

THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES KIDS' PLACE

Programs for Children & Families



WINTER 2022

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**THE SPINNING WHEEL RETURNS!
VISIT THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AT THE MAIN
LIBRARY OR AT BARNEY LIBRARY JANUARY 18 - 22
AND FEBRUARY 14 - 19 TO SPIN THE PRIZE WHEEL
AND EARN A SURPRISE!**



PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES

**• SERIES •
INFANTS, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOL**

OH BABY!

*For caregivers of babies ages 0 to 12 months.
Registration Required.*

Perfect for our littlest patrons, this 20 – 25 minute storytime enriches the language learning abilities of babies through the use of stories, finger plays, and songs. Class size will be limited and will meet in the large Community Room. Feel free to bring a blanket for your baby to sit/lie down on.

WED, Jan 12 - Mar 2 (*NO CLASS ON Feb 9 & 16), 9:30 AM | In-Person

ONEDERFUL ONES

For one-year-olds and a caregiver. Registration Required.

A fun-filled half hour for child and caregiver featuring books, finger plays and lots of music. Your bag with class props will be given out when we meet. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the large Community Room.

MON, Jan 10 - Feb 28 (*NO CLASS ON Jan 17 & Feb 21), 9:30 AM | In-Person

TERRIFIC TWOS

For two-year-olds and a caregiver. Registration Required.

Enjoy stories together along with music and finger rhymes. Your bag of song props will be given out when we meet. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the large Community Room.

MON, Jan 10 - Feb 14 (*NO CLASS ON Jan 17), 10:30 AM | In-Person



POP THROUGH THE PAGES WITH MISS TRISH

Ages 2-3 and a caregiver. Registration Required.

Picture books with a twist! Picture books come to “life” told in an engaging and interactive way. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the large Community Room.

WED, Jan 12 – Feb 16, 10:30 AM | In-Person

THRIVING THREES

For three-year-olds and a caregiver. Registration Required.

This storytime weaves the development of language and listening skills into a fun-filled program of read-alouds, flannel board activities, music, movement, and rhymes. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the large Community Room.

THU, Jan 13 – Mar 3 (*NO CLASS Feb 10 & 17), 10:30 AM | In-Person

VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Ages 2 to 5. Registration Required.

Sign up for the Children’s Department [newsletter](#) on our web site, and each month you will be emailed a video link for a special family storytime that you can watch at your convenience! Children and their caregivers will meet a children’s librarian who will share stories, songs to dance to, puppets...who knows what, it’ll be a surprise!! What we DO know is that it will be interactive and lots of fun.

In case of inclement weather or library closure, programs are subject to change.



• **SERIES** •
INFANTS, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOL

POLISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME

*Ages 2-7 with a caregiver. **Registration Required.***

Speak to your child in the language you know best! Join Miss Eva for storytime in Polish. Enjoy stories and activities, and browse our Polish-language collections. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the Children's Programming Room.

MON, Jan 10, 31 & Feb 7, 6:00 PM | In-Person

STORIES & STRETCHES

*Ages 3 and up. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

Join Miss Patti for a calming storytime and movement class designed to help you unwind at the end of a busy day. This class explores breathing and relaxation techniques like yoga and guided imagery to calm your mind and body. Of course, we will enjoy a book or two as well!

WED, Jan 12 - Mar 2, 6:30 PM | In-Person

• **SPECIAL SESSIONS** •
LITTLE KIDS

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Registration Required for each individual craft. Each craft will be held for 1 week.

FRI, Jan 14 – Melty the Snowman (Ages 3 – 5)

SAT, Feb 12 – Shaving cream & Painted Valentine Hearts (Ages 2 – 4)

Please come to the children's desk to ask for your child's craft bag.

TOTS & TUNES & TALES

*Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

This high-energy music and movement class will have us dancing and laughing! We'll start with a story and then move to the music. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the large Community Room.

January 20 - PJ Dance party – come dressed in your coziest PJs!

