

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM FALL PROGRAMS 2025

Family Programs

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 vlkids@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 for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Saturday, September 20, 12:00-1:30pm

Thursday, October 2, 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday, November 29, 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in during the times above and have fun while developing math, science and fine motor skills! We'll build and play with our new Magna-Tiles®, obtained through an Orange & Rockland STEM Grant (@ORUConnect). No registration.

Homeschool Meet & Greet

Friday, September 26, 11:00am-12:00pm

All ages. Come for a social hour to meet other homeschooling families and share ideas and resources. Games and art activities will be available.

Give a Kid a Book

Between October 1 and November 1, the Children's Room will collect new, unused books for the Library Association of Rockland County's Youth Services. Books will be given as gifts to children through local charities during the holidays.

Fairy Gardens & Dinosaur Dens

Monday, October 13 at 10:30am

Grades K-5. Join Garden Arts for Kids to learn about different plants, root systems, sedums, seeds and bulbs as you plant them together with rocks, pods, crystals, volcano ash and pixie dust to create a magical home to keep!

Shape Monster Art

Saturday, Oct. 18 from 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in and create a fun 'shape monster' art project to take home! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, October 20* and

Monday, December 1 at 6:30pm

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.

*October 20 is a special glow in the dark storytime!

The Rock 'n' Rollers Halloween Concert

Saturday, October 25 at 11:00am

All ages. Wear your costume as we get in the spirit for Halloween! The Rock 'n' Rollers are a 6-piece rock band for audiences of all ages, playing classic rock as well as some originals. They rehearse and perform under the direction of Music For Life Creative Arts Therapy in Nyack, NY (musicforlifecenter.com).

Fancy Nancy Story & Tea Time

Monday, Nov. 3 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-8 years. Your presence is requested for Story & Tea Time. Come in your most resplendent garments to commemorate the joyous occasion of the 20th anniversary of Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor. *Répondez s'il vous plaît.*

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, Nov. 4 all day

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 a voting sticker. No registration.

Tape Town

Friday, November 7 at 11:00am OR 2:30pm

(please choose only one time)

Ages 2-6 years. Bring your (miniature) vehicle of choice and explore the masking tape streets of the wonderful world of Tape Town.

School Closing Craft

Tuesday, November 11 all day

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

2D Shapes Craft

Saturday, November 15, 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in and create a fun '2D shape animal' craft to take home! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Food-Free Gingerbread House

Tuesday, December 9 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 3-D gingerbread house and a gingerbread house sticker sheet to take home! This program is great for families who need to avoid a gingerbread food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 11 at 5:30pm

OR Saturday, December 13 at 11:00am.

[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!

Grandparents' Storytime

Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30am

All ages. Come for a special story time with stories, songs, and a craft.

Drop-In STEAM Building

Monday, December 22, Tuesday, December 23,

Monday, December 29, and Tuesday, December 30 10:00am-2:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in for open play with Magna-Tiles® on Monday, and LEGOs™ and Duplos™ on Tuesday during the holiday break!

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

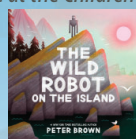
Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Grades K-3

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

Oct. 16: *The Wild Robot on the Island* by Peter Brown.

We will read the book together, then we will do a maze, play a matching game, and color!

Nov. 20: *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat. We will read the book together, talk about it, then we will do a Humpty Dumpty craft!



Fun Fiction: Book Club for Grades 2-4

Wednesday, October 29 at 4:15pm

Geromino Stilton: Lost

Treasure of the Emerald Eye

by Elisabetta Dami. We will discuss the book and play a newspaper scavenger hunt game!



Graphic Novel Nation: Book Club for Grades 3-6

Thursday, November 13 at 4:15pm

Karen's Witch (Baby-Sitters Little Sister

Graphic Novel) by Ann M.

Martin. We will discuss the book and then create a witch hat craft!



Registration begins on September 8 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 Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm

September 8 – December 29

Ages 5 and under. Meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Autumn Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am

September 26 – December 5

(No program October 31 & November 28).

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am

September 30–December 2

(No program October 28 & November 4)

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



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.

PreK Fall Storytime

Wednesdays, September 24 – December 3 at

4:30pm (no program October 29 & November 26)

Thursdays, September 25 – December 4 at

10:30am (no program October 30 & November 27)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Monday, September 29 at 4:15pm

Ages 3-5 years. September is Library Card Month! We'll read *The Library Fish* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli & Gladys Jose, create a library-themed craft, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's book drop area with the help of our friends in the Circulation Department.

Ten Apples Up on Top

Monday, October 27 at 10:30am

Ages 3-5 years. Join us for some fun math activities centered on the book, *Ten Apples Up on Top* by Dr. Seuss.

Bilingual Dia de los Muertos Storytime

Wednesday, October 29 at 10:30am

Ages 2-5 years. Join us for stories, songs and movement in both Spanish and English!

Zumbini Time with Tina

Mondays, November 10, 17 & 24 at 4:30pm

Ages 5 and under. Come join Zumbini Time With Tina for Zumbini! Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development, best for children ages 0-5 with adult participation. Register separately for each week.

Early Literacy Adventure: Owl Babies

Friday, November 21 at 11:00am

Ages 2.5 - 5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell & Patrick Benson, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

The Great Give Back Children's Clothing Swap

Saturday, October 11, 11:00am-3:00pm

From October 6-9, drop off your unwanted children's clothing. Clothing must be in good condition, clean, no odors, rips, holes or stains. Return on Saturday, October 11, from 11:00am-3:00pm to "shop" for free for what your family needs. You do not need to donate something to take something. We'll have fun activities to entertain children while you shop.

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

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

READ TO KAYA THE DOG

Mondays, October 6 & December 8 at 5:30pm

Grades 4-5. Come and make a new friend as you read your favorite book to therapy dog Kaya! Register separately for each program.

AUTUMN WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, October 7 at 4:30pm

Grades 1-3. Welcome the season with Fall wreath making! We will read *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make a colorful paper wreath to take home.

SCRATCH WITH CODING4KIDS

Tuesdays, October 14, 21 & 28 at 5:30pm

Grades 2-5. Join us for a 3-week series of fun coding classes, where children will create their own games using the popular Scratch program, led by Coding4Kids. Children can bring their own laptop or Chromebook, or borrow the library's if needed. Please plan to attend all 3 classes.

EXPERIMENTS WITH GRAVITY

Monday, October 27 at 5:00pm

Grades K-3. Let's take a good look at the concept of gravity! We'll read *Galileo's Leaning Tower Experiment* by Wendy Macdonald and then try some experiments of our own to see whether our assumptions about gravity match the reality of our conclusions.

HAND-PAINTED TREE CRAFT

Tuesday, November 4 at 3:00pm

Grades 1-4. Let's read *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphonie Beeke and paint fall trees. We will trace our hands for our tree base and add colorful leaves using paint brushes and cotton balls. [Note—we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

AUTUMN WELLNESS + TURKEY TAPE ART

Thursday, November 6 at 5:00pm

Grades 2-5. Join Ms. LaToya for a lively game of Movement Bingo, then create a very unique turkey using paint and tape!

DREAMCATCHERS

Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30pm

Grades K-3. As we learn about dreamcatchers, we will catch the bad dreams and let the good dreams pass through by making our very own!

LEGO™ CHALLENGE!

Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00pm

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

DONUTS!!!

Thursday, December 4 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-6. We will make, bake, decorate, and eat mini apple donuts!

Registration for our Winter Programs will start on January 7. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 14.