

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs September 2021

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

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

Registration is required for all programs.  
Register for Events by sending an email to:  
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Register for Storytimes and Book Groups  
by using the appropriate Google Form  
(links to Google Forms are in storytime  
and book group descriptions).

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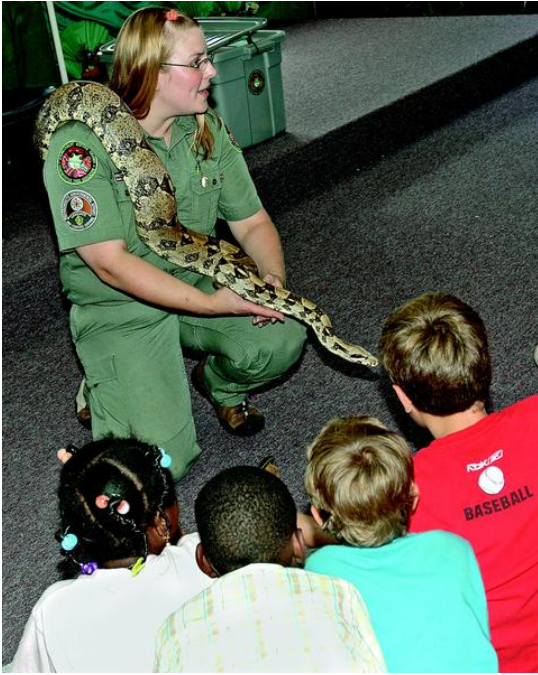
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# Rainforest Reptiles!



**Wednesday, September 29  
at 2:00 PM**

This dynamic program has alligators, turtles and snakes from the neo-tropical rain forest to the sub-tropical rain forest of the world.

You will be thrilled and excited by the herpetologists from Rainforest Reptiles who will give you every fact and dispel your misconceptions about the rainforest and the reptiles that live there.

Co-founders Joaney M. Gallagher and Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows have over 200 exotic reptiles. Their animals are the stars in an interactive show for all ages.

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

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## Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

**Thursday, September 30  
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 we will be discussing.

September's book is:

*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.

Send an email to

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

## Virtual Saturday Storytime

**Ages 3 to 7**

**Saturday, September 25  
at 10:30 AM**

Join three awesome teen volunteers (and a library staff member) for some fun stories presented via Zoom.

Register by sending an email to

[childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)

The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to registrants on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.



## Write Stuff



4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

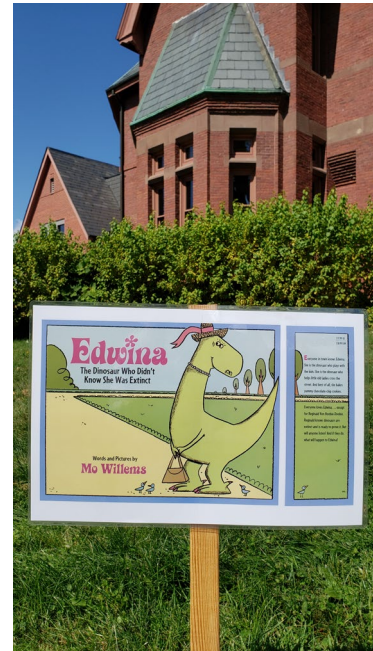
Tuesday, October 19  
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

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).

## StoryWalk®



Enjoy a StoryWalk® on the library grounds! The September book is *Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct* by Mo Willems.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

# BOOKFLIX® SCHOLASTIC Teachables

Have you tried these awesome children's databases available on the HPL website?

### BookFlix: Learning to Read, then Reading to Learn

Thematically paired fiction and nonfiction titles are designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. Animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

### Scholastic Teachables: Worksheets, lesson plans, learning games, and more!

Formerly known as Scholastic Printables, this database offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

You can access these great databases from the Databases for Children page on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/databases-children>

# OUTDOOR BOOK GROUPS



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

**Monday, October 25 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, October 4 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

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

**Monday, October 18 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

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

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

**Tuesday, October 12 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

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

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

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.*

**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>

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing; book titles are TBA.

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

# OUTDOOR STORYTIMES



**Outdoor Storytimes Resume  
on September 13!**



All storytimes will be 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**

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**

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**

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.)