



## Spring 2017 Children's Programs—Guilford Free Library

**REGISTRATION** for starred (\*\*) programs begins on **Tuesday, March 14**, at 9 a.m. in person, by phone at 203-453-8282, or online at [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org)

*SPECIALS ~ Funded by the Friends of the Guilford Free Library*

*Open To All - Please Register*

**\*\*Lana Ferguson Literary Festival featuring author Gordon Korman:** To honor the memory of a treasured former children's librarian, the Guilford Free Library and the family of Lana Ferguson present the second annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival. We will be hosting two sessions of an author talk with Gordon Korman, best-selling author of the *Masterminds* series, *The Hypnotist* series, the *Swindle* series, as well as several *39 Clues* books and many other great titles. *Payback*, the brand-new book in the *Masterminds* series, will be available for sale at a special discounted rate only at this event (\$9 as opposed to \$17 retail), or children can bring their own book for signing. There will be light lunchtime refreshments and time for interested children to chat with the author in between the two talks, and fans can get their book signed after each talk. Registration is required and children may only attend **one** of the two sessions due to space limitations. No registration required to attend the Meet & Greet & Eat with the author. (Adults may be asked to watch the presentation feed from the lobby if the room cannot fit all attendees. All fans welcome, but most appropriate for children in grades 3-7.)

Saturday, April 29th from 10:30-11:30am OR from 1:30-2:30pm  
Meet & Greet & Eat from 12:00-1:00pm

Suggested for ages 8 & up

**\*\*Harold and the Purple Crayon Story & Craft (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Listen to this children's classic story about releasing your imagination and do a related craft. The first 50 children who sign up and attend will receive a free copy of the book (one/family unless there are extras). Must be present to claim free book.

Tuesday, April 25th from 11:00-11:45am

Ages 3 to 5

**\*\*Friday Fiddle Frenzy (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Volunteer Girl Scout Rosalie Coleman is 14 years old and has been playing music since she was 4. She'll be sharing her love of fiddle music through a fiddle-focused story and a short performance, plus guiding children through the creation of their own musical instruments.

Friday, April 28th from 4:00-5:00pm

Ages 4-8

**\*\*Thumbprint Family Tree:** Children and their families are welcome to come and create their own unique family tree using ink and their finger and thumb prints. (Ink is washable, but wear clothing you don't mind getting messy, just in case.) Registration required.

Monday, May 15th from 4:00-5:00pm

Ages 5 & up

**\*\*Teddy Bear Sleepover:** Bring your favorite bear to the library for special stories, songs, and crafts, and leave them overnight to sleep over. Come back in the morning to see what your bear got up to after lights-out, and have doughnuts and lemonade with your bear. Registration required.

Friday, May 19th from 4:00-4:45pm

Ages 4 & up

Then Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-11:00am

**\*\*Mr. Bungles Comedy Show:** Laugh your head off with Mr. Bungles, the clown without makeup, who will juggle, joke, and perform feats of magic for the whole family. Each child will walk away with a balloon party hat. Registration.

Tuesday, May 9th from 4:00-5:00pm

All ages

**\*\*Butterfly Gardening:** Plant milkweed seeds, take care of the garden, watch monarch caterpillars turn into butterflies, and release them. You can't control nature, so make sure you're signed up for children's updates on our email list to be notified when the time is right for these activities. All ages welcome (with parent if under age 8).

Our first event is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st from 3:00-4:00pm. We will be preparing seeds for planting.



*S E R I E S ~ Open to All – Please Register*

**\*\*Weekend Wildlife:** One Saturday each month, come to the library to learn about local and world wildlife and meet animals & plants. Check back with the library for dates and themes. Registration required for each individual event.

April 15th ~ *Adaptations & Habitats:* Explore how animals adapt to different habitats in Connecticut.

May 27th ~ *Bats are Good Guys:* Learn about bats and how they're really not so scary as some people think.

June 10th ~ *Totally Turtles:* Learn about each of the native turtle species found in our area.

Saturdays, 4/15, 5/27, & 6/10 from 11:00am-12:00pm **Funded by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation** Ages 4 & up

**\*\*In-Between:** An after-school program for grades 5 & 6. Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes technology, but always a lot of fun. Please register for each program individually. Join us on two Thursdays a month.

April 6 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 from 3:30- 4:30pm 5th & 6th graders

**\*\*Sneak Peek Book Club:** Do you love to read? Do you want to read books before anyone else? Then you belong in our club. We'll read from books that haven't been published yet, enjoy some snacks, and chat.

Wednesdays, March 29th - June 7th from 3:30-4:30pm Ages 9 & up

**\*\*Tots & Tunes:** Come and enjoy a musical program with your toddlers and preschoolers. Dance to great children's music, play musical instruments, and swing scarves.

Tuesdays, April 4 through May 23, 10:00-10:30am Ages 0 to 5

OR Wednesdays, April 5 through May 24, 10:00-10:30am

**\*\*Baby Time:** You will hear and discuss developmental issues while your babies play together, followed by a story. Refreshments at each session for parents and a free gift for your baby. *(With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)*

Mondays, March 20th - April 24th (Skip April 10) from 9:30-10:00am Ages 0 to 11 months

**\*\*One On One:** A playful time with songs, stories and poems led by library staff for toddler & parent/caregiver.

Thursdays, April 6th through May 18th (Skip May 4) from 9:30-10:00am Ages 12 to 23 months

**\*\*Time For Twos:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time with books, songs, marching, and more, led by library staff for toddlers & parent/caregiver.

Fridays, April 7th through May 19th (Skip May 5) from 9:30-10:00am Ages 24 to 36 months

*D R O P - I N P R O G R A M S ~ Open To All – Registration Not Required*

**Free Comic Book Day:** Come to the library any time to pick up a free comic book, bookmark, and coloring page.

Children's comics available in the children's area, adult and teen comics available in the reference area. Discover the joy, art, and storytelling of this American tradition. No registration necessary.

Saturday, May 6th, Drop-in anytime between 9:00am-5:00pm All ages

**LEGO® Building Club:** Join us one *Friday* each month *from 4 to 5pm*. We will build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.

April 7, May 12, and June 9 from 4:00-5:00pm Kindergarten & up

**Books-In-A-Nook:** Listen to stories read in a quiet corner of the Children's Room. Community volunteers or library staff will read to you from new books and the library's special story collection.

Wednesdays, April 12 through June 7 from 11:00-11:30am All ages

**Thursday Morning Stories:** Children and their parents are welcome to join us for special stories, songs, puppets, and finger plays with the children's staff.

Thursdays, April 13 through June 15 from 11:00-11:30am Ages 3 & up

**Pop-In-Playtime:** Parents come, meet your friends, let your children play! In the preschool area of the children's room

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 4 through June 28 from 10:30-11:30am All ages

**Registration for Summer Programs begins Tuesday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m.**

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This year's Summer Reading Game theme is "Build A Better World" ~ Sign up at the library when school ends for your free book!