



Lil' LEGO, Big Ideas

By Sarah Wetzel
For the Plain Talk

As part of the Vermillion Public Library's National Library Week celebration, kids gathered to get creative with a universally popular building material, LEGO® bricks.

"I tried to build a combine or a tractor," said Charles, 4. "My car is red. My favorite thing to build with is red."

Though Charles loves these multicolored mini-bricks, he's not the only one in his family who does.

"My dad has his own Legos – a whole room of Legos" Charles said. "He has to follow the instructions."

Charles' dad happens to be a LEGO engineer and will be heading the LEGO club over the summer according to library staff.

The LEGO club currently meets every first and third Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. at the library. Beginning June 3, the meeting time will change to Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Kids are free to come and create and after put their work on display for all to see.

This particular LEGO activity was custom catered by 11-year-old Emily who made LEGO-brick cakes.

"We took banana pans and then for the top we did cupcakes cut in half," she said.

Emily reportedly got the idea from the internet.

Though not particularly interested in building with the bricks, Emily said she does enjoy baking batter.

"For Easter, I did Easter cakes," she said. "One looked like an Easter bunny and the other one was an Easter nest."

The theme of the LEGO build was traps, paralleling the recent rising interest in superhero movies and catching the 'bad guy' according

Legos," he said.

Charles went on to say his favorite things to build are traps and castles in no particular color.

that's in jail put the rubber band on."

Ronnie was in the process of working on an edifice kitty-corner to the jail.

"This is going to be a police station," she said. "They wanted it over there."

Ronnie also frequently builds with LEGO bricks in a very organized way,

separating colors out on her tile floor for building ease. "I have tons of Legos at home," she said. "I build with instructions, but

I like doing whatever I want, because I do really good things when I do it myself."

Ronnie has recently built with LEGO movie sets including from "Frozen" and "The LEGO movie".

The creations made by the kids will be on display at the library for two weeks at which point they will be disassembled in preparation for the next wave of imagination.

For more information on library activities like the LEGO club, visit vermillionpubliclibrary.org or call 605-677-7060.



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Charlie shows off the trap he created at the Vermillion Public Library's LEGO club last week.

to Beth Knedler, the youth librarian.

Charles, 6 built an ingenious trap for the pizza-loving prowler.

"If he walks up here, the window only opens up that side so when he goes through the window he's stuck in here," he said, showing off his contraption. "As soon as he gets in, the lasers start shooting then this thing falls automatically. That's basically how it works."

Charles is a veteran LEGO builder himself.

"I have a huge collection of

"I pick colors randomly," he said. "Some colors are for some things, like if it's a work truck then it should be yellow, but it depends on the thing."

Ronnie, 5, said she prefers working in red, however her creation utilized many different colors.

"I'm not quite done," she said. "That guy's trapped in jail and that guy's talking on the phone to his friend."

Ronnie's scene also included a mailbox with a fence and rubber band around it. "That guy put a fence up there," she said. "The one

Vermillion Area Blood Drives This Week

Sanford Health has put out an urgent request for blood donations in the Vermillion area due to the increase in trauma in the Sioux Falls area this past weekend.

In order to help facilitate donations in Vermillion there will be two additional opportunities to donate blood this week.

On Thursday, April 23 USD will hold a campus-wide blood drive from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Muenster Student Center. Then on Friday, April 24 from noon-5 p.m. Sanford Vermillion Health will hold a blood drive.

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French Toast Breakfast Planned

The St. Agnes Youth Group is having a French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday morning, May 3, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Agnes gym.

This Breakfast Fundraiser is for the St. Agnes youth group summer trip to Valley Fair and a Twins baseball game in June. For more information contact Ray Hofman at 624-6457. There will be a free will offering taken at the door. Catholic United will have matching funds for this project.



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