THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES
KIDS’ PLACE

Programs for Children & Families

Spring 2020

March | April | May

Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Libraries
BABY STORYTIME
Ages 0 - 12 months with caregivers.
Perfect for our littlest patrons, this short storytime enriches the language learning abilities of babies through the use of stories, finger plays, and songs, followed by time to play and socialize. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
WED Mar 4 - Apr 29, 9:15 AM (no class 4/15)

ONE-DERFUL ONES
Ages 12 - 24 months with caregivers.
A fun-filled half hour featuring books, finger plays, and lots of music and movement. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
MON Mar 2 - Apr 27, 9:30 AM (no class 4/13)

TODDLER LEARN & PLAY
Ages 12 - 30 months with caregivers.
Children learn best through play! Practice those fine motor and early literacy skills with activities designed specifically for curious toddlers. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
THURS Mar 5 – Apr 30, 9:30 AM (no class 4/16)

TERRIFIC TWOS
Age 2 with caregivers.
Enjoy books, music, parachute play, and puppets, all geared toward those “terrific” twos!
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
Choose EITHER **Monday** OR **Wednesday** class.
MON Mar 2 - Apr 27, 10:30 AM
OR WED Mar 4 - Apr 29, 10:30 AM
(no class 4/13 & 4/15)

2 ½ - THREES
Ages 30 – 36 months with caregivers. Designed especially for older two-year-olds, this is a special time for you and your child to share stories, songs, puppets, and an occasional craft. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
TUES Mar 3 - Apr 28, 9:30 AM (no class 4/14)

TOTS & TUNES
Ages 0 – 3 with caregivers. This high-energy music and movement class includes a kid-approved playlist, shaky eggs, a giant parachute, and musical instruments. Come to as many classes as you’d like and be ready to get moving! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
WED 6:30 PM (no class 5/6 - 5/27)
FRI 9:30 & 10:30 AM (no class 4/10)

SPECIAL TOTS & TUNES DAYS:
**FRI May 1, 10:30 AM** - **Maypole Celebration**

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS
Ages 2 - 4 with caregivers. In this story and art class we will sing, read, and discover a different art medium chosen to develop early literacy skills. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
Choose EITHER the **10:30** OR **11:30** class.
THURS Mar 5 - Apr 30, 10:30 AM OR 11:30 AM (no class 4/16)
HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION
Ages 5 - 10 with caregivers. Connect with other homeschool families as you learn and explore the vast resources of the library. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each individual program.
TUES Mar 10, 2 PM - Games & Brain Teasers
TUES Apr 21, 2 PM - Helpers in Our Community
WED May 13, 2 PM - Working Dogs & Their Training

PRE-ESCHOOL STORYTIME
Ages 3 - 5, for the child alone. This special program helps your child get ready to read, develops letter knowledge and phonological awareness, and connects reading with fun through stories, songs, rhymes, and art activities. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUES Mar 3 - Apr 28, 9:30 AM (no class 4/14)

ALPHABET SOUP
Ages 3 - 5, for the child alone. Have fun getting to know the ABCs! This early literacy program focuses on the alphabet by introducing children to a different letter of the alphabet each week through stories, music, and a craft. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI Mar 6 - May 1, 9:30 AM (no class 4/10 & 4/17)

PICTURE BOOK THEATER
Ages 3 - 6, for the child alone. Watch your favorite picture books come to life on the big screen, then practice those fine motor and spatial skills through simple art activities while listening to music. A great way to relax before lunch! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI Mar 6 - Apr 24, 11:00 AM

BITE-SIZE SCIENCE
Ages 3 - 5, for the child alone. This monthly class offers a fun way to learn simple scientific concepts and conduct experiments. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each individual program.
TUES Mar 17 & Apr 7, 2:00 PM

READING WITH DOGS
ALL AGES; ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Come to the library to read to a trained therapy dog. Please call the Children’s Department to schedule your 10-minute appointment to read one-on-one with a furry friend!
SAT Mar 14, Apr 4, May 9, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
WED Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

TWEEN TIME!
Tweens in grades 4-6. This is a great opportunity for older kids to hang out together in the library and unwind at the end of the day. Activities will vary each week and include creating crafts, playing tabletop board games, and completing hands-on STEAM projects. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for series.
MON Mar 2 – Apr 27, 7:00 PM

SCRATCH WORKSHOP
Tweens in grades 3 - 5. Tweens will be introduced to the block-based visual programming language, SCRATCH. Come and learn how to code and create fun projects. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Apr 4 & 25, 2:00 PM

