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CELEBRATE LITERACY AT CHILDREN'S CHAUTAUQUA

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Your family can have a free day of fun while helping underprivileged kids at the Children's Chautauqua in the Park, noon to 6:30 p.m. May 22 at Viking Park, 4374 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee. The entertainment lineup includes celebrated children's singer/musician Ella Jenkins, Teddi and Fred Koch with the Lil' Cow Band, storytelling, jazz, chamber music, drumming and more. Anyone who donates new or gently used children's books between noon and 1 p.m. will be rewarded with free ice cream.



Families are invited to the Children's Chautauqua in the Park May 22, where there will be fun activities, live music and free ice cream for anyone who donates new or gently used children's books between noon and 1 p.m.

The annual event is sponsored by Bernie's Book Bank, which collects unused books and distributes them to needy kids.

"We're trying to refine the book drive process," said Lake Forest resident Brian Floriani, founder and executive director of Bernie's Book Bank.

"These books have been sitting somewhere long enough and these

children have gone way too long without owning their own books."

Floriani noted that although the Children's Chautauqua is as much fun as any fair, "Everything that we're doing at this event is educationally based."

In addition, because organizations such as the Lake County Discovery Museum will have representatives there, "It's a good way to find out about their summer programming," he said.

For details, visit www.berniesbookbank.org.



At the Children's Chautauqua in the Park in Gurnee, families can participate in craft projects and listen to musical entertainment by children's singer/musician Ella Jenkins, Teddi and Fred Koch with the Lil' Cow Band and more.