

# Drop-in Storytimes, Playgroup & Programs for Preschoolers

## Playgroup

Newborn-preschool ages with an accompanying adult.

**Fridays, January 15 – April 29**

**Drop-in anytime between 10:00 a.m.-noon**  
(No playgroup on February 12 and March 25)

Informal gathering for children, parents and caregivers. This is a great way to get out of the house and meet new friends. Books, puzzles, early literacy toys and music provided.

## Stories Alive

All ages welcome.

**Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.**

**January 19 – March 22**

Stories come alive in this fun and active storytime. Storytellers encourage children to use their imagination through the use of puppets, songs, fingerplays and a variety of creative activities.

## PajamaRama!

**Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m.**

**January 27 – March 30**

Bedtime stories with Miss Kathy. PJs, pillows and fuzzy slippers are optional.

# Registered Storytimes & Preschool Programs

## Rhythm & Rhymes for 2's & 3's

Registration begins January 4.

**Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.**

**January 21 – March 24**

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of stories, singing, dancing & more!

## Pre-school FUN Day

Ages 3-4 years with an accompanying adult.

Registration begins January 11 for all classes.

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of stories and early literacy activities with your child.

**January 27 – February 10** Print Awareness

**February 17 – March 2** Phonological Awareness

**March 9 – March 23** Vocabulary

## Sensory Storytime

Ages 4-8 year olds. Registration begins January 25.

Registration is limited to 10 children.

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

**February 9, 16 & 23**

Sensory Storytime is a fun and interactive program designed for children on the autism spectrum and SPD, and their parent or caregiver. We'll be combining books, songs, and movement in a sensory-friendly environment, including sensory manipulatives and accommodations for seating, lighting, and sound. Siblings are welcome.

## Baby & Me

Babies & toddlers not yet 2 years old with an accompanying adult.

Registration begins January 25

**Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.**

**February 15 – March 21**

Baby & Me is a special storytime for our very youngest "readers." Infants and toddlers and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, rhymes, finger plays – and other fun and age-appropriate activities that help foster bonding and a love of reading.

# Parents & Educators

## Bright Beginnings ~ Books Too Good to Miss!

**Saturday, March 19**

Registration for one or both classes begins February 29

Register online at: [waukeshapubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx](http://waukeshapubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx) or call: 262-524-3692.

Continuing Education Hours available.

## Books and Activities for:

**9:30-11:30** Preschool & Early Elementary Age Children

**1:30-3:30 p.m.** Babies & Toddlers

This workshop will be devoted to sharing new and can't miss books for young children. Library staff will present innovative and practical ways to use the best of this year's children's books, as well as some old favorites for curricular connections, and sharing one-on-one with children. The presentations will be geared toward teachers, early childhood educators, and parents who are interested in encouraging life-long reading skills in children.

## 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

For children who have not yet entered 5K.

Reading with your child will build a solid foundation of pre-reading skills that will ensure your child enters 5K ready to succeed in school. Babies and children not yet enrolled in Kindergarten are encouraged to sign up for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Program.

Stop by the Library to receive your reading log and learn more about the exciting early literacy activities that we have planned for you and your child. For more information, inquire at the Children's Reference Desk.



# Teen Zone

## Winter/Spring 2016 Programs

Teens in grades 7-12 are welcome.

Snacks will be provided for each event!

All events will be held in the Teen Zone, unless otherwise noted.

## Teen Events

**December 8**

Makerspace Winter Party @ 3:30 p.m.

**January 12**

Super Mario Bros. and Mario & Sonic Winter Olympics @ 3:30 p.m.

**February 9**

Anti-Valentine's Day Party @ 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room

**March 8**

Teen Tech Week: Minecraft Day @ 3:30 p.m.

**April 12**

Makerspace Day @ 3:30 p.m.

**May 10**

Super Smash Bros. Wii U @ 3:30 p.m.

## Teen Clubs

Teen Clubs meet in the Community Room.

**Teen Manga & Anime Club:** Third Tuesday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.

**Teen Advisory Group:** Last Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. (January- November)

**Teen Book Club:** Last Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. (January- November)

## Friends of Waukesha Public Library

Many of the programs offered in this brochure are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of Waukesha Public Library. Friends receive funds through membership dues, merchandise sales and donations. If you are interested in joining the Friends, pick up a brochure at the library or visit the library website.

