

THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES KIDS' PLACE



Programs for Children & Families

APRIL & MAY
2022



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 using stories, finger plays, and songs. Feel free to bring a blanket for your baby to sit/lie down on.

The May 4th class will be a special Baby Massage class led by Jennifer Vendetti, a Certified Educator of Infant Massage at UConn Health Parenting. Jen will guide us in talking about how to incorporate baby massage into our caregiving and play routines with babies and teach us massage strokes from the Infant Massage USA curriculum.

WED, Mar 30 - May 11 (*NO CLASS APRIL 13), 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.

MON, Mar 28 - May 9 (*NO CLASS APRIL 11), 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.

MON, Mar 28 - May 9 (*NO CLASS APRIL 11), 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.

WED, Mar 30 - May 11 (*NO CLASS APRIL 13), 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.

THU, Mar 31 - May 12 (*NO CLASS APRIL 14), 10:30 AM | In-Person

STORIES & STRETCHES

*Ages 3 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.***

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, Mar 30 - May 11 (*NO CLASS APRIL 11), 6:30 PM | 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.

• SPECIAL SESSIONS • LITTLE KIDS

POLISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Ages 3 to 8. *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.

MON, Mar 28, Apr 11 & 25, May 9, 6:00 PM | In-Person

TOTS & TUNES & TALES

Ages 2-5 with a 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.*

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.

May 5th class - Maypole Dance - we'll dance around the Maypole!

THU, Mar 31 - May 5, 9:30 AM | In-Person

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS

Ages 2-4. *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 participating child must have their own registration.*

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 29 - May 10 (*NO CLASS APRIL 12) | In-Person



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, Apr 5 & 19 & May 3 | Take Home

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

Registration Required - please note that each craft requires its own registration.

**Ages 2 to 4. Jump into Spring – Make a Frog
FRI, April 8 | Take Home**

Ages 2 to 4. Spring Bird

Everything you need will be included to create your very own spring bird.

FRI, May 20 | Take Home

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



• SPECIAL SESSIONS • SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

VIRTUAL CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

Ages 5 to 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 Apr 5 – May 24 6:30 PM | VIRTUAL

• SPECIAL SESSIONS • SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

LEARN TO KNIT

Ages 7 to 12. *Registration Required.*

Would you like to learn to knit? Join us Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM. Miss Paula will provide yarn and needles to start and then give you information to purchase your own supplies. Learn to cast on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and bind off.

WED, Mar 30 - May 11, 5:30 PM | In-Person

KNIT-4-A-BIT CLUB

Ages 7 to 12. *Registration Required.*

A knitting club for those who have gone through "Learn to Knit" with Miss Paula and want to continue to meet to knit together.

Individual and group projects can be done for the community. Miss Paula will be available to assist but this is a self-guided group to continue on with what you have already learned. You can help each other while improving your knitting skills. A place to sit and knit.

SAT, Apr 9, May 21 2:30 PM | In-Person

AFTERSCHOOL FUN!

Grades K to 3. *Registration Required. Please note that each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for the other.*

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.

THU, Apr 7 & 21, May 5 4:30 PM | In-Person

KIDS CARE CLUB

Grades 1 to 6. *Registration Required. Please note that each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for the other.*

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!

April project: 3D Flower Picture

Pick up begins TUE, Apr 19

Return completed craft TUE, Apr 26

May project: Homemade Watermelon Coasters

Pick up begins TUE, May 17

Return completed craft TUE May 24

TWEEN BIBLIOBOX MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

Grades 4 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Sign up for some fun treats and a hand-selected library book picked just for you! Return the book and the box but the goodies are yours to keep!

FRI, Apr 29 & May 27 | Take Home

TWEEN TIME

Grades 4 to 6. *Registration Required. Please note that each class will have its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for the other.*

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, Apr 4 & 18, May 2 6:30 PM | In-Person

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT

Registration Required - please note that each craft requires its own registration.

Ages 4 to 7. Wanted: Superheroes!

Given a blank shield, your child will create their own superhero shield that makes them unique!

MON, April 11 | Take Home



INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

• SPECIAL SESSIONS • SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION

Registration Required.

Come meet other homeschool families and discuss what the library can do for you. There will be a tour of our building and all it has to offer. While the kids do simple crafts and games, the adults will meet with the librarian to discuss potential programming ideas.

THUR, APR 21, 2:00 PM | In-Person

WILD KRATTS ADVENTURE BAG

Ages 5 to 10. Registration Required.

You will have a variety of things to enjoy in your Wild Kratts bag! Your bag will include activity sheets, mazes, your own animal flier to assemble, stampers and a few other surprises.

FRI, May 20 | Take Home

SATURDAY WITH SOPHIE THE 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. For children of all ages (children under three must be accompanied by an adult) - a perfect program for families!

SAT, Apr 9, 9:30 - 11:30 AM; May 21, 9:30 - 11:00 AM | In-Person

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

PICTURE BOOK THEATER

Ages 4 and up. Registration Required.

