A day with the doctor

Hundreds turned out Sunday to celebrate Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss.

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WALLA WALLA -- The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play. But the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma didn't sit in their house on that cold, cold wet day.

Instead, the Whitman College sorority sisters took over the Reid Campus Center to hold their fifth annual Dr. Seuss Day festival.

"It was fabulous. We had almost 100 more people than last year," said event coordinator Kappa member Leah Wheeler, 20. She speculated that close to 300 children and their parents attended Sunday's one-day event, which commemorates Theodor Geisel's birthday -- which is today -- and helps promote literacy.

"This is one of their favorite events of the year; it is so impressive, everything that they have to do here," said Deborah Morehead, as she watched her daughter, Madeline, getting a face painting.

Whitman College Dr. Seuss Day events included puppet making, hat making, paper fish catching, paper fish coloring, kite making, book reading and book giveaways.

The event also included a play of "The Cat In The Hat."

And afterward, the famed cat and his cohorts, Thing One and Thing Two, roamed through the center to entertain the kids.

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