WPL is committed to providing the highest degree of accessibility within its means. Please call 262-524-3746 at least two weeks prior to an event with any disability-related accommodation requests. Every attempt will be made to honor all requests.



321 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186

Children's Services: (262) 524-3692

Adult & Teen Reference: (262) 524-3682

**HOURS** Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Labor Day – Memorial Day)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Summer)

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (October – April)



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# Programs for Children & Families

Talk,  
Read,  
Sing!

# Fun for All!!

## Activities for All Ages

### Fantastic Flicks!

All ages welcome.

**Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.**

**January 2 & 30, February 27, March 26, April 23**

Join us in the Children's Program Room for popular and new DVD releases.

### Snowman Fun Day

Registration begins January 4.

**Monday, January 25 ~ School's Out!**

Age 6 & Under 9:30-10:30 a.m.    Age 7 & Up 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and winter games and activities.

### Scrabble Club

No registration required.

**Mondays, February 1, 15 & 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

The Scrabble game is fun, it's social, and kids learn vocabulary, math skills, teamwork, strategy and more. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Come to learn, or just to have fun. The Scrabble Club will meet in the Children's Program Room. No registration required ~ just drop in and play!

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Thursday, February 4, drop off stuffed animal 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

*Drop off your stuffed animal at a special storytime at 6:30 p.m.*

Is your favorite stuffed animal friend looking for new adventures? He or she will have a great time at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Enjoy an evening storytime for kids, families, and stuffed animals. . . ***then tuck your stuffed friend in for a sleepover at the library!*** You may pick up your friend on Friday morning after 9:00 a.m. We'll have photos of the stuffed animals' fun sleepover activities!

### Little Sweethearts Dance

Registration begins January 25.

**Friday, February 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Dance the morning away with your little sweetheart at this special event in the Children's Program Room. Learn family-friendly dances and enjoy light refreshments. Be sure to bring your camera and phone! We'll have photo props available.

### The Reach of the Rain Forest ~ Kohl's Wild Theater

**Saturday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.**



Travel to rainforests around the equator with two short plays wrapped together in a 45-minute presentation. It starts with a wild chase through a South American jungle in "The Spot of the Jaguar."

Next, audiences journey across the globe to the rainforests of Borneo to protect orangutans in "A Climb Through Time." Concepts presented include rainforest habitats, predator-prey relationships, benefits of rainforests and what kids can do from home to conserve these natural treasures.

*Sponsored by Zoological Society of Milwaukee and Kohl's Cares.*

### Seusspendous Celebration!

All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Wednesday, March 2**

**10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Families can stop by the library throughout the day and revel in all things Seuss. Children will enjoy crafts, games, movies and plenty of books written by this favorite author.

### ART Sundays

All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Sundays, anytime between 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**March 6, 13 & 20**

Drop in for informal art exploration and art activities for the entire family! Come for 30 minutes or stay for two hours. Each week we will focus on a different artist. All supplies provided.

### Trinity Irish Dancers

**Saturday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.**

Come enjoy the art of Irish dance with the Trinity Academy of Irish Dancers, complete with colorful costumes and festive dances. Enjoy a traditional Irish Jig, rhythmic, and traditional dances.

### Bunny Hop Family Dance Party

Registration begins March 7.

**Friday, March 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Get out of the house and get hopping to groovy tunes! Kids, bring your family for a morning of dancing and fun. Refreshments served.

### El Día de los Niños

**Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Help us celebrate! Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. We'll have fun activities and stories planned for families throughout the day.



## School Age Programs

### Game Days & Open Minecraft Play

All ages welcome. No registration required.

**Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**January 5 – April 26**

We've got the board games and Wiis...you just need to come for the fun! We have twenty iPads with the pocket edition of Minecraft available to children on a first come, first served basis.

### LEGO™ Club

Ages 5 years and up. No registration required.

**Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 3, 17 & 31, April 7 & 21**

Meet in the Children's Program Room to create, build and make new LEGO loving friends.

