

Youth Programs for Winter-Spring, 2010

Program registration is required for most programs. Due to the popularity of programs, families need to register in advance. The first week of registration is reserved for Milford residents. Non-residents may inquire on available space after the first week of registration. Your library card is needed for program registration.

Family Storytime



Children enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, bean bag and parachute activities during this 30-minute program. Recommended for children ages 2 ½ to 5, accompanied by an adult. Siblings of all ages are welcome to attend. There are 3 three-week sessions, and registration is required for each session. Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10:30 am; Thursdays at 1:30 pm

- Session I** January 12- January 28 Registration begins December 29
Session II February 9 – Feb. 25 Registration begins January 26
Session III March 16-April 1 Registration begins March 2

Baby Storytime

Introduce your baby to rhymes, books and music, and meet other parents with babies. For ages 6 to 17 months old. Parents are a child's first teacher, so learn how to build your child's language skills. No siblings please. Tuesdays from 9:40 to 10:00 AM.

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Session II February 9-Feb. 23 Registration begins January 26
Session III March 16-March 30 Registration begins March 2

Toddler Storytime

Stories, songs and movement activities especially for toddlers 18 to 30 months old. No siblings, please. Thursdays at 10:30 am. There are 3 three-week sessions, and registration is required for each session.

- Session I** January 14-January 28 Registration begins December 29
Session II February 11-Feb. 25 Registration begins January 26
Session III March 18-April 1 Registration begins March 2

Library Dogs – Read to a Service Dog

Selected Mondays 7:00 to 7:45 PM

January 18, February 15, March 15, and May 17

Schedule some time to read aloud to a trained therapy dog (For Better Independence – FBI Assistance Dogs). Children in first grade and up can read to a dog for 10 minutes. Bring a book or select one from the library's display. Registration begins two weeks prior to each date.



Wild Swan Theater Performs American Short & Tall Tales

Friday, January 29 11:00 – 11:45 AM at Highland Public Library OR

Friday, January 29 2:00 – 2:45 PM at Milford Public Library

Wild Swan Theater performs three tall tales that take us on a folklore journey across America! Meet Mike Fink and Sally Ann Thunder and other tall tale characters. For children ages 3 and up with an adult. No younger siblings or strollers admitted due to space constraints. Funded through a grant from Target© that was awarded to the Highland Twp. Library, Milford & Highland residents can register for the 11 AM show at Highland Twp. Library (call 248.887.2218 Ext. 4) or the 2 PM show at Milford Public Library beginning January 12.

A Fancy Nancy Valentine's Tea Party
Tuesday, February 2 10:00-11:30 AM



Get ready for Valentine's Day, and have fun making fancy valentine crafts. Wear your fanciest outfit, and sample fancy finger food with "tea." Hear Fancy Nancy stories and learn to say something in French. For ages 2 and up with an adult. Register beginning January 19.

Family Fun Days

Thursday, February 4 10 – 11:30 AM **Tuesday, May 4 10 – 11:30 AM**
Thursday, April 15 10 – 11:30 AM **Thursday, May 20 10 - 11:30 AM**

Duplo® blocks, puzzles, and lots of learning toys for all ages will be available in the Community Room. Drop in with your family and meet a friend for some play time at the library. Help your children get ready to read with learning activities. All ages with an adult. No registration needed.

Make Valentine Cards and Crafts

Thursday, February 11 3:30-5:00 PM



Make some Valentine cards and crafts for your family and friends. We will provide all the materials, and you provide the creative ideas! All ages with an adult. No registration needed.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Tuesday, March 2 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us for birthday cake, and hear your favorite Dr. Seuss book on "Read Across America Day." Make Seuss related crafts. The Cat in the Hat says, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild; to pick up a book, and read to a child." Meet the Cat in the Hat in person, and bring your camera to take a picture of your child with our favorite Cat. Families with children of all ages are welcome. No registration needed.

Legos® @ the Library

Tuesday, March 9 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM

Friday, April 9 10:30 AM

Bring your creativity and we'll bring the Legos® and Duplos®! Ages 3 and up with an adult. Limited to 15 children per program. Register 2 weeks prior to each program date.

Meet Author Nancy Hughes

Wednesday, March 24 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Participating in youth sports should be a positive learning experience that strengthens the self-esteem of young athletes, but sometimes team experiences are less than inspiring. Help your child learn strategies to strengthen self-esteem with local author Nancy Hughes. Nancy will read her book, *Coaching Matters* and discuss strategies for positive team experiences. The spring sports season is a great time to talk about building successful experiences on a sports team. For children ages 5 and up with an adult. Registration begins March 10.



An American Girl Pioneer Celebration: Farewell to Kirsten

Tuesday, April 6 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Kirsten Larson, one of the original American girl characters, is being retired and placed in the archives. Celebrate the pioneer spirit with crafts, games, and food inspired by Kirsten. For ages 5 and up. Limited to 20 children. Register beginning March 23.



Storyteller Pam Dawson

Wednesday, April 7 2:00-2:30 PM

Experience the magic of storytelling as Pam Dawson shares her favorite folktales and stories with audience participation. Pam is past President and a member of the North Oakland County Storytelling Guild. For children ages 5 and up with an adult. Registration begins on March 24.

National Library Week Storytime

Tuesday, April 13 7:00 – 7:30 PM

Celebrate National Library Week, April 11-17, with this special evening storytime for all ages with an adult. Milk, juice and cookies served after the stories. Register beginning March 30.

Celebrating Children's Book Week May 10-16 with special programs:

All Aboard with Thomas!

Tuesday, May 11 10:00 – 11:30 AM



Thomas the Tank Engine and all the little train fans will love playing with our wooden train set, listening to Thomas stories and making special Thomas crafts! Register beginning April 27.

Evening Storytime

Wednesday, May 12 7:00 – 7:30 PM



Stories old and new in this special evening storytime for all ages with an adult. Milk, juice and cookies served after the stories. Register beginning April 27.

Science 101 for Preschoolers

Wednesday, May 19 10:30-11:30 AM



Introduce your child to the wonderful world of science. Julie, Ogg, Parent Educator at Great Parent/Great Start Oakland, presents this interactive program for parent and 3, 4, and 5 year olds (not yet in kindergarten). No younger siblings, please. Register beginning May 5.

Make a Splash @ Your Library

Summer Reading Program June 5 through August 7

Join the Summer Reading Program, and have fun with water related activities. Registration begins on Saturday, June 5. A wide variety of programs for all ages will be available including puppet shows, a Teddy Bear Picnic and craft programs. A detailed flyer will be available by May 17. Middle school and high school students can volunteer to help with the summer reading program by leaving their names at the Youth Services Desk.

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