

Programs for Children & Families

MARCH / APRIL / MAY 2023

POST PANDEMIC PARENTING WORKSHOP

*For parents/caregivers of children grades K- 6.
Registration required.*

In this workshop for parents and caregivers, we will discuss the developmental stages of children; discuss how parenting is different Pre- and Post-Pandemic; and receive tips, suggestions, resources, ideas, and support to help you parent in this changing world. There will be activities in the Children's Program Room led by a librarian should you need to bring your child.

Please choose the session that best suits you

Session 1: Parents in grades K - 3, 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Session 2: Parents in grades 4 - 6, 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

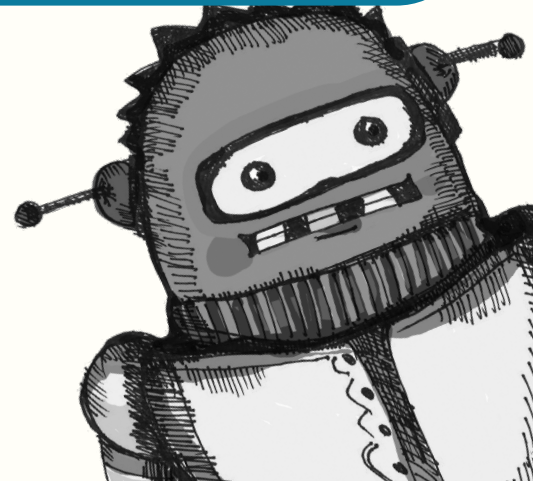
WED, Mar 15, 6:00 PM **OR** 7:00 PM | Jay Johnston
Community Room

MAKER FAIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

AT THE FARMINGTON MAIN LIBRARY



• WEEKLY STORYTIMES •

OH BABY!

Babies ages 0 to 12 months with caregiver.
Registration required; register once for the whole session.

Perfect for our littlest patrons, this storytime enriches the language learning abilities of babies using stories, fingerplays, and songs. Feel free to bring a blanket for your baby to sit/lie down on.

WED, Mar 22 - May 10, 9:30 AM | J Program Room
****No class April 12****

ONEDERFUL ONES

One-year-olds (12 to 24 months) with caregiver.
Registration required; register once for the whole session.

A fun-filled half hour for children and caregivers featuring books, fingerplays and lots of music.

MON, Mar 20 - May 8, 9:30 AM | J Program Room
****No class April 10****

TERRIFIC TWOS

Two-year-olds with caregiver. *Registration required; register once for the whole session.*

Enjoy stories together with music, finger rhymes, and puppets too! Your child must be two years old when the program begins. Please choose only one two-year-old class.

MON, Mar 20 - May 8, 10:30 AM or 11:15 AM | J Program Room
****No class April 10****

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Three- and four-year-olds with caregiver.
Registration required; register once for the whole session.

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.

THU, Mar 23 - May 11, 10:30 AM | J Program Room
****No class April 13****

POP THROUGH THE PAGES

Ages 2.5 to 3 with caregiver. *Registration required; register once for the whole session.*

Picture books with a twist! Picture books “come to life” told in an engaging and interactive way.

WED, Mar 22 - May 10, 10:30 AM | J Program Room
****No class April 12****

SURPRISE STORYTIME WITH MISS EVA

Ages 3 to 5. This program is for the child alone.
Registration required; register once for the session.

What is the theme going to be today? Surprise! Expect the unexpected. If you like to be surprised, this storytime is for you.

FRI, Apr 21 & 28, May 5 & 12, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

• STORYTIME SPECIALS •

POLISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. *Registration required; register once for the session.*

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.

MON, Mar 20, Apr 17 & 24, May 1, 6:00 PM | J Program Room

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE! FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 3 to 5 with family. *Registration required.*

Come and listen to some noisy (and quiet) stories with Miss Laura and stay and play with your friends!

SAT, Mar 4, 10:00 AM | J Program Room



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• STORYTIME SPECIALS •

FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 5 and under with caregiver. *Registration Required.*

Come join our family Saturday storytime for stories, songs, rhymes, and a simple activity.

SAT, Apr 29, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

SUNFLOWER STORYTIME

Ages 3+ with caregiver. *Registration Required.*

We'll share stories and rhymes and then get our hands dirty while planting sunflower seeds!

SAT, May 13, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

• PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE KIDS •

SING AND DANCE WITH MR. MIKE!

Ages 1-6. *No Registration Required.*

Mr. Mike is back at the library to keep you swinging and swaying – twice!! He will have both kids and adults singing along and dancing to the music.

THU, Mar 9 & 16, 9:30 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

TOTS & TUNES & TALES

Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver. *No Registration Required.*

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.

THU, Mar 23 - May 25, 9:30 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

****No class March 30, April 13, and April 27****

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS

Ages 2 to 4 with caregiver. *Registration required – please note that each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.*

Each week we will share a story and explore a different art medium that will aim to focus on both early literacy and fine motor skills.

