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Western Historic Trails Center offers free movies and arts and craft programs for at-risk youth and families *“Family Fun with Arts and History” supported by Promise Partners*

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DES MOINES – The Western Historic Trails Center (WHTC) in Council Bluffs is offering a new series of free movies and arts and crafts programs in April and May for local at-risk youth and their families. WHTC is overseen by the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI), a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA).

“Family Fun with Arts and History” offers youth, families and adults in the WHTC neighborhood opportunities to create up-cycled art with the help of an art instructor and attend family movie night events. The program is supported by Promise Partners, Pottawattamie County’s Alliance for Youth and the Pottawattamie Youth Council. WHTC is at 3434 Richard Downing Avenue in Council Bluffs. Call 712-366-4900 to reserve a seat and for more information.

“This programming is a great way for the Trails Center to serve and connect with neighbors who are looking for opportunities to participate in cultural arts and history,” SHSI’s State Curator Jerome Thompson said. “We are very thankful to Promise Partners, the Pottawattamie County’s Alliance for Youth and the Pottawattamie Youth Council for their generous support.”

The list of “Family Fun with Arts and History” program events, times and dates follows:

Family Movie Showings

April 12 – Finding Nemo at 2 p.m.

April 17 – Wreck it Ralph at 6:30 p.m.

April 24 – Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day at 6:30 p.m.

May 1 – Big Hero 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Programs

April 12 – Noon and 2:15 p.m.

Paint With Me: WHTC will offer “paint a canvas with me.” One canvas for parent and one canvas for child. Child minimum age 5

April 18 – 10 a.m.

Plant with me: Participants will learn how to recycle items found in the home as a flower planter.

May 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Let’s Go Fly A Kite: Participants will learn how to make a kite out of materials found in the home

Visit www.iowahistory.org or call 712-366-4900 for more information about the Western Historic Trails Center and www.promisepartners.org about Promise Partners.

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Promise Partners mobilizes all of Pottawattamie County and empowers people to share resources to fulfill the Five Promises for all children. We work to mobilize people from every sector of American life to build the character and competence of our nation's youth by fulfilling Five Promises: Ongoing Relationships with Caring Adults; Safe Places with positive activities; Healthy Start and future; Life Skills through effective education; and Opportunities to Serve, Learn, and Give back to the community.

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