

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs May 2024

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## Registration Information

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

[http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=  
HARVARD](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 10 – 12!**

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 10 from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Preview Sale *for Friends of the Library only*  
(but Harvard residents may join the Friends at the door)

**Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, May 12 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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

# Flying High Dogs



**Wednesday, May 1  
at 1:45 PM**

**All Ages**

High Flying, Dynamic & Thrilling! Mike Piazza is a world record holder & multiple time world finalist in K9 Frisbee.

Mike and his 4 flying high Frisbee dogs are the #1 dog entertainment act in the world! Mike has appeared on Animal Planet, ESPN, commercials, magazines, and performed for the NFL, NBA, Minor league baseball, music festivals, fairs, kids camps, schools, and libraries.

The show is educational, interactive, dynamic, family orientated and fun. Mike performs with some of the most athletic Border Collies on the planet to entertain audiences of all ages.

The team performs a variety of Frisbee & other entertaining tricks during the performance, and there is a lot of audience participation!

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

***Please note that the presenter strongly discourages attendees from bringing their own dogs for safety and distraction reasons.***

Registration is not required, but if you register you will get an email reminder the day prior to the event, and you will be notified by email if we have to reschedule due to weather.

**Register here:** <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7503361>

# Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room



*Migration* (PG)

**Thursday, May 16  
at 3:45 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.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7503696>

# Paws and Read



**Wednesdays, May 8 and 22**

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

**Grades K through 6**

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#7503818>

# Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley



**Friday, May 24  
at 10:30 AM**

**Ages 0 – 6+**

Hugh Hanley has been singing with young children for over twenty years in his work as an early childhood educator, music specialist, and entertainer.

His work has helped him gain an understanding of young children as developing music makers and a familiarity with the environments in which they play and learn.

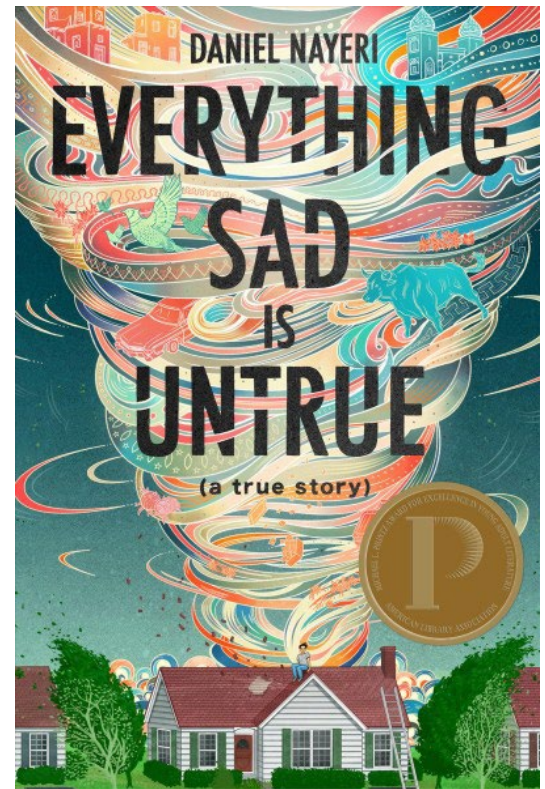
He draws from a wide and varied repertoire of songs, fingerplays, and music activities that are appropriate, accessible, and highly engaging. Hugh has learned all of the material he uses in his work from folk traditions, children, and their teachers and parents.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7507161>



# Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, May 23  
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 *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri.

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7503704>

This book group meets in a hybrid model: attend in person in the story room, or attend virtually via Zoom.

# Ice Cream Social



*Save the date!*  
**Tuesday, June 25**  
**at 4:00 PM**

**All Ages**

Kick off summer reading at the library's annual Ice Cream Social outdoors on the library lawn! Come make your own yummy sundaes with ice cream from West Side Creamery, socialize with friends, play lawn games, and enjoy classic rock songs performed by the talented local band The Speed Bumps!

