



Spring 2022 Children's Program Guide Pawling Free Library

DETAILS ON WHAT'S IN STORE...

Spring programs start 04/07!

Registration required. Join anytime.

Our library offers free, educational, and engaging programs for all ages. This guide outlines our spring programming for children birth through elementary school. Weekly programs will run 9 weeks, ending June 3.

Registration is as space is available. Registration can be completed online from this document or by contacting us via phone or in-person. Click the name of a program to be taken to the registration for that event.

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Thank you Dutchess County & Community Playthings!

We are so grateful to Dutchess County and Community Playthings for their generosity. With their help, we have added early learning play materials to our courtyard for use in our programs with toddlers and preschoolers.

With a sensory play area and outdoor blocks, this area is sure to be a hit during play groups and story times!



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Early Learning In-Person

Programs for children ages 5 and under and their caregivers

Baby Bounce and Groove

(Birth - 18 mo. and a caregiver)

Tuesdays 10:00-10:45 AM – Library Annex

Join us for stories, rhymes, and baby movement. We'll focus on the keys for early literacy—singing, reading, talking, playing, and engaging with caregivers. [Register here.](#)

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

Thursdays 10:00-10:45 AM – Mixed location

No Class 4/14

Interactive story time featuring puppets, instruments, and elements of music & movement. Program ends with play. This program may be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows or indoors if conditions are poor. [Register here.](#)

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

Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 AM – Mixed location

No Class 4/15

On Friday mornings, toddlers rule the library! This program includes songs, stories, and games plus a play based learning activity, like art or sensory play. This program may be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows or indoors if conditions are poor. [Register here.](#)

Read and Play (3-5 years and a caregiver)

Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM – Mixed location

Our small group will focus kindergarten readiness through a combination of hands-on activities and group story time. This program may be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows or indoors if conditions are poor. [Register here.](#)

Play Space (2 - 5 years and a caregiver)

Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM – Mixed Location

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 program is designed to ease the transition to daycare, preschool, and especially kindergarten. This program will be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows but move indoors if conditions are poor. Paid for in part by Dutchess County. [Register here.](#)



Meet Mo Willems' Piggie and Gerald

(All ages and a caregiver)

Saturday, 6/11, 10:30– 11:30 AM – Mixed Location

Elephant and Piggie fans, this one is for you! Meet the iconic duo and listen to one of their stories at this Pawling Community Weekend event! Paid for in part by Dutchess County. [Register here.](#)

Early Learning Kits

Take learning home with popular pre-prepped kits
Kit materials differentiated based on child's age

Flower Garden Play Dough (Ages 2-5 and caregiver)

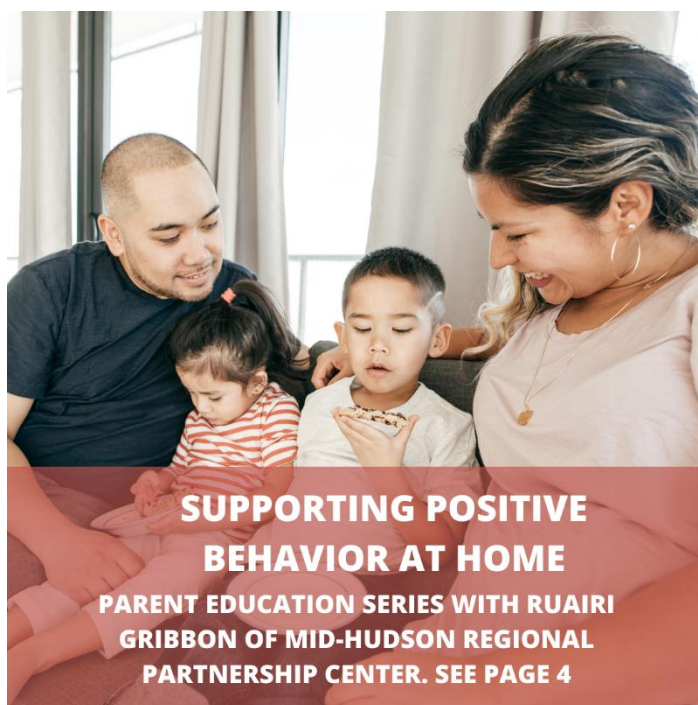
Available week of 4/29

Use this craft once or over and over again! Create your own flower garden and letters together with playdough and add-ins like oversized buttons, pipe cleaners, and more. [Register here.](#)

Graham Cracker Math (Ages 2-5 and caregiver)

Available week of 5/27

Snack time can be learning time, too! Practice sorting, graphing, and comparing with this kit, which will include several graham cracker type snacks. [Register here.](#)



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BEHAVIOR AT HOME**

**PARENT EDUCATION SERIES WITH RUAIRI
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PARTNERSHIP CENTER. SEE PAGE 4**

Elementary Events

Classes held in-person or digitally for grades K-5.

