



Winter 2018 Children's Programs—Guilford Free Library

REGISTRATION for starred (**) programs begins on **Tuesday, January 2**, at 9 a.m.

in person, by phone at 203-453-8282, or online at www.guilfordfreelibrary.org

PARENT PROGRAMS

****Legal Tips for Parents of Special Needs Children:** Learn about your rights and the best ways to advocate for your child with any kind of disability or special need, and get advice on navigating the school special education process. Presenter Amy Vatner is an education attorney with the Pellegrino Law Firm and a clinical instructor at the Yale Child Study Center Developmental Disabilities Clinic. This is a presentation for adults, so please find alternate care for your child if you plan to attend. Registration appreciated.

Tuesday, January 9th from 7:00-8:00pm

Parents & Adult Caregivers

Preschool Information Fair: Wondering which Nursery School or Day Care is best for your child? Come meet representatives of local preschools, get information, and ask questions. Registration appreciated; drop-ins welcome.

Friday, February 2nd from 10:30am-12:00pm

Parents & children are welcome

****Behavior Blues:** A brief overview of evidence-based practices and collaborative problem solving for parents/caregivers of behaviorally challenged children, led by Divinna Schmitt, a certified parent mentor from Think Kids, a program of the department of psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital. This is a presentation for adults, so please find alternate care for your child if you plan to attend. Registration appreciated.

Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00-8:00pm

Parents & Adult Caregivers

SPECIALS ~ Open To All - Please Register for ****starred**** programs

****Story and Song with Sarah Aroeste:** Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) children's author and singer Sarah Aroeste will share her work. All welcome, but recommended for ages 3-8. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Sunday, January 14th from 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 3 to 8 recommended

Pajama Storytime: Wear your comfiest pajamas to the library for this special evening storytime, featuring songs, puppets, and flannel board stories led by librarian Sara Bartelmo. Stuffed animals and pillows encouraged.

Thursday, January 18th from 6:30-7:00pm

All ages

Take Your Child To The Library Day: Stop by the Lana Ferguson Children's Room any time to make a craft from your own imagination. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity.

Saturday, February 3rd from 9:30am-4:30pm

All ages

****Valentine's Day Story & Craft:** Hear a delightful Valentine's Day story and make a lovely themed craft with librarian Sara Bartelmo.

Monday, February 12th from 11:00-11:45am

Ages 3 to 5

****Mr. Joe's Musical Adventure:** Sing, laugh, and learn with Mr. Joe's interactive family musical performance.

Thursday, March 1st from 4:00-5:00pm

All ages

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

Saturdays, 1/13, 2/10, & 3/31 from 11:00am-12:00pm **Funded by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation** Ages 4 & up

****In-Be-Tween:** Join us for *two Thursdays* each month. Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes food, but always a great time! Check back with the library for dates and themes. Registration required for each separate event.

Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, & Mar. 8 & 22 from 3:30- 4:30pm

5th & 6th graders

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****Paws & Read:** Reading can be stressful for children who are struggling with it, and reading to a silent furry partner can help. Sign up for a 15 minute reading slot with one of our licensed therapy dogs: Chief & Miley, and dog handler Howard Taylor, or Lucy, and dog handler Ellen Silberman, or Denver, and dog handler Kimber Tanaka. Parent/legal guardian must sign a permission form for their child to be alone in the room with the dog(s) and handler.

Dates and times for Chief & Miley ~ Wednesdays, January 10-March 28 from 4:00-5:00pm

Ages 6 & up

Dates and times for Lucy ~ Thursdays, January 11-March 29 from 4:00-5:00pm (skip 2/1 & 3/1)

Dates and times for Denver ~ Saturdays, January 13th-March 31st from 10:00-11:00am

****Crazy 8s Math Club:** This is not your ordinary math club. Numbers are anything but boring in this after school program. Kids will jump, play, and build to learn mathematical concepts while having tons of fun. Both new and returning students are welcome for brand-new activities in our fourth season of Crazy 8s Math Clubs.

Mondays, January 22nd - March 19th (not February 19) from 4:00-5:00pm

Grades K to 2

Mondays, January 22nd - March 19th (not February 19) from 5:15-6:15pm

Grades 3 to 5

****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, January 10th - March 28th 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, January 16th through March 6th, 10:00-10:30am

Ages 0 to 5

OR Wednesdays, January 17th through March 7th, 10:00-10:30am

****Baby Time:** Meet other parents while you learn about developmental issues and let your babies play together. Please register, and receive a free gift for your baby. *(With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)*

Mondays, February 26th - March 26th from 9:30-10:00am

Ages 0 to 11 months

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

Thursdays, January 25th through March 1st 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, January 26th through March 2nd from 9:30-10:00am

Ages 24 to 36 months

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.

January 12th, February 9th, & March 9th 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, January 10th through March 28th from 11:00-11:30am

All ages

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

Thursdays, January 18th through March 15th from 11:00-11:30am

Ages 3 & up

Pop-In-Playtime: Parents come! Meet your friends! Let your children play! All in a corner of the Children's Room.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Jan. 2 through March 28 from 10:30-11:30am

All ages

Registration for Spring Programs begins Tuesday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m.

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