

Programs for Children & Families

MARCH • APRIL • MAY
2024



• PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES •

OH BABY!

For babies ages 0 to 12 months and their caregivers. **Registration required once for entire session.**

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

WED, Mar 20 - May 8 , 9:15 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/10)

ONEDERFUL ONES

For one-year-olds (12 to 24 months) and their caregivers. **Registration required once for entire session.**

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

THU, Mar 21 - Apr 25, 9:30 AM | J Program Room

TERRIFIC TWOS

For two-year-olds and their caregivers. **Registration required once for entire session.**

Enjoy stories together with music, finger rhymes, and puppets too! Your child must be 2 years old when the program begins.

MON, Mar 18 - May 6 , 9:30 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/8)

POP THROUGH THE PAGES

Ages 2.5 to 3 and their caregivers. **Registration required once for entire session.**

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

WED, Mar 20 - May 8 , 10:30 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/10)

TOTS & TUNES & TALES

All ages, 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.

FRI, Mar 1 - May 31, 9:30 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room
(no class 3/29 and 4/12)



THRIVING THREES

For three-year-olds and their caregivers. **Registration required once for entire session.**

This storytime weaves the development of language and listening skills into a fun-filled program of read-alouds, flannel board activities, music, movement, rhymes, and a craft.

MON, Mar 18 - May 6 , 10:30 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/8)

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS

Ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. **Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.**

We'll share a story and explore a different art medium that will aim to focus on both early literacy and fine motor skills.

THU, Mar 21 - May 9, 10:30 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/11)

FUN WITH MATH

Ages 4 and 5 for the child alone; caregivers must stay in the Kids' Place. **Registration required once for entire session. ***Please register for only one class, Friday at 1:00 PM OR 2:00 PM.*****

In this Kindergarten readiness program children will read math-related books, sing songs, and explore math concepts of measurement and data as well as geometry and spatial sense through interactive activities. Each week children will leave with Home Connection activity ideas to help support your child's math learning at home.

FRI, Mar 15 - May 3, 1:00 PM OR 2:00 PM | J Program Room
(no class 3/29 or 4/12)

BITE SIZE SCIENCE - SPRING FLING!

Ages 3 to 5. **Registration required once for entire session.**

Join us each week as we explore different Spring Science themes and practice early Science skills.

TUE, March 19 - May 7, 10:00 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/9)

PICTURE BOOK THEATER

Ages 3 to 6. **No registration required.**

Each week we'll watch a picture book come to life on our projector screen, followed by coloring or craft time!

TUE, March 19 - May 7, 11:00 AM | J Program Room
(no class 4/9)



REGISTRATION OPENS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

• PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS •

COOKIES AND CANVASES

Grades 3 to 6. **Registration required.**

Ms. Melissa will take you through a fun and easy to follow, step-by-step painting lesson on how to create a tropical sunset. Come relax, discover your inner artist, paint, and eat some cookies!

THU, Mar 7, 6:00 PM | Jay Johnston Community 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! Here's how it works:

1. Register through our online calendar once and be subscribed for 3 months.
2. Once you register, you will be emailed an interest form. Fill out this form so we can select a book we think you will like!
3. 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! (Please note if you don't pick up your bibliobox the first two months you will be removed from the list, but it is easy to sign up again!)
4. Return the book, your review, and the box to the Kids' Place...but the goodies are yours to keep!

You can pick up your Bibliobox at the Kids' Place desk on the days below.

FRI, Apr 26, May 24 | Take Home

ROCKIN' ROBOTICS

Grades 1 to 3. **Registration required.**

We have teamed up with The Farmington High School Robotics Team for an engaging evening to teach basic S.T.E.M principles, all while having fun!

Cleaning Pennies Experiment

THU, Mar 21, 6:00 PM | J Program Room

BUILDING S.T.E.A.M

Grades 1 to 3. **Registration required.**

We will be using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to have fun exploring different themes. Each class includes a read aloud and stations to delve into.

April - Plants

THU, Apr 4, 6:30 PM | J Program Room

SATURDAY ART STUDIO

Ages 6 to 12. **Registration required.**

Come create your very own no-sew sock bunny to take home and love. We hear they love being read to!

April - No-Sew Bunny

SAT, Apr 6, 10:30 AM | J Program Room



CHESS FOR KIDS

Grades K to 6. **Registration required once for entire session.**

Local resident and retired educator, John Sherman, is bringing his love for one of our oldest board games - "The Game of Kings!" - to the Farmington Library. Beginners through advanced are welcome. Check - now it's your move!

