

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs May 2022

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Puzzles

Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from the library!

Puzzles are on display in the children's room,
and can be checked out at the circulation desk.

Loan period is three weeks (and the puzzles can be
renewed for another three weeks).

Puzzles are not holdable in the library catalog –
they are available on a walk-in basis.

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The Book Sale Is Back!

The Friends of the Harvard Public Library will be
holding their Annual Book Sale this year!

This is the main fundraising event for the Friends.
Did you know that 95% of children's programs
at the HPL are supported by the
Friends of the Harvard Public Library?

Support the Friends of the HPL
and support children's programming at the library –
and come home with some great books!

Book Sale Dates

Friday, May 6 from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Preview Sale for *Friends of the Library* only
(Harvard residents may join the Friends at the door)

Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 8 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information about the Friends Book Sale:
[https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/programs/
friends-book-sale-we-re-back](https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/programs/friends-book-sale-we-re-back)

Chinese Acrobat Li Liu

Wednesday, May 11 at 4:00 PM

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. Children get a hands-on shot at trying some of the easier (and safer!) skills such as ribbon dancing and basic plate spinning. They learn the historical significance of traditional lion and dragon dances and are encouraged to think about what it might have been like to grow up in a different time and place. 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.

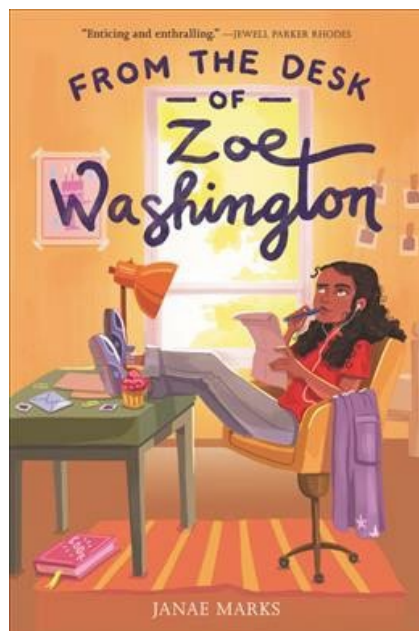
*This show will be outdoors on the library lawn –
bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.*

Registration required: all registrants will receive an email reminder prior to the event, and if rain or other weather interferes with the show, then an email will be sent with alternate plans.

Register by filling in this brief Google Form: <https://forms.gle/tDufj3aJRdkEzVU96>
or by scanning the QR code at right:



Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, May 26
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.

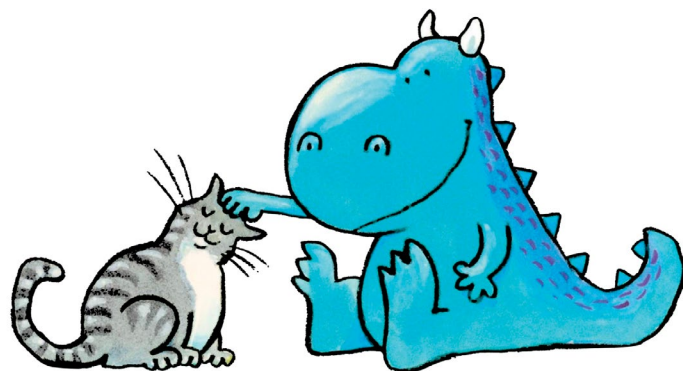
Sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book(s) we will be discussing.

In May we will be discussing
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks.

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 book group meets in a hybrid model: attend in person in Volunteers Hall (masks required), or attend virtually via Zoom.

Summer Reading is Coming!

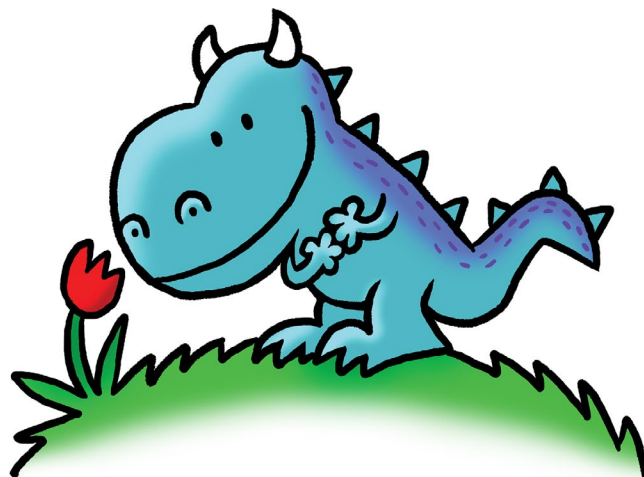


During the month of June
Abby (the head children's librarian)
will be visiting with all HES classes
to tell the students about
the Summer Reading Program.

Our theme this summer is:

Read Beyond The Beaten Path!

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



STORYTIMES

For the month of May, we have **indoor storytimes with very limited enrollment** when Volunteers Hall is available as well as **outdoor storytimes**. *(In case of inclement weather, outdoor storytime will be cancelled. Outdoor storytime registrants will be notified by email if storytime is cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.)*

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.

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
No storytime on 5/2, 5/9, or 5/30.***

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).

No indoor storytime on 5/4 or 5/11.

Stories for 4's & 5's **Ages 4 & 5 and up**

***Mondays at 1:30 PM – indoor, very limited enrollment,
pre-registration is REQUIRED***

No storytime on 5/2, 5/9, or 5/30.

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:



BOOK GROUPS



Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, May 23 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, May 2 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 3rd Grade Book is:

Appleblossom the Possum by Holly Goldberg Sloan

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, May 9 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

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

The 4th Grade Book is:

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

5th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, May 17 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 5th Grade Book is:

The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg

6th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, May 24 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The 6th Grade Book is:

Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger

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>

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

All book groups will meet indoors in Volunteers Hall, masks required, OR outdoors on the library lawn.

Write Stuff



**Tuesday, May 10
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 outdoors on the library lawn, weather permitting. (In case of rain, we will either cancel or switch to Zoom.)

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.

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

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>