The book *Leo the Late Bloomer* will be today's feature! Leo is a tiger that can't do anything like his friends can. We will enjoy the movie and make a Leo the tiger craft based on the book.

MON, Apr 11, 10:30 AM | In-Person

FARMINGTON POLICE AND K-9 PROGRAM

Ages 4 and up. Registration Required.

Meet officers from the Farmington Police Department including K-9 officer Ozzy. Learn about how police K-9s are trained and what they do for our community.

TUE, Apr 12, 3:00 PM | In-Person

TWO RIGHT FEET CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Grades PreK to 3rd. Registration Required.

We're excited to welcome the musical group Two Right Feet to the Library! This multisensory program is about all creatures great and... fuzzy! We'll celebrate Spring with a springtime animal game, a musical reading of an adventure story *Macawber*, and an exciting, rhythmic, gross motor activity in which children jump, hop, waddle, and wiggle to live bass.

THU, Apr 14, 10:00 AM | In-Person

LADYBUG GIRL BOOK GROUP

Ages 6 to 8. Registration Required.

Enjoy an afternoon of All things Ladybug Girl. Stories, activities and games galore. Wear your black & red!

THU, Apr 14, 2:30 PM | In-Person

NATURE JOURNALING

Ages 8 to 12. Registration Required.

When we take the time to observe nature around us, we learn how important it is to take care of our Earth! We'll meet indoors to talk about making observations and nature journaling, then we'll head outside to start our very own nature journals. (In case of inclement weather, we'll remain indoors.) No need to be great at drawing or writing; we'll show you various ways you can keep a nature journal.

SAT, Apr 16, 10:30 AM | In-Person

• SPECIAL EVENTS •

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH – PUT POEMS IN YOUR POCKET!

All Ages. *No Registration Required.*

Inspired by the book Poem in Your Pocket, during the month of April children can pick up an empty “pocket” at the library and then follow the clues to find six poems hidden in our room. Once you find the poems, take one of each and put them in your pocket!

SPRING SURPRISE STORYTIME

Ages 3 to 5. *Registration Required.*

Join Miss Eva outside on our library patio for fun with stories, music and fingerplays.

TUE, Apr 12, 10:00 AM | In-Person

SPRING NATURE WALK SCAVENGER HUNT

Ages 3 to 6. *Registration Required.*

Nothing is more exciting than seeing the first signs of spring after a long chilly winter. Maybe It is the first purple crocus popping up in the garden or the busy robin building a nest in your yard. Whatever it is, those first signs of spring fill us with so much joy. Pick up your Scavenger Hunt bag at the library and take a walk around your neighborhood to look for evidence of spring.

Sat, April 23 | Take Home

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!

All Ages. *No Registration Required.*

Stop by the Kids’ Place any time today for some Star Wars activities (while supplies last.)

WED, May 4 | Drop In

MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT BONANZA

Ages 5 and up . *Registration Required.*

Appreciate mom while making some special crafts for her at the library! There will be 3 crafts stations for the children to make and design something special for mom.

SAT, May 7, 10:30 AM | In-Person

RIO AND SILAS WITH LOVE – AUTHOR EVENT ABOUT PET FOSTERING AND ADOPTION!

All ages . *Registration Required.*

Jan and Sophie, the duo from our Read to Sophie the dog program, will share their adoption story, and then we will meet author Michele Kean as she reads her book Rio and Silas with Love and shares her own special fostering story. (Rio and Silas are brothers being fostered by June and Jax. They've never had a home before. Now they are in a place of Love where they can learn new things until they find their forever home.)

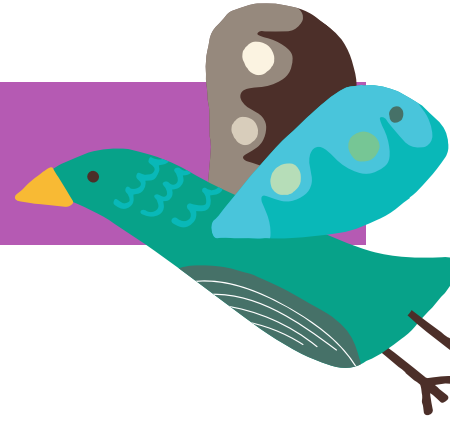
SAT, May 21, 11:00 AM | In-Person



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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, Apr 18 & May 23 | 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, Apr 18 & May 23 | Take Home

CELEBRATE APRIL!

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 Apr 21, 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 10:00 or 11:00 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, Apr 5 – May 31, 10:00 AM or 11:00 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.

MON, Apr 25 & May 23, 3:45 pm | In-Person

CELEBRATE MAY!

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, May 26 , 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM | In-Person



REGISTRATION STARTS MARCH 19



THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES

Main Library • 6 Monteith Dr.

Kids' Place Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm

Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Sun 1pm-4pm (Jan-Apr)

Barney Library • 71 Main St.

Mon-Thu & Sat 9am - 5pm

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