

Summer 2020 Preschool and Family Programs

Preschool Storytime

Mondays in June and July 11-11:30am

Virtual Platform: Zoom AND Facebook Live*

Tiny Tales

Wednesdays in June and July 11-11:30am Virtual Platform: Facebook Live*

Especially for the little ones, this storytime will include songs, stories, and fingerplays for ages 0-2. Storytime will be held on Facebook Live.

Join us for stories, songs, and puppets! This summer, reading will take us everywhere! Best for ages 2-6. This event will be held live simultaneously using the online meeting platform Zoom, and also be streamed on Facebook. You can choose which platform to use.

To participate using Zoom, please register. Once you have registered, please check your email on the morning of the program for a link.

*To participate using Facebook Live, please visit https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV at the time of the program. Storytime kits (containing a colored dancing scarf and shaker) are available at the drive-up window beginning June 1, while supplies last.

Parent Cafe + Baby Play

Fridays in June and July 10-10:30am Virtual Platform: Zoom

Pick up a board book (to keep!) and an activity for your baby every week.

Join us for a Zoom discussion while your baby plays. An expert will be available to answer your questions about a different subject every week. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents while getting guidance from an expert. This program runs through July 24. Please check our calendar for updates on our weekly specialist. Please register.

Schedule of experts:

Friday, June 5 Sleep Specialist Beth Christensen from Happy Littles Sleep Consulting

Friday, June 12 Amber Peters, Director of Elgin Partnership for Early Learning (EPEL),

Friday, June 19 Julie Fors, Certified Doula at Journey Forward Birth & Parenting

Friday, June 26 A nurse from advocate Sherman will answer questions about baby care, when to call a doctor, and safety issues.

Every weekly bag of supplies will include: 1 board book to keep, 1 toy or activity for your baby, 1 activity guide. The first two weeks of supplies for this program will be available at the Drive-Up Window beginning Monday, June 1.

Silly Song Dance Party

Friday, June 26 Virtual Platform: Zoom 11-11:30am

It's time to giggle and wiggle! Join us for songs, stories, and dancing...all the while being silly! Participants will be able to dance and sing from their homes on Zoom. Best for ages 3-8. Please register.

Down on the Farm Dance Party

Friday, June 12 Virtual Platform: Zoom 11-11:30am

Join us for songs, stories, and dancing about the farm! Participants are welcome to wear their cowboy cats or animal costumes. Participants will be able to dance and sing from their homes on Zoom. Best for ages 3-8. Please register.

Programa de cuentos virtual en español!

Virtual Spanish Storytime
Los lunes/Mondays
Facebook en vivo/Facebook Live 6:30-7 pm

Acompaña a la Srta. Grisel en Facebook en vivo todos los lunes. Vamos a leer cuentos, cantar y habrá títeres. Favor de visitar: https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV

Join Miss Grisel on Facebook Live every Monday! We will sing songs, read stories, and listen to puppet shows: Please visit https://bit.ly/gbplFBLV at time of program.

Storytime will be available on Facebook to watch after live performance.



Family Programs

Concierto bilingüe: ¡Ser bilingüe ROCKS!/ Bilingual Concert: Being Bilingual ROCKS!

El lunes, 1 de junio/Monday, June 1 6:30pm - Facebook Live

¡Únanse a Alina Celeste y Mi Amigo Hamlet para una celebración musical en dos idiomas!/ Join Alina Celeste and Mi Amigo Hamlet for a musical celebration in two languages!

Family Friday: Dinos Friday, June 5 @ 2:00pm

Virtual Platform: Zoom

Join us for an interactive dinosaur adventure! This will be a multi-media virtual presentation where we bring the museum to you. Please register.

Family Friday: Get Excited About Science

Friday, June 12 @ 2:00pm Virtual Platform: Zoom

Steve B is going virtual! Be amazed with this interactive live demonstrations of chemical reactions from Steve B's Lab all the way to your home! Please register.

Family Friday: Virtual Farm Visit

Friday, June 19 @ 2:00pm Virtual Platform: Zoom

Sweet Farm is home to about 125 rescue animals. Join us on a virtual tour of the farm along with an opportunity to "meet" some of the animals there. Please register.

Family Friday: American Girl Party

Friday, June 26 @ 2:00pm Virtual Platform: Zoom

We are celebrating all things American Girl at our first ever American Girl Doll virtual tea party! Pick up your supplies starting on June 15 for your tea, snack, and craft! Dress you and your doll in your finest and meet us on Zoom! (Any dolls are welcome.) Please register.

Sesame Street Party

Friday, July 24 2:00-3:00pm Virtual: Zoom

Sesame Street rocks! Let's celebrate all of our favorite characters with crafts and more! Please register. A bag of materials will be available for pick up at the drive-up window starting June 15. Please register.



June Family Picnic with Singer Justin Roberts

Wednesday June 17 @ 7:00 pm Virtual Format: Facebook Live

Clap your hands and sing along to songs by one of your favorite children's recording superstars Justin Roberts.

Family Trivia Night: Disney! Thursday, June 18 @ 7:00pm

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Ready to test out your knowledge of Disney movies and characters? Join us for a trivia night for the whole family! Please register. A link will be sent out via email the day of the program.

Family Concerts: Little Miss Ann

Tuesdays, July 7th and July 21st 2:00pm

Virtual Format: Facebook Live

Join Little Miss Ann as she performs upbeat and interactive music at these special virtual concerts! No registration. Ann Torralba, aka Little Miss Ann, is an award-winning Chicago children's musician who's made five kids music albums. She is a former Chicago Public School teacher, a longtime instructor at Chicago's famous Old Town School of Folk Music, a mom, and a first generation Filipina-American.

Magic Show with Gary Kantor

Wednesday, July 8 @ 7:00pm Friday, July 17 @ 2:00pm Virtual: Zoom

Are you ready for an interactive magic show? Join us as we watch magic before our eyes. This event will run twice. Please choose either date. Please register.

A bag of materials will be available for pick up at the drive-up window starting July 1.

