












# Central Branch Library

## Children's Programs

### December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>Reading Paws</b> 2pm-4pm <b>Registration</b>	2
3	4 <b>Library Explorers</b> 4:00 PM	5 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00	6 <b>Mother Goose on the Loose</b> 10:00 and 11:00	7 <b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:00 and 11:00  <b>Lego Club</b> 4pm-5pm 	8	9 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10am
10 	11 <b>Library Explorers</b> 4:00 PM  <b>Bedtime Movies</b> <i>The Polar Express</i> 6pm-7:30pm	12 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00  <b>Tween (8-12)</b> <b>Extreme Gingerbread Challenge</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm <b>Registration</b>	13 <b>Mother Goose on the Loose</b> 10:00 and 11:00 	14 <b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:00 and 11:00 	15	16 <b>Puppet Palooza</b> 11am-12pm 
17	18 <b>Library Explorers</b> 4:00 PM	19 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00	20 <b>Mother Goose on the Loose</b> 10:00 and 11:00	21 <b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:00 and 11:00	22	23 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10am
24 <b>Library Closed</b>	25 <b>Library Closed</b> 	26 <b>Library Closed</b>	27 <b>The Smelly Sock Theater Presents:</b> <b>Mixed Up Fairytales</b> 1:00pm 	28 <b>Learn and Play</b> 9:30-11:30 	29	30
31 <b>Library Closed</b> 						

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

- **Mother Goose on the Loose (20 minute program for children birth to 18 months with adult)** – Join us for the nationally recognized Mother Goose on the Loose early literacy program. Enjoy interacting with your wee one as you hear stories, learn nursery rhymes and finger-plays, sing, and move.
- **Toddler Time (20 minute program for children 18 months to age 3 with adult)** – Stories, songs, puppets and finger-plays just for toddlers, while introducing early literacy concepts for parents and caregivers.
- **Preschool Storytime (30 minute program for children 3-5 years old with adult)** – Join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets and more that encourage development of early literacy skills.
- **Library Explorers (30 - 45 minute program for ages 5+)** – Explore science, art, and stories. Especially designed for school-age children to imagine, create, discover, and experiment!
- **READing Paws (20 minute time slots for children reading independently)** – Children can sign up to practice reading aloud to a therapy dog. READing Paws helps young readers gain confidence and practice fluency!  
**Registration Required.**
- **Bedtime Movies** – Bring your own blanket and snacks and join us for a fun family movie night.
- **Family Storytime (30 minute program for families with children 0-5)** – Practicing early literacy and pre-reading skills is fun with stories, songs, and fingerplays! The storytime is geared toward 0-5, but the whole family is welcome.
- **Lego Club (1 hour program for children 5 and up)** – Calling all Lego Builders! Build your own Lego creation, or collaborate with new friends. Legos provided.
- **Tween (8-12) Extreme Gingerbread Challenge (1 ½ hour program for tweens 8-12)** – Be the architect of a very sweet structure. Use graham crackers, icing, and a variety of candy to build something that goes beyond the ordinary gingerbread house. Whoever builds the most creative structure at each library branch may pick out a free (brand new) book to keep. Library staff will judge the contest. **Registration Required**
- **Puppet Palooza (1 hour program for children and families)**—Our team of Youth Services Librarians is putting on special Fall and Winter puppet performances at a library branch near you. After each performance, there will be a special craft.
- **The Smelly Sock Theater Presents: Mixed Up Fairytales (1 hour program for children and families)**—Get ready for giggles as these sock puppets perform super-silly versions of classic fairytales. You haven't heard them like this before!
- **Learn and Play (2 hour drop-in program for children ages 0-4 and families)** – Drop in to participate in fun activities tied to early literacy skills practice.