

Preschool and Toddler Story Time Sessions

Please join Youth Services Librarian Regina Arndt this winter for great stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Story Themes

Jan. 15-18: Cats and Dogs

Jan. 22-25: Ocean Beach Party (**Bring a beach towel to sit on. Beach attire optional**)

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1: Bears

Feb. 5 -8 : Snowmen/Winter

Feb. 12 -15: Valentine's Day

Feb. 19 - 22: Elephants

Feb. 26 – Mar. 1: Construction

Mar. 5– 8: Dinosaurs

Mar. 12-15: St. Patrick's Day

Preschool Story Time Sessions

- For children ages 3-5 who are able to independently sit for a 30 minute session.
- Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. or 1:30-2:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- Winter Session: January—March
- First Session: Jan. 17
- Last Session: Mar. 15

Toddler Tales

- For parents with toddlers ages 18 months-2 years
- Mondays or Tuesdays 10:30-10:50 a.m.
- Winter Session: January—March
- First Session: Jan. 15 or 16
- Last Session: Mar. 12 or 13

Here are some tips to help you instill a love of reading in your child:

- Babies love when you sing and read to them and tell them stories, poems and rhymes – and even small babies can enjoy books.
- Board books and bath books are often the first books children will come across. They can be treated as toys, but they will help them learn how to handle books, how to turn pages and how to enjoy the shapes, colors and pictures.
- Tell your baby and young child nursery rhymes and repeat them often.
- Choose books with colorful pictures and simple words--or no words at all.
- Encourage your toddler to point out objects, repeat words, and talk about the story.
- Children often want to listen to the same story again and again. This is fine, as it builds confidence and familiarity with words, and reinforces that stories are fun.
- Try to share books together each day, and not just at bedtime.
- Help your child develop reading comprehension. Instead of reading the story straight through, ask the child open-ended questions about the story: "Why do you think Goldilocks ate Baby Bear's porridge?" "What do you think will happen next?"
- Visit the library. Ask about story times. Borrow books to share with your child at home.
- Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters.
- Be an example to your children; let them see you read books too.

SOURCE: <http://www.freeprintablebehaviorcharts.com/reading.htm>