February 17 - Sweetheart dance – come dressed in your fanciest outfit!

THU, Jan 13 - Feb 24, 9:30 AM | In-Person

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS

*Ages 2-4. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

Each week we will explore a different medium and will aim to focus on both early literacy and fine motor skills. Bags with instructions for each program will be available for pick up at the Main Library children's desk each week.

TUE, Jan 11 - Mar 1 | Take Home

BITE- SIZED SCIENCE

*Ages 3-6. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

This program offers a fun way to learn simple scientific concepts and conduct experiments. Activity bags with instructions for each program will be available for pick up at the Main Library children's desk. Put your science hats on and explore!

TUE, Jan 11, 25 & Feb 8, 22 | Take Home

ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER 2 ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS FOR ALL PROGRAMS. PLEASE ATTEND WITH NO MORE THAN ONE ADULT PER CHILD DUE TO OUR LIMITED CAPACITY.

• SPECIAL SESSIONS • SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

VIRTUAL CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

*For children ages 5-12. **Registration Required.***

A professional chess coach and player from DIG USA will be teaching a virtual beginner's chess class. This is an amazing opportunity for you to learn more about chess and to apply those strategies in real life.

Registrants will need to create a free Chess.com account.

TUE, Jan 11 - Feb 15 , 6:30 PM | VIRTUAL

AFTER-SCHOOL FUN

*Grades K-3. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

Come after school and enjoy time with your friends and a variety of activities including crafting, cooking, outdoor games, and lots of fun. A surprise snack will always be provided. Class size will be limited and we will meet in the Community Room.

THU, Jan 20, Feb 10 & 24, 4:30 PM | In-Person

TWEEN TIME

*Grades 4-6. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.***

This program is a terrific opportunity for older kids to hang out together in the library and unwind at the end of the day. Activities will vary and include creating crafts, playing tabletop board games, and completing hands-on STEAM projects.

MON, Jan 24, Feb 14 & 28, 6:30pm | In-Person

KNIFTY KNITTERS, LEARN TO KNIT

*For children ages 7-12. **Registration Required.***

We will provide needles and yarn to get you started. If you already know how to knit, please come and knit with us. We will attempt to work on a group project.

WED, Jan 12 – Feb 23, 5:30 PM | In-Person

KIDS CARE CLUB

*Grades 1-6. **Registration Required. Each class will have its own registration.***

Have you ever wondered how you could help someone in your community? The Farmington Libraries Kids' Place is collaborating with Services for the Elderly to make crafts for our senior citizens. Have fun and make a senior citizen's day with a homemade craft!

January project: Valentine's Day Pop Up Card

Pick up begins TUE, Jan 11

Return completed craft TUE, Jan 18

February project: Handmade Gratitude Journal

Pick up begins TUE, Feb 15

Return completed craft TUE, Feb 22

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Registration Required for each individual craft. Each craft will be held for 1 week.

FRI, Jan 14 – Dancing Snowman Mobile (Ages 6 - 10)

SAT, Feb 12 – Butterfly Valentine (Ages 5 - 10)

Please come to the children's desk to ask for your child's craft bag.

BABYSITTER TRAINING

Ages 11 and up. Registration Required.

For kids 11+ who are interested in babysitting basics. This program will occur over the course 4 Saturdays from 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM in the Community Room. The final class will be CPR/AED and safety certification training by the Farmington Fire Department and will run 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Upon successful completion, students will receive a Heartsaver CPR AED Course Completion card valid for 2 years. Participants are required to attend all four classes.

SAT, Jan 8, 29, Feb 12 & Mar 5, 2:00 PM | In-Person

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• SPECIAL EVENTS • JANUARY

READ TO A DOG

All ages. *Registration Required.*

Would you like your very own one-on-one time to read to a certified therapy dog? Call the Library today at 860-673-6791 to schedule your special 10-minute snuggle and read time. Bring your own book or choose one of ours. For children of all ages (children under three must be accompanied by an adult) - a perfect program for families!