Wide World of Stories (Grades K-2)

Biweekly Mondays (4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 5/30)

4:00 - 5:00 PM – Library Annex

Take a trip around the world through stories. We'll visit a different country each week with books and fun connecting activities, snacks, and crafts. Please notify our staff of any dietary restrictions when registering. This program is also available as a take-home kit for those who cannot join us in-person. [Register here.](#)

Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Biweekly Thursdays (4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2)

4:00 - 5:00 PM – Library Annex

This club pairs favorite graphic novels with puzzles, art, and a relaxed atmosphere to talk about our favorite reads! Participants will need to read each session's book in advance. Book borrowing accommodated by our staff. This program is also available as a take-home kit for those who cannot join us in-person. [Register here.](#)

LEGO Club (Grades K-4)

Biweekly Thursdays (4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26)

4:00-4:45 PM – Live on Zoom

Calling all builders! Join us digitally to talk with other LEGO fans, show off your latest creations, and try your hand at our weekly challenge. [Register here.](#)

Homeschool Space (Grades K-5)

Last Friday of each month (4/29, 5/27, 6/17)

1:00-2:00 PM – Mixed Location

This program welcomes homeschoolers to get together and socialize while we play collaboratively, complete art activities and try learning challenges. This program will be held outside when possible. This session, the focus will be on "escape" games. [Register here.](#)

Symphony Storytime (Grades K-3 and a caregiver)

Saturday, 4/2, 4:30 - 5:30 PM – Main Library

The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra proudly presents Symphony Storytime, an entertaining and educational family program featuring musicians from the orchestra. The program pairs the reading of an award-winning picture book with music inspired by the story and performed by the musicians. The music will include familiar tunes, classical riffs, witty musical improvisations and funny sound effects – moving the story along at a lively pace. Children will also participate in activities related to the book and presentations on instruments of the orchestra. [Register here.](#)

Recycling in Dutchess County

(Grades K-5 and a caregiver)

Tuesday, 04/12, 1:00 - 1:30 PM – Mixed Location

Spend Spring Break learning to help our planet! Ever wonder what happens to the items we recycle? Want to know more about why we recycle? Dutchess County Recycling Educator, Kerry Russell will talk with us about why recycling matters and show us some of the ways recycled things are reused. Learn what types of things can be recycled in our county and what needs to be thrown in the trash. [Register here.](#)

What's Up, King Tut? The Myths, Treasures and Archaeology of King Tut-Ankh-Amun: Museums with Marisa (Ages 6 - 13)

Thursday, 4/28, 5:00 - 5:45 PM – Live on Zoom

A do-at-home papyrus/hieroglyphic activity will be available as an add-on to families who can pick them up from our library. Step into a time when papyrus grew along the Nile River and pyramids dotted the horizon in Ancient Egypt with this illustrated and engaging presentation. Our program focuses on the boy king, Pharaoh Tut-Ankh-Amun. Why is he so famous and do the curses really exist? We take a virtual tour of his tomb, and learn how it was discovered 100 years ago! [Register here to join the program.](#)

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Oceans of Possibilities with Magic Jim

(Grades K-8 and a caregiver)

Monday, 6/20, 3:30 -4:15 PM

In partnership with Pawling Recreation. Join as Magician Jim Vagias wows families with his tricks, humor, and puppeteering. This interactive program is paid for in part by Dutchess County and will be held at Lakeside Park, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling NY. [Register here.](#)



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Elementary Kit Programs

Pre-prepped activities with learning and fun in mind

Wide World of Stories Kits (Grades K-2)

Biweekly Kit Program (4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23)

Take a trip around the world through stories. We'll visit a different country each week through suggested reading activities, games, and snacks related to the places we visit. Please notify our staff of any dietary restrictions when registering. This program is also available as an in-person program. [Register here.](#)

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Supporting Positive Behavior at Home

A series of expert led parent and caregiver support programs teaching easy to use strategies.

Series: Supporting Positive Behavior at Home (For Parents and Caregivers of children and teens)

Select Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Library Annex

- *4/26- Understanding the Science of Behavior*
- *5/3- Setting Expectations and Teaching Wanted Behaviors*
- *5/10- Positive Reinforcement, Effective Error Correction and Other Behavior Strategies*
- *5/17- Intensive Support and Getting Help from Others*

Each session focuses on a different topic, listed above. Register for sessions individually or attend all four.

[Register here.](#)

As all parents know, managing children is not an easy thing to do. The good news is that scientists and researchers have discovered many strategies that can help manage and support the behavior of children. These classes offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn how to use these strategies at home to support positive behavior. Each session will be led by Ruairi Gribbon, the Director of the Mid-Hudson Regional Partnership Center. In this role, Ruairi and his team support schools and families in the Mid-Hudson Region, with the goal of improving positive outcomes for students with disabilities. He is also a part-time faculty member with Marist College's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Ruairi has 3 children of his own and has been presenting information related to student/child behavior to parents and teachers for ten years. He has previously filled the role of classroom teacher, instructional math coach, school building leader, behavior specialist, and central office administrator.

Battle of the Books!

Read and compete in a fun trivia competition.

Battle of the Books is an area-wide program for students currently in 4th - 7th grades. Participants read six pre-selected books throughout the spring and summer and compete as a team with other area libraries in trivia battles based on the books. All participants will receive paperback copies of the books to keep. The team will meet regularly (meeting days/times to be determined) throughout the spring and summer before the big battle in August! This is the only program of its kind that promotes team work and friendly competition based on reading. For more information, questions, and to join the team, please contact Maureen Meltzer-McGrath, YA Adult Program Coordinator at teen@pawlinglibrary.org.

