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Hamilton County Family and Children First Council Showcases Photography from Norwood Summer Program

An exhibit and reception at the Norwood Branch Library, 4325 Montgomery Road, will show how photography can be used with words to help children in grades K-2 get a head start in school. An opening reception

featuring the photographs and boards with sentences will be held at the branch on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The Family and Children First Program partnered with photographer Maureen Donnelly to offer participants in the Norwood Summer Program (held at Allison School) a way to use photography to illustrate words that students need to master in kindergarten, first and second grades. Pairing photography with writing offered students a new opportunity to draw on their imaginations to illustrate and understand the meaning of words. Their photographs would be used to teach these words in the next school year. On the final day students created boards with sentences that used the word in the photograph.

The two-week project included 30 energetic and creative children who were photographers, set designers and models. Each child selected a word for the day from the sight word lists provided by the teachers, found props, and created a scene that would illustrate that word. Students worked in groups of two or three with every student acting as a photographer and model. Students learned how to use a professional digital camera, compose a photograph, and use their imaginations to create a photograph that showed a specific word.

The display will be at the branch through October 11.

HOURS:

Noon-8:00 p.m.: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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