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### Children's Materials Curbside Request Forms

We 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?

Use 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.

### **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 17

Note: No storytime on May 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 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 May 12

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

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.

### Write Stuff

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

4th through 6th 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 <a href="mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org">childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org</a>; be sure to tell us what grade you're in.

# Summer Reading is Coming!



Beginning on June 1, Abby (the head children's librarian) will be visiting with all HES classes to tell the students about the Summer Reading Program!

It's going to be a fun summer ~ stay tuned for full details!!!

# VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS

### Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

Thursday, May 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.

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.

May's book is:

The Bookwanderers by Anna James. Send an email to

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 1st - 6th Grade



Bagels n' Books Group for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Monday, May 3 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is:

Appleblossom the Possum by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Bagels n' Books Group for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Monday, May 10 from 4 to 4:45 PM The 4th Grade Book is: Poppy's Return by Avi

Bagels n' Books Group for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Tuesday, May 11 from 4 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is:

Scritch Scratch by Lindsay Currie

Bagels n' Books Group for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders *Tuesday, May 25 from 4 to 4:45 PM*The 6th Grade Book is: *The Midnight Rider* by Joan Hiatt Harlow

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: <a href="https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9">https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9</a>
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! o) of the book prior to the group meeting.