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Please call the library at 860-673-6791 or check www.farmingtonlibraries.org for up-to-date information.
GIRLS WHO CODE
Girls in grades 3 - 5. Join a community of girls who actively design, code, read and explore together! Each meeting we will read part of the Girls Who Code book and then take on creative challenges that relate to the chapter. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WED Mar 4 - May 13, 4:30 PM

AMERICAN GIRL® -INSPIRED TEA PARTY
Grades K-2 with a caregiver. Bring your favorite grown-up and your favorite doll or stuffed animal and join us for fun, games, and refreshments. Join Miss Paula and her librarian daughter, Elise from Avon Free Public Library, for a special mother/daughter tea. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Mar 14, 2:00 PM

• SPECIAL PROGRAMS •
MARCH

AFTER-HOURS FAMILY FORT NIGHT
ALL AGES. Listen to some stories while enjoying your BYO dinner, then build a family fort, read together, and have some snacks in the library after hours! Bring a picnic dinner, some sheets and light blankets, pillows, a flashlight, and your favorite stories (or borrow some of ours) to the library for this special event. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI Mar 6, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

ST PATRICK’S DAY DANCE PARTY
ALL AGES. We are thrilled to welcome back Courtney Jay and the dancers of the SRL School of Irish Dance! Join us in your festive green attire for an afternoon of dance and family fun. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUES Mar 17, 4:30 PM

SUNDAES ON SUNDAY
ALL AGES. Come and make an ice cream sundae to enjoy on this Sunday! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
SUN Mar 8, 2:00 PM

DR. SEUSS SCAVENGER HUNT
ALL AGES. Explore the library by searching for Dr. Seuss characters in Children’s, Lending Services, and the Adult Information Services Departments. Take the reading oath and make a project. Once you have completed the scavenger hunt, come to the children’s desk for your free Dr. Seuss book! (while supplies last.) NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Mar 7, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (drop-in)

MAKER FAIR
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!
MARCH 29
2020
1:00-4:00 PM

INNOVATE
CREATE
LEARN

REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 24
HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WOODWIND QUINTET
ALL AGES. The Hartford Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet will introduce the instruments of the woodwind family by taking a musical voyage around the world!
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SUN Mar 22, 2:00 PM

SPRING STORYTIME FUN
Ages 3 & up. Celebrate spring with stories, craft, and a movie. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Mar 28, 10:30 AM

• SPECIAL PROGRAMS •
APRIL

POETRY IN MOTION STORYTIME
Ages 3-6. We’re celebrating National Poetry Month! In this special storytime we’ll be bringing poems to life through activities and crafts.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Apr 11, 10:30 AM

PAW PATROL PARTY
Ages 2 – 4. PAW Patrol is on a roll at our puppy-themed party! Come play, create, and learn with activities inspired by Marshall, Chase, Skye, and the rest of the PAW Patrol team.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
MON Apr 13, 10:30 AM

SECRET AGENT ACADEMY
Grades 4 – 6. You voted for it in November – here it is! Visit our secret agent training sessions to see if you have what it takes!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUES Apr 14, 2:00 PM

MY GYM AT THE LIBRARY
Ages 2 – 6. Practice strength, balance, agility, and flexibility through exercise games, music, and more with an instructor from My Gym West Hartford.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WED Apr 15, 10:00 AM

TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO
Grades 2 – 4. Come and explore snap circuits, electricity, and ozobots! Create and invent with technology during this hands-on event.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WED Apr 15, 2:00 PM

DROP-IN PLAY
Ages 2-4 with caregivers. Practice fine motor and early literacy skills as you play and have fun! Librarian–curated busy bags, along with puppets, play-dough, Duplo blocks, and more will keep little ones entertained while learning important developmental skills!
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THURS Apr 16, 10:30 AM

CONNECTICUT BIRDS OF PREY
ALL AGES. Horizon Wings will bring live birds, such as a falcon, owl, and eagle, to teach us all about Connecticut birds of prey. Come see these beautiful birds up close!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THURS Apr 16, 6:30 PM

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MAYPOLE CELEBRATION
ALL AGES. Come dance around the Maypole (outside, weather permitting.) Bring fresh flowers and dress in your festive clothes. Held in place of the 10:30 Tots & Tunes class. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI May 1, 10:30 AM

MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME
Ages 3 - 6. Let’s bring Mother Goose tales to life through activities, games, and crafts! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT May 2, 10:30 AM

