

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM FALL PROGRAMS 2023

Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup for children to do at home on their own anytime! Send a picture of your completed craft to vdckids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Ages 12 and under. Win a prize each month for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Colorful Chemistry

Monday, September 18 at 4:30pm

Ages 4-7 years. What happens when you put watercolor paint on top of salt? What about if we paint over white crayon? Join Ms. Carly as we observe these chemical processes and see if our hypotheses are correct!

Reptile Review

Monday, October 9 at 11:00am

Ages 3 and up. Meet and touch live reptiles with Hudson Valley Reptile and Rescue! Learn fascinating facts about lizards, snakes, turtles, tegus and more, and why they're important in our environment.

The Pumpkin Patch Problem

Thursday, October 12 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-6. The enchanted pumpkin patch has lost its magic! Come along on an early literacy adventure with Ms. Carly to help find the magic pumpkin seeds. Through this interactive game, children will identify colors, letters, shapes, and numbers to reveal clues. This program combines fun and educational elements while encouraging children to be active problem solvers.

Fun Family Storytime

Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00pm

Monday, November 13 at 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9 at 11:00am

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional!

Bring your favorite snuggly friend and the whole family for this fun storytime. Register separately for each program.

Halloween Carnival

Saturday, October 28, 10:30am - 1:30pm

All ages. Wear your costume and come and play spooky carnival games! Fun for the whole family!

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, November 7, 10:00am - 9:00pm

All ages. Drop by the Children's Room to vote for your favorite book character! A chance for children of all ages to be part of the democratic process and get prizes. No registration.

Veterans Day School Closing Craft

Friday, November 10 all day

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Drop in all day to create a cool Fall craft. No registration.

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Food-Free Gingerbread House

Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm

[Registration starts December 1 for this program only.]

Please register for only one Gingerbread program.]

Ages 2-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, food-free gingerbread house as a family to take home! This program is great for families who need to avoid a food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 14 at 5:30pm

OR Saturday, December 16 at 12 noon

[Registration starts December 1 for this program only.]

Please register for only one Gingerbread program.]

Ages 3-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, edible gingerbread work of art as a family to take home!

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am - 1:00pm, September 11 - December 18

Ages 5 and under. It's playtime in the Storytime Room, no matter what the weather brings! A great chance to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Autumn Baby Time

Fridays at 10:30am, September 22 - December 8

(No program October 27, November 10, November 24)

Ages 2 mos. - 17 mos. w/adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Tales

Thursdays at 10:30am, September 21 - December 7

(No program October 26, November 2, November 23)

Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Fall Storytime on Tuesdays OR Wednesdays

Tuesdays at 10:30am, September 19 - December 5

(No program October 31, November 7)

Wednesdays at 4:30pm, September 20 - December 6

(No program September 27, November 1, November 22)

(Choose Tuesdays OR Wednesdays and register for only one weekly storytime)

Ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents & siblings welcome! Register separately for each week.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Thursday, September 14 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-5 years. September is Library Card Month! We'll read *The Library Book*, create a library-themed craft, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of special places in the library with the help of our friends in Circulation and Technical Services. *(Registration opens on Sept. 7 for both NSD and out of district residents for this program.)*

Zumbini® with Flo

Mondays, October 2, 16, & 23 at 10:30am *(No program October 9)*

Ages 5 and under w/adult. Created by Zumba® and BabyFirst, the Zumbini® program combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of bonding, learning, and fun! Register separately for each week.

Play-Doh™ Math Club

Thursday, October 26 at 10:30am

Ages 3-5 years. Play with Play-Doh™ to make patterns and pieces using simple math and to make some favorite Autumn things to share with the group.

Boogie Woogie Babies

Mondays, November 6-20 at 10:30am

Ages 6 months – 5 years with adult. A Baby and Me dance class that consists of singing, working on fine motor skills, and dancing. A fun, interactive way to socialize, learn, and burn calories, for both children and their adults! Register separately for each week.



