



LBC MOPS

The Summer Breeze

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Fun Fact

The average number of licks to polish off a single scoop ice cream cone is approximately 50.

A Year Later

Last summer I
couldn't swim at all
I couldn't even float
I had to use a
rubber tube
Or hang on to a boat;
I had to sit on shore
When everybody
swam;
But now it's This
summer
And I can!
Mary Ann Hoberman

Questions?

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A Note to Parents

Children learn to read- and to love books- when adults share their own pleasure in reading and language. Here are a few suggestions for giving the children in your life a lasting love of reading:

Surround children with books and writing. Visit your library regularly, and make buying new books a frequent treat. Put cloth and board books in the baby's playpen, and keep one or two books in the car for older children. Show children that

words are everywhere- not just on the pages of a book, but also on cereal boxes, billboards, and street signs.



Read to your child at least

Read aloud. Read to children every day, and have older children read to

you. They will associate the pleasure and intimacy of the reading experience with books.

Make reading an active experience. Use the books you've read as a jumping-off point for other discussions with children. Encourage children to share their own ideas and experiences through storytelling or artwork.

Taken from Scholastic and the book, *A Visitor For Bear*, by Bonny Becker. 2009 Candlewick Press

Things to do with your kids

The **Downtown Trolley** is free. Pick it up at The Padre Hotel or Sequoia Sandwich Shop downtown. It runs from 11AM to 2PM Monday through Friday. Call 599-9976 for more information.

Insect Lore is a great place for an outing that is air conditioned! Located at 132 S. Beech Ave. in Shafter it is open Monday through Friday 9-5 and Saturdays 10-3. Make sure you check out their huge ant farm! For more information go to www.insectlore.com

The Gaslight Melodrama will be hosting the **Omnipresent Puppet Theatre** rendition of Little Red Riding Hood on Saturday, July 10th and 17th at 11AM and 2PM. For more information call

587-3377 or
www.themelodrama.com

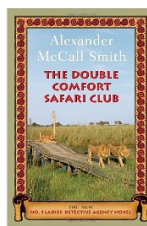
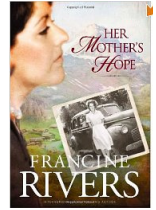
Book Reviews

Mark your calendars for MOPS registration which is Thursday, August 26th at 9am at LBC. Look for a brochure in the mail at the beginning of August! The theme next year is Momology, the art and science of mothering.



If you are like me summer is a time to catch up on all those books that are collecting dust on your nightstand. I don't know if it is because the sun goes down later in the day or if I just give up on some of my chores because it is so hot, but I always seem to have more time to read during the summer. Here are two great books that I have already finished reading and I am sure you will enjoy them as much as me.

Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers - You won't be able to put down this saga of two generations of mothers and daughters.



The Double Comfort Safari Club by Alexander McCall Smith - This is the eleventh book in the NO. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series. If you haven't read any of these book start at the beginning. A light hearted read that is both positive and filled with little treasures of wisdom. You won't be disappointed and you will probably laugh too!

Happy reading,
Erica Schlosser

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American Berry No-Bake Cheesecake

Prep: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1/3 c. sugar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice (optional)
strawberry halves and blueberries

1 tub (8oz.) Cool Whip whipped
topping thawed, divided
1 graham cracker pie crust



Beat cream cheese, sugar, and lemon juice in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in 2 cups of the whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Spread Cool Whip over top. Arrange berries in rows to resemble the flag.

Recipe from Kraft Foods website.