# Summer children's programs offer fun and opportunity to read

The theme this summer for children's programming is "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales.'

So far this week we have seen Pinkerton the Dog, Capone from the K-9 unit of the Colby Law Enforcement agency, William Wegman's Weimaraners, and Lad the Dog. The "paws" part of the programming this summer has already been well represented; now for the "Claws, Scales, and Tales."

Themes are always fun because of the ability to focus on a certain, well — theme. Since there are over



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out in the library, a theme can really narrow down the selection process.

Tales?" Here are a few that you can

Scales, and Tales" theme for adults. How about something gripping

**Friesen** to start off with? The name Peter Benchley will indelibly go down in history along with sharks.

Although Colby is about as far from the sea as it gets, we all can remember that gut wrenching feeling of watching the movie Jaws for the first time. (directed by Peter So what books fit well within the Benchley) Ironically, while his theme of "Paws, Claws, Scales, and movie Jaws instilled fear, his latest book attempts to allay our fears of read to, or along with, your student. sharks. The book "Shark Life" is a

fits in with the "Paws, Claws, sharks and the sea. Chances are, your middle school student will find this book enthralling.

The children's section of the library has lots of books on furry critters with paws, claws, and tales. (furry and scales would seem to be mutually exclusive) Take for example the book "Groundhog Gets a Say" as told to Pamela Curtis Swallow, by a groundhog.

Did you know that when groundhogs hibernate, they only breathe once every six minutes and their heartbeat slows to one beat every 4-40,000 items available for check- As a bonus, I threw in a book that collection of true stories about 5 minutes? If not, then maybe you

should listen (or read) about what all the challenges that will go along groundhog has to say on his own life with owning an iguana. If you have in his own terms in the book a child that wants a pet, this book "Groundhog Gets a Say."

For something less furry and more scaly, try "I Wanna Iguana" by an iguana but his concerned mother is very reserved about the idea. A series of letters written between mother and son parodies the dialogue so many families work through before committing to a pet. In this story, Alex (the son) makes the case to his mother for why he should be allowed to have an iguana as a pet. The mother, in each of her about the iguana to prepare Alex for Fourth St.

would serve as an excellent conversation piece.

Adults, try "Marley & Me" by Karen Kaufman Orloff. Alex wants John Grogan. I've reviewed it once already in Library Link but this book is definitely worth another look. If you are a dog lover and you can relate to this story, my sincerest condolences. The author's perspective makes this story of an uncontrollable Labrador Retriever named Marley touching, funny, sad, and nostalgic all wrapped in one.

For information, call 460-4470 letters, asks probing questions or stop by the library at 375 W.

# **Dear Abby** — by Abigail Van Buren

# Unprofessional nurse could ruin a marriage

oscopy, and there was one large recovery room where patients coming out of anesthesia were grouped. (There were curtains separating the patients.) While I was waiting for my wife to awaken, I overheard a nurse talking to the wife of the patient next to us. She said, "You know, you can find out anything from them when they're coming out of anesthesia. They are completely incapable of lying." She said it in a lighthearted way — sort of giggling. A few minutes later, I heard the wife ask in a hushed voice, "Bart, have you ever

Helen." I heard the wife choke back a sob and she ran from the room. It was another 45 minutes before my wife was ready to leave, and the

time. Abby, should I let the doctor know about his nurse's unwise com-

People have been known to babble all sorts of nonsense when coming out of anesthesia. Of course, a wife who would have to stoop to such behavior already has her suspicions, or she would not feel the need to ask. But you have described a man who was not only not responsible for what came out of his mouth, but also probably has no memory of it thanks to the new, improved anesthetics being used today. The doctor needs to counsel his nurse for her poor judgment.

lem. I met my husband when I was 13. We married at 21. From day one, he knew I did not ever want kids. He

woman did not return during that and one day I would have one. Well, I'm 25 now, and I still don't want kids. I will not change my mind.

He has now given me an ultimatum. Either I get pregnant within two vears or he wants a divorce. I love my husband, and I'd do anything for him — but I do not want kids! Should we just divorce now and get it over

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as well separate now, because if your husband wants children, he has the right to have them.

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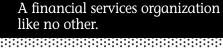
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