

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs April 2026



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Registration Information

**Register for children's programs
by using the QR code or link below
to access our
online event calendar!**

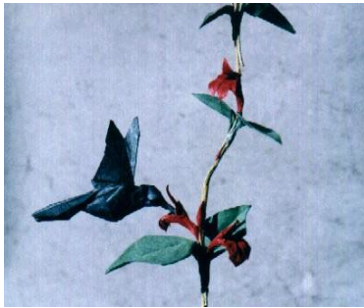
**Individual program descriptions
also have registration information
and direct links for each event.**

Link to online event calendar:
[https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar
?cid=21089](https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar?cid=21089)



Origami

with Origami Master Michael LaFosse



Wednesday, April 15

Ages 6 to 12 from 12:45 to 1:45 PM

and

Grades 6 to Adult from 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Don't miss this wonderful program on origami!

Author and artist Michael LaFosse is one of the most seasoned and respected presenters of the paper arts. He and Richard Alexander have authored 32 books on origami, and produced over a dozen DVDs. They have also built major origami exhibits for the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA; the Louvre, Paris; the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson, and the Morikami Japanese Museum, Delray Beach, FL.

For more information on Michael and the Origamido Studio, visit their website:
www.origamido.com.

Michael will teach two separate sessions at the Harvard Public Library on April 15, the first for ages 6 to 12, the second for grades 6 through adult.

Please register for the session that best meets your family's needs.

Register for Ages 6 to 12 here: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14140183>

Register for Grades 6 to Adult here: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15077862>

Family Movie Night!



ZOOTOPIA 2

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Zootopia 2 (PG)

**Friday, April 10
at 6:30 PM**

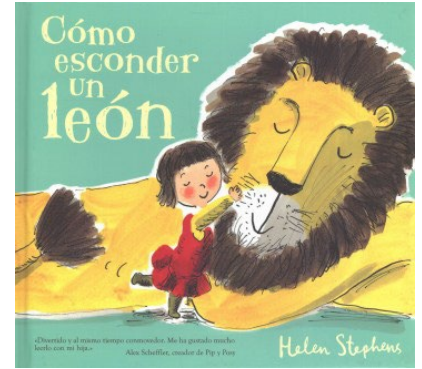
Come watch a movie on the big screen at the library!
Please register so that we can inform you of weather cancellations or other last minute schedule changes.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14140197>

Super Special Spanish Storytime

with Fran & Abby

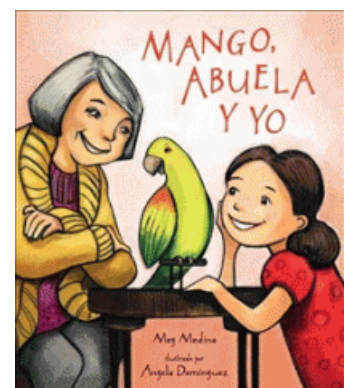
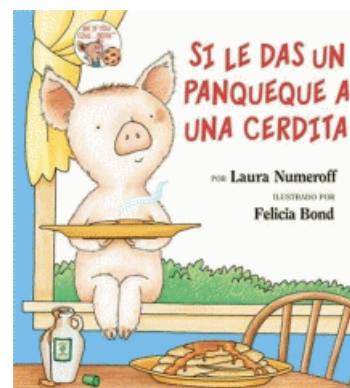


**Saturday, April 4
at 1:00 PM**

All Ages

Join Fran and Abby in the story room
for some fun stories in Spanish and English!

Drop-in – no registration required.



Finger Doodles



**Thursday, April 30
at 3:45 PM**

Ages 6+

Using the Ed Emberley books as inspiration, we will use tiny stamp pads to make fingerprints and then draw on our fingerprints to make animals, people, vehicles, and more.

Registration is required – enrollment is limited to 10 children ages 6 and up.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15078690>



LEGO Club



**Saturday, April 18
from 1:30 to 2:30 PM**

Grades K – 6

Come have fun building LEGO creations with other Harvard LEGO fans!

