

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs January 2021

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## Children's Materials Curbside Request Forms

*We now have two different curbside request forms  
for children's materials!*

Are you looking for materials that are **personalized  
for your child's reading level and interests?**

Then use this convenient, personalized form  
to let us know what materials we can get for you  
from our collection:

<https://forms.gle/1HGWURPVccogpsdZ8>

**Short on time?**

**Want a bundle of books as soon as possible?**

We have added a new way to request books for  
curbside pickup: the **Quick Pick Children's Book  
Bundles** form! Choose from a series of topics  
and receive a pre-assembled book bundle.  
(Only one or two quick pick bundles total per family,  
per request, please, so that we can spread  
the book bundle love evenly! ☺)

<https://forms.gle/Hr65dEPDjspJuMMH6>

*Whichever form you use, we will  
check materials out to you and let you know  
when they are ready to pick up outside the library.*



# Wingmasters Virtual Events

## Wednesday, January 27

**New England Birds of Prey video at 3:30 PM**

**LIVE Q & A session at 4:00 PM**

**The World of Owls video at 4:30 PM**

**LIVE Q & A session at 5:00 PM**

We are so excited to offer these virtual versions of the much-beloved Wingmasters birds of prey and owl programs!

Learn about birds of prey and owls in the prerecorded 22 minute videos, then log in to the 15 minute live question and answer sessions to see two live raptors and ask questions of Wingmasters expert Jim Parks.

You must register for each of the sessions that interest you; each session – videos and Q & A sessions – has its own unique registration.

The videos will be shown on YouTube via an unlisted video link; there are no limits to the number of registrants for the video viewing sessions. Registration is required to get the YouTube video links; the video links will be emailed to registrants the morning of the video presentations.

The live Q & A sessions, however, **are limited to a maximum of 25 attendees per session.**

Q & A sessions will be presented via Zoom. Registration is required; the Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the day prior to the program.

Priority registration is given to Harvard residents/HES students. *Nonresidents may register for these Zoom sessions one week in advance of the event, provided that there is space available.*

Send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org) to register for these awesome programs. Please be sure to indicate which of the four sessions you are interested in, and if you are registering for the Zoom sessions please confirm that you are a Harvard resident or HES student.

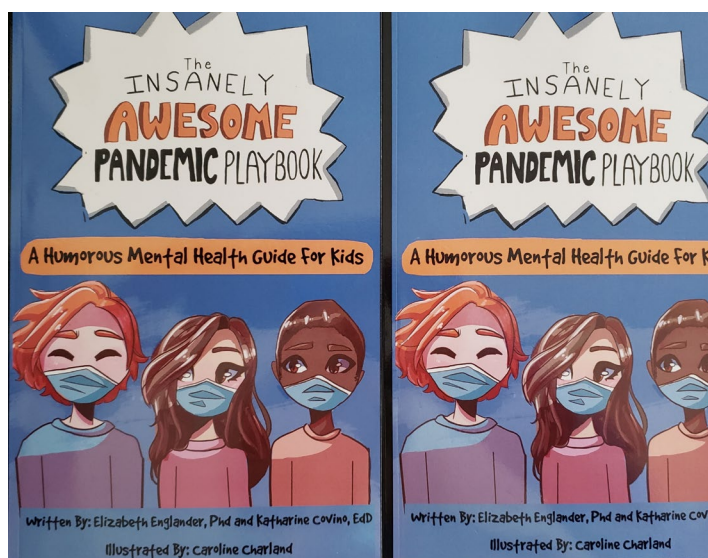




## Author & Illustrator Virtual Visit

### *The Insanely Awesome Pandemic Playbook*

Wednesday, January 13  
at 1:30 PM



Harvard author Katy Covino and her coauthor Elizabeth Englander will be joined by Harvard teen illustrator Caroline Charland to talk about their new book, *The Insanely Awesome Pandemic Playbook: A Humorous Mental Health Guide for Kids*.

This virtual visit will feature the authors reading aloud from a selected section of the book, a question and answer period, and a drawing lesson from Caroline (make sure to have a pencil and paper handy so that you can draw along with this talented teen illustrator!).

Pre-registration is required for this virtual event. To register, send an email to: [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)  
The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the day prior to the program.

## Write Stuff

Tuesday, January 19  
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



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

We will 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 twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org); be sure to tell us what grade you're in.

## 3-D Paper Snowflakes

Thursday, January 14  
at 3:30 PM

Recommended for Ages 7+



Learn how to make beautiful 3-D paper snowflakes! Two awesome teen volunteers will teach attendees how to make these snowflakes in this virtual craft event presented via Zoom. (This program will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.)

