

THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES  
KIDS' PLACE

# Programs for Children & Families

Spring 2021

MARCH | APRIL



# • SERIES PROGRAMS •

## TOTALLY TODDLERS

Ages 12 to 26 months. *Registration Required.*

Together you and your little one will enjoy music, stories, fingerplays and rhymes in this “at home” program, sent right to your email! You will also pick up a special activity bag to use during the session. Join our weekly Zoom meeting if you can for a quick “hello” and some music & movement we can do together.

Receive link to Zoom meetings upon registration. Your bag will be available for pickup March 1.

**MON, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5 10:00 AM | Virtual**

## STORYTOTS

Ages 2-3. *Registration Required.*

You and your little one are invited to enjoy a weekly story or flannel board, fingerplays, songs, puppet play, and crafts in this “at home storytime.” Once registered, you will receive weekly emails on Tuesdays with videos and activities to do at a time convenient for you. You will also pick up a special bag of craft items to make with your child.

Craft bag will be available for pickup March 1-3.

**TUE, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Apr 6 | Virtual**



**Please check for current library “open” hours when planning to pick up any items, as hours are subject to change.**

## BITE- SIZED SCIENCE

Ages 3 to 6. *Registration Required.*

This program offers a fun way to learn simple scientific concepts and conduct experiments. Put your science hats on and explore!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM.** Activity bags with instructions for each program will be available for pickup at the Main Library on each Tuesday morning and will be held for one week.

**TUE, Mar 9, 23 & Apr 6 | Take Home**

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

## BUSY BAGS REPRISÉ

Ages 2 to 4. *Registration Required.*

This is a repeat of last session's program (same videos and activities.) Keep your preschooler busy while you cook dinner, clean the bathroom, or help your older child with school work. These easy-to-assemble kits will focus on math, literacy, and fine motor/sensory development. Registrants will pick up their kit at the library and receive video instructions via email.

**INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH BUSY BAG EVENT.**

**WED, Mar 10, 24 & Apr 7 | Virtual**

**REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 AM**

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### **PICASSO TO GO!**

*Ages 2 to 4. Registration Required.*

Each week pick up a take-home art project for your child to complete with parental guidance. Each project will explore a different art medium and will aim to focus on both early literacy skills and fine motor skills. A prerecorded storytime will be sent via email each week on Thursday.

NOTE: Take and Make bags will be available on Thursday morning and will be held for one week.

**THU, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr 1, 8 | Take Home**

### **STORYTIME AT HOME**

*Ages 3 to 6. Registration Required.*

Each Thursday we will email you a PDF of rhymes, fingerplays, activities, craft ideas, games, links to stories being read by Miss Ericka, and more, all based on a theme! Print out yourself or request to pick up printed pages at the library.

**THU, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr 1, 8 | Virtual**

### **OH, BABY!**

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

Each Thursday we will email you a PDF of fingerplays and rhymes, book suggestions, early literacy tips, library services, polls & trivia questions, and video links all geared toward caregivers & babies. On the last day we'll meet together on Zoom! Link for the Zoom meetup on April 8 will be sent upon registration.

**THU, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr 1, 8 | Virtual**

### **ALPHABET ON THE RUN**

*Ages 3 to 5. Registration Required.*

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. Sign up and receive weekly emails with printables and videos.

A grab-and-go craft package will be available at the Main Library on each Friday morning and will be held for one week for those who have registered.

**FRI, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 14, 21, 28 | Take Home (No class April 2)**

### **FRIDAY SURPRISE!**

*Ages 2 to 5. Registration Required.*

Join us for a very short Zoom program Fridays at 10:00 where each week children and their caregivers will meet a children's librarian who will share stories, songs to dance to, puppets...who knows what, it's a surprise!! What we DO know is that it will be interactive and lots of fun.

Zoom link sent upon registration.