Participants can use the library-owned LEGO bricks to build creative models. Creative building is encouraged, and the library will have various LEGO books available for inspiration.

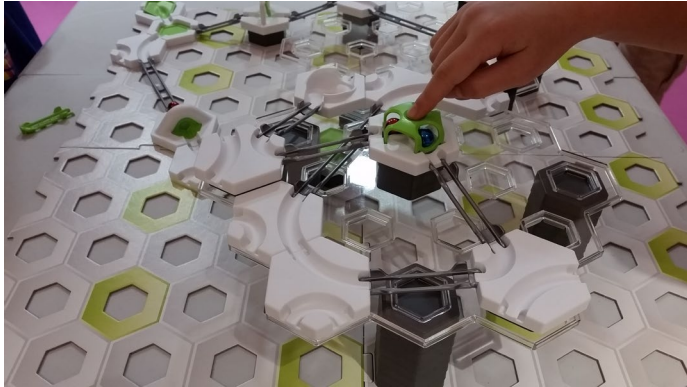
LEGO Club is supervised by the children's librarian – parents are also encouraged to stay and help supervise.

Registration is required – enrollment is limited to 12 children in grades K through 6.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16124616>

GraviTrax Challenge



**Thursday, April 2
at 3:45 PM**

Ages 8 and up

The challenge is to work as a team to build a marble raceway using the awesome Ravensburger GraviTrax interactive track building set.

Can you design a system that gets the marble from the start all the way to the finish?

Registration is required –
Enrollment is limited to 10 children **ages 8 and up**.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15078661>



Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room



***Gabby's Dollhouse:
The Movie (G)***

**Thursday, April 9
at 3:45 PM**

Join us for an afterschool movie for elementary age kids in the Story Room! Afterschool movies are supervised by teen volunteers; no refreshments are served (but it is ok to bring your own snack).

Parents are also welcome (and encouraged) to attend.

Registration is appreciated!

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15078684>

Baby & Toddler Disco Party!

First Thursday of each month*
from 10:30 to 11:15 AM

Ages 0 – 3+
and their grownups

Babies and toddlers are ready to groove
with this kid-friendly disco party!

Bring your tiny dancer and we'll supply
the music, lights, and a photo booth.

Drop in anytime during the 45 minute party
to dance and have fun with your child.

Bonus points for dressing disco style!

*Please note that there will be
flashing lights and noise.*

Registration is not required – but if you register
you will be added to the email list for last minute
schedule changes. This email list will cover the
once-monthly Disco Parties through May 21.

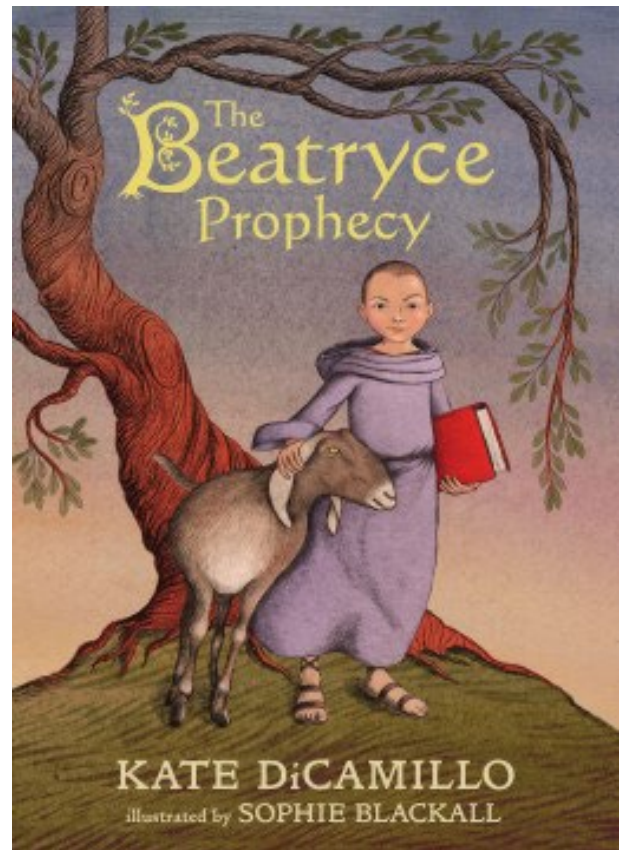
* May's disco party will be on May 21

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15073890>



Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, April 16
at 7:00 PM**

Are you a grownup who loves to read
children's books? You're not alone!

