

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs December 2019

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Family Movie Night!

The Lion King (2019 ~ PG)

Friday, December 6
at 6:30 PM



Popcorn and water will be served.

Please pre-register, so we know how much popcorn to buy!

**Pre-register for Children's Programs by calling
the Children's Room at (978) 456 - 2381**

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

Please call ahead to confirm whether programs have available space.

North American Birds of Prey

Tuesday, December 10 at 3:30 PM

Ages 6 and up



Jim Parks of Wingmasters will bring five birds of prey to the library for this terrific presentation. Birds of prey (raptors) are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons.

Raptors also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include eagles, hawks, falcons and owls, and the presentation gives an overview of these different categories. The program is designed to explain predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Many birds of prey are declining in number; the presentation features one of the endangered raptors that Wingmasters cares for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

Seats are limited – please pre-register.

Paws and Read

Wednesdays, December 4 and 18
from 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Independent Readers
Grades K and up



Reading to Faye or Rhia, the library's Therapy Dogs, is a fantastic way to bolster a child's reading confidence! Children who are independent readers can make a 15 minute appointment to read to one of these wonderful therapy dogs; on each date, 8 children total will get a chance to have either Faye or Rhia's undivided canine attention.
Pre-registration required ~ call the Children's Room to make your own special appointment to read to Faye or Rhia.

3-D Paper Snowflake Folding

Wednesday, December 11
at 3:30 PM

Ages 7 and up



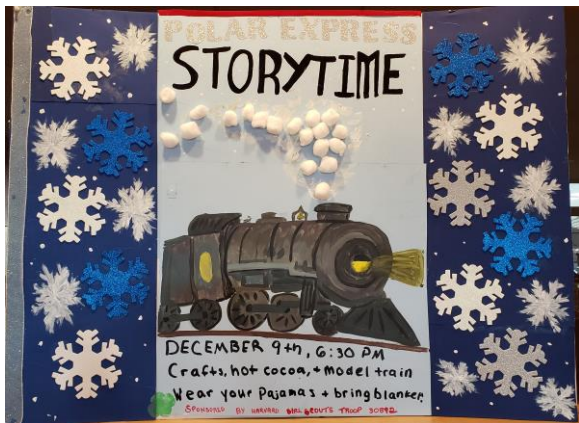
Learn how to make colorful and beautiful three dimensional paper snowflakes! Attendance is limited to 12 children, and children must be 7 and up due to the complexity of the craft.

Limited to 12 children – please pre-register.

Polar Express Storytime

Monday, December 9
at 6:30 PM

All Ages



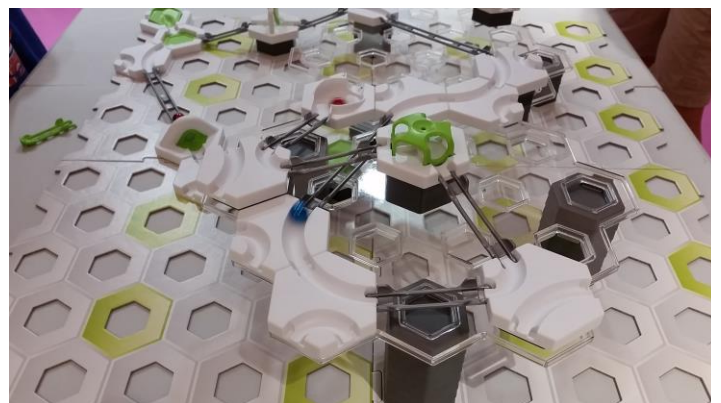
Enjoy a special Polar Express Storytime presented by the 12th Grade Girl Scouts. In addition to a read-aloud of the classic book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg, there will be hot cocoa and a craft. At the conclusion of the storytime, a special Polar Express train set will be brought out, and children will have the chance to run the train, blow the whistle, and have the conductor talk.

Please pre-register.

GraviTrax Challenge

Monday, December 9
at 3:30 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?

Limited to 10 children – please pre-register.

Lego Club

Saturday, December 14
from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Ages 5 & up



Have fun building Lego creations with other Harvard Lego fans! Parents are encouraged to join in the fun & assist with supervision.

Please pre-register.

Game Hour

Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Grades 1 to 6



This drop-in, after school program for children in grades 1 to 6 is facilitated by teen volunteers. Play an assortment of great games, including Set, Scrabble, Mille Bornes, Apples to Apples, Slamwich, Quiddler, Hoopla, and Chess!

Drop-in, no registration.

All Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library

Support the Friends, and support children's programming at the library!

Did you know that almost all children's programs at the HPL ~ from storytimes to hired performers to book groups to movie nights to the Summer Reading Program ~ are supported by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library?

Join the Friends with a tax deductible membership! Membership information is on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>

Sensory Playtime

Saturday, December 14
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; drop-in, no registration.

Bagels n' Books Book Groups for Grades 3 through 6



Join this once-monthly book group for a lively book discussion and a yummy snack of bagels & cream cheese. Book group members should read all of the book prior to the group meeting. Sign up for a book group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

New members are welcome. Please call the Children's Room for more information & to pre-register.

Bagels n' Books Group for 3rd Graders
Monday, December 2 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders
Monday, December 16 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders
Tuesday, December 3 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders
Tuesday, December 17 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Weather Policy



As we enter the season of snowstorms, a quick reminder about the weather policy for children's programs:

On the days that the Harvard Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening due to bad weather, children's programs will be cancelled.

Storytimes

No Storytimes During School Vacation Weeks

Mother Goose on the Loose ~ Infant Storytime

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Ages 0 – 2 and up ~ Drop-in Storytime

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 to 45 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and caregivers (older siblings also welcome).

Ask to be put on the email list for last minute schedule changes.

Storytime for 2's & 3's

Wednesdays at 10:15 & 10:50

Ages 2 & 3 ~ Registration Required

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

Register now for the current 5 week session which **began on November 13 and runs through December 18.**

Pre-registration required: Limit of 8 children and their caregivers per group.

Art & Stories for 4's & 5's

Mondays at 1:30 PM

Ages 4 & 5+ ~ Registration Required

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

Register now for the current 4 week session which **began on November 18 and runs through December 16.**

Pre-registration required: Limit of 12 children.