MON, Apr 15 - May 6, 4:15 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

SRL IRISH DANCE ACADEMY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

All Ages. **Registration required. ***Please register each member of the 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.

SAT, Mar 2, 2:00 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 IS READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY!



Visit the Main Library to watch the SRL School of Irish Dance Performance, explore our newest Scavenger Hunt, and check out books.

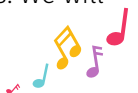
Bring your book checkout receipt into Kids' Place and choose a free vinyl sticker or scratch 'n' sniff bookmark!

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Ages 0 to 5. **Registration required.**

Come and make music with Miss Mallory from the Hartt School at a free First Steps in Music class! This class is designed for children ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. We will sing, bounce, dance, play instruments, and more!

MON, Mar 4, 9:30 AM | J Program Room



• SPECIAL EVENTS •

READ TO A DOG!

For children of all ages (children under three must be accompanied by an adult.) 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 9 & Apr 20, 9:30-11:30 AM | J Program Room

THE WATERLESS KIDDIE POOL PARTY

Ages 1 to 3. Registration required.

Come experience some silly fun in our kiddie pools filled with fun things to do: balls, instruments, ducks, puppets, and more. We'll also have tents and tunnels and things to walk on, big blocks to build with, and fun bubbles too! This will be a fun-filled time to be active and get your wiggles out. Oh, did we say FUN?!

THU, Mar 14, 11:00 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Ages 3 and up, families encouraged to attend. Registration required.

Come take a trip around the world with our favorite caterpillar! We'll read this classic book in both English and another language, then 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.

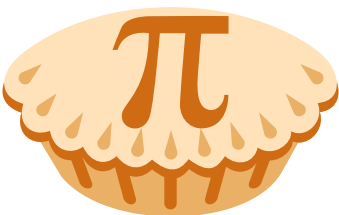
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PUPPIES AND PI(E) DAY

*All Ages. Registration required. ***Please register each member of the family separately.****

Let's celebrate pi day with adoptable puppies from Army's Legacy and pi(e) at the Main Library! Enjoy pizza, pie, and puppies to celebrate the best irrational number.

THU, Mar 14, 6:00 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room



CRAFTS, PICTURE BOOKS & CELEBRATED AUTHOR JANET LAWLER!

Ages 3 to 7. Registration required.

Join us to welcome author Janet Lawler as she introduces her latest book, There's No Place Like Hope. We will have crafts and activities galore for the kids - a winter cat craft station, a planting flower station, and dinosaur activities, all of which celebrate many of Janet's books. Please join us!

SAT, Mar 16, 10:00 AM | J Program Room

HOLI CELEBRATION

*All Ages. Registration required. ***Please register each member of the family separately.****

Join us as we celebrate in color for Holi! There will be prizes, music, color, light traditional refreshments, and so much more!!

SAT, Mar 30, 2:00 PM | Main Library Lawn

PJ STORYTIME

All Ages. No registration required.

Dino-ROAR!

Calling all dinosaur fans! Join us in your jammies for a PJ storytime. We will read stories, and complete lots of fun hands-on activities.

THU, Apr 18, 6:30 PM | J Program Room

PUPPET PALOOZA: DOWN ON THE FARM

Do you like puppets? We do! Join us in your jammies for a PJ storytime. We will read stories complete lots of fun hands-on activities, and of course play with all our farm puppets!

THU, Apr 25, 6:30 PM | J Program Room

CALLING ALL UNICORN FANS!

Ages 4 to 8. Registration required.

If you love all things Unicorns, join us as we celebrate these magical, mystical creatures with stories, crafts, and activity stations...and top off the fun with a Unicorn party! Colorful dresswear encouraged but not necessary.

SAT, Apr 27, 10:30 AM | J Program Room



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



REGISTRATION OPENS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

• APRIL VACATION WEEK •

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

All Ages. No registration required.



Join us at the Barney Library for a special showing of Wonka (2023, rated PG). Enjoy some scrumdiddlyumptious treats while you're at it!

MON, Apr 8, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY WITH THE FARMINGTON LAND TRUST

Ages 3 and up. Registration required. ***Please register each member of the family separately.***



Come join us to view the near-total solar eclipse at the beautiful Wilcox Bushley Homestead near West District School. During your visit drop in to an eclipse-themed storytime, create a craft, take a hike on the beautiful FLT trail, watch the total eclipse streaming live indoors, and observe our near-total eclipse (viewing glasses will be provided.)

