

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs October 2020

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All programs are currently Virtual and take place via Zoom

To register for virtual programs, send an email to
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Support the Friends, and support children's programming at the library!

Did you know that 95% of children's programs at the HPL (including the Summer Reading Program) are supported by the
Friends of the Harvard Public Library?

Sadly, the Friends were not able to hold their Annual Book Sale last May, which is their primary fundraising event.

Consider joining the Friends with a tax deductible membership! Membership information is on the library's website:
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>

Virtual Playful Engineers with Jay Mankita

Wednesday, October 28
at 3:00 PM

PLAYFUL ENGINEERS Hands-on, Steam-Powered Learning

presents:

Chain Reactions
from
Household Materials, Tools, & Toys



with teaching artist Jay Mankita

A live, online Zoom program presented by
Harvard Public Library
Wed, Oct 28 at 3 PM

Contact the Children's Room to register

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Teaching artist Jay Mankita will host a Playful Engineers Zoom session for kids and their grownups.

This Rube Goldberg inspired virtual program teaches kids how to create their own chain reactions from household materials, tools, and toys.

Register for the program, and you will be sent the link to Jay's Google slideshow to help you prep for the event (prep is not required, but it may make the Zoom session more fun and relevant for attendees).

Don't miss this hands-on, STEAM-powered learning and creating event!

Enrollment is limited to 99 participants for this live virtual program, and registration is required; the Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants the day prior to the program.

To register, send an email to:

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Nonresidents may register for this program one week in advance of the event, provided that there is space available.

Write Stuff

Tuesday, October 20
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

4th through 6th Grade



This low-key, supportive, once-monthly virtual writing group is for kids in grades 4 through 6 who love to write. We will talk books and writing, and share as much (or as little!) of our writing with each other as time allows. Abby, the children's librarian, will moderate the group and share some of her favorite books about writing for kids. Writing group membership is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the group size small. To register, please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org; be sure to tell us what grade you're in.

Virtual Lego Club Vehicles

Wednesday, October 14
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Ages 5 and up



Log on and visit virtually with your friends while building with Legos! The challenge theme for this meeting of the virtual Lego Club is **Vehicles** – what amazing vehicles can we construct? We will be connecting via Zoom for this virtual Lego Club meeting; to keep it easier to socialize with each other, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you'd like to sign up for the Zoom link.

VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS

Book Gobblers Book Discussion Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

**Monday, October 26
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

This read-aloud virtual book discussion group is for kids in first and second grade. Abby will read a story aloud to the group, then we will discuss the book together.

(Note that children do not need to read a book ahead of time for this group – the title of the book will be a secret until the time of meeting to make it more fun for all!)

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you would like to be added to the Book Gobblers email list. The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Friday prior to the meeting.

Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

**Thursday, October 29
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 will be facilitated by Abby, the children's librarian, who has an MA in Children's Literature from Simmons University.

Each month we'll discuss one children's chapter book; sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

October's book is *Prairie Lotus* by acclaimed author Linda Sue Park, a historical fiction novel about a half-Asian girl growing up in 1880s prairie America.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to be added to the email list for this group; the Zoom link will be emailed to the list the Wednesday afternoon prior to the book group meeting.

BOOK GROUPS for 3rd - 6th Grade



**Bagels n' Books Group for 3rd Graders
Monday, November 9 from 4 to 4:45 PM**

The 3rd Grade Book is:
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker.

**Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders
Monday, October 19 from 4 to 4:45 PM**
The 4th Grade Book is: *Secrets at Sea* by Richard Peck.

**Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders
Tuesday, October 13 from 4 to 4:45 PM**
The 5th Grade Book is:
Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech.

**Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders
Tuesday, October 27 from 4 to 4:45 PM**
The 6th Grade Book is:
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park.

Virtual book group meetings take place via Zoom; Zoom links will be sent to book group members the day prior to their group meeting. Each grade meets once a month for a lively book discussion.

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome! Please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to be added to book group email list (be sure to tell us what grade you are in so that we can include you in the correct group!). We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

Book group members should read at least half (but preferably all! ☺) of the book prior to the group meeting.

Virtual Saturday Storytime

Saturday, October 17
at 10:30 AM

Ages 3 to 7



Join Abby for some awesome stories, and maybe a fingerplay or song, presented via Zoom. Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you would like to be added to the Saturday Storytime email list. The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

Virtual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, October 21
at 6:30 PM

Ages 3 to 7



We'll read some great stories, share songs, and learn fun fingerplays as we wind down our day and get ready for bedtime.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you would like to be added to the Pajama Storytime email list. The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Tuesday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

All Virtual Storytimes take place via Zoom

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a storytime email list by sending an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

Make sure to indicate which age group your child is in (aged 0 – 2+, aged 2 & 3, or aged 4 & 5) so that we can send you the proper Zoom link!

There is a unique Zoom link for each storytime meeting – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the day before each storytime meeting.

Virtual Version: Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime Ages 0 – 2 and up

*Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM
through December 21*

*Note: No storytime on October 12, November 2,
November 5, or November 26*

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).

Virtual Version: Storytime for 2's & 3's Ages 2 & 3

*Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
through December 23*

*Note: No storytime on November 4, November 11,
or December 9*

This 20 to 30 minute theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old.

Virtual Version: Stories for 4's & 5's Ages 4 & 5 and up

*Mondays at 1:30 PM
through December 21*

Note: No storytime on October 12 or November 2

This 30 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, features a few longer, more complex picturebook stories and some fun fingerplays and songs.