SAT, Jan 15, 9:30 - 11:30 AM | In-Person

MAGIC TOY SHOP DRAMA WORKSHOP

Ages 5 to 9. *Registration Required.*

Ingrid Schaeffer, Chair of the Theatre Department at The Educational Center for the Arts, will return for another fantastic drama workshop! Participants will act out this magical story and become toys that come to life!!!

SAT, Jan 8, 9:30 AM | In-person

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT!

Ages 5 and up. *Registration Required.*

Children's book author Janet Lawler is sharing her brand-new book, "Walrus Song", with us! She will read and talk about this beautiful book, you can ask her questions, and we'll provide an activity bag you can take home.

SAT, Jan 22, 10:30 AM | In-person



ZODIAC LED WALL ART

Ages 9 to 12. *Registration Required.*

Ingrid Schaeffer, Chair of the Theatre Department at The Educational Center for the Arts, will return for a cool art program! What's your zodiac sign? What does it say about you? Is it true or not? What is your horoscope for today? Come to your library to find out more about your sign and the constellation that corresponds to it. Then make your own 3-D LED wall light of your zodiac sign!

SAT, Jan 8, 11:00 AM | In-person

WINTER NATURE WALK SCAVENGER HUNT

Ages 3 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Go outside and explore! Pick up your Scavenger Hunt bag at the library and take a walk around your neighborhood to look for evidence of winter.

SAT, Jan 22 | Take Home

POLAR BEARS & PENGUINS, OH MY!

Ages 5 to 8. *Registration Required.*

Receive a link to hear stories from Miss Paula and pick up your craft bag at the Library.

FRI, Jan 28 | Take Home/Virtual



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INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please call the library at 860-673-6791 or check www.farmingtonlibraries.org for up-to-date information.

• SPECIAL EVENTS •
FEBRUARY

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!!
*National Take Your Child to the Library Day
is going to the dogs!*

At the Main Library:

- We'll have FIVE beautiful dogs visiting our space from 9:30 – 11:30 AM and 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Call the library to schedule your special one-on-one time to snuggle and read with a special pup. Register by calling 860-673-6791.
- Come visit our dog-themed craft stations in the Community Room anytime from 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 2:00 – 4:00 PM. No registration required; while supplies last.
- The Spinning Wheel will be out all day – stop by, spin the wheel, and collect a prize! (while supplies last)

Barney Library:

- Stop by any time for a doggie-themed activity (while supplies last.)

SAT, Feb 5 | In-person

**DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM: PETEY
PUPPINGTON'S PARTY PLAN**

Grades 1 to 6. Registration Required.

Petey Puppington is pumped for this year's Valentine's Day party, but there's been a hitch: the place where the party was going to be held is double-booked! Can you help him find another venue? Venture out there and check out a couple of potential party places for us so we can get this just right!

Escape room will be emailed to registrants on the morning of 2/11.

FRI, Feb 11 | Virtual

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ADULT PER CHILD DUE TO OUR LIMITED
CAPACITY.**

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SAT, Feb 26, 9:30 - 11:30 AM | In-Person

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT!

Ages 3 and up. Registration Required.

Children's book author Janet Lawler is sharing her brand-new book, "Oceans of Love", with us! She will read and talk about this sweet book, you can ask her questions, and we'll provide an activity bag you can take home.

SAT, Feb 12, 10:30 AM | In-person

BIRD FEEDERS AND FIELD GUIDE

Ages 5 and up. Registration Required.

Make your own bird feeder to attract birds native to the area. Watch and identify all the birds that you attract using the field guide included.

