

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs May & June 2026

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Registration Information

Register for children's programs
by using the link below to access
the library's online event calendar:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar?cid=21089>

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 8 – 10!**

This is the main fundraising event for the Friends.
Did you know that 80% 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 8 from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Preview Sale *for Friends of the Library only*
(Harvard/Devens residents may join Friends at door)

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

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

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

Flying High Dogs



**Thursday, May 14
at 3:45 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: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15078162>

Ice Cream Social



Save the date!

Tuesday, June 23 at 4:00 PM

All Ages

Come make your own yummy sundaes with ice cream from West Side Creamery, socialize with friends, have fun playing lawn games, and enjoy classic rock songs performed by the talented local band The Speed Bumps! The Ice Cream Social takes place outdoors on the library lawn by the pavilion.

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.)

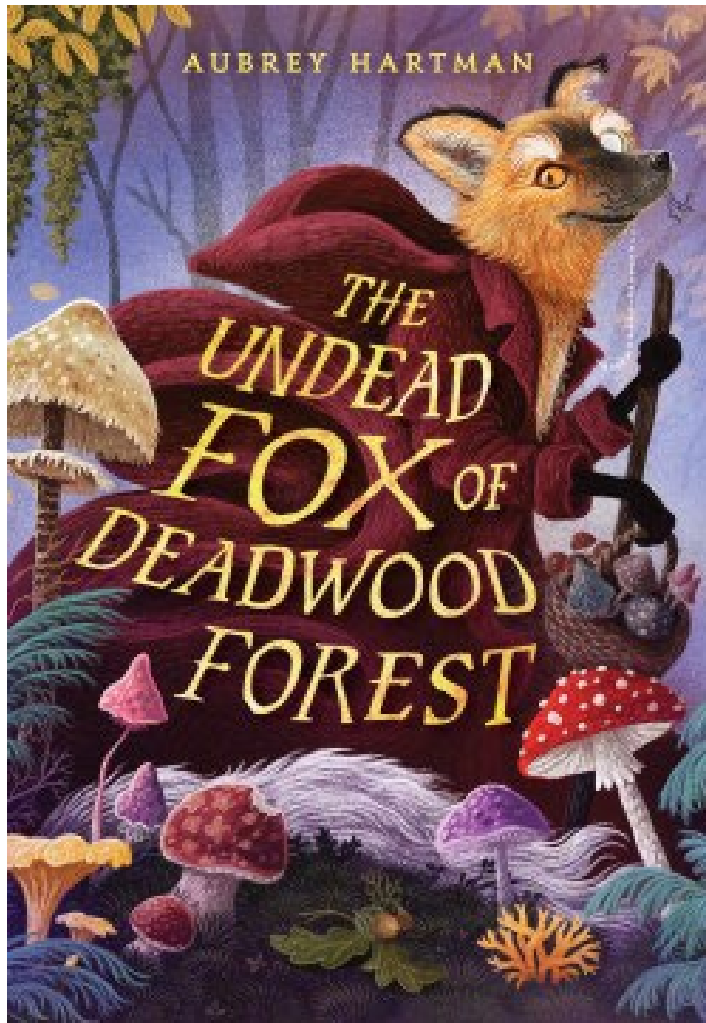
Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so that we can provide enough sweet treats for all, and also so that we can notify you if we need to use a rain date.

Rain dates are Wed. June 24 and Thurs. June 25 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: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074202>

Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, May 21
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 *The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest* by Aubrey Hartman

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074183>

Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room



Zootopia 2 (PG)

**Thursday, May 7
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 (and encouraged) to attend.

Registration is appreciated!

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15078722>

Baby & Toddler Disco Party!

May's Disco Party will be on
Thursday, May 21
from 10:30 to 11:15 AM

Ages 0 – 3+
and their grownups

Babies and toddlers are ready to groove
with this kid-friendly disco party!

Bring your tiny dancer and we'll supply
the music, lights, and a photo booth.

Drop in anytime during the 45 minute party
to dance and have fun with your child.

Bonus points for dressing disco style!

*Please note that there will be
flashing lights and noise.*

Registration is not required – but if you register
you will be added to the email list for last minute
schedule changes. This email list will cover the
once-monthly Disco Parties through May 21.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15073890>



Sensory Playtime



Saturday, May 16
from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

All Ages

We will have several sensory stations with things
to smell, touch, see, and hear in this interactive program
that is designed to encourage sensory exploration
for young children and their caregivers.

Caregivers visit each sensory station
with their children; we will have caregiver prompts
at each station to help guide exploration and
conversation between child and adult.

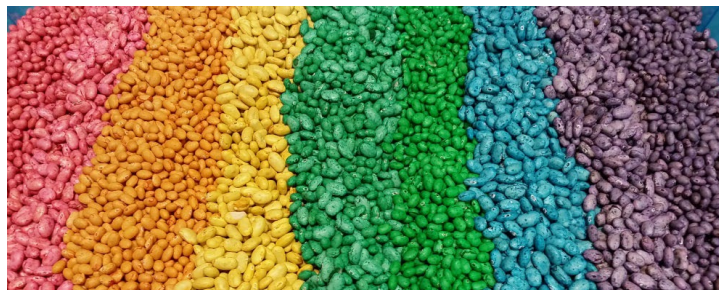
Sensory play sometimes gets a bit messy – it's a good
idea to wear old clothes to this playtime!

Adult accompaniment required.

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

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16145921>



STORYTIMES

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Ages 0 – 2+

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Spring session ends May 18

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.

Registration is not required –

but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute schedule changes through May 18.

[Register here.](#)

Storytime for 2's & 3's ~ Ages 2 & 3 Wednesdays at 10:30 AM thru May 20

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 the short vowel sounds and then some consonant 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 thru May 18

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 the short vowel sounds and then some consonant sounds, and learning to put sounds together to make simple words.

Registration is required for the spring session.

Limit of 12 (minimum of 6) children.

[Register here.](#)

Saturday Toddler Storytime



**Saturdays, May 30 & June 6
at 10:30 AM**

Ages 1 to 3

Drop-in for fun stories and songs
that promote early literacy.

Parents, caregivers, and children
ages 12 months to 3 years are invited to
this special story time with Miss Kathleen.

To encourage the development of early literacy
skills through singing, rhyming, reading, and
movement, children will enjoy musical instruments,
puppets, and fingerplays.

This interactive program is perfect for wiggly toddlers
and their caregivers.

Registration is not required –

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for last minute schedule changes.*

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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)!

Packaged snacks will be served at the younger book groups, and bagels and cream cheese will be served at the 5th and 6th grade book groups.

Book Gobblers: Children do not need to read a book ahead of time for this group.
Book titles for grades 3rd through 6th are TBA!

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

Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, May 18 from 4:00 to 4:45

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Lindsay reads a story to the group, then we discuss the book and do an activity together.

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074129>

3rd Grade Book Group

Monday, June 1 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074027>

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, May 11 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074044>

Bagels & Books Group for 5th Graders

Tuesday, May 12 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074055>

Bagels & Books Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, May 19 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074076>

Write Stuff



**Tuesday, May 5
from 3:35 to 4:20 PM**

4th through 6th 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:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15687708>

Puzzles

Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from the library! Children's 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 100 children's 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).