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Shooting Stars Summer Camp 3

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Shooting Stars Story Time in the GSU Library!!!!



Amy Holman with the children from Shooting Stars Summer Camp

Every Wednesday and Friday at 1PM during the summer, one can find a group of excited young children from the GSU Family Development Center's Shooting Stars Summer Camp walking toward the GSU Library. Khuloud Mansour, their teacher, reminds them to use their quiet voices as they walk through the library for STORY TIME IN THE LIBRARY.

"A trip to the library is a multisensory experience that engages all the best ways young children learn, from the solidity of a book in their hands and the visual stimulation of colorful illustrations to the smell of the pages and the excited, hushed voices of other readers," said Khuloud. "To a young child, the entire world is right there on those shelves, waiting to be discovered. Children can take a trip to the bottom of the ocean on the Magic School Bus, or fly through the sky with a reference book about airplanes," she said.

The children come to the library where they experience story time followed by some type of craft experience related to the story that was read. "Working with Khuloud to offer story time and give the children a positive library experience has been a most exciting experience for me as well," said Amy

Holman, Library Circulation Manager. I truly love, love, love to read to children. To engage them with the plot and see their excited expressions at the interaction simply pulls us all into the story," she said.

Research suggests that it is never too early to introduce children to books and the love of reading. "Children should learn at an early age not to harm or disrespect books," offered Khloud. "We work to teach them the proper way to handle library property — no holding books with dirty hands, bending the cover or pages, scribbling, or tearing. Young readers need to understand the importance of protecting books so that everyone who uses the library can enjoy them, again and again," she said.

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