

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs November 2021

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All programs are currently held  
either outdoors under a tent  
or virtually via Zoom.

In case of inclement weather, outdoor events will be  
held virtually, rescheduled, or cancelled.  
All events subject to change.

Registration is required for all programs.  
Register for Events, Storytimes, and Book Groups  
by using the appropriate  
Google Form (links to Google Forms  
are in each program's description).





# Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy



**Wednesday, November 10  
at 3:45 PM**

**All Ages**

Join Mr. Vinny for some bubble fun on the library lawn! Using giant bubble wands he designed and constructed himself, Mr. Vinny will gather kids for an hour long game of watch, chase, and pop the bubbles!

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn.

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/8Q1bDPEYAP4CUJMP7>

Or scan the QR code to easily access  
the registration form.



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## Write Stuff



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

**4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 12 children who are Harvard residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to  
[childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)

Be sure to tell us what grade you're in!

This group will meet outdoors on the library lawn (in case of rain, we will meet virtually via Zoom).

## Outdoor Saturday Storytime!

**Saturday, November 13  
at 10:30 AM  
Ages 3 to 7**

Join three awesome teen volunteers for some fun stories outdoors on the library lawn!

Use the online Storytime Registration form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/2LzAnLii9oozYztaA>

Or scan the QR code to easily access the online registration form.

In case of rain or other predicted bad weather, storytime will be moved to virtual format (Zoom links will be sent to all registrants).



# Challenge Trivia Family Event

with  
The Trivia Brothers



**Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 PM**

**The Trivia Brothers return to the HPL for another virtual visit!  
Gather together your family, form a team, and enjoy this awesome virtual trivia event  
presented by Brett and Nik Outcheunis, also known as The Trivia Brothers!  
We are super excited to (virtually) bring them back to Harvard!**

**Brett and Nik provided this information about how Challenge Trivia works:**

- First and foremost, you will need two devices in order to enjoy the optimal experience: a computer (to join the Zoom meeting) and a smart phone or tablet (to play the game).
- Teams can be comprised of individual or multiple players. Recommended team size is 3-6 players.
- If members of a team are in separate locations, we suggest arranging a conference call during the game.
- Important! Each team will use *only one* smart phone or tablet to enter the game and submit the answers.
- Use the Zoom link provided by the library to connect. Your link will be available the day of your episode.
- We strongly suggest using a computer to enter the meeting and view the episode. (“Virtual doors” to the waiting room will open 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and the game will begin promptly at the advertised start time.)
- Although it’s not mandatory, the Trivia Brothers suggest joining the meeting with video on so they can interact with you! Then, once the episode officially starts, the Trivia Brothers will tell you how to register (using your smart phone or tablet) so you can play!
- Don’t worry, there is no special app to play, simply a website that will be announced once you are in the event.



**Registration is required;** the Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the day prior to the program. Register by filling in this brief Google Form <https://forms.gle/s46ks4hJypXFp4kw7> or scan the QR code above.

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# Craft Programs on the Library Lawn for Ages 8 and up



## Tissue Paper Flowers

**Thursday, November 18  
at 4:00**

We will make beautiful flowers using  
tissue paper and pipe cleaners!

Three awesome teen volunteers and  
a library staff member will teach attendees  
how to make these flowers.

*Attendance for outdoor craft programs is  
limited to 8 children, and children must be 8+  
due to the complexity of the crafts.*

Register by sending an email to  
[childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)

While we hope to hold this program outdoors under  
the tent on the library lawn, in case of rain or other  
inclement weather this program will be moved to  
virtual format via Zoom. *If it is moved to virtual  
format*, all registrants will be provided with craft  
materials the day prior to the event (materials would  
need to be picked up at the library).



# Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, November 18  
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 November we will be discussing  
an assortment of picturebooks, including several  
Caldecott Medal winners from 1963 through 2021,  
and Molly Bang's classic book on visual literacy,  
*Picture This: How Pictures Work*.

Send an email to  
[childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto: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 group meets virtually via Zoom.



# OUTDOOR BOOK GROUPS



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

**Monday, November 29 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.

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

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

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book is:  
*Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker

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

**Monday, November 15 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

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

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:  
*The Bolds* by Julian Clary

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

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

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:  
*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

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

**Tuesday, November 30 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:  
*The Bookwanderers* by Anna James

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>

# OUTDOOR STORYTIMES

All storytimes are held outdoors on the library lawn, socially distanced under a tent. In case of rain, storytimes will be held virtually via Zoom.

Registration is required for all storytimes due to limited space & so we can notify you in case of rain.

*If a storytime gets close to capacity, priority will be given to Harvard/Devens/HES families.*

Use the online Storytime Registration form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ku8orCyKE8NYZXoC6>

## Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

**Ages 0 – 2 and up**

**Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30**

*(no storytime on November 1, 4, 11, and 25)*

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 10:30 AM**

*(no storytime on November 3)*

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).

## Stories for 4's & 5's

**Ages 4 & 5 and up**

**Mondays at 1:30 PM**

*(no storytime on November 1)*

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.)