kids busy during the summer

There are too many to list! Please visit your local library and ask about the **summer schedule!**



Library Branches

Cornish
20 West Gate
204-986-4679

Millennium
251 Donald St.
204-986-6488

West End
999 Sargent Ave.
204-986-4677

Library Branches

St. John's
500 Salter St.
204-986-4689

Sir William Stephenson
765 Keewatin St.
204-986-7070

West Kildonan
365 Jefferson Ave.
204-986-4386

Spray Pads-FREE

Great places for children of all ages to cool off on a hot summer day.

Open 7 days/week 10 am–9 pm June 2–September 1

Shaughnessy Park 74 Tyndall Ave.

West Kildonan CC 346 Perth Ave. (opening July)

Central Park 400 Cumberland Ave.

Vimy Ridge Memorial Park 821 Preston Ave.

Fort Rouge 295 River Ave.

Keep in mind that these areas are unsupervised

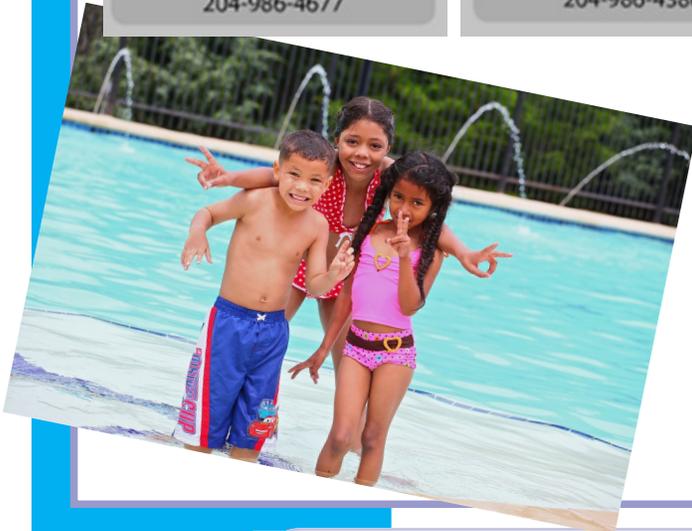
Wading Pools—Open July 2nd

Rainy Day Idea!

Play-Doh Recipe

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup flour
- food dye

(or flavoured juice crystals like Kool-Aid)



Summer Time Fun

For the guide to **FREE** spring and summer activities see the city of Winnipeg Priceless Fun—2015 at: http://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/pdfs/Free_programs.pdf

Playing in the yard, grocery shopping, going to the zoo, visiting family and friends, and going to the splash pad or local wading pool are great ways to promote speech and language through experiences!

Have fun and TALK to your Kids!

Playing simple games— like Hide-and-Seek, Tag, and Duck-Duck Goose allow you to have FUN playing with your child while at the same time teaching turn taking, problem solving, listening, and talking skills.

