

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM WINTER PROGRAMS 2024

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 valkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. While supplies last.

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.

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.

Celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day' with Drumming!

Saturday, February 3 at 10:30am

All ages. Join a family djembe drumming workshop with Kazi Oliver! As a master drummer, Mr. Oliver sees the drum as a powerful tool for unity and harmony. This educational and enlightening African drumming workshop will help bring authentic African rhythms and culture to life!

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!

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

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

(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

(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)

Thursdays at 10:30am, Jan. 18 - March 21

(No program Feb. 22)

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.

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.

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.



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.

Registration begins on January 2 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 13. 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

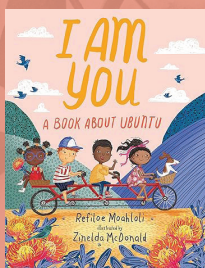
Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Children for Grades K-3

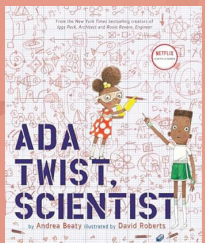
Select Days at 4:15pm

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

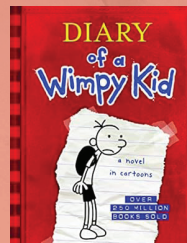
Select Thursdays at 4:15pm
February 15:

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.

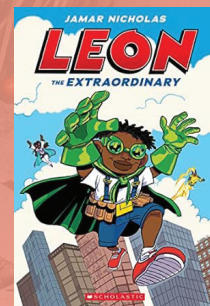
We will discuss this VERY popular book and learn how to draw Greg Heffley, as well as draw our own *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book cover.



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!



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 new symmetry drawings will be ready for pickup to do on your own anytime. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vcikids@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!

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Monday, January 22 at 5:00pm

& Wednesday, March 27 at 4:30pm

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks — a different theme each time! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library. Register separately for each program.

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!

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.



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.