Registration begins on September 7 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 15. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

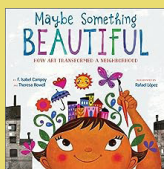
PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Children for Grades K-3 Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

October 5: *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López. We will read and discuss the book then let us maybe make something beautiful with paint, cotton swabs, and pom-poms creating pointillism artwork!

November 2: *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri. We will read the book and learn that dragons love tacos but we do too! Get ready to make paper plate tacos!



Graphic Novel Nation: Book Clubs for Children for Grades 3-6 Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

October 12: *CatStronauts: Mission Moon* by Drew Brockington. Before we go to the moon with the CatStronauts, we must assemble our own rockets to get there.

November 9: *InvestiGators* by John Patrick Green. We will discuss the novel and go on an *InvestiGators* Scavenger Hunt!

Funny Fiction: Book Club for Grades 2-4 Monday, December 11 at 4:15pm

Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey. We will discuss the popular book and do some Bad Guys activity sheets!



September is Library Card Month! If your child signs up for a library card in September, visit the Children's Room Desk for a special prize.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up to Kindergarten. The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Room any time to sign up, get more information, and your first reading record.

S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)

SYMMETRY DRAWING

Ages 5 and up. Combine art and math as you match a drawing of half an object, then color in your whole picture! Every month the Children's Room will have new symmetry drawings ready for pickup to do on your own anytime. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vcldkids@rcld.org by the end of that month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAM

Select Thursdays at 4:30pm

September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

Grades 1-3. Join us at the library to make a fun craft together! *[Note-we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]* Register separately for each session.

LEGO™ CHALLENGE!

Select Tuesdays at 5:00pm

September 26, October 24, December 19

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks – a different theme each month! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

LEAVES ARE NOT LITTER

Wednesday, September 27 at 4:30pm

Grades K-3. Explore how and why leaves change color and fall from trees in Autumn with Master Gardeners from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County. Children will learn the importance of leaving the leaves on the ground for use by wildlife and insects to survive the winter. They'll make leaf animals and more in this science-based program!

ECLIPSE CHALK ART

Monday, October 2 at 4:15pm

Grades K-3. Let us learn about the solar eclipse coming up then create our very own eclipse art using chalk!

CAKES AND CAULDRONS

Mondays, October 16 & 23 at 5:00pm

Grades 1-3. Join Ms. Carly to read two classic witchy stories by author Margie Palatini. Follow along grouchy Gritch the Witch as she searches for something scrumptious to eat in *Piggie Pie!* and shops for a new flying broom in *Zoom Broom*. Each session will include a read aloud and a craft activity. Register separately for each week.

EGG-STRADORDINARY ENGINEERS

Monday, November 6 at 5:00pm

Grades 2-5. After Humpty Dumpty fell off of the wall, he had to be put together again! Join Ms. Carly to listen to the story *After the Fall* by Dan Santat. After listening to the story, we will each attempt to design a contraption that will stop an egg from cracking when dropped from a distance.

FEED THE BIRDS

Monday, November 20 at 5:00pm

Grades 2-5. Join us as we use honey, birdseed, and Cheerios™ to make a few bird feeders using math patterns to keep our feathered friends happy all winter. *[Note-we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]*

COOKING CHALLENGE!

Thursday, November 30 at 4:30pm

Grades 4-8. Are you ready to try your hand at a cooking challenge? Get ready to break up into teams to solve some mystery recipes. Let the best team win! *(Please inform the library of any food allergies when registering.)*

MAGIC MILK

Monday, December 4 at 4:15pm

Grades K-2. Are you ready for some colorful science? We will learn how the magic milk experiment works!

SPAGHETTI AND MARSHMALLOW TOWER CHALLENGE

Tuesday, December 5 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-5. With marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti, let us see who can build the tallest tower!



Registration for our Winter programs begins on January 2 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 16.