

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs May 2023

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## Registration Information

Register for all children's programs  
by using the link below to access Eventkeeper:

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

Individual program descriptions also have  
registration information and links.

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## Friends of the Harvard Public Library Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Harvard Public Library will be  
holding their Annual Book Sale this year **May 5 – 7!**

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 5 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 6 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, May 7 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

For more information about the Friends Book Sale:  
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/programs/friends-book-sale>



# Alpaca Visit!



**Wednesday, May 3  
at 2:00 PM**

**Grades K through 5**  
*(younger siblings are welcome)*

Two alpacas from the Harvard Alpaca Ranch will be visiting the library on the front lawn for a one hour educational program that is geared towards elementary aged children (but younger siblings are also welcome to attend).

Learn more about all things alpaca, and meet some VERY fluffy alpacas!

**This program will be outdoors –  
please register so that we can notify you  
in case we need to use a rain date.**

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7241980>



# Paws and Read



**Wednesdays, May 10 & 24**

**Appointments at 3:45, 4:00,  
4:15, & 4:30 PM**

**Grades K through 5**

Reading to Rhia or Chase, 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, eight children total will get a chance to have either Rhia or Chase's undivided canine attention.

Registration is required – please choose one fifteen minute slot when you register.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7255221>



# LEGO Club



**Wednesday, May 17  
from 3:45 to 4:30 PM**

**Grades K – 6**

Come have fun building LEGO creations  
with other Harvard LEGO fans!

Participants can use the library-owned LEGO bricks  
to build creative models. Creative building is  
encouraged, and the library will have various LEGO  
books available for inspiration.

LEGO Club is supervised by the children's librarian –  
parents are also encouraged to stay and help supervise.

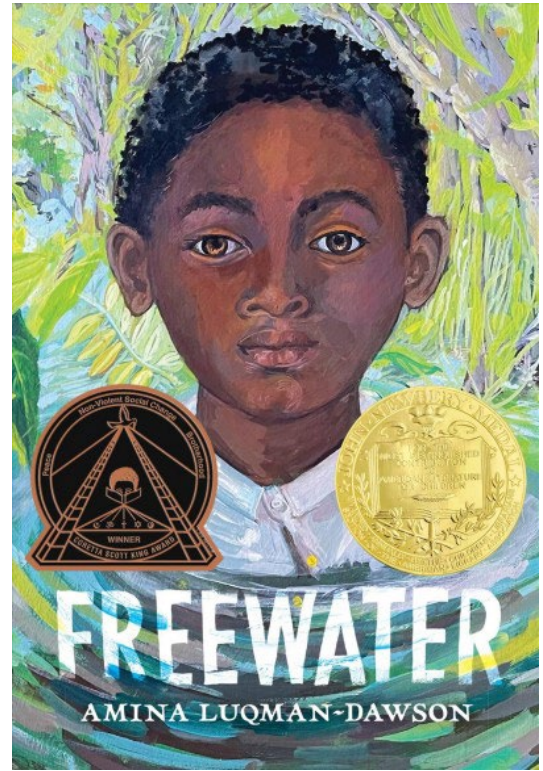
**Registration is required** – enrollment is  
limited to 12 children in grades K through 6.

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7255239>



# Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, May 25  
at 7:00 PM**

Are you a grownup who loves to read  
children's books? You're not alone!

Join this monthly book group for grownups  
and discuss children's literature with  
an awesome group of like-minded readers.

We usually read and discuss recently published novels  
for elementary and middle school aged readers,  
and we always have terrific, broad-ranging  
discussions. We'd love to have you join us!

In May we will be discussing *Freewater* by Amina  
Luqman-Dawson, winner of the 2023 Newbery Medal.

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7255251>

This book group meets in a hybrid model:  
attend in person in Volunteers Hall,  
or attend virtually via Zoom.

# Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime on Saturday



**Saturday, May 20  
at 10:30 AM**

**Ages 0 to 2+**

**A once-monthly Saturday meeting of the  
Mother Goose on the Loose 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 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and caregivers (older siblings also welcome).

**Please pre-register.**

***This meeting will be held in the Story Room,  
which is smaller than Volunteers Hall,  
so enrollment is limited to 20 adults and children.***

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7255217>

# STORYTIMES

**Register for all storytimes here:**

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

**Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime  
Ages 0 – 2 and up**

***Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM***

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*Location: Story Room*

***Registration is required:***

*Enrollment is limited to 20 adults and children.*

**Storytime for 2's & 3's  
Ages 2 & 3**

***Wednesdays at 10:30 AM***

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 storytime on 5/31.

*Location: Story Room*

***Registration is required:***

*Enrollment is limited to 20 adults and children.*

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

***Mondays at 1:30 PM***

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. Make sure to wear clothes that can get messy! No storytime on 5/29.

*Location: Story Room*

***Registration is required:***

*Enrollment is limited to 12 children.*



# BOOK GROUPS!

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are always welcome!

Book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard/Devens residents/HES students, in order to keep the book groups small.

**Maximum group size per grade is 12 children.**

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing. We can get you a copy of the book in print format and/or in audiobook format (either on CD or in e-audio format)!

**Registration links for each book group are listed below that book group's description.**

## **Book Gobblers Book Group for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders**

**Monday, May 22 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby reads a story aloud to the group, then we discuss the book together.

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7202699>

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Monday, May 1 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book is:

*Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7202642>

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Monday, May 8 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:

*The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7202673>

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Tuesday, May 16 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:

*Magyk* by Angie Sage

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7202680>

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Tuesday, May 23 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7202689>

# Write Stuff



**Tuesday, May 9  
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

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

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

We 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 12 children who are Harvard/Devens residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7133038>

# 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 plus one renewal. Puzzles are available on a walk-in basis (not holdable).

# Board Games

Thanks to the generous support of the *Friends of the Harvard Public Library*, we have a [fantastic collection of over 80 board games](#) that can be borrowed.

We have games that are good for families, competitive games, strategy games, cooperative games, math games, and games focused on reading and storytelling.

Loan period is two weeks, no renewals. Games are available on a walk-in basis (not holdable).