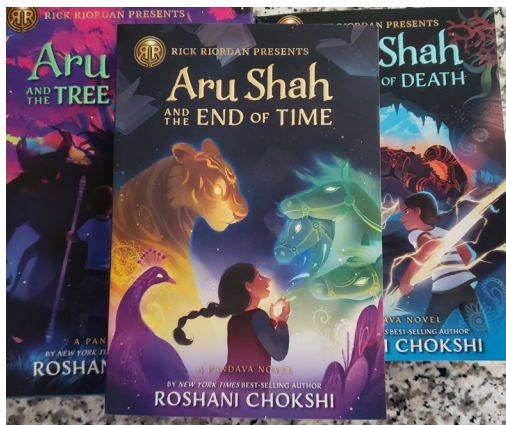
You will need to have these materials on hand to participate in the program: at least six sheets of paper in your choice of colors (best size is 8½ by 11 inches); a pair of scissors; cellophane (aka “Scotch”) tape; a stapler; and paper clips.

To keep the group size manageable, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students. Send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org) if you'd like to sign up for the Zoom link.

# VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS

## Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

Thursday, January 21  
at 7:00 PM



It's no secret that many grownups love to read children's books! If you're one of these grownups and you'd like to be able to discuss children's literature in a book group setting, then this group is for you.

Discussion is facilitated by Abby, the children's librarian, who has an MA in Children's Literature from Simmons University.

Each month we'll discuss one children's chapter book; sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

January's book is *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi.

Send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org) to be added to the email list for this group; the Zoom link will be emailed to the list the Wednesday afternoon prior to the book group meeting. Group membership is limited to grownups with a Harvard/HES connection, in order to keep the group size small.

## BOOK GROUPS for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



### Book Gobblers Book Group for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders *Monday, January 25 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM*

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby will read a story aloud to the group, then we will discuss the book together. Group members do not read a book ahead of time.

### Bagels n' Books Group for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders *Monday, January 4 from 4 to 4:45 PM*

The 3rd Grade Book is:  
*The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney

### Bagels n' Books Group for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders *Monday, January 11 from 4 to 4:45 PM*

The 4th Grade Book is:  
*Endling: The Last* by Katherine Applegate

### Bagels n' Books Group for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders *Tuesday, January 12 from 4 to 4:45 PM*

The 5th Grade Book is:  
*Into the Wild* by Erin Hunter

### Bagels n' Books Group for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders *Tuesday, January 26 from 4 to 4:45 PM*

The 6th Grade Book is:  
*Dirt* by Denise Gosliner Orenstein

Virtual book group meetings take place via Zoom; Zoom links will be sent to book group members the day prior to their group meeting. Each grade meets once a month.

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome; however, book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the book group sizes small and manageable.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Book Group Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9>

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

*Book group members should read at least half (but preferably all! ☺) of the book prior to the group meeting.*

# VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a storytime email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Storytime Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/PCWKwG5tsZ7w1AQx8>

There is a unique Zoom link for each storytime meeting – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the business day prior to each storytime meeting.

## **Virtual Version:** **Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime** **Ages 0 – 2 and up**

***Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
through May 20***

***Note: No storytime on January 18, February 15,  
February 18, April 19, and April 22***

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).

## **Virtual Version:** **Storytime for 2's & 3's** **Ages 2 & 3**

***Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
through May 19***

***Note: No storytime on February 17 and April 21***

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

## **Virtual Version:** **Stories for 4's & 5's** **Ages 4 & 5 and up**

***Mondays at 1:30 PM  
through May 17***

***Note: No storytime on January 18, February 15,  
and April 19***

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

# Virtual Saturday Storytime *Winter Stories*

**Saturday, January 30  
at 10:30 AM**

**Ages 3 to 7**



Join two awesome teen volunteers for some fun stories about winter presented via Zoom. (Storytime will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.) Send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org) if you would like to be added to the Saturday Storytime email list. Due to limited space, registration is limited to local families. (If the storytime registration gets close to capacity, priority will be given to Harvard families.) The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

# Virtual Lego Club *Buildings*

**Wednesday, January 20  
from 3:30 to 4:15 PM**

**Ages 5 and up**



Log on and visit virtually with your friends while building with Legos! The challenge theme for this meeting of the virtual Lego Club is Vehicles – what amazing vehicles can we construct? We will be connecting via Zoom for this virtual Lego Club meeting; to keep it easier to socialize with each other, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students. Send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org) if you'd like to sign up for the Zoom link.