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https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library

Save the date!!!

Acclaimed family performer Red Yarn will be visiting the library by Zoom on Thursday, March 4 at 3:00 PM
More details coming soon!

Children’s Room Contact Information

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Phone: (978) 456 – 2381
**Challenge Trivia Family Event with The Trivia Brothers**

**Challenge! Trivia!**

**Thursday, February 11**
**at 6:30 PM**

**All Ages**

Gather together your family, form a team, and enjoy this awesome virtual trivia event presented by Brett and Nik Ouchcunis, also known as The Trivia Brothers! The Trivia Brothers have gotten rave reviews from other libraries who have hosted them, so we are super excited to (virtually) bring them to Harvard!

**Enjoying an episode of “Challenge! Trivia” is easy.**

Here’s what Brett and Nik want you to know:
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. **Priority registration is given to Harvard residents/HES students.** Nonresidents may register for this program one week in advance of the event, provided that there is space available.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to register for this awesome program.

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**Write Stuff**

**Tuesday, February 2**
**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, 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 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.

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**Origami**

**Thursday, February 4**
**at 3:30 PM**

**Recommended for Ages 6+**

Learn how to make some origami models!

Three awesome teen volunteers will teach attendees how to make three different origami models – a butterfly, a penguin, and a heart bookmark – in this virtual craft event presented via Zoom. (This program will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.)

You will need to have paper available for folding; this can be “official” origami paper, or regular paper cut into squares. Used gift wrapping paper works great!

To keep the group size manageable, 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.
Children’s Materials
Curbside Request Forms

We have two different curbside request forms for children’s materials!

Are you looking for materials that are personalized for your child’s reading level and interests? Then use this convenient, personalized form to let us know what materials we can get for you from our collection:
https://forms.gle/1HGWRPVccogpsdZ8

Short on time?
Want a bundle of books as soon as possible? We have added a new way to request books for curbside pickup: the Quick Pick Children’s Book Bundles form! Choose from a series of topics and receive a pre-assembled book bundle. (Only one or two quick pick bundles total per family, per request, please, so that we can spread the book bundle love evenly! 😊)
https://forms.gle/Hr65dEPDjspJuMMH6

Whichever form you use, we will check materials out to you and let you know when they are ready to pick up outside the library.

February
Beanstack Reading Challenge:
Black History Month

The February Beanstack challenge encourages us to celebrate Black History Month.

Learn about Black history makers, explore cultural traditions, and honor the evolution of Black history in America.

Complete activities, log your reading, and earn badges along the way on the HPL’s Beanstack site:
https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Never used Beanstack before? It’s easy to set up an account – use the link above!

Did you know the HPL has added two awesome new children’s databases?

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
Virtual Book Groups for 1st – 6th Grade

Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders
Monday, February 22 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.

Bagels n’ Books Group for 3rd Graders
Monday, February 1 from 4 to 4:45 PM
The 3rd Grade Book is:
The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin

Bagels n’ Books Group for 4th Graders
Monday, February 8 from 4 to 4:45 PM
The 4th Grade Book is:
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Bagels n’ Books Group for 5th Graders
Tuesday, February 9 from 4 to 4:45 PM
The 5th Grade Book is:
The Strangers by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Bagels n’ Books Group for 6th Graders
Tuesday, February 23 from 4 to 4:45 PM
The 6th Grade Book is:
Resistance by Jennifer Nielsen

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.

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.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Book Group Registration Form: https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9
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 STORYTIMES

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a storytime email list by filling in the HPL Virtual Storytime Registration Form: https://forms.gle/PCWKwG5tsZ7w1AQx8

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

Virtual Version:
Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime
Ages 0 – 2 and up
Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM through May 20

Note: No storytime on February 15, February 18, April 19, and April 22

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 May 19

Note: No storytime on February 17 and April 21

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 May 17

Note: No storytime on February 15 and April 19

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.

Virtual Saturday Storytime
Dog Stories
Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 AM
Ages 3 to 7

Join three awesome teen volunteers for some fun stories about dogs presented via Zoom. (Storytime will be monitored and moderated by a library staff member.) Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org if you would like to be added to the Saturday Storytime email list. Due to limited space, registration is limited to local families. (If the storytime registration gets close to capacity, priority will be given to Harvard families.) The Zoom link for this storytime will be emailed to the list on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

Virtual Lego Club
Buildings
Wednesday, February 24 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM
Ages 5 and up

Log on and visit virtually with your friends while building with Legos!

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.