SILLY SONG SING-A-LONG SERIES
Ages 4 & under. Edward Leonard is bringing his popular music and movement program to our library for four Tuesdays in May! Come laugh and play in this interactive, age appropriate singalong (fun for grownups too) followed by a little baby boomers drum circle! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUES May 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 AM

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY EVERY DAY
Ages 5 & up. Make a do-it-yourself wildflower seed ball for your yard. Come prepared to get your hands dirty! REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT Apr 18, 11:00 AM

SPRING FLOWERS CRAFT SERIES
Ages 2 - 5 with caregiver. Drop in anytime between 10 and 11:30 to make the special spring flower craft of the week. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THUR May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 - 11:30 AM (drop-in)

MOTHER’S DAY CARD MAKING
Ages 5 & up. Come create a beautiful Mother’s Day card. Choose from our wide variety of craft supplies. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SAT May 9, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (drop-in)

SPRING PLANTING FOR 2s & 3s
Ages 2 & 3. Come ready to play in the dirt and plant some seeds with Miss Trish! REGISTRATION REQUIRED
MON May 11, 10:00 AM

BLOOMIN’ BUTTERFLY STORYTIME
Ages 4 - 5. Enjoy stories about butterflies, puppets, and a multicolored butterfly craft. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI May 15, 9:30 AM

CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING PROGRAM
Attention Parents, Grandparents, Foster Parents, and caregivers -- this four-week class is for you! The Circle of Security® trained facilitator will work with parents and caregivers to understand their child’s emotional world by learning to read emotional needs, support their child’s ability to successfully manage emotions, enhance the development of their child’s self-esteem and honor the innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - A four-week commitment is required.
WED May 6, 13, 27 & June 3, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES
ALL AGES. We’ll watch LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) while snacking on some popcorn. The movie is rated PG and runs for 1 hour 47 minutes. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRI Apr 17, 2:00 PM
**MOVERS AND GROOVERS**
Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver. Learn some rhymes, read a book, dance, sing, and socialize with toys.  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Every TUES, 9:30 AM (no class 4/13)

**LADYBUG GIRL STORYTIME**
Ages 3 - 5. When Lulu puts on her ladybug costume, she becomes Ladybug Girl, a superhero who uses her imagination to have adventures right in her own backyard. Stories and activities to celebrate imagination and adventure.  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
MON May 18, 10:00 AM

**OPEN LEGO PLAY**
Ages 4 & up. We have lots and lots of LEGOs; drop by the library to see what you can create!  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
SAT May 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (drop-in)

**SPRING PLANTING FOR 4s & 5s**
Ages 4 & 5. Come ready to play in the dirt and plant some seeds with Miss Trish!  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
THURS May 21, 2:00 PM

**CELEBRATE MARCH, APRIL, & MAY!**
Ages 2 - 4. Celebrate the season! Come for a special storytime where we’ll sing, dance, and make a craft. Come dressed for arts and crafts!  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each individual program.**
  - **Celebrate March** - WED Mar 25, 10:00 AM
  - **Celebrate April** - WED April 29, 10:00 AM
  - **Celebrate May** - WED May 27, 10:00 AM

**MESSY MONDAY**
Ages 3 - 5. Let’s get MESSY! Come to our monthly storytime and craft - be prepared to make a mess!  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each individual program.**
MON Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18, 10:00 AM

**SCHOOL-AGE OPEN ART**
Ages 5 & up. School is out early! Use your own creativity and our materials to craft and create and make a mess in our art space. You are only limited by your imagination!  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
TUES Mar 17, 2:00 - 4:00 PM (drop-in)

**AUTHOR VISIT & CRAFT**
ALL AGES. Come meet author Janet Lawler as she shares her newly published picture book, *Kindergarten Hat*, inspired by a Farmington teacher! Hear this awesome story and story-behind-the-story and create an art project with the author.  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
SAT May 30, 3:00 PM

**IT’S EARTH DAY!**
Ages 5 & up. Come to Barney and do some planting! We will make our own “grass head” planters and plant some hair!  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
WED Apr 22, 2:30 PM

**SCHOOL’S OUT EARLY - COME CRAFT AT THE BARNEY**
Ages 6 & up. We will make a Melted Crayon Wax Masterpiece! Be prepared to get messy.  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
WED May 13, 2:00 PM
Spring Hours

MAIN LIBRARY
M - Th 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Su 1 - 4 p.m. (Jan - Mar)

BARNEY LIBRARY
M - Th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
F CLOSED
Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Su CLOSED

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