

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs February 2020

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## Family Movie Night!

*Dora and the Lost City of Gold* (PG)

Friday, February 7  
at 6:30 PM



Popcorn and water will be served.

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

## Nature of My Backyard

Thursday, February 27  
at 6:30 PM

All Ages

*Seats are limited ~ please pre-register.*



Come meet some real native animals and learn more about the animals that live in your backyard. Richard Roth from Creature Teachers will bring several wonderful local/native animals to the library. As you meet the animals, Rick will tell us more about the lives of some of the common animals that we encounter every day.

***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.

## Paws and Read

Wednesdays, February 12 & 26  
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.

## GraviTrax Challenge

Tuesday, February 4  
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.*

## Create a Valentine

Wednesday, February 5  
from 12:30 to 2:00

**All Ages**



We will have an assortment of wonderful supplies available for children of all ages to create their own awesome valentines.

*Drop-in ~ no registration necessary.*

## Volunteer Opportunity: Become a Friend of the HPL

The Friends of the Harvard Public Library sponsor **95% of the children's programs that your family loves** (we also provide the majority of the museum passes used by many families). These programs are **not** paid for through taxes and HPL's official town budget – they are paid for with the money the Friends raise through our annual book sale, memberships, and selling books in the HPL lobby as well as on Amazon.

### **We need more volunteers!**

Volunteers are what make these activities possible (and thus make the terrific children's programs possible).

We need your ideas and your time!

Volunteer jobs include: steering committee member, book sale planner, and book sale worker (sorting books, cashiering, etc.).

Time commitment varies depending on the job.



Please contact Chris Frechette, President of the FOHPL, at [tofer.frechette@gmail.com](mailto:tofer.frechette@gmail.com) to learn more about these exciting opportunities to support the Library, and the programs the Library sponsors that are above and beyond the taxpayer supported HPL budget.

## Lego Club

Saturday, February 29  
from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Ages 5 & up



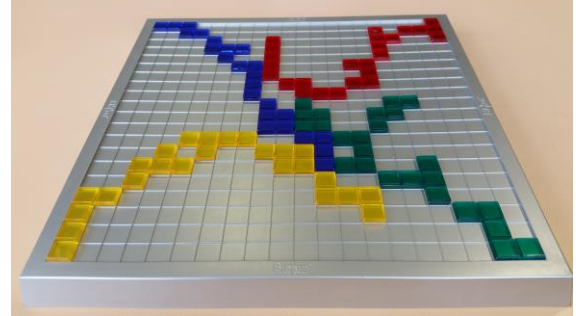
Have fun building Lego creations with other Harvard Lego fans! Parents are encouraged to join in the fun & assist with supervision.

*Please pre-register.*

## Game Hour

Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM  
(except during school vacation weeks)

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.*

## Meet Dusty!

Saturday, February 8  
and  
Tuesday, February 25 at 1:30 PM

All Ages



Detective Daniele Fortunato of the Harvard Police Department will bring the department's new assistance dog to the library for a special meet and greet (and a story)! What is a community assistance dog? Detective Fortunato explains it this way: "An assistance dog is a fully trained service dog that is provided to me (who does not have a disability) and will be dedicated for different areas of need in the community. For example...An assistance dog will be used for participation in activities with students in the Harvard School System and also offer comfort, social/emotional support, and a sense of security to students too." Meet this special dog at one of these events!

*Drop-in – registration not required.*

## Sensory Playtime

Saturday, February 29  
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.*

# Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room

*Abominable* (PG)

Monday, February 24  
at 3:30 PM



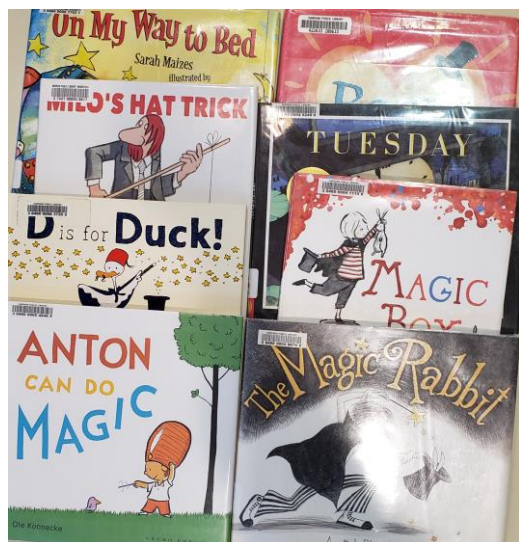
Join us for an afterschool movie for elementary age kids in the Story Room! Afterschool movies are supervised by teen volunteers; no refreshments are served (but it is ok to bring your own snack). Parents are also welcome to attend.

*Drop-in.*

## Saturday Storytime

Saturday, February 8  
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. February theme is Magic!

# 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.

Registration for the next 7 week session begins on February 12; that 7 week session **begins on February 26 and runs through April 15** (no storytime on April 1).

**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.

Registration for the next 7 week session begins on February 10; that 7 week session **begins on February 24 and runs through April 6**.

**Pre-registration required:** Limit of 12 children.

# 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, February 3 from 4 to 4:45 PM**

The 3rd Grade Book is: *The King of Kazoo*  
by Norm Feuti.

### **Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders**

**Monday, February 10 from 4 to 4:45 PM**

The 4th Grade Book is: *Upside Down Magic*  
by Sarah Mlynowski.

### **Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders**

**Tuesday, February 11 from 4 to 4:45 PM**

The 5th Grade Book is: *Out of My Mind*  
by Sharon Draper.

### **Bagels n' Books Group for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Tuesday, February 25 from 4 to 4:45 PM**

The 6th Grade Books are: *Be Prepared* by Vera Brosgol and  
*Confessions of an Imaginary Friend* by Michelle Cuevas.

# Stay in Touch with the Children's Room!



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Children's Room at the Harvard Public Library

Or follow the links from the Children's Room page of the Library's website: [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org)

## Weather Policy



Since we are in 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.*