TUE, Mar 21 - May 9, 9:30 AM | J Program Room

****No class April 11****

PICTURE BOOK THEATER

Ages 3 to 7. *Registration Required.*

Come and watch a storybook come to life as we share a reading of the book then watch the movie version. We will also do a fun craft!

SAT, Mar 18, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

SPANISH LANGUAGE PLAY GROUP

Ages birth to 5 with caregiver. *No Registration Required.*

Speak to your child in the language you know best! Connect with other families who speak Spanish as you read, play, and socialize. This group is self-led.

THU, Mar 2 & 16, Apr 6 & 20, May 11 & 25, 3:00 PM | J Program Room

PLAYROOM AT THE LIBRARY

Ages 1 to 5. *No Registration Required.*

We'll pull out our special Play Toys and Busy Bags and play some fun music in our Children's Program Room for you to enjoy! Drop in anytime between 10 and 11 AM.

SAT, Apr 8, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

BITE-SIZED SCIENCE

Ages 3-6. *Registration required – please note that 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, Mar 21, Apr 4 & 18 & May 2 | Take-Home



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• PROGRAMS FOR OLDER KIDS •

SENSORY PLAYTIME

Ages 5 to 8. No Registration Required.

A quiet and calm environment to explore hands-on activities that help children build fine and gross motor skills. You will have fun experiencing stations that will stimulate your senses. Drop in any time between 2 and 3 PM.

WED, Mar 22, Apr 19, May 17, 2:00 PM | J Program Room

LOVIN' LEGOS

Grades 1-3. Registration Required.

Do you love LEGOs? Join us for LEGO games, activities, and time to do what you love most with LEGOs...build!

THU, Mar 9, 4:30 PM | J Program Room

CHESS CLASSES FOR KIDS

Registration Required.

This is an amazing opportunity for you to learn more about chess with professional chess coaches and players from DIG USA and to apply those strategies in real life.

Grades 1-4

SAT, Apr 1 -22, 3:30 PM | J Program Room

DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM: ANIMAL FUN

Grades 1-3. Registration Required.

Our animal friends are ready to read and count but they need a little help from you! You will receive an email with a link to this digital escape room on the morning of April 11.

TUE, Apr 11, 9:30 AM | Virtual



SATURDAY ART STUDIO

Ages 6 and up. Registration Required. Please note that each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

This program is for any and all art lovers. We will start off with a story which will weave into our art project.

Spring Sun Catcher

SAT, Mar 11, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

Safari Collage

SAT, Apr 1, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

Celebrate Earth Day

SAT, Apr 22, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

PIZZA PALOOZA

Grades 1-3. Registration Required.

Join us for pizza-themed games and activities and learn how to make your own English muffin pizza snack.

THU, Apr 13, 4:30 PM | J Program Room

DOG MAN BLOWOUT BASH

Grades 1-3. Registration Required.

Share your love of the Dog Man series with your friends! We will provide an assortment of Dog Man-themed games and activities and a snack.

WED, May 10, 6:30 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

Some programs/events require adult presence in the program; for all other programs the responsible parent/caregiver must remain in the library when children are attending a library program.



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• PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS •

CHESS CLASSES FOR KIDS

Grades 5 to 8. *Registration Required.*

This is an amazing opportunity for you to learn more about chess from professional chess coaches and players from DIG USA and to apply those strategies in real life.

TUE, Mar 28 - Apr 18, 6:30 PM | Virtual

DIY SPA DAY

Grades 5 to 8. *Registration Required.*

Come relax and enjoy a spa day at the library! This event is a collaboration between the Children's Services and Teen Services departments so we will be meeting upstairs in the Teen space.

WED, Mar 8, 6:00 PM | Teen Space

CHARACTER BACKPACK KEYCHAINS

Grades 4 to 8. *Registration Required.*

Bring a friend and create customized backpack keychains of your favorite characters or other designs using paint pens on acrylic disks. This event is a collaboration between the Children's Services and Teen Services departments so we will be meeting upstairs in the Teen space.

MON, Apr 3, 6:00 PM | Teen Space

ABSTRACT ART

Ages 9 to 12. *Registration Required.*

We'll read *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*, create art to different types of music, and then make our own Kandinsky Circles creation.

WED, Apr 12, 2:00 PM | J Program Room



TWEEN BIBLIOBOX

Grades 4 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Sign up for some fun treats and a hand-selected library book picked just for you!

- Register via the calendar once and be subscribed for 2 months – if you miss two boxes, you will be removed from the list, but it is easy to sign up again!
- Fill out an interest form so we can select a book just for you! This will be emailed to you, once you register.
- The book will be checked out to the card provided in the interest form, so your box is all ready to go when you come to pick it up!
- Return the book and the box but the goodies are yours to keep!

You can pick up your Bibliobox at the Kids' Place desk on the day indicated on the calendar. This program is open to kids in grades 4-6.

FRI, Apr 28 & May 26 | Take Home

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR!

Ages 3 and up. *Registration Required.*

Come take a trip around the world with our favorite caterpillar! We'll read this classic book both in English and in another language, then we'll do some fun activities together to learn about the featured culture. You'll get a special passport book and will collect a sticker for each program you attend.