**FRI, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 & Apr 9, 10:00 AM | Virtual (No class April 2)**

### **POLISH STORYTIME AT HOME**

*Ages 0 to 7. Registration Required.*

Speak to your child in the language you know best! Join Miss Eva for a virtual Polish Storytime. Registered families will receive a link to the story video and a PDF of rhymes, songs and activities. Make sure you register with the email address to receive the Polish Storytime at Home.

**MON, Mar 1, 15 & Apr 5 | Virtual**

## • ONGOING •

### DIAL-A-STORY

*All ages. No registration required.*

Call 860-673-6791, choose option 8, and then choose what type of recording you'd like to hear: a picture book story, a poem, a relaxation story (great for helping kids to wind down and relax), a Polish language story or poem, or a joke/riddle. Listen to all five!

**Recordings will change weekly each Tuesday.**

**Are you already on our email list? If not, sign up [HERE](#) to receive the latest program openings and book recommendations delivered right to your inbox!**



## • MARCH SPECIALS •

### PASSPORT TO FARMINGTON!

*All Ages. No Registration Required.*

It's time to get outside and explore our community! Pick up your map and passport at either the Main or Barney Library. Every time you visit one of the featured sites in town, bring your passport book to the library to receive a special sticker. See how many you and your family can collect!!

**MON, Mar 1 - FRI May 28 | Take Home**

### TALES WITH TINKER

*Ages 2 to 5. Registration Required.*

Join the beloved department horse, Tinker, and Miss Patti for a storytime. Your kids loved to ride Tinker in person so until we can gather again, visit with Tinker virtually. When you register, you will receive a link to our YouTube page to view the story.

**THU, Mar 11 | Virtual**

### KIDS CARE CLUB

*Grades K to 6. Registration Required.*

Do you want to make a difference during the pandemic? Have you wondered how you could help someone in your community? The Farmington Libraries Kids' Place is collaborating with Services for the Elderly to help some of our most isolated and vulnerable citizens. We will be making small crafts that will be distributed to senior citizens to lift their spirits, encourage them to stay strong, and remind them that they are not forgotten. You can make a difference!

**March project: Refrigerator Art!  
Pick up begins MON, March 15, return completed craft by MON, March 22**

**REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 AM**

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### **SILLY SHAMROCKS DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM**

Grades 1 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Those silly leprechauns have made a mess! They left shamrocks all over the place, but the shamrocks may also be clues to where the leprechaun hid his treasure! If you can figure out the silly shamrock puzzles, may find the leprechaun's pot of gold! You will receive a link to the escape room on the day of the event.

**WED, Mar 17 | Virtual**

### **NATIONAL CRAYON DAY CELEBRATION**

Grades K to 3. *Registration Required.*

Did you know that today is National Crayon Day? It is a day to celebrate the creation of crayons and the joy of coloring. Pick up your take-home bag with a box of crayons and activity pages. You will also receive a link to watch the children's librarians read the story *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt.

**WED, Mar 31 | Take Home**

## • APRIL SPECIALS •

### **PAW PATROL PARTY**

Ages 3 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Do you love Paw Patrol? Pick up your Paw Patrol bag with a book, activity pages, and craft. You will also receive an email with a link to watch an interview with a Farmington Police Officer.

**MON, Apr 12 | Take Home**

### **MYSTERY CRAFT BAG**

Grades K to 3. *Registration Required.*

Each craft bag will contain unique items for you to create with. Open your crafting surprise and let your imagination run wild. Send us a photo of what you created!

**TUE, Apr 13 | Take Home**

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**April project: Faux Stained Glass Butterflies!**  
**Pick up begins MON, April 12, return completed craft by MON, April 19**

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## • APRIL SPECIALS •

### **STEAM FOR KIDS: PAPER CIRCUIT LIGHT UP CARDS**

Grades 4 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Use electricity to create a fun, creative card that lights up with your own simple circuit! You will receive materials and a link to a YouTube video with step by step instructions showing you how to make your card. (Most materials will be provided, but please have markers, colored pencils, tape and scissors on hand.)

