

Children's Story Times:

Story time programs for young children stimulate the imagination, prepare youngsters for school, and develop rich vocabulary and early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are vital partners in the story time setting for the youngest children, modeling attentiveness and learning playful, enriching activities to use at home.

Winter Session: January 16 – March 8th

Registration: Opens Wednesday January 3, at 10:00 a.m. in person or by phone (860-537-7201)

Spring Session: March 26 – May 17

Registration: Opens Wednesday March 14, at 10:00 a.m. in person or by phone (860-537-7201)

Baby Boom and Stay and Play

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am

Ages 0-15 months (pre-walking infants)

A program to help start you and your baby on a lifetime of learning together. Come prepared to sit on the floor 1-on-1 with your pre-walking baby in your lap. Enjoy bounces, tickles, and simple songs together for language and social development. Play, sing and be silly!

Expand your baby story time experience with a half hour of social time immediately following Baby Boom! Parents and caregivers can mingle as babies enjoy social play in the story time room with special toys provided by the Library.

Please register.

Goals: Exposing baby to music, rhymes, movement, language, and books.

Creating a special bonding experience for babies and their grownups.

Walkers & Talkers

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am or 11:15 – 11:45 am

Ages toddler up to 2 ½ years

This fun-filled lap-sit program of short stories, rhymes, circle dances, and finger plays will introduce your walker and talker to fun at the library! Please register.

Goals: *Fostering a love of language and books.*

Providing young children with an early group experience.

Encouraging an increased attention span.

Tremendous Twos and Threes

Mondays, 10:30 – 11:00 am or 11:15 – 11:45 am

Ages 2 ½ to 4 years

For young preschoolers and their grownups to interact together with stories, songs, and rhymes. Please register.

Goals: *Fostering a love of language and books.*

Developing early literacy with stories, movement and music.

Encouraging an increased attention span.

Providing young children with an early group experience.

Fabulous Fours and Fives

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Ages 4-5 years

A special time to meet new friends, both in books and in person! For older preschoolers at least 4 years old who can attend comfortably **without** a parent. Please register.

Goals: *Introducing children to longer picture books and fun stories in an independent setting.*

Encouraging children to participate in flannel boards, songs, action rhymes, and other related activities designed to foster pre-reading skills.

About Registration and Attendance

In order to provide focused and coherent programs, the Children's Department limits the size of each program. Children may join groups with open registration spots at any time during the session. Please notify the Children's Department if your child is unable to attend the first meeting due to family travel or illness, or your child's slot will be given to the next child on the waiting list.

Siblings and Multiples

Different age siblings may attend any program with their parent or caregiver, and we will ask if any sibling will attend regularly, so that they may also have a nametag. Siblings often enjoy each other's programs and are valued members of the group. However, please understand that each program is designed for the specific developmental needs, attention span, and motor skills of its designated age group.

DROP IN! Pajama Power Story Hour

Mondays, 6:30 – 7:15 pm, January 22 – May 21

Best for ages 2 ½ to 6 years

Grab your favorite teddy bear and come in your pajamas for an evening of bedtime stories, songs and rhymes. Young children and their families are invited to join us for a drop in story time and craft. ***No registration is necessary.***

Goals: Providing an opportunity for children and their families to have fun together with language, music, and movement.