

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs April 2021



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Children's Materials Curbside Request Forms

*We have two different curbside request forms
for children's materials!*

Are you looking for materials that are **personalized
for your child's reading level and interests?**

Then use this convenient, personalized form
to let us know what materials we can get for you
from our collection:

<https://forms.gle/1HGWURPVccogpsdZ8>

Short on time?

Want a bundle of books *as soon as possible*?

Use the **Quick Pick Children's Book Bundles** form!

Choose from a series of topics
and receive a pre-assembled book bundle.
(Only one or two quick pick bundles total per family,
per request, please, so that we can spread
the book bundle love evenly! 😊)

<https://forms.gle/Hr65dEPDjspJuMMH6>

*Whichever form you use, we will
check materials out to you and let you know
when they are ready to pick up.*

Back by Popular Demand!

Challenge Trivia Family Event

with
The Trivia Brothers



Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 PM

All Ages

We had such a great time in February with the Trivia Brothers that we decided to bring them back for an April event!

Gather together your family, form a team, and enjoy this awesome virtual trivia event presented by Brett and Nik Outcheunis, also known as The Trivia Brothers! The Trivia Brothers ran an amazingly fun trivia night for us in February, and we are super excited to (virtually) bring them back to Harvard!

Brett and Nik provided this information about how Challenge Trivia works:

First and foremost, you will need two devices in order to enjoy the optimal experience - a computer (to join the Zoom meeting) and a smart phone or tablet (to play the game).

Teams can be comprised of individual or multiple players. Recommended team size is 3-6 players. If members of a team are in separate locations, we suggest arranging a conference call during the game.

Important! Each team will use *only one* smart phone or tablet to enter the game and submit the answers.

Use the Zoom link provided by the library to connect. Your link will be available the day of your episode.

We strongly suggest using a computer to enter the meeting and view the episode. (“Virtual doors” to the waiting room will open 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and the game will begin promptly at the advertised start time.)

Although it’s not mandatory, the Trivia Brothers suggest joining the meeting with video on so they can interact with you!

Then, once the episode officially starts, the Trivia Brothers will tell you how to register (using your smart phone or tablet) so you can play!

Don’t worry, there is no special app to play, simply a website that will be announced once you are in the event.

Registration is required; the Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the day prior to the program.

Priority registration is given to Harvard residents/HES students.

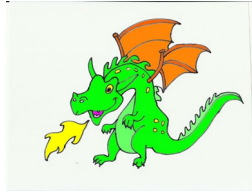
Nonresidents may register for this program one week in advance of the event, provided that there is space available.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to register for this awesome program.

Virtual Craft Program: Cardboard Dragons!

Thursday, April 15
at 3:30 PM

Recommended for Ages 6+



Learn how to make a cardboard dragon using a toilet paper tube and tissue paper! Three awesome teen volunteers will teach attendees how to make the dragon in this virtual craft event presented via Zoom. If times permits, they will also teach attendees how to make tissue paper flowers and a cardboard monster. (This program will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.) You can either use your own materials (toilet paper tubes, tissue paper, googly eyes, and mini pompoms) or, if you don't have those materials on hand, you can request that a supply kit be put out for you for curbside pickup. (Supply kits will not include glue stick or white glue.)

To keep the group size manageable, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you'd like to sign up for the Zoom link.

Write Stuff

Tuesday, April 6
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

4th through 6th Grade



This low-key, supportive, once-monthly virtual writing group is for kids in grades 4 through 6 who love to write.

We will talk books and writing, do some fun writing exercises, and share as much (or as little!) of our writing with each other as time allows.

Writing group membership is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org; be sure to tell us what grade you're in.

BOOKFLIX[®] SCHOLASTIC Teachables

Did you know the HPL has added two awesome children's databases?

BookFlix: Learning to Read, then Reading to Learn

Thematically paired fiction and nonfiction titles are designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. Animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

Scholastic Teachables: Worksheets, lesson plans, learning games, and more!

Formerly known as Scholastic Printables, this database offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

You can access these great databases from the Databases for Children page on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/databases-children>

VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS

Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

Thursday, April 29
at 7:00 PM



It's no secret that many grownups love to read children's books! If you're one of these grownups and you'd like to be able to discuss children's literature in a book group setting, then this group is for you.

Discussion is facilitated by Abby, the children's librarian, who has an MA in Children's Literature from Simmons University. Each month we'll discuss one children's chapter book; sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

April's book is:

The Body Under the Piano by Marthe Jocelyn.

Send an email to

childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to be added to the email list for this group; the Zoom link will be emailed to the list the Wednesday afternoon prior to the book group meeting. Group membership is limited to grownups with a Harvard/HES connection, in order to keep the group size small.

BOOK GROUPS for 1st - 6th Grade



Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders
Monday, April 26 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby will read a story aloud to the group, then we will discuss the book together. Group members do not read a book ahead of time.

Bagels n' Books Group for 3rd Graders
Monday, April 5 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is:
School Ship Tobermory by Alexander McCall Smith

Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders
Monday, April 12 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 4th Grade Book is:
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders
Tuesday, April 13 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is:
Premeditated Myrtle by Elizabeth Bunce

Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders
Tuesday, April 27 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 6th Grade Book is:
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park

Virtual book group meetings take place via Zoom; Zoom links will be sent to book group members the day prior to their group meeting. Each grade meets once a month.

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome; however, book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the book group sizes small and manageable.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Book Group Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9>

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

Book group members should read at least half (but preferably all! 😊) of the book prior to the group meeting.

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a storytime email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Storytime Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/PCWKwG5tsZ7w1AQx8>

There is a unique Zoom link for each storytime meeting – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the business day prior to each storytime meeting.

Virtual Version: Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime Ages 0 – 2 and up

*Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM
through May 20*

*Note: No storytime on
April 19 and April 22*

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early literacy program that uses rhymes and songs to help pre-reading children get ready for reading. It incorporates music, movement, ritual, repetition, positive reinforcement, developmental tips, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments, colored scarves, and book reading into a fun-filled 30 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and caregivers (older siblings also welcome).

Virtual Version: Storytime for 2's & 3's Ages 2 & 3

*Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
through May 19*

Note: No storytime on April 21

This 20 to 30 minute theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old.

Virtual Version: Stories for 4's & 5's Ages 4 & 5 and up

*Mondays at 1:30 PM
through May 17*

Note: No storytime on April 19

This 30 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, features a few longer, more complex picturebook stories and some fun fingerplays and songs.

Virtual Saturday Storytime Cat Stories

**Saturday, April 10
at 10:30 AM**

Ages 3 to 7



Join three awesome teen volunteers for some awesome stories about cats presented via Zoom. (Storytime will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.) Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you would like to be added to the Saturday Storytime email list. Due to limited space, registration is limited to local families. (If the storytime registration gets close to capacity, priority will be given to Harvard families.) The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

Virtual Lego Club

**Wednesday, April 28
from 3:30 to 4:15 PM**

Ages 5 and up



Log on and visit virtually with your friends while building with Legos!

We will be connecting via Zoom for this virtual Lego Club meeting; to keep it easier to socialize with each other, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you'd like to sign up for the Zoom link.