

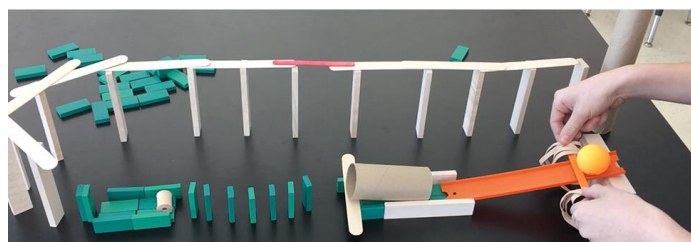
Harvard Public Library

Children's Programs

March 2020

Children's Room direct line: (978) 456 - 2381

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Playful Engineers presents:

Chain Reactions & Creative Contraptions!

Wednesday, March 18
at 1:30 PM

Best for Grades K through 6
(younger children with adult supervision)

Playful Engineers teaching artist and engineering enthusiast Jay Mankita will present a hands-on workshop in which participants will have a chance to design, build, test, and play with Rube Goldberg "Machines" and other chain reactions, connecting focused play with serious science.

Participants learn through demonstration and play, exploring basic force and motion physics, as they build fun chain reactions with common toys and other ordinary materials. Jay brings lots of materials to work with, including dominoes, wood blocks, string, chain, pulleys, elastics, Tinker Toys, K'nex, Legos, tracks, ping-pong balls, clamps, connectors, bases, dowels, and magnets.

Spaces are limited – please pre-register.

***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, March 11 and 25
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

Lego Expo

Saturday, March 21
from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(Snow date is Saturday, March 28)

All Ages



Don't miss the library's 11th Annual Lego Expo! Participants will bring a Lego construction of their own design to the Expo to share with others; models are dropped off a few days prior to the event so that models can be fully installed by the morning of the Expo.

Please pre-register;
construction guidelines available in the Children's Room.

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 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.

All Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library

Support the Friends, and support children's programming at the library!

Join the Friends with a tax deductible membership! Membership information is on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>

Edible Books Contest

Wednesday, April 1
from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

All Ages (4 Age Categories)



Get creative with food and literature! Create something with food to represent a book! The only two guidelines are that your entry be made of food and related somehow to books.

There will be four age categories: *Kids*, *Teen*, *Adult*, and *Family*. Entries will be displayed in the Story Room for the day of April 1; drop off your entry when the library opens at 10:00 AM, and pick your entry up before the library closes at 5:00.

Pre-registration not required, but if you register we will send you an email reminder prior to the contest.

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.

Dusty Visit!

Saturday, March 14
at 1:30 PM

All Ages



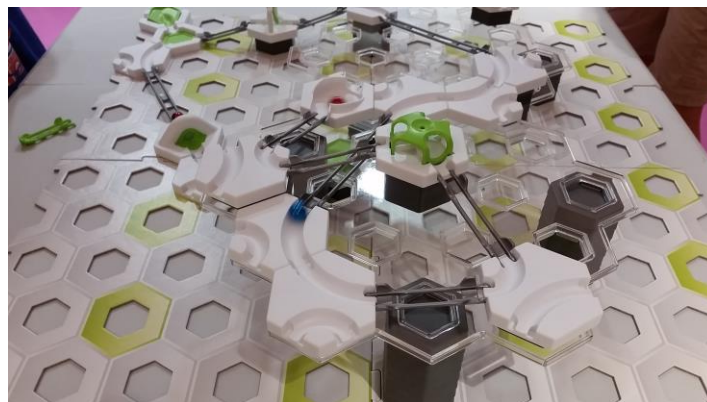
Detective Daniele Fortunato and Dusty the assistance dog of the Harvard Police Department will visit the library so that Dusty's fans of all ages can spend time with her and learn more about this special dog!

Drop-in – registration not required.

GraviTrax Challenge

Wednesday, March 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.

Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room

Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG)

Monday, March 30
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, March 7
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.

March theme is Monkeys!

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

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 current 7 week session which began 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.

Register now for the current 7 week session which began 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, March 2 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is: *School Ship Tobermory*
by Alexander McCall Smith.

Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders

Monday, March 9 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 4th Grade Book is: *The Candymakers*
by Wendy Mass.

Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders

Tuesday, March 10 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is: *A Mango-Shaped Space*
by Wendy Mass.

Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, March 31 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 6th Grade Book is: *Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself*
by Judy Blume.

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Or follow the links from the Children's Room page of the Library's website: 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.