Field guide generously donated by Wild Birds Unlimited, 320 W. Main St./Route 44, Avon, CT 06001. www.wbu.com/avonct

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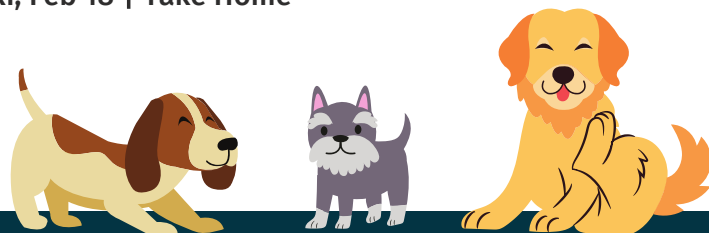
TUE, Feb 22 | Take Home

ALL ABOUT ME!

Ages 3 to 5. Registration Required.

Inspired by the book I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont, come to the Library and pick up your bag to discover everything that makes you unique and special.

FRI, Feb 18 | Take Home





• BARNEY LIBRARY • JANUARY & FEBRUARY

MESSY MONDAY

*Ages 2 to 5. **Registration Required.***

Let's get Messy at Home! (But not too messy!) Register for a take-home hands-on craft! Most materials will be in the take-home bag but please have some at home such as glue sticks, washable markers, etc.

MON, Jan 10 & Feb 14 | Take Home

BARNEY IN A BAG

*Ages 6 and up. **Registration Required.***

Barney in a Bag: Fun Crafts for School Age Kids! Register to pick up your craft kit. Most materials will be included but you will need to have some materials at home such as glue, crayons or markers.

MON, Jan 10 & Feb 14 | Take Home

CELEBRATE JANUARY!

*Ages 2 to 5. **Registration Required.***

Celebrate the month with a special story time and craft. Sign up for either 10 AM or 11 AM. Space is limited due to small class size.

THU Jan 20, 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM | In-Person

CELEBRATE FEBRUARY!

*Ages 2 to 5. **Registration Required.***

Celebrate the month with a special story time and craft. Sign up for either 10 AM or 11 AM. Space is limited due to small class size.

THU, Feb 17, 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM | In-Person

MOVERS AND GROOVERS AT THE BARNEY LIBRARY!

*Ages 0 to 4. **Registration Required.***

Let's move and groove together in the Library! We will read a fun book and do some dancing. Register to come at 10:15 or 11:15 am. Class size is limited and we will meet in the Gallery upstairs at the Barney. Please register the first child in your family only and add the names of additional children in the notes section.

TUE, Jan 4 – Feb 22, 10:15 AM or 11:15 AM | In-Person

MOVERS AND GROOVERS VIRTUAL

*Ages 0 to 4. **Registration Required.***

Come Move and Groove with Miss Amy - let's have a virtual party! We will read a favorite book and do some dancing! Have something to shake, either an instrument or even a box of pasta! Have a small cloth or blanket nearby for us to play with. Tell your grown-ups to put on their dancing shoes and be ready to move and groove! Register to receive the Zoom invite and to get a movers and groovers dance kit.

TUE, Jan 4 – Feb 22, 9:30 AM | In-Person

BARNEY KIDS BOOK CLUB

*Ages 5 to 10. **Registration Required.***

Join Miss Amy at Barney to read a book and do a craft.

January 24: In January we will read "The Keeping Quilt" by Patricia Polacco and make a craft based on the book.

February 28: In February we will read "Big Enough Anna" by Pam Flowers and do a craft based on the book. This book is about a sled dog in the arctic.

MON, Jan 24 & Feb 28, 3:45 pm | In-Person

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REGISTRATION STARTS DECEMBER 18



**WINTER READING AT THE
FARMINGTON LIBRARY!**

**FROM JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 28,
EVERY TIME YOU READ A BOOK ASK
FOR YOUR STICKERS AT THE LENDING
DESK AND ADD THEM TO OUR GIANT
MOSAIC POSTER IN THE LOBBY!**

THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES

Main Library • 6 Monteith Dr.

Kids' Place Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm

Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Sun 1pm-4pm

Barney Library • 71 Main St.

Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat 9am - 5pm

Wed 11am - 7pm

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