

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM SPRING 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! Send a picture of your completed craft to vcclids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Pegboard Art

March 29 - April 7

Ages 3 and up. Drop in all week to create pictures with golf tees on a big pegboard! No registration.

Celebrate National Library Week: "Ready, Set, Library!"

April 7-13

Ages 3 and up. Come and create a keepsake craft! We will have favorite children's book covers available to cut, glue, draw and write about in your own unique wall hanging!

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Monday, April 8 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.

Celebrate Earth Day!

April 15-22

Ages 3 and up. Children can drop in all week to use recycled materials to create a colorful collage of something found on the Earth. No registration.



Caring Cards & Crafts for Memorial Day

May 1-19

All ages. Drop in the Children's Room anytime to make a card for a local senior citizen honoring service men and women on Memorial Day! Decorate and write a note on your card, then we'll give them to Meals on Wheels to deliver them to seniors and brighten their day. No registration.

Guessing Jar

May 1-31

Ages 5-11 years. Can you guess the number of items in the jar? Come to the Children's Room and fill out a slip with your contact info as well as your guess! Winners will win a prize and will be announced at the end of the month. No registration.

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, May 20 at 5:30PM

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional! Bring your favorite snuggly friend and the whole family for this fun storytime.

Magic Show!

Monday, June 10 at 6:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Nyack magician Jonathan Blair's interactive comedy magic show features incredible illusions, hilarious juggling, and coins that appear from out-of-thin-air, ending in a big finale with his famous Chinese linking rings!



Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10am-1pm

April 1 - June 24 (no program May 27)

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.

Spring Baby Time

Fridays at 10:30am

April 12 - May 17

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 Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30am.

April 9 - May 14 (no program April 23)

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

PreK Spring Storytime on Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 4:30pm, April 10 - May 15

(Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays and register for only one weekly storytime.)

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

PreK Spring Storytime on Thursdays

Thursdays at 10:30am, April 11 - May 16

(Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays and register for only one weekly storytime.)

Ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents & siblings welcome! 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.

Matty Roxx Music

Mondays, April 29, May 6 & May 13 at 4:30pm

Ages 5 and under. Join Matty Roxx (aka Matty Kapatty) and his guitar for age appropriate singing, movement, giggles and wiggles. Sing classic kids' songs and learn new modern ones. Awaken the senses with colored scarves, shakers and drums. Great for musical instrument and language readiness, as well as social interaction! Register separately for each week.

Homeschool Hangout for Ages 3-5 Years

Friday, May 3 at 1pm

Ages 3-5. Join us to explore the world of bugs by reading *The Backyard Bug Book for Kids* by Lauren Davidson, then create a fun bug craft or two. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

Play-Doh™ Math Club

Wednesday, May 29 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-5 years. Let's have fun using Play-Doh™ to make some favorite Spring 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.

Registration begins on March 20 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins April 1. 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

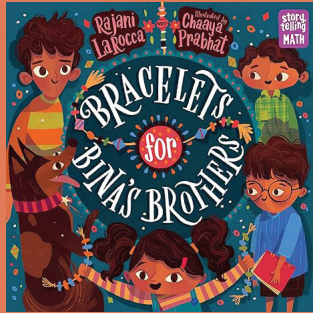
Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

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

April 18: *Saturday at the Food Pantry* by Diane O'Neill and illustrated by Brizida Magro. In honor of National Volunteer Month, let's read about Molly's trip to the food pantry and talk all about ways we can help our community. Then we will create a craft to give to someone to make them smile.

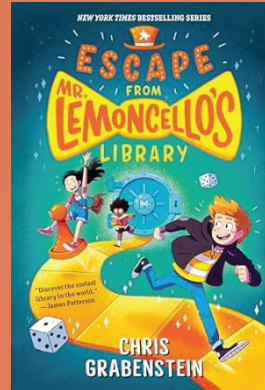


May 9: *Bracelets for Bina's Brothers* by Rajani LaRocca and illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat. Let's celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning about the Hindu holiday of Raksha Bandhan and create our own custom bracelets.



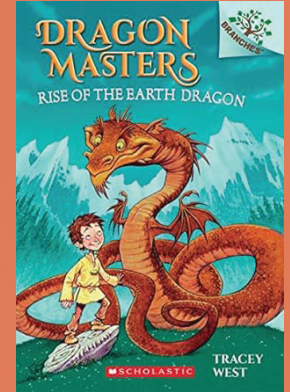
Graphic Novel Book Club with Mystery Games Thursday, April 25 at 4:15pm Grades 3-6

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein. We will discuss this very popular graphic novel, then we will play two mystery games: Detective Clues & What's in the Box?



Fun Fiction Book Club Thursday, May 2 at 4:15pm

Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey West. We will discuss the magical world of dragons and afterwards we will create a fire breathing dragon.



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

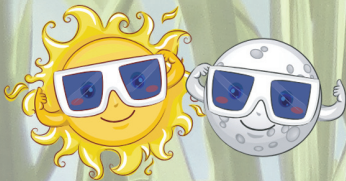
FINE MOTOR FUN

Ages 5 and up. Color, write, cut and glue! Children can have fun while developing fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and mathematical basics. Each month the Children's Room will have new packets ready for pickup that include scissor skills, tracing activities, coloring, and more for children to do at home on their own anytime. No registration. Packets available while supplies last.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Thursday, April 4 at 4pm

Grades K-2. In preparation for the total solar eclipse on April 8th, we will watch a video and do a solar eclipse craft!



PICK UP YOUR ECLIPSE GLASSES AT THE LIBRARY!

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PUZZLING ECLIPSE

Friday, April 5 at 11am

Grades 3-5. We'll learn about the upcoming eclipse on April 8th, color our own solar system jigsaw puzzle, and learn simple puzzle solving techniques to put the puzzles together.

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS PROGRAM

Select Tuesdays at 4:30pm, April 9, May 21

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

MARBLE ROLLER COASTER

Monday, May 6 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-5. With recycled materials, we are going to put our engineering skills to the test and build a roller coaster!



HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT FOR AGES 6-10 YEARS

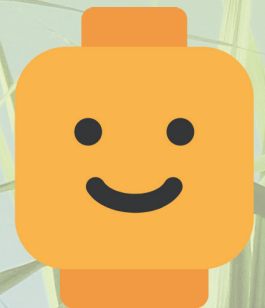
Friday, May 10 at 1pm

Ages 6-10. Join us to explore the world of bees by reading the beautiful award-winning book, *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming, then create a fun bug craft or two. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Select Mondays at 5pm, May 13 & June 3

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.



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