Live Animal Interactions

- We recommend that anyone touching the snake or turtle wash their hands afterwards.
- We cannot guarantee that an animal will cooperate during a presentation. For instance, our box turtle may decide to remain inside of his shell for the duration of the program.
- We reserve the right to determine if an animal is healthy enough for a visit. For this reason we cannot guarantee which animal will visit during a Reptile Review program.
- Our education animals need to be given days of rest. For this reason we will not book a Reptile Review two days, or more, in a row. Therefore previously booked programs may dictate which programs are available on any given week.

On the Day of the Program

- We require an open carpeted area, large enough to accommodate the maximum number of participants per program, and two tables.
- The naturalist will arrive approximately 10-15 minutes prior to the presentation.
- Please allow time for the naturalist to come in and set up the program area before library patrons are allowed in the room.
- The naturalist will also need a few minutes to clean up after the presentation.

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Invite a naturalist to visit your library and bring a bit of nature inside! Programs are designed for children 2-10 years old plus their caregivers. Presentations may include our own books/stories about wildlife, songs, roleplaying, demonstrations and interactive activities. Specimens may include puppets, feathers, taxidermied animals, turtle shells, snake skin, fur pelts, toy animals, replica skulls and eggs and more. Reptile Review will also include a live turtle or snake.

**All About Owls**

Discover the awesome owl species that live in your neighborhood! Learn how to recognize the Great Horned Owl, the Screech Owl and the Barred Owl by sight and sound. Try hooting like an owl then investigate an owl’s adaptations for silent flight, excellent hearing, and binocular vision. Participants will get a chance to view a taxidermied Great Horned Owl, touch owl feathers, owl pellets and replica eggs, and closely observe an owl skull and talons.

**Calling All Coyotes**

Investigate the lives of the wild canines that live in our area – foxes and coyotes. Learn how to recognize the tracks for each species. Practice communicating like a coyote and pouncing like a fox. Learn about their close relatives – wolves – and why they no longer live in Illinois. Participants will get a chance to view a taxidermied fox, touch real fur pelts and rubber animal tracks, and closely observe replica skulls.

**Reptile Review**

What does it take to be a reptile? Learn about the characteristics of reptiles and discover which species live in our area. Practice flicking your tongue like a snake and hiding like a box turtle. Then meet a box turtle or fox snake who lives at Knoch Knolls Nature Center. Participants will get a chance to view and touch a live turtle, or snake, turtle shells and snake skin, plus different turtle and snake puppets/stuffed animals. Please note: The reptile used in the presentation will be determined by the presenter on the day of the program. A specific animal (snake or turtle) cannot be requested.

**Winter Birds**

Discover the local birds that you might see visiting your yard this winter. We’ll highlight red cardinals, yellow goldfinches, blue jays and more. Learn to recognize these birds by sight and sound and try to imitate their calls. Figure out how they survive during the cold winter months and how you can get them to visit your yard. Participants will get a chance to touch feathers, singing plush birds and view different types of bird feeders and bird foods.

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**Booking a Program**

- **Registration begins the first Monday in November**
- **To register, call 630-864-3965, Monday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm**
- **Programs are offered December – March, Mon-Fri, available on some school holidays**
- **Programs may start as early as 10 am; last program to be offered begins at 3 pm**

**Program length & maximums**

- 30 minute presentation plus 15 minutes for viewing live animals and/or specimens
- For live animal presentations, max. 40; all other presentations max. of 75

**Payment/Fees**

- Full payment is due at the time of registration.
  - $90 per program within 10 miles of the nature center
  - $115 per program 11-20 miles away

**Program Confirmation**

- A confirmation will be sent via email once a program is booked.

**Cancellation & Refund Policy**

- Programs cancelled more than two weeks prior to the start of the program will be refunded the program fee minus a $25 cancellation fee.
- Cancellations made less than two weeks prior to the start of the program will receive a 50% refund of the program fee.
- If weather conditions make travel hazardous for our staff, you will be notified that your program has been cancelled no later than 9:00 am on the day of your program. You may reschedule for another date or your program fee will be refunded in full.