

# SALINA AREA EDUCATORS NEWSLETTER

Piecing together educational opportunities for area teachers and their students ▪ January 2014

## ABOUT US

Salina Educators is a group of education professionals from local organizations who strive to offer quality, worthwhile opportunities for you and your students.

This newsletter is meant to give you an overview of what each organization offers, though we all welcome your ideas and would love to work with you to fit your education needs!

### Contributors:

Salina Area United Way – PIECE  
Smoky Hill Museum  
Salina Community Theatre  
Salina Public Library

Salina Art Center  
Lakewood Discovery Center  
Rolling Hills Zoo



## SALINA AREA UNITED WAY – PIECE

**About us:** Partners in Early Childhood Education (PIECE) is a recipient of the United Way ACT for 2020 grant. PIECE is sponsoring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for children, birth to age five, in Saline County. Sign up today! Each month a new carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all, it is a FREE GIFT! There is no obligation to your family.

### Website for Salina Parents!

Parenting tips · Kindergarten readiness tips  
Parenting Resources · Social Emotional Health

**Imagination Library Website:** <http://usa.imaginationlibrary.com/>

**Bitty Bites:** FREE preschool cooking classes – call 785-827-7111

**FREE Parenting Classes:** Call 785-825-4493

Check us out at [www.salinaparents.org](http://www.salinaparents.org) and on Facebook!



## SMOKY HILL MUSEUM

**Spark!** This all-interactive exhibit runs through Sunday, March 23. Contact Nona to plan your class visit today. Our next exhibit – focusing on the 1930s – opens April 8.

**First Thursdays:** These free presentations offer learning opportunities for teachers and are great extra credit activities. February 6 will be *Beans, Buffalo, Bacon, Birds, Berries & Biscuits: What did they eat on the Santa Fe Trail?*, offered by Leo Oliva. Join us from 5:30-6:30. March will focus on women and the Civil War.

**Spring Tours & Activities:** Call Nona to discuss free, dynamic and flexible activities and tours.

**Teacher Resources:** Our free video lending library has visual, educational and engaging presentations by local and state experts. *Excavations at Fool Chief's Village* and *Civil War Medicine: Compassion during Conflict* are just two of our newest offerings!

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## SALINA COMMUNITY THEATRE

**About Us:** SCT is a nonprofit education organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of people in Salina and the surrounding region by creating a broad range of quality theatrical programs for their entertainment and education, and to provide people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to participate in play production and other theatre activities.

Building tours and in-house workshops are welcome. Onsite workshops are also available for any age level in music, acting and dance.

**Live Performances:** The theatre is offering school performances of *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* March 4-6 at 9:30am and 1pm, and a public performance March 8 at 2pm. Inquire with your principal about pricing.

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## SALINA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**About Us:** Salina Public Library's mission is to connect people to education, learning and culture. We offer reference materials, research opportunities, book discussions, a technology center, genealogy club, programs and classes for infants through adults.

**DIY with Nan:** Join Nan at 4pm on the second Tuesday of every month for a fun project you can make together! No registration required.

**Bonding Thru Board Games:** Children, bring your favorite adults to Youth Services at 4pm on the second Friday of every month to play some games! No registration required.

**Learn a Test:** The library offers access to Learning Express Library online. This database offers practice tests for students in elementary school through college.

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## SALINA ART CENTER

**Exhibition Tours:** *Alan Shields: Maze* will be at the art center February 7-April 13. Explore the work of Alan Shields, an artist who created pieces you can experience in three dimensions. Walk through *Maze*, a series of canvases and hanging grids that envelop you, "presenting a new perspective at each turn." Other whimsical sculptures invite you to study their forms, volumes, shapes and colors. After the tour, students are invited to experiment and build structures or design mazes of their own.

**Second Sundays: Monthly Artmaking Workshops for Families**  
The second Sunday of each month is a special day at Salina Art Center! Children and accompanying adults are invited to create art together in FREE, two-hour workshops. Explore artmaking processes including drawing, printing, painting, sculpting and more! Instructor: Anne Hoekstra, Dates: February 9, March 9 & April 13, 2-4pm

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## LAKWOOD DISCOVERY CENTER

**In-Class Programs:** Lakewood Discovery Center has introduced a new "School Friends Group" program which allows you to pick from the following group of programs with your membership. Check with your principal for pricing information.

These programs work with the Kansas State Science Standards and are designed to reinforce the subjects your class(es) will be covering. Call us to learn more. These programs will be offered for the months of November-April only.

Creature Features (K-6)	Skins & Skulls (K-6)
Sweet Home Habitats (K-3)	Super Senses (K-3)
Animal Defenses (3-6)	Weird Science (3-6)
Natural Disasters (4-6)	Owl Pellets (4-6)
Kansas Greats (4-6)	To Infinity & Beyond (4-6)

Lakewood Discovery Center: 785-826-7355



## ROLLING HILLS ZOO

We are gearing up for our next traveling exhibit, *Reptiles: The Beautiful and the Deadly*, which opens April 19. It will consist of live reptiles and amphibians, along with interactive opportunities!

What exactly is the difference between reptiles and amphibians? Amphibian means "living double lives." They live one life in the water with gills and the second life is on land with lungs. Amphibian skin feels moist and sometimes sticky.

Reptile means "to creep stealthily under the cover of darkness." They have scales, breathe air and usually lay eggs. Reptiles have dry and scaly skin.

PBS has some great reptile vs. amphibian lesson plans!  
[http://www.pbs.org/teachers/sciencetech/inventory/animalsreptile\\_samphibians-68.html](http://www.pbs.org/teachers/sciencetech/inventory/animalsreptile_samphibians-68.html)

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