Join this monthly book group for grownups
and discuss children's literature with
an awesome group of like-minded readers.

We usually read and discuss recently published novels
for elementary and middle school aged readers,
and we always have terrific, broad-ranging
discussions. We'd love to have you join us!

In April we will be discussing
The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074183>

This book group meets in a hybrid model:
attend in person in the story room,
or attend virtually via Google Meet.

STORYTIMES

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Ages 0 – 2+

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

No MGOL on the first Thursday of each month – please join us for the Baby & Toddler Disco Party on those days!

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.

Registration is not required –

but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute schedule changes through May 21.

[Register here.](#)

Storytime for 2's & 3's ~ Ages 2 & 3

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

This 20 to 30 minute storytime includes songs and fingerplays, simple stories, feltboard stories, and phonemic awareness activities appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome). Our phonemic awareness activities will focus on learning and practicing the short vowel sounds and then some consonant sounds, and learning to put sounds together to make simple words.

Registration is required for the winter/spring session. *Enrollment is limited to 10 children and their caregivers.*

[Register here.](#)

Art & Stories for 4's & 5's

Ages 4 & 5 and up

Mondays at 1:30 PM

This 30 to 45 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, begins with a few longer picturebook stories and phonemic awareness activities, then ends with a process art project that encourages preschoolers to explore art materials in an open-ended, creative manner.

Make sure to wear clothes that can get messy!

Our phonemic awareness activities will focus on learning and practicing the short vowel sounds and then some consonant sounds, and learning to put sounds together to make simple words.

Registration is required for the winter/spring session.

Limit of 12 (minimum of 6) children.

[Register here.](#)

Saturday Toddler Storytime



**Saturday, April 25
at 10:30 AM**

Ages 1 to 3

Drop-in for fun stories and songs that promote early literacy.

Parents, caregivers, and children ages 12 months to 3 years are invited to this special story time with Miss Kathleen.

To encourage the development of early literacy skills through singing, rhyming, reading, and movement, children will enjoy musical instruments, puppets, and fingerplays.

This interactive program is perfect for wiggly toddlers and their caregivers.

Registration is not required –

but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute schedule changes.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16124579>

Sensory Playtime



**Saturday, April 4
from 10:30 to 11:30 AM**

All Ages

We will have several sensory stations with things to smell, touch, see, and hear in this interactive program that is designed to encourage sensory exploration for young children and their caregivers.

Caregivers visit each sensory station with their children; we will have caregiver prompts at each station to help guide exploration and conversation between child and adult.

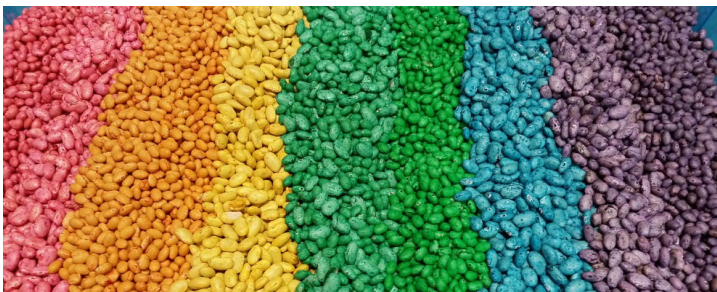
Sensory play sometimes gets a bit messy – it’s a good idea to wear old clothes to this playtime!

Adult accompaniment required.

