

# Library Events for Children

## Children's Library SPRING 2016



**Library Closings:** Sunday, March 27, Easter · Monday, May 30, Memorial Day



### Early Childhood Programs

**A Time to Play** Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am

Children learn through play, and we like to play in the Children's Library. Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play experiences and materials will be available for young children and their caregivers. Explore, make friends, share stories, create and play with us.

**March 8:** Parachute Play: Explore wind, music and movement during this breezy playtime.

**April 12:** Children's Fiesta: Celebrate our youngest learners for National "Week of the Young Child," with a special playtime celebration.

**May 10:** Teamwork Tuesday: Think, collaborate, problem solve, create and build together.

**Baby Tales**  
Every Wednesday,  
10:30 am

An active story time for children from birth to 2 years old with an adult caregiver.



**Preschool Story Times**  
Every Thursday,  
10:30 am

For Children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.



**Saturday Story Time Sampler**  
First and Third Saturdays of the month, 11 am

**March 5: Celebrate Seuss!** In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday we'll have silly stories, silly songs, silly activities and more.

**March 19: Hop like a Bunny to Story Time!** Join us for a special bunny story time.

**April 2: Down on the Farm.** Celebrate The Countryside Conservancy Farmers' Market.

**April 16: Celebrate Reading and Books** for National Library Week

**May 7:** Join us for special **Mother's Day stories.**

**May 21: Sign Language Story Time:** Learn some simple signs through stories and songs.

**Paws for Reading**  
The second Saturday of each month, March 12, April 9,

**May 14, 11 am** Share a book with a certified therapy dog.



**Sunday Story Time Sampler**

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

**Yoga Play for 3-5 year olds**  
**Mondays in April, 2 pm** Join us for a multi-sensory yoga experience. We add play and learning to create an inspiring adventure.



### Family Programs

**Spring Break Fun**

**Monday, March 28, 2 pm:**

**Eggcellent Crafts:** create with plastic eggs

**Tuesday, March 29, 2 pm:**

**Tech Lab Tuesday for Tweens &**

**Teens** Explore virtual reality, drive and code robots, play with makerspace toys, draw in 3D, fly a drone, and much more. Registration requested.

**Wednesday, March 30, 2 pm:**

**Play-Along movie** *Wizard of Oz* in the Children's Library

**Thursday, March 31, 2 pm: Let your**

**Light Shine!** Chase away the gloomy Akron weather with light and shadow games

**Builders' Club**  
Fourth Saturday of the month,  
March 26,

**April 23, May 28**

Open play for all ages with blocks including Legos and CitiBlocs.



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## Countryside Conservancy Farmers' Market and Crafty Mart

**Saturday, April 2, 10 am-1 pm**

**Farmers' Market, 10 am-5 pm** CraftyMart Atrium and Meeting Room 2AB. We'll have farmers and crafters, the food blogger TwoHealthyKitchens.com, crafts for adults, story time for kids at 11 am, even something for teens. The Children's Library will host an apple tasting table where you can vote for your favorite.



## Summit County Children's Services Family Expo

**Saturday, April 9, 10 am-4 pm** In celebration of Child & Family Awareness Month. Watch for more information.

## Building Readers: Building a Foundation for Literacy and Learning

**Thursday, April 21, 6-7:30 pm**  
Parents play a critical role in their child's learning. Parents are their child's first teacher, and learning starts now. Discover how to build a solid foundation for reading and school success. This event will include a variety of engaging, hands-on stations to help children build literacy skills such as: letter awareness, rhyming, language development and tips for reading to your child. This event is organized by many area agencies who will be sharing literacy and school readiness resources, and will provide prizes! Parent training hours will also be available. *Space is limited, so please call Children's Services at 330-379-2090 to secure your spot. Registration for this event is requested.*

## Exploring the World through Stories Festival

**Saturday, May 14, 10 am-3 pm** This is an interactive and engaging experience exploring cultures of the world through their stories for pre-K through 4th grades and their families. Co-sponsored by Global Ties Akron. Watch for more information.



## School Age Programs

### After-School Craft Program Wednesdays, March-May, 4-5 pm, except March 30

Join us on Wednesdays and let your creative side shine!

### Tie-Dye

**Friday, March 4, 2 pm** Tie-Dye your own t-shirt, canvas shoes or scarf. Bring your favorite items to tie-dye and learn a special tie-dye technique using Sharpie Markers. For Grades 4th & up.

### Science Fun

**Saturday, April 30,  
2 pm** For K-6 Hands-on activities and experiments for you to explore.



### Comic Book Club

**Saturday, May 7, 3 pm**, For grades 4+ in TEEN. Look for our table at TEENS ROCK AKRON on Saturday, April 30, 6 pm to be sure to get your name on the mailing list, then join us on May 7 in TEEN. Learn from professional artists, and be inspired to create your own cartoons and comics.



## Educators Training Supporting a Foundation for Summit County's Children

**Tuesday, April 12, 5-8 pm  
in the RECE Lab, Children's Library**

Early experiences provide the foundation for success in kindergarten and throughout a child's educational career. From the 2014-2015 Summit County Transition Skills Summary (TSS) data, specific areas of readiness in young children have been identified. Young children's readiness in Summit County will be discussed, as well as strategies that have been targeted to support children from birth to kindergarten-entry. We will discuss plans for building awareness among families, early childhood programs, and the community concerning the identified TSS strategies. Join Early Childhood Specialists Laura McFalls and Kandi Novak to learn more about this informative, county-wide initiative. *Please register by emailing Laura McFalls at [lmcfalls@akronlibrary.org](mailto:lmcfalls@akronlibrary.org) to secure your spot.* Participants will receive 3 hours of SUTQ approved training credits.



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