



Winter 2018 Children's Program Guide Pawling Free Library

DETAILS ON WHAT'S IN STORE...

Welcome Winter 2018 Programs

Children's Programs run January 16-March 16.
Registration can be Submitted January 5-10.

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful families! We here at PFL hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and that you're as excited to jump back into programs as we are!

Registration runs January 5-10 and placements will be announced on or before January 15. Even if you miss the registration window, contact children@pawlinglibrary.org, call 845-855-3444 or stop by our circulation desk to inquire about programs that still have space. Programs run from Tuesday, January 16th- March 16th. Monthly programs, such as the Second Saturday Book Club, will continue to run after this date.

Children's programs welcomes our teen coordinator, Kate Lambert, to our department. Kate will be taking on many of our programs for children in grades 3 and 4. We know she's got plenty of great ideas up her sleeve!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers ages 11+ to work with our Book Buddies program after school. Earn community service hours while helping our school age children learn to read with confidence. For more information, visit our website or contact Kate at teen@pawlinglibrary.org.



Babies, Toddlers, and Tots

Programs for children ages 3 and under, plus a caregiver!



Baby Bounce and Groove (birth - 18 mo. and a caregiver)

Tuesdays 10:00-10:45 am- Ms. Neena, Main Library

Young babies benefit from story time, singing, bouncing and dancing, and socialization. This is our regularly scheduled nine week program for our youngest patrons.

Toddlers in Training (18-30 mo. and a caregiver)

Thursdays 10:00-10:45 am- Ms. Neena, Main Library

Does your baby love to bounce and play? Join Ms. Neena every Thursday for an educational story, singing, and rhyming sure to get baby giggling. Ends with social play.

Mixed Age Story Time (2.5-5 years and a caregiver)

Fridays 10:30-11:30 am - Ms. Neena, Main Library

Designed to be developmentally appropriate across a variety of abilities and ages, this program incorporates sensory, art, storytelling, music, and movement all in one to prepare tots to read, write, and think critically. Worried about finding a caregiver to stay for the program? Speak to Ms. Neena about your family's needs.



Mini STEAM Masters- Season 2 (literacy/science program for children 3-4.5 years)

Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 pm- Ms. Neena, Main Library

What do you get when you combine literacy and STEAM programming? Lots and lots of learning! This program uses rotating weekly topics to engage young children's interest in materials and sensory experiences that help them learn to read and write.

Preschool Literacy/STEAM

Programs for children ages 3-5 aimed to help prepare for school

Book Blast! - Season 2 (entering kindergarten Fall 2018) Thursdays 1:00-2:00 pm – Ms. Neena, Main Library and Annex

Children need to know the fundamentals of reading in order to succeed in kindergarten. We'll play with letters, the sounds and words they make, and the stories they tell in this exciting program. Let's read together!

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After-School Workshops

Programs for children enrolled in grades K-4

LEGO Adventure Club

Grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2: Every other Friday, (1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, and 3/16) 4:00-5:00 pm- Ms. Neena, Annex

Perfect for the engineer inside of every child, our bi-weekly LEGO club allows free building guided by a weekly theme. Selected themes guided by elements of storytelling, such as characters, setting, and plot.

Surprise Me!

Grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2: Every other Friday, (1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9) 4:00-5:00 pm- Ms. Neena, Annex

Only the bravest souls dare sign up for our Surprise Me! program. Will we be cooking, art, or completing a silly STEM activity? The only way to know is to show up and be surprised! All activities designed with educational goals in mind.

Winter STEAM Club

Grades 3-4: Alternating Tuesdays (1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6) 4:00-5:00 – Ms. Kate, Annex

Learn about concepts like freezing points, relative density, symmetry, and chemical reactions while doing wintery ice and snow themed science experiments and art projects.

Legos and Little Bits Engineering Club

Grades 3-4: Alternating Tuesdays (1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13) 4:00-5:00 pm, Ms. Kate, Annex

Come unleash your inner engineer. Build independently or with your friends using Legos and Little Bits. There will be a new challenge each week, or you can build whatever wacky creation comes into your mind.

