

Library Events for Children

New Branch Hours Beginning 2016:

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm

Friday 12 – 6 pm

Children's Library December 2015



Library Closings: December 24, December 25, December 31 - Closing at 5 pm, January 1

Baby Tales

Every Wednesday, 10:30 am A lap-sit story time for children from birth to 2 years old with an adult caregiver.

Preschool Story Times

Every Thursday, except for December 24 and 31, 10:30 am For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.



Paws for Reading

The Second Saturday of each month, December 12, 11 am Share a book with a certified therapy dog.



Saturday Story Time Sampler

First and Third Saturdays of the month, 11 am

The Polar Express- December 5

All Aboard! Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg! Wear your favorite pajamas and relive the classic Christmas story on board our story time train. Decorate your own cookie while sipping some cocoa, and take home a special gift or two. We're partnering with the First United Methodist Church of Akron for all of the fun! Please call the Children's Library at 330-643-9050 to register for this free family event. Space is limited.

Gingerbread Man Stories and Cookie

Decorating-December 19

Hear the classic story, plus other fun stories about cookies and baking. Then decorate your own gingerbread cookies: one to eat and one to take home.

Sunday Story Time Sampler

Every Sunday, 2 pm A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

After School Craft Program

Wednesdays, 4 pm, except for December 23, 30 Join us on Wednesdays and let your creative side shine!

Builders Club: Fourth Saturday of the Month

Saturday, December 26, 2 pm Open play with Lego's, CitiBlocs, and other blocks.



Winter Break Make & Take Crafts

Monday-Wednesday, December 28-30, 12:30-2 pm Prior to the Winter Break Family Films.

Winter Break Family Films, 2 pm

- Monday, December 28: Monkey Kingdom G, 81 min. In the Children's Library
- Tuesday, December 29: Inside Out PG, 94 min. In the Auditorium
- Wednesday, December 30: Minions PG, 91 min. In the Auditorium



330-643-9050

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Public Library**

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Children's Library Winter 2016



Early Childhood Programs

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Celebrating All Things New-

January 2 New Year's, new babies, new toys, new books... What else is new?

Parachute Play-January 16

Wiggle, Jiggle, Jump! An Active Story Time.

Family Reading Festival-

February 6, 10 am-3 pm Watch for more information on this popular annual event.

Books that Sing-February 20

Warm up your voice for a story time full of singable books, songs and rhymes.

Paws for Reading

The Second Saturday of each month, January 9, February

13, 11 am Share a book with a certified therapy dog.

Sunday Story Time Sampler

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Family Programs

A Time to Play

The Second Tuesday of each month, January 12, February 9, 10:30-11:30 am

For young children (ages 2-5) with a caregiver. Hands-on, age-appropriate play

experiences and materials will be available for children and their caregivers. Children and adults can make friends, share stories, create and play together.

Community Art-

Saturday, January 16, 2 pm

Do you want to join in on creating an artistic banner for the Children's Library? A local artist will direct us in working together to come up with something beautiful for the space behind the reference desk.

Hula Hoops Hip-Hip-

Hooray! Saturday, January 30, 2 pm

Meryl Hornyak will guide a family program through energizing movement and fun, using hula hoops to spin us along.



School Age Programs

After School Craft Program

Wednesdays, 4 pm, January-

February Join us on Wednesdays and let your creative side shine!

Cartoon Creations-Friday,

January 8, 2 pm For grades 4+, IN TEEN

This will be a Tween program, joining forces with the Teens on the third floor of the library. A panel of guest artists will be present to inspire and instruct you with advice and examples of their work.

Our guests will be: Dillon Sedar, who is an artist/illustrator/educator, and an art teacher with Akron Public Schools; his colleague, Cody Knepper, who is an educator specializing in comic book illustration; and Casey Ha, who shared this hobby of his at our recent Mini-Maker Faire.

Chocolate Fever!

Monday, February 15, 2 pm

Melt it, taste it, build it, try it. Join us for all things chocolate. For grades 4+.



Minecraft Akron:

Monday, February 29, 4-5 pm

For grades 2-6. Play against your friends in our Downtown Akron cityscape. Space is limited. Please pre-register: Akron Children's Library, 330-643-9050.

Project KidSing:

Saturday, February 20, 2 pm

Singers Company will be hosting Project KidSing, a workshop designed for children in grades K-5. Through music and movement, children will bring a work of children's literature to life and create a special performance for their parents at the end of the hour long workshop.

Builders Club:

Fourth Saturday of the Month

Saturday, January 23, 2 pm

Open play with Lego's, CitiBlocs, and other blocks.

Saturday, February 27, 2 pm

Cardboard Roller Coasters for Styrofoam and ping-pong balls.



Resources for Early Childhood Educators

Professional Development Training: Exploring Earth and Space Science in Early Childhood Classrooms

Thursday, February 4, 5:30-8 pm in the Resources for Early Childhood Educators (RECE) Lab

The engineering process is about asking questions, collaborating with others to answer the question, testing your answers, analyzing the results, and then continuing the process until you come closer to the answer. Young children naturally do this when approached with new challenges, and they enjoy the process. Learn STEM activities created by the scientists at NASA that will make your children's classroom experience out of this world.



Join our very own library staff for this engaging, collaborative, hands-on professional development opportunity as we explore earth and space science concepts for the very young. Content provided would be appropriate for teachers working with Pre-K- 3rd grade. Registration is requested, and limited to 30 participants. Please email Laura McFalls at lmcfalls@akronlibrary.org to secure your spot. Participants will earn 2.5 hours of in-service training credit.