**Let's try to go Low Waste this year!!!**

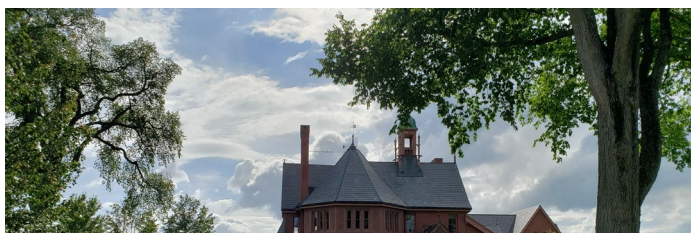
Ice Cream Social attendees are encouraged to bring their own non-disposable bowls, cups, & spoons. *(The library will also provide disposable bowls, cups & spoons as needed.)*

**Pre-registration is greatly appreciated** so that we can provide enough sweet treats for all, and also so that we can notify you if we need to use a rain date. *Rain dates are Wed. June 26 & Thurs. June 27 at 4:00 PM.*

*This program is sponsored by  
The Friends of the Harvard Public Library  
with support from West Side Creamery and Roche Bros.*

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7503806>



# Book Buddies



**Thursday, May 30**  
**from 3:45 to 4:45**

**Grades 1 to 4**

Book Buddies is a once-monthly one hour program that pairs teen volunteers with children in grades 1 to 4 for shared reading, word games, and snacks.

Though the goal of Book Buddies is to help children become more confident readers, this is not a tutoring service, but rather a buddy and mentoring program.

**Registration is required –  
enrollment is limited to 5 children.**

Register here:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7503699>



# Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime on Saturday



**Saturday, May 11  
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).

**Registration is not required** –  
*but if you register you will be added to the email list  
for last minute schedule changes.*

**Register here:**

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVARD#7507148>

# LEGO Club



**Saturday, May 11  
from 1:30 to 3:00 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#7507151>

# Saturday Storytime Monkeys!



**Saturday, May 4  
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 in the story room.

May's theme is Monkeys!

***Drop-in – no registration required.***



# STORYTIMES

**Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime**

**Ages 0 – 2+**

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

***Spring session runs through May 16***

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***Registration is not required –  
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for last minute schedule changes.***

**[Register here.](#)**

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

**Wednesdays at 10:30 AM**

***Spring session runs through May 15***

This 20 to 30 minute storytime includes songs and fingerplays, simple stories, feltboard stories, and phonemic awareness activities appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome). Our phonemic awareness activities will focus on learning and practicing some consonant sounds, reviewing the short vowel sounds, and learning to put sounds together to make simple words.

**Registration is required** for the spring session.  
*Enrollment is limited to 10 children and their caregivers.*

**[Register here.](#)**

**Art & Stories for 4's & 5's**

**Ages 4 & 5 and up**

**Mondays at 1:30 PM**

***Spring session runs through May 13***

This 30 to 45 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, begins with a few longer picturebook stories and phonemic awareness activities, 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!  
Our phonemic awareness activities will focus on learning and practicing some consonant sounds, reviewing the short vowel sounds, and learning to put sounds together to make simple words.

**Registration is required** for the spring session.  
*Enrollment is limited to 12 children.*

**[Register here.](#)**

# 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, Playaway, 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 20 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=HARVAR D#7359135>

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

**Monday, May 6 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 3rd Grade Book is:

*Race to Kangaroo Cliff* by Alexander McCall Smith

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVAR D#7358801>

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

**Monday, May 13 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 4th Grade Book is:

*The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*  
by Karina Yan Glaser

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVAR D#7358813>

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

**Tuesday, May 14 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 5th Grade Book is:

*Out of My Heart* by Sharon Draper

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVAR D#7359034>

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

**Tuesday, May 28 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM**

The 6th Grade Book is:

*11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=HARVAR D#7359046>

# Write Stuff



**Tuesday, May 7  
from 3:45 to 4:30 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#7359158>

# 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).