



PIZZA+ BOOKS!

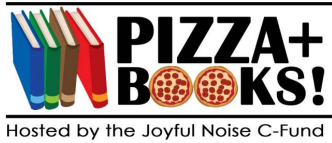
Hosted by the Joyful Noise C-Fund



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Program Overview & Background



About For the Love of Literacy

For the Love of Literacy is a free early childhood literacy program created by the Joyful Noise C-Fund (a part of Joyful Noise Christian Childcare), which is a non-profit giving program under the umbrella of First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, Michigan. Since its development in 2012, the C-Fund has provided free services to the early childhood community and families through free music classes, parenting seminars and family events. For the fifth year in a row, the C-Fund will present a literacy event entitled "Pizza + Books" that will offer the community free books for children from infancy through eight years of age, as well as reading activities and a free pizza dinner donated by Domino's Pizza of Grand Haven, Michigan. Over the last four years, the program has offered nearly 5000 books to area children, and served dinner to around 1,500 participants! The 5th Pizza + Books event will be held at the same location: Loutit District Library in Grand Haven, Michigan on **Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** in program rooms "A" and "B".

A Little More About the Event

"Pizza + Books" is a fun, book fair style experience. When children and families arrive, they will be free to peruse the book displays, participate in literacy events such as story time listening, confer with educational professionals and early childhood experts who are present, enjoy bookmark and other craft making and fun activities, or start their evening with dinner. All activities will continue in a cyclical manner until the time frame for the event has ended. The C-Fund and For the Love of Literacy has partnered with local businesses such as Brilliance Audio and School Zone to provide quality reading material and resources for young readers during the event. All families are welcome and the program hopes to specifically target those individuals and children who are underserved or at-risk in Ottawa County.

About The C-Fund

The C-Fund is a giving program created by Joyful Noise Christian Childcare (a 501c3 non-profit under the umbrella of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan). The goal of the C-Fund is to support the early childhood community with free resources and services such as free music classes, literacy events and parenting/caregiver support through seminars and trainings. Aiming to positively impact the lives of young children in the Tri-Cities area, the C-Fund was founded in 2012 and has sought the financial support of generous donors as well as public grants. In 2014, the C-Fund was awarded the *Mary Anne Sherwood Families and Children Field of Interest Fund* from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Fundraising efforts continue in 2019 as the C-Fund aspires to grow and continue serving the community. More information about the C-Fund, including donation opportunities, past accomplishments, future goals and a mission statement, can be found at www.CThePossibilities.org. Information about Joyful Noise Christian Childcare can be found at www.JoyfulNoiseKids.com. Program questions may be emailed to Office@JoyfulNoiseKids.com.

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

SPRING 2019



PIZZA + BOOKS EVENT

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Loutit District Library, Program Rooms A & B, 407 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417
- **WHO:** Children and families in need of books (specifically targeting the underserved population). No registration is necessary, all families are welcome.
- **WHAT:** “Pizza + Books” will offer the community **free books for children from infancy through eight years of age**, as well as a fun reading event and **free pizza dinner from Domino’s Pizza of Grand Haven**.
- **WHY:** The Joyful Noise C-Fund’s mission is to provide high quality services to young children in the community using resources generated through their non-profit fundraising programs.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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PRESS RELEASE

Free books with no catch from Loutit Library and the Joyful Noise C-Fund

Most stories have a hook, but this spring young children can enjoy complimentary books with no strings attached at the local library!

GRAND HAVEN, Michigan (February 1st , 2019)- Joyful Noise Christian Childcare's C-Fund is ready to give away many brand new books to young readers at the fifth consecutive "Pizza Plus Books" event on Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in program rooms A and B at Loutit District Library in Grand Haven. No registration is necessary for the book fair, which is open to the public and will offer free books to underserved children from infancy up through eight years of age. Attendees can also enjoy a free pizza dinner from Domino's as well as access to other early childhood resources.

"I have been able to help at the Literacy Event each year," said Sue Sturgill, financial administrator of Joyful Noise Christian Childcare. "It is so heartwarming to watch the kids pick out their books! Reading is so important at an early age and I am very proud to help get books into children's hands."

A 2005 High Scope learning study found that "the greatest amount of brain growth occurs between birth and age five" and that nearly all of the brain's core structure has been formed by the age of just 3 years old. A strong foundation for literacy is developed at this time, and access to age-appropriate books is an essential part of that groundwork and a cornerstone of the Joyful Noise C-Fund's Love of Literacy program mission. The C-Fund seeks to connect young children and families with not only high-quality books but also early childhood resources to support lifelong learning.

More information on the event can be found at www.CthePossibilities.org, and through the Joyful Noise C-Fund's Facebook page.

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Wednesday, March 13th

from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

At **Loutit District Library** in Grand Haven, Michigan in **Program Room A & B**

Join us for a book give-a-way, reading activities and a free pizza dinner from Domino's Pizza of Grand Haven! This event is for children from infancy through eight years of age, and their families. Children will get to take home a free book of their choice from our book fair, and families are invited to join us for a pizza dinner!

No registration is necessary—everyone is welcome!



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The Story of the Cfund...
www.CthePossibilities.org

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Once upon a time, Joyful Noise Christian Childcare wanted to build a fund that would support wonderful opportunities for not only the fantastic young citizens they were “growing”, but also for children and families all around their community! They created a fund to provide for all of the goals that they had in mind, which included:

- **Educational and Professional Development Support:** Increased availability for up-to-date curriculum and materials, resources and staff professional development for early childhood teachers
- **Early Childhood Advocacy and Resources for the Community:** Free programs and resources for children, families and early childhood advocates as well as fun family events and free outreach programs. Read about our future plans to serve our community at www.CThePossibilities.org!

As a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, Joyful Noise Christian Childcare has spent many years operating at a profit loss or very close margin. Our goal is to consistently grow our C-Fund in order to advance our program and lift up our students, teachers, and families, along with the entire community around us!

Can you help our story end “happily ever after”?

• *Share our cause*

• *Donate: one time, year-end or legacy gifts*

• *Inform others*

Read more about our dreams for the C.Fund and donate online at our website and blog, both at www.CthePossibilities.org and www.JoyfulNoiseKids.com!



Social Network Connections

- Joyful Noise Christian Childcare on Facebook:
<http://www.Facebook.com/JoyfulNoiseChildcare>
- Joyful Noise Christian Childcare and the Joyful Noise C Fund on Youtube:
<http://www.Youtube.com/JoyfulNoiseKids>
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