



Spring 2019 Children's Program Guide Pawling Free Library

DETAILS ON WHAT'S IN STORE...

Time to read and play!

Children's programs run 4/8-6/1.

Register starting 3/28.

The Pawling Library is committed to providing free, educational, fun programs for children birth-grade four.

Spring programs run 4/8-6/1
Lottery registration: 3/28-4/3
Rolling Registration as space is available on or after 4/4.

Registration can be completed in person at the library circulation desk or online at <http://www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/children/programs/>

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New Parenting Books at the Library:

Check out these titles on popular topics.

Calm: Mindfulness for Kids by Wynne Kinder, M.Ed.

Viral Parenting: A Guide to Setting Boundaries, Building Trust, and Raising Responsible Kids in an Online World by Mindy McKnight

Mindfulness for Kids: 30 Fun Activities to Stay Calm, Happy and in Control by Carole P. Roman and J. Robin Albertson-Wren



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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

Early literacy is an important part of a baby's healthy development. We read, sing, babble, and bounce together. Learn resources to use at home. Ends with social play.

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

Thursdays 10:00-10:45 am – Ms. Neena

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 and time for parents to connect.

Twoodalos Twos! (2.5-3.5 years and a caregiver)

Fridays 9:30-10:30 am OR 10:45-11:45 am

– Ms. Neena

On Friday mornings, the toddlers rule the library! Based around play pedagogy, this program incorporates sensory, art, storytelling, music, and movement all in one to prepare toddlers to read, write, and think critically.

Play Space (2-5 years and a caregiver)

Wednesdays, except 4/24,

10:30-11:30 am – Ms. Neena

Teachers say that the skills that lead to the most student success in school are their social and emotional skills. Join us to help develop these skills, all while children play! This supervised hour of fun provides a large space and toys.

Art Exhibition

Coming soon to the Children's Area

Starting March 29, an interactive sculpture created by local artist John Charczuk will be on display in the children's area of the library. Several other smaller installations are already in place and will be **on display for several weeks**. See if you can spot Shrek and Donkey anywhere!

Charczuk's main sculpture, pictured here, is designed to be interactive and made out of antique metal items used in everyday life. While the sculpture visits our library, we ask that **adults closely supervise any interactions children have with the art**.

We also ask that you take note of any notices about **temporarily relocated programming**. While the installation is in place, some children's programs usually held in the children's area may be relocated to the Library Annex. This is the yellow house next door. If you register for any programs that will be moved for the duration of the exhibit, Ms. Neena will contact you directly before the first class.



Preschool Literacy

Kindergarten readiness for ages 3-5

Play Space (2-5 years and a caregiver)

Wednesdays, except 4/24, 10:30-11:30 am

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Read and Play (3-5 years)

Thursdays 1:00-2:00 pm – Ms. Neena

We love stories! Each week, we will dive into gorgeous picture books and have fun making connections to what we read. Program includes art or sensory activity, songs, and more. All activities designed to help foster a love of reading and prepare children for kindergarten.

Homeschool Space

Collaborative, parent-driven, and fun!

Homeschool Space

(Families who homeschool)

Alternating Fridays (4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31)

1:00-2:00 pm – Ms. Neena

This program welcomes homeschoolers of all ages to create an inclusive space for discussion and social learning. Activities based around family's needs are implemented, freeing caregivers up to come together and talk. This season, the focus will be collaborative activities and celebrations.

School Age Workshops

Programs for children enrolled in grades K-4

LEGO Free Build Club (Grades K-4)

Alternating Thursdays (4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 5/30)

4:00-5:00 pm – Ms. Neena

LEGOs everywhere! Participants can free build with our collection of thousands of LEGO pieces or try their hand at Ms. Neena's weekly challenge.

Circuit STEAM Art (Grades K-2)

Alternating Thursdays (4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23)

4:00-5:00 pm – Ms. Neena

Hands on science learning, with an artistic twist. We'll experiment with paper circuit cards and the library's newest STEAM resource, Squishy Circuits' electric dough!

Story Art (Grades 1-4)

Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm – Ms. Carla

A fun-filled hour of reading, creating, and art. Each week, we'll read a book and do a related craft activity. If you liked Active Art, this one is for you.



Fantasy, Fables, and Fun! (Grades 3-4)

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm – Ms. Carla

For lovers of dragons, mythology, fantasy, and games. This weekly quest will focus on literacy and relating what we read to how we imagine and play, featuring the most mythical of beasts.

Minecraft Monday (Grade 4)

Mondays, starting 4/22, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join in to play competitive games in either creative or survival mode. No experience necessary. Minecraft is rated for ages 7+. This program will begin when teen programs start, and will be taught by our new teen programmer.

Special Events

This stuff's not just for kids!

Kid's Cupcake Challenge (Grades K-4)

Saturday, 4/13, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Stop in after the town egg hunt for a sweet treat! In the style of the hit *Kid's Baking Championship*, participants will overcome goofy challenges and daunting obstacles to create the most beautiful cupcakes imaginable. Who will be crowned the Kid's Cupcake Champion?

Color-Changing Slime (4-9 years)

Saturday, 5/4, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

Thermochromic slime changes colors when the temperature changes. We'll make and experiment with this unique slime, figuring out what temperature causes the cool color shifts.

Mommy and Me Painting

(3-9 years and a caregiver)

Saturday, 5/11, 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Any caregiver welcome. Celebrate Mother's Day decorating matching Mason jar mugs. Whether you make them the same or different, you'll always have them to share. Perfect for any parent-child pair in need of a special day together.



Myth or Truth: Graphic Novels and Literacy

Graphic novels and comics help children read better, all while appealing to their interests

Have you noticed that our junior's graphic novel section has been growing? It contains some of our most popular titles for grades K-6! And for good reason—graphic novels appeal to kids who may otherwise not be interested in reading and provide literacy support not found in traditional chapter books. Here's how:

- **Pictures provide context clues.** Should a reader come across an unknown or difficult word or idea, pictures add hints that help kids figure out the unknown and fill gaps in their knowledge.
- **We remember images.** Researchers have found that most people remember images better than words. Seeing *and* reading makes it easier to remember information, helping kids keep track of complex plots at an earlier age.
- **Familiar characters, like superheroes and TV cartoons, star** in many graphic novels. Their presence helps kids who don't like or struggle with reading feel comfortable and confident in their ability to predict some of what will happen in the text.

MYTH: Graphic Novels are just for boys

There are entire series of graphic novels starring strong girls accomplishing great things. Children, no matter their gender, can enjoy graphic novels.

MYTH: Graphic Novels aren't for early readers

While most popular graphic novel series were created for those with a third grade or higher reading level, there's tons of great ones designed to engage children who are still learning the basics of reading.

Our Picks for Grades K-2

- *Where's Halmoni?* by Julie Kim
- *Tiger Vs. Nightmare* by Emily Tetri
- *Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths* by Graham Annable
 - *Bolivar* by Sean Rubin

Picks for Grades 3-5

- *Scooby Doo Team Up Series* by Sholly Fisch
- *Hex Vet: Witches in Training* by Sam Davies
 - *DC Superhero Girls* by Shea Fontana
 - *NewsPrints* by Ru Xu