Family Programs

**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.

**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 vckids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration.

**I Have a Dream Day**
Monday, Jan. 15 starting at noon.
Celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Library. Live painting of an MLK portrait will be done by Marie Medjine Antoine. Children can decorate an MLK peace heart in the Children’s Room. Cider and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome!

**Winter Crafts at the Library**
Drop in all day – no registration.
Ages 3 and up with adult(s).
Monday, January 15: Decorate a Martin Luther King Jr. Day peace heart to hang at home.
February 7-14: Create a Valentine for the one you love.

Open Playtime
Mondays from 10:00am-1:00pm
January 8 - March 25
Ages 5 and under. It’s playtime in the Storytime Room! A great chance to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

**Winter Babies**
Fridays at 10:30am, January 19 - March 22
(A no program February 23, March 15)
Ages 2 mos.-17 mos. w/adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.

**Toddler Time**
Tuesdays at 10:30am, January 23 - March 19
(A no program February 20)
Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.

**PreK Winter Storytimes**
Wednesdays at 4:30pm, January 17 - March 20
(No program February 21)
Ages 3-5 and up with adult(s).
Weekly storytimes for ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents & siblings welcome! Register separately for every single week. [Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays and register for only one weekly storytime.]

**Homeschool Hangout**
Friday, January 26 at 1:00pm
Ages 3-5. Join us to read the fractured fairy tale, *Little Red Gliding Hood* by Tara Lazar, then create a fun winter craft using Wikki Stix™. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

**Music Together**
Mondays, February 5 & 12 at 10:30am
Ages 5 and under with adult. Join Catherine Rubin as she teaches the popular “Music Together” program, which builds on children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Children's musicality will blossom and flourish in this environment of live music making! Register separately for each single week.

**Fun Family Storytime**
Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm,
Tuesday, February 20 at 5:00pm,
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.

**LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style**
Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm
Grades K-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and your project will be displayed temporarily in the Children’s Room.

**Families + Games = Fun**
Thursday, March 14 from 6:00-8:00pm
All ages. Bring your family to a night of board games and card games with a variety to choose from!

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**The Missing Mitten Mystery**
Monday, February 26 at 4:30pm
Ages 3-6 years. Where, oh where has the mitten gone? In this early literacy program, children will use their knowledge of colors, shapes, letters, and numbers to problem-solve as a team and solve the mystery of the missing mitten.

**Kids’ Yoga with Tatyana**
Mondays, March 4, 11 & 18
4:30pm: ages 2-5 years with adult
5:15pm: ages 6-9 years
Join Tatyana for a yoga class that is specifically designed to help children stay active and simultaneously teaches them methods of relaxation. Tatyana’s teaching method helps to improve focus, flexibility, strength, and coordination. This program helps to increase their confidence and positive self-image, develop body awareness, all while having fun in a non-competitive environment. Register separately for every single week.

**Play-Doh™ Math Club**
Thursday, February 22 at 10:30am
Ages 3-5 years. Let’s have fun using Play-Doh™ to make some favorite wintry things, then we’ll share them with the group. We’ll also use Play-Doh™ to make patterns and pieces to do some simple math.

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PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Children for Grades K-3**
Select Days at 4:15pm
Thursday, January 25: *I Am You: A Book about Ubuntu* by Refiloe Moahloli, illustrated by Zinelda McDonald. Let’s read and discuss the book and learn the meaning of Ubuntu, then we will do a kindness craft.

Tuesday, March 5: *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts. We will read and discuss the book and, like Ada, use our curious minds. Have you ever wondered how clouds make rain? We will do a science experiment of our own and find out.

**Fun Fiction Book Clubs for Grades 2-4**
Select Thursdays at 4:15pm
February 15: *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Geneva B. We will discuss the adventurous novel, then we will make some Rice Krispies™ dragon treats.

March 21: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney. We will discuss this VERY popular book and learn how to draw Greg Heffley, as well as draw our own Diary of a Wimpy Kid book cover.

**Graphic Novel with Bingo:**
*Book Club for Children for Grades 3-6*
Thursday, February 29 at 4:15pm
*Leon the Extraordinary* by Jamar Nicholas. Leon shows us his heart, proving he is an extraordinary superhero. Let’s discuss the book, play Superhero Bingo and eat some superhero snacks!

**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 new symmetry drawings will be ready for pickup to do on your own anytime. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vclkids@rcls.org by the end of that month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

**Children’s Crafts Program**
Select Tuesdays at 4:30pm
January 16, February 6, & March 12
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.

**STEAM + Books Trivia Game**
Thursday, January 18 at 4:15pm
Grades 3-5. The categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Books! Let us have some fun with some trivia!

**Crack the Case**
Thursday, February 8 at 5:30pm
Grades 3-5. Do you have what it takes to solve a mystery? Put your detective skills to work and collaborate with others to find the solutions to tricky riddles and puzzles.

**From Seed to Sunflower**
Monday, January 29 at 5:00pm
Grades K-3 with adult. How are plants grown from seeds? Join the Master Gardener Volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland to learn about the process of winter sowing in a plastic jug. They will take this jug home to watch it develop over the coming weeks with the help of the natural elements: sun and rain and snow! [Note-we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

**Art + Math = Monster**
Monday, February 5 at 4:15pm
Grades K-3. Join us for an activity that involves dice, math and drawing monsters!

**Homeschool Hangout for Ages 6-10**
Friday, February 9 at 1:00pm
Ages 6-10. Join us to read about the invention of the famous Zamboni ice-resurfacing machine in *Clean Sweep! Frank Zamboni’s Ice Machine* by Monica Kulling, then create a fun winter scene using Wikki Stix™. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

**Valentine Sweets**
Tuesday, February 13
4:30pm: Grades K-2; 5:15pm: Grades 3-5
Come decorate some delicious cupcakes and hear a special story for Valentine’s Day! [Note: Please notify staff of any allergies when registering.]

**Carnival of Characters**
Thursday, March 7 at 4:30pm
Grades 4-7. From a picture book someone read to you when you were small, to your favorite new fantasy world, to the funniest graphic novel you’ve ever read, we all have a character that we love more than any other! Come to the library dressed up as your favorite book character to celebrate World Book Day with us. We will talk about why you chose the book and why you love your character! Pizza will be served.


**Registration for our Spring Programs, April 1 - June 15, will start on March 20.**