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FIRST STEPS in MUSIC

Thank you for attending the First Steps in Music class at your local library branch. We hoped you enjoyed the time with your little ones!

UPCOMING WEEKLY FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

The Aboite and Shawnee library branches will each offer First Steps in Music with Nicole Busarow. We hope you will join her for a 30-minute music session with your children, 0-3 years of age.

SHAWNEE LIBRARY - Thursdays, 10:30 am

5600 Noll Avenue

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

ABOITE LIBRARY - Fridays, 10:15 am & 11:00 am

5630 Coventry Lane

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26



MORE ABOUT FIRST STEPS

The *First Steps in Music for Infants and Toddlers* is curriculum that was developed by John Feierabend, Ph.D. It has been developed to introduce children to good literature, meter, beat, tonality, rhythm, and expressive sensitivity. The sessions are designed to combine songs and rhymes that combine excellent examples of music literature and are appropriate for developing a young child's musical mind.

So why an interactive class? Why not just play some music for your child? Twenty years ago, in her research into a young children's brain development, Jane Healy discovered the following:

"Feeling (the beat) has to be independent for the child; you can't make it loud and you can't make it visual as in videos; it has to be felt. Unless the child is rocked, patted, stroked, danced with at the same time, unless adults are creating the feel of the beat for the child who is hearing it, that feel of beat does not develop."



PREPARATORY PROGRAM

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir offers a ***Preparatory Program*** designed for younger students, 6-7 years old, with little to no choral experience. Directed by a master music educator, children learn the basics of being in a choir without the pressure of performance. Singers learn rehearsal etiquette and the foundations of singing in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. No placement session is required. There is a fee to cover the cost of the director and materials used.



The Fort Wayne Children's Choir and Allen County Public Library's First Steps in Music sessions are made possible by grant funding from the Three Rivers Federal Credit Union and PNC Foundations.



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