



SPECIAL VISITORS AT PARTY — Young readers from the Bell Memorial Summer Reading Club enjoyed an end-of-season party recently. The activities were held at the Mentone Youth League park with participants playing games, having snacks and watching a presentation of exotic animals.

Heidi Fisher, daughter of Bell's librarian Madeline Fisher, brought the animals from the Columbian Park Zoo in Lafayette where she has been employed as a zookeeper for over two years. She takes the animals to schools, nursing homes, camps, libraries, etc. for programs.

She presented Maui, a Mollucan cockatoo; Cruiser, a red-footed tortoise; an African hedgehog; and Basil, a boa constrictor. Children were given the opportunity to pet each of the animals after Heidi told them a little about their habits and lifestyles.



Readers Rewarded

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