**WED, Apr 14 | Take Home**

### **TANGLEWOOD MARIONETTES PRESENT THE DRAGON KING**

All Ages. *Registration Required.*

An underwater fantasy based on Chinese Folklore, featuring colorful sea creatures, an exciting adventure, and a Dragon King that will knock your socks off! This award-winning production also features a live behind-the-scenes look on how the production is created, as well as a question and answer session at the end. A very special production for our community - not to be missed!

**WED, Apr 14, 6:30 PM | Virtual**

### **EARTH DAY CRAFT**

All ages. *Registration Required.*

Earth Day is in a week, so you can prepare to celebrate with this take-and-make craft kit sent to us from NASA! Create a colorful "stained glass" earth to hang in your window, Bags will be available for pickup on Thursday April 15 or Friday April 16.

**THU, Apr 15 | Take Home**

### **TOTS & TUNES**

Ages 2 to 4. *Registration Required.*

Join us for a short live music and movement class. We'll play fun music and shake those sillies out!

**FRI, Apr 16, 10:00 AM | Virtual via Zoom**

### **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE STORYTIME**

Ages 3 to 8. *Registration Required.*

Let's have fun with two of our favorite characters!! Registrants will receive a video of a special Elephant and Piggie Storytime to watch at their convenience and pick up a bag of activities at the library to do at home.

**MON, Apr 19 | Take Home**

### **FINGER KNITTING**

Ages 5 and up. *Registration Required.*

Watch and learn from Miss Paula how to finger knit. This is a fun and simple stitch that requires no experience, just yarn and your very own fingers.

**FRI, Apr 23, 6:00 PM | Virtual**

### **DOGGIE STORYTIME**

Ages 4 and up. *Registration Required.*

Pick up your bag with fun doggie activities and receive a link to hear Miss Paula read a story to Lucy, a retired therapy dog. She may even show you a few of her tricks.

**WED, Apr 28 | Take Home**

**REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 AM**

# • BARNEY LIBRARY •

## MOVERS AND GROOVERS

Ages 0-4 with caregiver. *Registration Required.*

Are you ready for some Moving and Grooving with Miss Amy? Let's have a virtual party! We will read one of our favorite books and dance to the music we all love.

**TUE, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Apr 6, 20, 27, 9:30 AM | Virtual (No class on April 13)**



## MESSY MONDAY PICK-UP CRAFTS

Ages 2-5. *Registration Required.*

Let's get messy at home (but not too messy!) with these take-home crafts. (Most materials will be in the take-home bag, but please have some at home such as glue sticks, washable markers, etc.)

Craft bags will be available for pickup for one week.

**MON, Mar 15 | Rainbow Art**  
**MON Apr 12 | Rainy Day Art**

## CELEBRATE THE MONTH!

Ages 2-5 with caregiver. *Registration Required.*

Join Miss Amy for a special Zoom storytime and a craft to make at home! (Most materials will be in the take-home bag, but please have some at home such as glue sticks, washable markers, etc.) Zoom invite sent upon registration.

### March - Bear Story Time

**MON, Mar 15 | Take Home Craft**

**TUE, Mar 23 10:30-11:00 AM | Virtual Zoom**

### April - Spring Story Time

**MON, Apr 12 | Take Home Craft**

**TUE, Apr 20 10:30-11:00 AM | Virtual Zoom**

## BARNEY IN A BAG: FUN CRAFTS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

Ages 5 & up. *Registration Required.*

Register to pick up your take-home craft kit. (Most materials will be included but you will need to have some materials at home such as glue, crayons or markers.)

Craft will be available for pick up starting on Mar 16th and can be picked up any time during our open hours that week.

**TUE, Mar 16 | Painted Pinwheels**

Craft will be available for pick up starting on Apr 13th and can be picked up any time during our open hours that week.

**TUE, Apr 13 | Tape resist painting**

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