

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs January 2020

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Family Movie Night!

Abominable (PG)

Friday, January 3
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.

Chinese Acrobat Li Liu

Thursday, January 16
at 6:30 PM

All Ages

Seats are limited ~ please pre-register.

This program is sponsored by The Harvard Public Library Trust.



We are very excited to bring this mesmerizing and unique program to the library for a return visit! Li Liu is a Chinese acrobat originally from the city of Shenyang in The Northeast of China who performs a 45 minute solo show. The performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with children and parents. Li Liu's Chinese Acrobat program is a truly unique blending of entertainment and education, as she wows the crowd with her acrobatic feats and also provides cultural context for her performance.

Paws and Read

Wednesdays, January 15 & 29
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, January 8
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.

Polymer Clay Workshop

Tuesday, January 21
at 3:30 PM

Ages 8 and up



With the guidance of an awesome teen volunteer, learn how to make a teeny tiny chocolate chip cookie out of Sculpey clay!

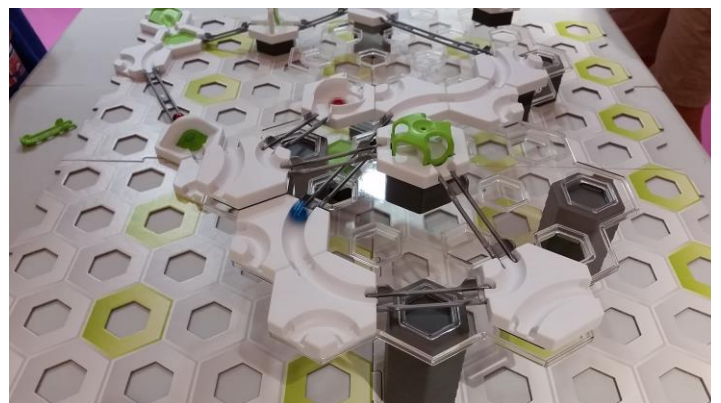
Attendance is limited to 10 children, and children must be 8 and up due to the complexity of the craft.

Limited to 10 children – please pre-register.

GraviTrax Challenge

Wednesday, January 22
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, January 25
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.

Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library, *Unless Otherwise Noted*

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, January 25
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

Toy Story 4 (G)

Monday, January 27
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, January 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.

January theme is Silly Stories!

Drop-in.

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

MGOL Storytimes Resume on Monday, January 6
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 next 6 week session which **begins on January 8 and runs through February 12.**

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 next 5 week session which **begins on January 6 and runs through February 10** (no storytime on January 20).

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, January 6 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is: *The Year of the Dog*
by Grace Lin.

Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders

Monday, January 13 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 4th Grade Book is: *The Miraculous Journey
of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo.

Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders

Tuesday, January 14 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*
by Trenton Lee Stewart.

Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, January 28 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 6th Grade Book is: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*
by Trenton Lee Stewart.

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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.