UNPLUGGED Family Fun
A Select List of Brown County Library Books for Parents and Kids
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Games/Art/Music

All Together Singing in the Kitchen by Nerissa Nields and Katryna Nields
The Art of Roughhousing: Good Old-Fashioned Horseplay and Why Every Kid Needs It by Anthony T. DeBenedet
Carschooling by Diane Flynn Keith
Catch a Fish, Throw a Ball, Fly a Kite: 21 Timeless Skills Every Child Should Know by Jeffrey Lee
Fun and Games for the 21st Century Family by Steve Caplin
Geek Mom: Projects, Tips and Adventures for Moms and their 21st-Century Families by Natania Barron
Made to Play: Handmade Toys & Crafts for Growing Imaginations by Joel Henriques
Make Stuff Together: 24 Simple Projects to Create as a Family by Bernadette Noll
The Rhythm of Family: Discovering a Sense of Wonder through the Seasons by Amanda Blake Soule
The Sand Bucket List: 366 Things to Do with Your Kids Before They Grow Up by David Hoffman

Time flies...make the most of it. This small, playful book offers fun, if not always practical, ways to do just that with your kids. It includes everything from easy and cheap projects, such as building a house of cards or learning yo-yo tricks to things that require more planning (panning for gold, touring a candy factory). Other fun ideas include letting the kids pick out YOUR clothes, making origami out of a dollar bill and taking a family picture where everyone wears Groucho glasses. Perhaps the most important suggestion of all? SLOW DOWN and just spend time together!

Young at Art by Susan Striker

Outdoor Fun

The Book of Gardening Projects for Kids by Whitney Cohen and John Fisher
Gardening Projects for Kids by Jenny Hendy
I Love Dirt! by Jennifer Ward
The Kids’ Outdoor Adventure Book: 448 Great Things to Do in Nature
Before you Grow Up by Stacy Tornio
Let's Take it Outside: Teacher Created Activities for Outdoor Learning ed. by Kathy Charner
Outdoor Parents Outdoor Kids By Eugene Buchanan
Project Garden by Stacy Tornio

No matter your geographic region or gardening level, this book provides a month-by-month guide of 175 activities for the whole family. Chapters include "Grow It" (flowers, herbs, etc.), "Plant It," "Eat It"(with recipes), "Recycle It" and "Make It" (nature-inspired arts/crafts). This book is a colorful, easy-to-read and practical introduction to planning and starting a garden as a family. Even the youngest can get involved and, hey, getting dirty is just part of the fun!

Reading/Writing

Casey at the Bat by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, illus. by Christopher Bing
Look at my Book: How Kids can Write and Illustrate Terrific Books by Loreen Leedy
The Pet Project: Cute and Cuddly Vicious Verses by Lisa Wheeler

Poetry Speaks to Children

Poetry doesn’t have to be daunting; in fact, it can be fun. And in this collection of verse from classic and contemporary poets (from Ogden Nash to Emily Dickinson), it’s doubly engaging with an accompanying follow-along CD. Short, kid-friendly poems that range from humorous to thoughtful are accompanied by colorful illustrations. This inviting compilation makes understanding poetry easy and enjoyable to children of all ages.

Reading with Babies, Toddlers & Twos by Susan Straub and KJ Dell’antonia
Show Me a Story: 40 Craft Projects and Activities to Spark Children’s Storytelling by Emily K. Neuburger
Unlikely Friendships: 47 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom by Jennifer S. Holland

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