

Fairfield Children's Library presents

Pathways to Parenting

Series for Parents

All Programs begin at 7 pm

Monday, Jan. 10: *Social Media 101 (Twitter, YouTube etc.)*

Marketing strategist, Ann Marie Brucia will explain why social media (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn) is important to families. She will leave you considering benefits to participation that you may not have been aware of.

Thursday, Jan. 20: *"Connecting Boys with Books"*

Author Michael Sullivan will give us strategies for closing the reading gap between girls and boys. We will learn about gender differences in learning and in reading readiness. He will also discuss books that boys love to read and give us a blueprint to use to establish a life-long love of reading for our sons.

Thursday, Jan. 27: *"Are We There Yet? - Traveling with Kids"*

Author Allison Umbricht will give you proven tips for fun family trips - some you may never have considered. Her book "Mom's Guide to Traveling with Kids" is a quick easy reference guide for parents who are short on time, but long on desire for hassle-free vacations.

Monday, Feb. 7: *"FaceBook for Parents - What You Need to Know"*

Blogger and entrepreneur Ann Marie Brucia will offer strategies, tips and content ideas for those who are considering getting on the Facebook band-wagon or for those who are already using it.

Thursday, Feb. 17: *"Kids and Bullying - Pointers for Parents"*

Author and middle school guidance counselor Bill Bosch will detail how bullying can begin, what parents can do when their child is involved in a bullying incident, and how it affects everyone in the family. Bill will also discuss other pointers for parents.

Thursday, Mar. 17: *"Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...Kids and Body Image"*

Dr. Richard Briggs, Harvard educated author and family therapist, will give an overview of how body image develops in children and how concerns over body image can divert attention from schoolwork and friendships.

Wednesday, Mar. 23: *"Getting the Most from Social Media for Your Family"*

Leave this evening presentation empowered to take the lead in supervising your family's online identity. Web expert Ann Marie Brucia will outline simple steps you can take to insure that you're in charge of what's "out there on the web" about your family.

Tuesday, Apr. 12: *"Shrink the Tech-Culture Divide between You and Your Kids"*

Ann Marie Brucia will explain how to take an active role in social media environment to help shrink the tech-culture divide between you and your kids.

To register call the Children's Library at 203-256-3161 or go online to <http://www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/children.htm> Participants must register for each program in the series separately. Not for profit.