

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs January 2022

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A Note About January Programs

This newsletter has been published on
December 22, 2021, amid rising pandemic numbers
due to the Omicron variant.

Our optimistic hope is to be able to offer
some programs indoors and in person in late January,
but given rising COVID-19 numbers,
all programs are subject to change.

Changes in local COVID-19 numbers may result in
programs being moved to virtual format or cancelled.
Registrants for programs will be notified if programs
are moved to virtual format or cancelled.

*See individual program descriptions for information
on how to register for each program.*



Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, January 20
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.

Sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book(s) we will be discussing.

In January we will be discussing
Red, White, and Whole
by Rajani LaRocca.

Send an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org
to be added to the email list for this group.
Book group membership is limited to grownups
with a Harvard/HES connection,
in order to keep the group size small.
This group meets virtually via Zoom.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover



Friday, January 21
(see below for drop off and pick up times)

Would your stuffed animal like to have
an adventure at the library with stuffed animals
that belong to other Harvard kids?

Choose one of your stuffed animals (preferably one
you can spare for a night!) to drop off at the library,
and on Friday night, January 21, the stuffed animals
will get to party together and explore the library.
(The library will provide masks for all stuffies. 😊)

Please fill in the **Stuffed Animal Registration Form**
so that we can keep track of everyone's cuddly friends
and also make sure all the stuffed animals have
a great time and are happy at the sleepover!

Use this link to access the registration form:
<https://forms.gle/Jj7mpUuja19vkhN78>

Or scan the QR code to the right
to access the registration form:



Photos of the stuffed animals having fun
at the library will be posted on the
Children's Room social media pages!

Drop off your stuffed animals on Friday, January 21
before the library closes at 2:00;
pick up your stuffed friends on Saturday, January 22
between 10:00 and 4:00.

See the library's open hours on the HPL website:
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/hours-and-closings>

STORYTIMES

Beginning on January 24 we hope to offer **indoor storytimes with very limited enrollment** as well as outdoor storytimes. *(In case of inclement weather, outdoor storytime will be moved to virtual format or cancelled.)*

Registration is required for all storytimes due to limited space.

Registration for indoor storytimes is through an online scheduling software; to be fair to all who are interested in the very limited enrollment indoor storytimes, registration will be week by week, first come, first reserved.

Masks are required for ALL indoor storytime attendees aged 2 and up.

All storytimes are subject to change. *Changes in local COVID-19 numbers may result in cancellation of storytimes; registrants will be notified if storytime is cancelled.*

Storytime Descriptions

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Ages 0 – 2 and up

Mondays at 10:30 AM: indoor, very limited enrollment, pre-registration is REQUIRED

***Thursdays at 10:30 AM:
outdoor, registration required***

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 their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

Storytime for 2's & 3's

Ages 2 & 3

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM: indoor, very limited enrollment, pre-registration is REQUIRED

***Wednesdays at 11:00 AM:
outdoor, registration required***

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: indoor, very limited enrollment, pre-registration is REQUIRED

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. (Older siblings are also welcome.)

Registration for INDOOR storytimes

Register for INDOOR storytimes here:

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

Or scan the QR code
to the right to access
the indoor storytime registration
scheduling software:



Registration for OUTDOOR storytimes

Register for OUTDOOR storytimes by filling in
this brief Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/31ncCNkwptBUT1VH8>

Or scan the QR code
to the right to access
the outdoor storytime
Google Form:



Write Stuff



**Tuesday, January 11
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

4th through 6th Grade

This low-key, supportive 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 15 children who are Harvard residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org
Be sure to tell us what grade you're in!

We will meet indoors in Volunteers Hall, seated in socially distanced chairs, masks required.
* Indoor meeting is subject to change.

Saturday Storytime!



**Saturday, January 29
at 10:30 AM**

Ages 3 to 7

***Indoor, very limited enrollment,
pre-registration is REQUIRED***

Join three awesome teen volunteers
for some fun stories!

*Use the QR code to the right
to access the indoor storytime
registration scheduling software:*



BOOKFLIX[®] SCHOLASTIC Teachables

Have you tried these awesome children's databases available on the HPL website?

BookFlix: Learning to Read, then Reading to Learn

Thematically paired fiction and nonfiction titles are designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. Animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

Scholastic Teachables: Worksheets, lesson plans, learning games, and more!

Formerly known as Scholastic Printables, this database offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

You can access these great databases from the Databases for Children page on the library's website:
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/databases-children>

BOOK GROUPS



Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, January 31 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.

3rd Grade Book Group

Monday, January 10 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is:

The King of Kazoo by Norm Feuti

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, January 24 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

*** This group is fully registered! No spaces available! ***

The 4th Grade Book is:

Frindle by Andrew Clements

5th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, January 18 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is:

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

6th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, January 25 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 6th Grade Book is:

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech

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.

Maximum group size per grade is 15 children.

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

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Book Group Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9>

All book groups will meet indoors in Volunteers Hall, seated in socially distanced chairs, masks required.

** Indoor meetings are subject to change.*

Changes in local COVID-19 numbers may result in book groups moving to virtual format.

Winter Reading Challenge!



From January 1 to January 31, the Harvard Public Library is participating in Beanstack's Fifth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Lerner Publishing Group. "Read for a Better World" encourages readers of all ages to explore diversity, empathy, and action through literature.

We challenge our patrons to read at least ten hours during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/>

Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are encouraging their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn prizes from Lerner Publishing Group, including book collections, signed books, and virtual author visits.

Happy reading, Harvard!

1. Register/Sign in to Beanstack (if you participated in the summer reading program then you already have a Beanstack account! ☺).
2. Log your reading and activities.
3. Earn badges as you read and do activities!