### Pokemon Club

**Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

**January 9, February 13, March 5, April 9**

Ages 5 & Up. No registration required.

Bring your Pokemon and join us in the Children's Program Room. You can bring your Nintendo DS to battle other Pokemon trainers, or bring your favorite Pokemon TCG deck to get some games in.

### Read to Rover

Ages 4-10 years. First registration begins December 28, 2015.

**Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon**

**January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 26, April 2 & 16**

Curl up with a dog & a good book! Register for a 15-minute time slot with one of our loveable volunteer therapy dogs and their owner/handlers. Registration for the later classes begins the day of the prior class.

### Think-Build-Create

All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

**Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 24, April 14 & 28**

The Children's Program Room will be turned into a maker space with materials available for children to explore, think outside the box, build and create. This is a drop-in program.

### Fun With Paper

**January 22** (Registration begins January 4)

**March 28** (Registration begins March 14)

**April 25** (Registration begins April 11)

5K-2nd Grade 1:30-2:15 p.m.

3rd-6th Grade 2:45-3:30 p.m.

What can you do with paper? The possibilities are endless...paper airplanes, origami, tissue paper flowers, noisemakers. Join us for one or all!

### Book Discussions ~ 4th/5th/6th Grade

**Mondays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

**February 8** *Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin

(Registration begins January 18)

**March 14** *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxie

(Registration begins February 8)

**April 11** *Unsinkable* by Gordon Korman (Registration begins March 14)

Books are provided by Friends of the Library and are yours to keep after you join us for the discussion. Hurry! These discussions fill up fast.

### Chess Club/Open-Play

No registration required for open-play.

**Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15 & 22**

**3rd-6th Grade: 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Emphasis is on fun rather than competition. Boards and pieces provided.

### Chess Tournament

**Tuesday, March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Register at one of the weekly open-plays.

### Minute to Win It! Challenge

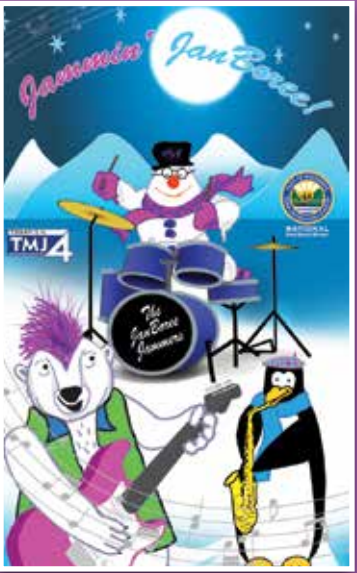
Registration begins March 14.

**Wednesday, March 30**

Age 6 & under 9:30-10:30 a.m.    Age 7 & up 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Have a minute...can you win it?!

Come play some of the fun challenging games.



### Jammin' JanBoree

**January 15-17, 2016**

**31st Annual**

The Library is joining in the fun! No registration required. Programs held at the Waukesha Public Library in the Children's Program Room.

### Drummin' with Tom Gill

**Saturday January 16**

**10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m.**

**& 11:30 a.m.**

Experience drumming like never before with Tom Gill! Bring your rhythm to life as you participate

in hands-on drumming with djembes, ashikos, and bougarabous! Fun for the whole family! Join us for one or more 30-minute performance.

### Party like a ROCK STAR!

**Saturday, January 16**

**Join us anytime between 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Children and families can show off their inner rock star at the Waukesha Public Library! We'll have everything you need to jam out with friends, sing karaoke, and create rockin' all-star crafts. Refreshments provided.

### Youth Art Month – March

Student art from the Waukesha School District will be featured in the library during the month of March.

Help us celebrate the creativity of these young artists and their teachers at a special reception on **Thursday, March 10, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Enjoy music, refreshments and children's art activities during the reception.

### Minecraft Club ~ Survival Mode

2nd-6th Grade.

Registration begins March 21 for all four classes.

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**April 5, 12, 19 & 26**

Children will be encouraged to explore new worlds and build things in survival mode.

### Giggle Poetry

4th-6th grade. Registration begins April 4.

**Monday, April 18, 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of Giggle Poetry – we'll share some fun and inventive poetry, and kids can create a silly poem of their very own!