MON, Apr 8, 2:00 PM | Wilcox Bushley Homestead Environmental Learning Center, 119 Coppermine Road, Unionville, CT

GOATS IN PAJAMAS AT THE LIBRARY!

Ages 3 to 12. Registration required.



Meet two adorable goats in pajamas! Bradley Mountain Farm will visit the library to read a goat story, followed by time for petting the goats.

WED, Apr 10, 10:30 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

POPSICLE STICK COLLABORATIVE ART

All ages. No registration required.



Stop by the Kids' Place at the Main Library between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM to paint your unique design on a popsicle stick. We'll combine everyone's creations into a one-of-a-kind art display.

FRI, Apr 12 & SAT, Apr 13, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM | J Program Room

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Ages 3 to 12. Registration required.

In honor of Mother's Day our Mother's Day Tea is a chance for a child (ages 3-12) to celebrate someone special in their life. They will hear a story, make something special, help set the table, and enjoy tea and lots of goodies.

SAT, May 11, 10:00 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

PATIO PLAY!

Ages 0 to 5. No registration required.

Visit our outdoor patio any time between 9:30 and 11:00 AM to play with our water table, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles.

THU, May 16, 23 & 30, 9:30-11:00 AM | Library Garden Patio

TWEEN AND TEEN: DIY SPA DAY!

Grades 5-8. Registration required.

Ready to relax and treat yourself? Make your own lip balm, paint your nails, and make a scrub while listening to some tunes for the ultimate self-care evening!

TUE, May 21, 6:00 PM | Tween Space




The Farmington Libraries has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's FREE.

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of e-books for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading!

There are over 250 animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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



**FARMINGTON MAIN LIBRARY
MARCH 24, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**ALL AGES CAN JOIN US FOR
HANDS-ON FUN AT OUR
ANNUAL MAKER FAIR. VISIT
ALL OF OUR CRAFT AND
EXPERIMENT STATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY
AND CHECK OUT AWESOME
DEMONSTRATIONS!**

MAKER FAIR

• BARNEY LIBRARY •

MOVERS AND GROOVERS

Ages birth to 4. No registration required.

Let's move and groove together in the Library! We will read a fun book and do some dancing. This is a drop-in program.

TUE, Mar 5 - May 28 , 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

AFTERSCHOOL ART CLUB

Grades K to 4. Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

The Afterschool Art Club is a block of time set aside to come in and work on an art project that drives your creativity. Assorted supplies available. Afterschool snack provided.

MON, Apr 15, May 13, 3:45 PM | Hoppin Gallery



BARNEY KIDS BOOK CLUB

Ages 5 to 10. Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

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

MON, Mar 18, Apr 29, May 20, 10:00 AM | 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! Drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.

WED, Mar 20, Apr 24, May 29, 9:30 - 11:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

WE PLAY SATURDAY

Ages 1 to 5. No registration required.

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

SAT, Mar 16, Apr 27 & May 18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

CELEBRATE!

Ages 2 to 5. Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

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

THU, Mar 28, Mon, Apr 22 & THU, May 30, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

All Ages. No registration required.



Join us at the Barney Library for a special showing of Wonka (2023, rated PG). Enjoy some scrumdiddlyumptious treats while you're at it!

MON, Apr 8, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

STAR WARS DAY @ THE BARNEY LIBRARY

All Ages. No registration required.

Visit the Barney Library on Saturday, May 4 to celebrate the science-fiction universe of Star Wars. We will have activity sheets and Star Wars-themed arts and crafts to take home while supplies last.

SAT, May 4 | Barney Library



TWEEN & TEEN LIGHTSABER MAKING

Grades 5 to 12. Registration required.

Create your own lightsabers, and join the light side or the dark side. Join us at the Barney Library and get ready to defend the galaxy!

SAT, May 4, 2:00 PM | Hoppin Gallery

Don't forget to sign up for our email newsletter on our web site! Get the latest program news, books recommendations and so much more right in your inbox.



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THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES

Main Library • 6 Monteith Dr.

Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm

Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Sun 1pm - 4pm (*through March 24*)

Barney Library • 71 Main St.

Mon - Thu & Sat 9am - 5pm

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