

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs November 2025

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Registration Information

**Register for children's programs
by using the QR code or link below
to access our
online event calendar!**

**Individual program descriptions
also have registration information
and direct links for each event.**

Link to online event calendar:
[https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar
?cid=21089](https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar?cid=21089)



Robert Rivest, Comic Mime



**Thursday, November 13
at 12:30 PM**

Ages 5+

Robert Rivest, comic mime, is known as the ‘human cartoon’ because of his highly expressive face and flexible body.

Using mime, comedy, and interactive stories, Robert will teach everyone how to express themselves in movement, dance, facial expression, and body language.

Everyone will learn cool mime illusions!

And in several audience participation opportunities, we will have fun improvising your story ideas and play with humorous character voices.

Then we will act out the stories we create together on the spot!

Register here: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14140037>

The logo features the word "CHALLENGE!" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black outline, set against a yellow starburst background. Below it, the word "TRIVIA" is in yellow, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black outline. At the bottom, the word "DUELS" is in large, yellow, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black outline. The entire logo is framed by a red border.

CHALLENGE! TRIVIA DUELS

Challenge! Trivia Duels

Saturday, November 15 at 1:00 PM

Families, Ages 7+

Trivia Master and town of Harvard favorite Brett Outchcunis returns by popular demand for an awesome family-friendly trivia event!

This is truly a team game for the WHOLE family.

Brimming with mini-challenges, "Challenge! Trivia DUELS" is one BIG game made up of little, tiny games. Whether you're good at guessing music, drawing pictures or are just plain lucky, "CTD" has got something for everyone.

The goal is easy - Be the first team to reach 70 points.

You get points by winning "DUELS".

You earn a spot in a duel by being one of the first two teams to buzz in and answer a question correctly.

Right before each duel, a mini-game is revealed and each of the dueling teams sends their expert to go head-to-head and bring home the points.

After the duel ends, it's back to the buzzers.

Rinse and repeat. Game on!

This game is intended for families with kids 7 years and older.

Put together a team of up to 6 people, and then register your whole team under one registration!

Register here: <https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14580790>

Family Movie Night!



How To Train Your Dragon (PG)

**Friday, November 7
at 6:30 PM**

Come watch a movie on the big screen at the library!
Please register so that we can inform you of weather cancellations or other last minute schedule changes.

*Note that the library will not be providing snacks, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.
(But please limit snacks to things like popcorn, chips, etc. - i.e., no pizza... 😊)*

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14140080>

Paws and Read



Wednesdays, November 5 and 19

Appointments at 3:45, 4:05 & 4:25 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 20 minute appointment to read to one of these wonderful therapy dogs; on each date, six children total will get a chance to have either Rhia or Chase's undivided canine attention.

Registration for an appointment will guarantee your reservation to read to one of the dogs.

Drop-ins are also welcome on a first-come, first-served basis for unreserved appointments.

Register here:

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

Sensory Playtime



**Saturday, November 15
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.

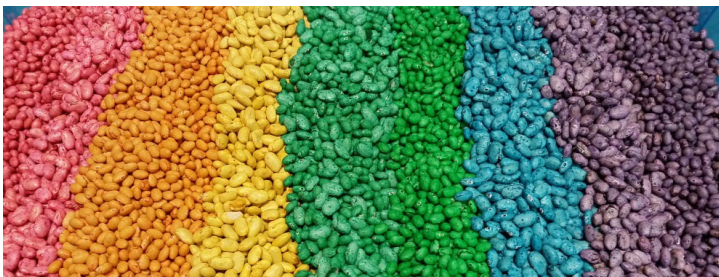
Sensory play sometimes gets a bit messy – it's a good idea to wear old clothes to this playtime!

Adult accompaniment required.

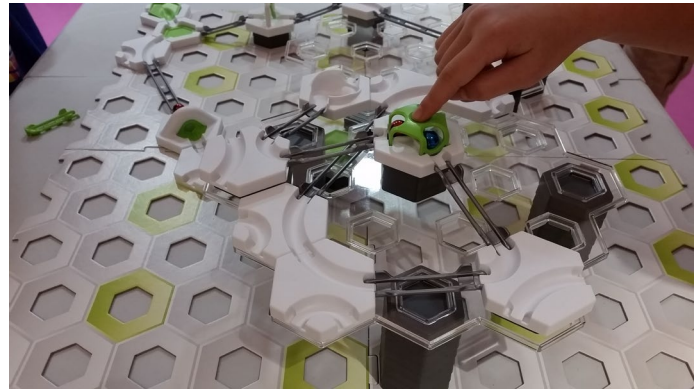
Registration is not required, but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute changes.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074214>



GraviTrax Challenge



**Thursday, November 6
at 3:45 PM**

Ages 8 and up

The challenge is to work as a team to build a marble raceway using the awesome Ravensburger GraviTrax interactive track building set.

Can you design a system that gets the marble from the start all the way to the finish?

Registration is required –
Enrollment is limited to 10 children **ages 8 and up**.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15621464>



Capsters Art



**Wednesday, November 12
at 3:45 PM**

Ages 7+

Transform some special Klutz bottle caps into awesome art! We'll put charms, plastic jewels, punch-out art, glitter, googly eyes, and other fun things into bottle caps, then seal them with special clear glaze.

Registration is required –
enrollment is limited to 12 children ages 7 and up.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15621464>



LEGO Club



**Saturday, November 29
from 1:30 to 2:30 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:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074221>

Baby & Toddler Disco Party!

**First Thursday of each month
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 7.

Register here:

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



Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, November 20
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 November we will be discussing *The Gate, The
Girl, and the Dragon* by Grace Lin.

Register here:

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

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

Kids Afterschool Movie in the Story Room



***Lilo & Stitch* (PG)**

**Thursday, November 20
at 12:30 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/15074434>

Nutcracker Storytime



**Saturday, November 22
at 10:30 AM**

Ages Pre-K through 5th Grade

Dancers from the North Central Youth Ballet will come in costume to the library and read aloud *The Nutcracker*.

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15393468>



STORYTIMES

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Ages 0 – 2+

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

*No MGOL on the first Thursday of each month –
please join us for the Baby & Toddler Disco Party on those days!*

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 December 11.*

[Register here.](#)

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

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

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 fall 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

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 fall session.

Limit of 12 (minimum of 6) children.

[Register here.](#)

Saturday Toddler Storytime



**Saturday, November 1
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 –

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

Register here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15074231>

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, November 17 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, November 3 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

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

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, November 10 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

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

Bagels & Books Group for 5th Graders

Tuesday, November 18 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

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

Bagels & Books Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, November 25 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM

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

Write Stuff



**Tuesday, November 4
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/14609974>

Saturday Storytime Silly Stories!

**Saturday, November 8
at 10:30**

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.

Drop-in – no registration required.