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(ABOVE) RECREATION ACTIVITY LEADER and Kate's Kart volunteer Rita Cooper shows 5-year-old Bowyn Sagraves a book off of the Kart.



(TOP RIGHT) LISA KEHOE reads a Winnie the Pooh book to her 2-year-old daughter, Isabella, at Ball Memorial Hospital recently.



(BOTTOM RIGHT) MADILYN ROBERTSON, born on New Year's Eve, is read to by her grandmother, Lisa Fox. The Kart, which is usually on the Pediatric Unit, journeys to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Wednesdays.

Wish list

Following are some of the books on the Kate's Kart wish list:

■ **Read-aloud books:** This category includes books that parents might read to their children, specifically the younger kids and babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Many times, parents can't hold their child, so it is soothing for a child to hear a parent read one of these classics: *Good Night Moon*, *Runaway Bunny*, *Love You Forever*, *Guess How Much I Love You* and *On The Night You Were Born*.

■ **Soft-cloth books:** These are books generally made of cloth that can be crinkled, twisted or chewed, and are especially popular with the babies.

■ **Board books:** Board books are stiff and have thick cardboard pages, and are typically geared toward infants and toddlers.

■ **Picture/character books:** This is the most popular type of book. Books, with famous characters, including Dr. Seuss, Dora the Explorer, Thomas the Tank Engine, Clifford, Sesame Street, Curious George, Disney princesses, are most popular.

■ **Activity books:** These books can often keep the kids entertained with things to do, including: Stickers, puzzles (Sudoku, word search, crossword) and coloring books.

■ **Chapter books:** These books generally have a series of books about the same character, and include: Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey, Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park and Denise Brunkus, Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne and Sal Murdocca, Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown and Scott Nash, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney.

■ **Bibles:** Many families find comfort in a toddler or children's bible.

■ **Young adult:** Most kids want a "fun" read while they are hospitalized. Popular books in this category include: Anything currently/recently playing in a movie theater (*Twilight*, *New Moon*, *High School Musical*, etc.). For boys: Sports figure biographies, world records, fun/scary/gross facts, jokes/tricks. For girls: Teen romance, mysteries, *Hannah Montana*.

Kate's Kart

Organization started after 'Baby Kate' was diagnosed with heart and pulmonary defects

Kate's Kart is a not-for-profit organization started in Fort Wayne in 2008 by friends and family of Katherine Anne Layman, "Baby Kate." Shortly after her birth on June 26, 2006, Kate was diagnosed with heart and pulmonary defects, and endured four open-heart surgeries, five heart catheterizations and more than 150 days in the hospital.

After Kate's death on Jan. 15, 2008, her family decided to honor

her memory by starting a rolling book cart in the pediatric unit of a Fort Wayne hospital, since reading was one of her favorite things to do during her stays in the hospital.

Ball Memorial Hospital joined the Kate's Kart family in July 2009, becoming the 10th Indiana hospital to welcome the organization in its pediatric unit. As of December 2009, Kate's Kart had handed out 12,397 new books to hospitalized children statewide. A Muncie drop-off site has

Online

■ **Photo gallery:** Check out our photo gallery on Kate's Kart online at thestarpress.com.

■ **Web site:** www.kateskart.org.

been established at First Church of the Nazarene, 3101 N. Benton Road. New books can be dropped off there 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

For more information on Kate's Kart, visit www.kateskart.org.

— Debra Branscome,
The Star Press

Scissormen to take the stage Wednesday

■ Documentary to be shot at Redkey's Key Palace Theatre.

By JOHN CARLSON
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Think of the blues and the Mississippi Delta comes to mind, but anyone here-

Need directions?

To get to Key Palace Theatre, take Ind. 67 to Redkey and turn right at the flashing light. It is a few blocks down on your left, at 123 S. Meridian.

Virginia Ball Chair in Telecommunications at Ball State University.

"It's also about the people who do various things in support of traditional American music."

Bob Mugge,
award-winning filmmaker

seminal American artists from Sun Ra to

