

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs February 2023

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Registration Information

Registration is required for all programs.

Seats are limited.

**Register for all children's programs
by using the QR code or link below to access
Eventkeeper, an online calendar.**

Eventkeeper registration link address:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD>

*Per vote of the Harvard Public Library
Board of Trustees on 12/6/22, masks are required
for program attendees aged 2 and up in programs
where there are more than 45 attendees.*



Toe Jam Puppet Band Winter Show!



**Wednesday, February 8
from 2:00 to 2:45 PM**

All Ages

The Toe Jam Puppet Band is the fun family band for kids and their parents too!

Fans of Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy – Mr. Vinny is in the Toe Jam Puppet Band!

Toe Jam Puppet Band's unique musical performances are very interactive and theatrical. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to sing and dance along with Toe Jam as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs and interactive storytelling.

Get ready for a Car Wash, watch out for the Flying Laundry and be prepared to laugh with glee, Toe Jam style!
Come have a great time laughing together with your family and friends!

Registration is required! Attendance is limited to 100 total attendees.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7180786>

Family Movie Night!

DREAMWORKS

the BAD GUYS



The Bad Guys (PG)

**Friday, February 3
at 6:30 PM**

Please note that the library will not be providing snacks, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

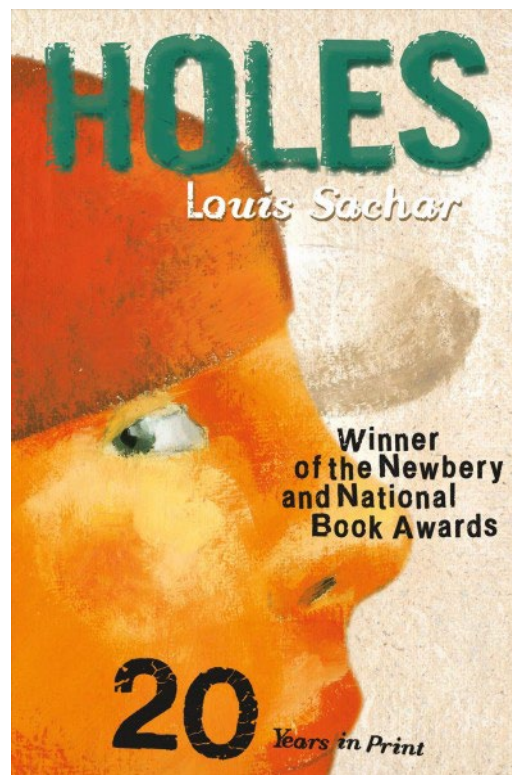
Please pre-register.

Attendance is limited to 100 total attendees.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7161435>

Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, February 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 February we will be discussing
Holes by Louis Sachar.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7179027>

This book group meets in a hybrid model:
attend in person in Volunteers Hall,
or attend virtually via Zoom.

Family Movie Night!



Strange World (PG)

**Friday, March 3
at 6:30 PM**

Please note that the library will not be providing snacks, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

Please pre-register.

Attendance is limited to 100 total attendees.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7189074>

Paws and Read



Wednesday, February 15

**Appointments at 3:45, 4:00,
4:15, & 4:30 PM**

Grades K through 5

Reading to Rhia or Chase, 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, eight children total will get a chance to have either Rhia or Chase's undivided canine attention.

Registration is required – please choose one fifteen minute slot when you register.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7168990>

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime on Saturday



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

Ages 0 to 2+

**A once-monthly Saturday meeting of the
Mother Goose on the Loose 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 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and caregivers (older siblings also welcome).

**Please pre-register.
Enrollment is limited to 50 adults and children.**

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7187740>

Game Hour!



Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

(no Game Hour during school vacation weeks)

Grades 1 to 6

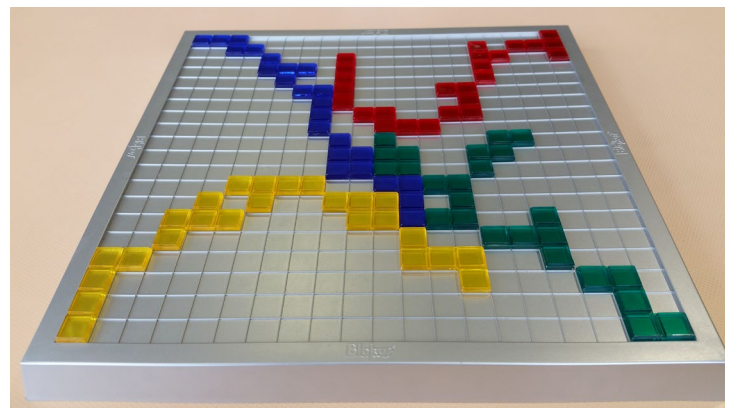
This after school program for children in grades 1 to 6 is facilitated by teen volunteers.

Play an assortment of great games, including Set, Scrabble, Mille Bornes, Apples to Apples, Slamwich, Quiddler, Hoopla, and, of course, Chess!

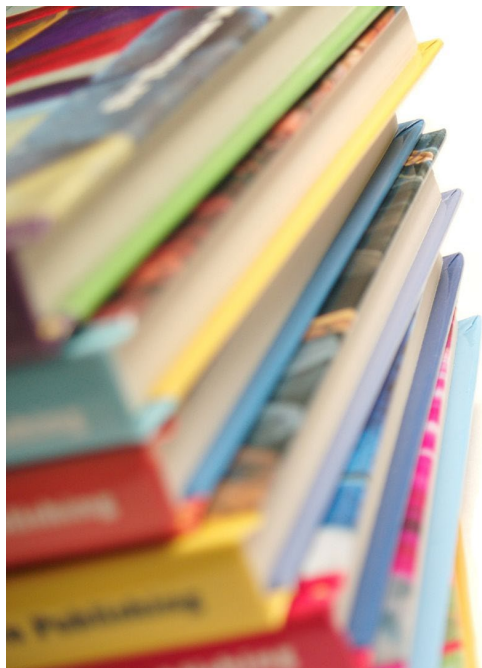
Registration is required – enrollment is limited to 12 children in grades 1 through 6.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD>



Readathon Read-Aloud at the Library



**Thursday, February 23
at 10:30 AM**

Grades K through 5

Are you participating in the HES Readathon?

Come to the library to hear some great stories!

Abby will read aloud some longer picturebooks
that are fun for elementary students.

Please register so that we can let you know if there is a
cancellation due to weather or any other reason.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7168960>



Marietta Apollonio Author/Illustrator Visit

Story Time 
Wednesday March 8
12:30pm - 1:30pm



**Wednesday, March 8
from 12:30 to 1:30 PM**

Attention lovers of cats, books, and libraries!

Author, illustrator, and Harvard resident
Marietta Apollonio will be coming to the library to
read from and talk about her new picturebook, *Jack the
Library Cat* (published by Albert Whitman & Co.),
which will be released on March 1.

There will be a book sale and signing
at the conclusion of the event with books sold
by the Silver Unicorn Bookstore.

Please pre-register.

Enrollment is limited to 100 attendees.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7169050>



STORYTIMES

~ No Storytimes During School Vacation Weeks ~

**Registration is required for all storytimes
due to limited space.**

Please register for each storytime individually.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD>

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime **Ages 0 – 2 and up**

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

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

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

This 20 to 30 minute theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

Stories for 4's & 5's **Ages 4 & 5 and up**

Mondays at 1:30 PM

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

LEGO Club



**Wednesday, March 1
from 3:45 to 4:30 PM**

Ages 5 and up

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 teen volunteers.

Registration is required – enrollment is
limited to 12 children ages 5 and up.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7158906>



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 or in e-audio format)!

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

Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, February 27 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby reads a story aloud to the group, then we discuss the book together.

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7145521>

3rd Grade Book Group

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

The 3rd Grade Book is:

School Ship Tobermory by Alexander McCall Smith

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7145499>

4th Grade Book Group

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

The 4th Grade Book is:

The Apprentice Witch by James Nicol

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7145506>

5th Grade Book Group

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

The 5th Grade Book is:

El Deafo by Cece Bell

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7145511>

6th Grade Book Group

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

The 6th Grade Book is:

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beaty

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7145517>

Write Stuff



**Tuesday, February 7
from 4:00 to 4:45 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:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7133039>

Puzzles

[Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from the library!](#)

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 80 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).