HINDI: WED, Mar 29, 6:30 PM | J Program Room

FRENCH: WED, Apr 26, 6:30 PM | J Program Room

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



REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 18

• SPECIAL EVENTS •



EXPLORE BIOLUMINESCENCE WITH IMAGINE NATION MUSEUM EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Grades 1 to 6. Registration Required.

Our friends from Imagine Nation Museum Early Learning Center will be here to present a special bioluminescence program! We'll learn about colors we can't see with our eyes, bioluminescence, and things that glow in the dark as well as make their own light. We'll blow florescent bubbles and recreate a cave wall in New Zealand pretending to be glow worms. Participants will also get a take-home with something that glows!

FRI, Mar 3, 2:00 PM | J Program Room

DR. SEUSS SCAVENGER HUNT – READ ACROSS AMERICA!

All Ages. No Registration Required.

Explore the library by searching for Dr. Seuss stuffed characters or posters in Lending Services, the Adult Information Services Department, and Children's. Prizes will be given in each department, while supplies last.

FRI, Mar 3, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Main Library

SATURDAYS WITH SOPHIE – READ TO A DOG!

For children of all ages (children under three must be accompanied by an adult) - a perfect program for families! 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. Visit three (3) times and earn a free book!

SAT, Mar 25, Apr 15, May 6, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM | J Program Room

EXPLORE DINOSAUR FOSSILS WITH IMAGINE NATION MUSEUM EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Ages 4 and up. Registration Required.

Our friends from Imagine Nation Museum Early Learning Center will have us exploring dinosaur fossils! We will learn what makes a fossil a fossil and then make a fossil mold of a dinosaur.

MON, Apr 10, 2:00 PM | J Program Room

GYM TIME WITH MR. NATE

Ages 2 to 7. Registration Required.

Come play, run obstacles, practice gymnastics, and watch puppet shows!

THU, Apr 13, 10:00 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU MOVIE MARATHON AND TRIVIA

Grades 3 to 6. No Registration Required.

Star Wars movies will be playing all day in the Community Room (please consult online calendar.) Then, at 6:00 PM we will have trivia, games and snacks inspired by the Star Wars franchise.

THU, May 4 | Jay Johnston Community Room

UNDERWATER WONDERS!

Grades 1 to 6. Registration Required.

Join the Farmington River Watershed Association and meet some of the bugs and critters that live in our streams. Learn about the important roles that macroinvertebrates play in aquatic ecosystems, the pollution challenges they face, and what we can do to help keep our streams clean and cold so that they can continue to provide healthy habitats.

SAT, May 20, 10:30 AM | J Program Room



INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

• SUNDAYS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY •

Please note registration dates for Sunday programs are different

SRL IRISH DANCE ACADEMY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

All Ages. Registration Required. Registration begins February 5; please register ALL members of your family separately.

We are thrilled to welcome back the dancers of SRL School of Irish Dance! Join us in your festive green attire for an afternoon of dance and family fun.

SUN, Mar 5, 1:30 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS!

All Ages. Registration Required. Registration begins February 12; please register ALL members of your family separately.

This program will provide an opportunity to meet some of the string musicians of the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra as they perform a short selection of string quartet music. There will also be an 'instrument petting zoo' portion of this program which will allow attendees to inspect, explore, and play the instruments.

SUN, Mar 12, 2:00 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

• BARNEY LIBRARY •

MOVERS AND GROOVERS

All Ages. No registration required.

Let's move and groove together in the library! We will read a fun book and do some dancing.

TUE, Mar 7 - May 30, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

PLAYROOM AT THE LIBRARY

Ages 1 to 5. No registration required.

Come play with some toys at the Barney library. Open play time with our toys!

SAT, Mar 11 & May 13, 9:30 AM | Hoppin Gallery

LEGO SATURDAY AT BARNEY

Ages 1 to 5. No registration required.

Take our Legos and your imagination and what will you build? Creations will be on display for 2 weeks after the program. Duplos available for younger builders.

SAT, Mar 11 & May 13, 2:00 PM | Hoppin Gallery

BARNEY KIDS BOOK CLUB

Ages 5 to 10. Registration Required.

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

MON, Mar 13, Apr 24, May 22, 3:45 PM | Hoppin Gallery

WE PLAY WEDNESDAY

Ages birth to 5. No registration required.

Come play at Barney library. Time for caregivers and children to form friendships! Parents can chat while children play in the Gallery turned playroom!

WED, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 31, 9:30 AM | Hoppin Gallery

CELEBRATE!

Ages 2 to 5. Registration Required.

Celebrate the season! Come for a special story time and craft. Sing and dance, be prepared to get messy!

THU, Mar 16, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

THU, Apr 20, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

THU, May 18, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery



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REGISTER AT
WWW.FARMINGTONLIBRARIES.ORG

Main Library • 6 Monteith Dr.

Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm

Kids' Place Hours Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm

Fri & Sat 9am - 5pm

Winter Sundays 1pm - 4pm (Jan - Mar)

Barney Library • 71 Main St.

Mon - Thu & Sat 9am - 5pm

860-673-6791

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