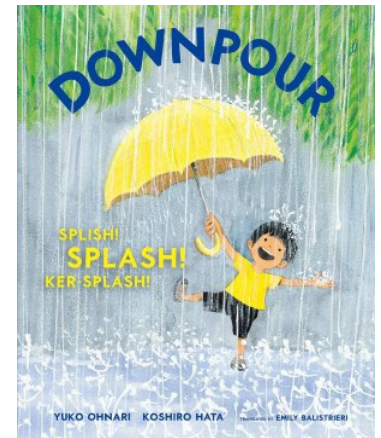
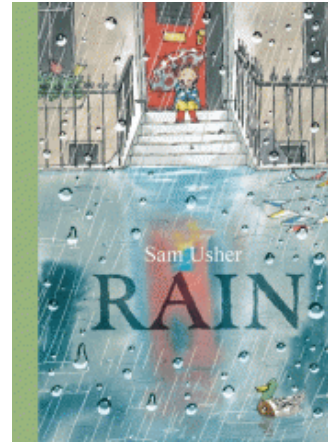
Registration is not required, but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute changes.

Register here:

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Saturday Storytime: Rain Stories



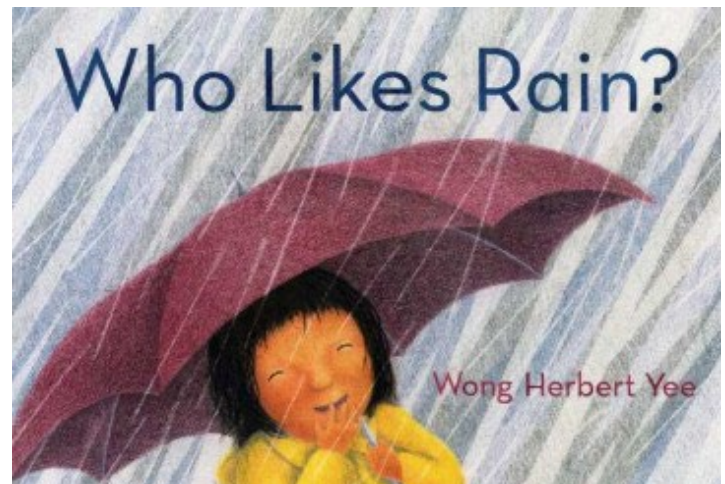
**Saturday, April 11
at 10:30 AM**

Ages 3 to 7

Teen volunteers lead these fun drop-in, half-hour Saturday Storytimes for children ages 3 to 7 and their caregivers in the story room.

April’s theme is Rain Stories!

Drop-in – no registration required.



BOOK GROUPS!

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are always welcome!

Book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard/Devens residents/HES students, in order to keep the book groups small.

Maximum group size per grade is 12 children.

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing. We can get you a copy of the book in print format and/or in audiobook format (either on CD, Playaway, or in e-audio format)!

Packaged snacks will be served at the younger book groups, and bagels and cream cheese will be served at the 5th and 6th grade book groups.

Book Gobblers: Children do not need to read a book ahead of time for this group.

Book titles for grades 3rd through 6th are TBA!

Registration links for each book group are listed below that book group's description.

Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, April 27 from 4:00 to 4:45

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Lindsay reads a story to the group, then we discuss the book and do an activity together.

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074129>

3rd Grade Book Group

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

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074027>

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, April 13 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074044>

Bagels & Books Group for 5th Graders

Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074055>

Bagels & Books Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, April 28 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074076>

Write Stuff



**Tuesday, April 7
from 3:35 to 4:20 PM**

4th through 6th Grade

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

We 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 12 children who are Harvard/Devens residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15687708>

Puzzles

Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from the library! Children's Puzzles are on display in the children's room, and can be checked out at the circulation desk. Loan period is three weeks plus one renewal. Puzzles are available on a walk-in basis (not holdable).

Board Games

Thanks to the generous support of the *Friends of the Harvard Public Library*, we have a fantastic collection of **over 100 children's board games** that can be borrowed. We have games that are good for families, competitive games, strategy games, cooperative games, math games, and games focused on reading and storytelling. Loan period is two weeks, no renewals. Games are available on a walk-in basis (not holdable).