Minecraft Monday: 4th/5th Grade Minecraft Club

Grade 4: Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm, Ms. Kate, Annex

Our popular fifth grade Minecraft club is now open to fourth graders! Join in to play competitive games in either creative or survival mode. Limited space available.

Book Buddies

Grades 1-3: Ms. Kate, Main Library

One-on-one reading practice for new, reluctant, or struggling readers. Choose from one of two session times. Please plan to arrive 5 minutes early, as able.

Session A: Second and Fourth Mondays (1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12) 3:30-4 pm OR

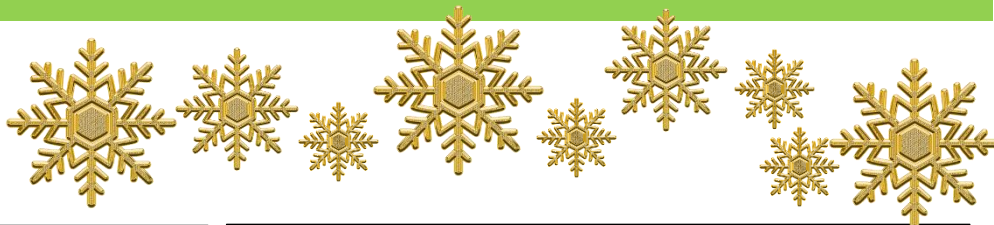
Session B: First and Third Thursdays (1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15) 4-4:30 pm

Do you have a child who could use extra support while reading? Maybe they are still learning or uninterested in books? Book Buddies is designed to help! This program gives one-on-one reading support to young readers in the form of teen volunteers. These buddies provide children with a relatable reading mentor. It inspires children not just to learn to read, but to use reading to connect and communicate with others. Teen and adult volunteers needed. Please email teen@pawlinglibrary.org if interested.



Family Programs

This stuff's not just for kids!



Homeschool Space

Families who homeschool with children of any age:
First and Third Mondays (1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12) 10:30-11:30 am- Ms. Neena, Annex

This program serves a wide variety of purposes and welcomes homeschoolers of all ages to create an inclusive space for adult discussion and child social learning. Loose activities, like community LEGO builds and group problem-solving challenges are designed for the children, freeing caregivers up to come together, support, and learn from one another. Topics of caregiver discussion and planned activities based on families' needs.

Local Author Night: Jennifer Lohrfink Morfea

Grades K-5* Caregivers invited but not required:
Saturday, January 27th 4:30-5:30 pm, Main Library
 Local author and teacher Jennifer Lohrfink Morfea will be stopping by the library to read her book, *The Little Hyena* and answer questions about writing and publishing her own book! The program will include a fun animal art project, led by the author. Stop by and transform a golf ball into a creature with us! *Want to attend but unable to find care for the younger members of your family? Contact Ms. Neena for special arrangements.



Dudes and Kids Day

4-8 years and a caregiver Saturday, 3/10 5:30-6:30 pm – Ms. Neena, Main Library

We're challenging dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other male caregivers to compete with the children in their lives at our Dudes and Kids Day! Participate in a variety of hilarious and fun 'minute-to-win-it' style challenges that aim to get men more involved in helping their children learn to read. Research shows that children learn to read more quickly and with greater skill when they have a male "father-figure" involved in the process. Even the most hesitant dads will enjoy spending some quality "dude time" with the children they love. Of course, mothers, grandmothers, and other non-male caregivers are welcome to attend.

Second Saturday Book Club

Grades 2-4 and a caregiver: **Every second Saturday of the month (2/10, 3/10 and continuing) 2:00-3:30 pm – Ms. Kate, Annex**

This is an adult-child discussion group in which adults and their older children share the experience of reading together. Prior to the book club meeting, read the selected book out loud together or read independently. Adults are encouraged to discuss the book with their child and share ideas and insight prior to the event. Reading and discussing books with a parent or guardian encourages a deeper understanding of the themes and content, as adults can provide historical and cultural perspectives.

At the Second Saturday event, attendees will participate in discussion questions, enjoy snacks, and do related activities. Books will range from classic children's fiction to new popular books.

Upcoming books:

2/10 *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

3/10 *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine

All books may be ordered through the library system. Help is available to find and check out needed materials; contact Kate at teen@pawlinglibrary.org or stop by the front desk for assistance.