



## Helping Hands for Families

### Summer Reading is HUGE

Children who do not read over the summer experience "summer learning loss." Kids actually forget some of what they learned in school! The effect builds up over time — children who lose reading skills over the summer will be two years behind their classmates by the end of sixth grade.



Reading over the summer is very important for children's education. Please encourage your children to read whatever they want. This helps instill a love of reading for recreation and leisure. Studies show that kids who read for fun often do better in school than kids who do not read for fun.

— Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County

### Fun at the County Fair



During the Marquette County Fair, your local librarians will read stories and amuse children on stage in the 4H Building on

\* **Thursday, July 7 at 4:30 p.m.**

\* **Saturday, July 9 at 12:30 p.m.**

These story times are immediately before the Magic Show. All libraries have a special summer library program for your children. Be sure to check out your local library — on your mark, get set....read!

### County Fair July 7-10

Wow! Have a TON of fun at the Marquette County Fair! Animals, food, rides, exhibits, music, contests, magic shows, and more for families with children of all ages. No entrance fees. Parking is a donation.

<http://www.marquettecountyfairwi.org/>



#### Marquette County Family Connections Coalition

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Marquette Early Learning  
Center & Head Start  
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UW-Extension  
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Family Health WIC  
1-920-787-5514

Marquette County  
Human Services  
608-297-3124

Childcaring, Inc.  
1-800-628-8534

Marquette County  
Economic Support  
608-297-3124

WorkSmart Employment  
& Training Services  
608-355-4806

Westfield School District  
Family/School Liaison  
& Guidance Program  
608-296-2141

Montello School District  
608-297-7617

Marquette County Action  
Network, Inc.  
608-296-2012

#### Mission

The Marquette County Family Connections Coalition (FCC) mission is to link families with community agencies through communication and collaboration.

# Frozen Yogurt Pops

## Ingredients:

- 1 8-oz. container of your favorite flavor yogurt

## Utensils:

- small paper cups
- wooden popsicle sticks (available in craft stores)
- plastic wrap

## Directions:

1. Pour yogurt into paper cups. Fill them almost to the top.
2. Stretch a small piece of plastic wrap across the top of each cup.
3. Using the popsicle stick, poke a hole in the plastic wrap. Stand the stick straight up in the center of the cup.
4. Put the cups in the freezer until the yogurt is frozen solid.
5. Remove the plastic wrap, peel away the paper cup, and eat your pop!

**Serves:** 3 to 4      **Serving size:** 1 pop

<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/yogurt-pops.html?WT.ac=ctg#catrecipes>

## “Head Start” in Your Home!

We are seeking families to enroll for year round weekly visits for pregnant moms and children ages birth-3. You can call the Head Start office in Oxford at 296-2141 ext 2217 for more information. We are adding another Early Head Start Home Visitor starting July 1st and will need more families.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.



*Jennifer Narel  
Home Visitor  
Early Head Start*

## Marquette County Child Passenger Safety Program

This program is a service of the Marquette County Health Department for the residents of Marquette County. It educates parents, caregivers, and grandparents **how to properly install a child's car seat to reduce the chance of serious injury or death if involved in a motor vehicle crash.**

## Requirements:

- ♦ An appointment is required.  
Call (608) 297-3135 to schedule.
- ♦ If unable to make scheduled appointment, please cancel by calling the same number. If you are **15 minutes past** your scheduled appointment you may be asked to reschedule.
- ♦ You must be a resident of Marquette Cty.
- ♦ Your vehicle must be present at the time of the car seat check. Please also bring the Vehicle's User manual with you to the appointment.
- ♦ If child is born, child must be present.  
Expectant mothers are welcome and encouraged to have seat inspected 1 month to 2 weeks prior to birth.  
We recommend a visit after birth to check how infant fits in the car seat.

## Costs:

1. Car Seat Checks are available by appointment for FREE.
2. You may get your car seat checked as many times as you like!
3. Car seats are available for FREE to income eligible families (must meet WIC eligibility guidelines).

