

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM WINTER PROGRAMS 2025

Family Programs

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Ages 12 and under. Win a prize for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup! Send a picture of your completed craft to vlkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Fun Family Storytime

Thursday, January 16 at 5:30pm

Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional!

Bring your favorite snuggly friend and the whole family for this fun storytime. Register separately for each program.

Winter Crafts at the Library

Ages 3 and up with adult(s).

January 13–19: Decorate a Martin Luther King Jr. Day peace heart to hang at home.

February 7–14: Create a Valentine for someone you love. No registration.

Celebrate African Dance on 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'!

Saturday, February 1 at 11:00am

All ages. Let's celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'! Join Chiku Awali for a joyous interactive celebration of West African music, dance, storytelling and jembe drumming!

LEGO™ DUPLO™ Open Building

February 15 – February 23

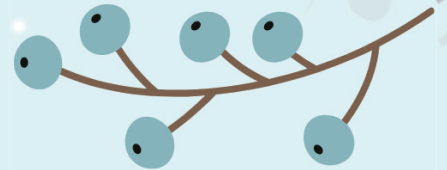
(no program February 17)

Drop in during Mid-Winter Break to create and build with LEGO™ DUPLO™ bricks! No registration.

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm

Grades K–5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.



The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Room any time to sign up, get more information, and your first reading record.

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am – 1:00pm

January 6 – March 17 (no program January 20, February 17)

Ages 5 years and under with adult. Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great way to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Winter Babies

Fridays at 10:30am, January 24 – March 14

(No program February 21)

Ages 2–17 months with adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30am, January 21 – March 11

(No program February 18)

Ages 18–35 months with adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Winter Storytime

Wednesdays, January 22 – March 12 at 4:30pm

(no program February 19)

Thursdays, January 23 – March 13 at 10:30am

(no program February 20)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Ages 3–5 years. Weekly storytimes including great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Music Together

Wednesdays at 10:30am on the following

dates: January 22 & 29, February 5 & 26, March 5 & 12

Ages 5 years and under with adult. Join Ms. Co for this fun-filled program that uses songs, movement and instrument play to engage children in music exploration while fostering a love for rhythm and sound. Together, you'll sing, dance and create music in a supportive, playful environment that encourages connection, creativity, and early childhood development. Register separately for each week.

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons

Friday, January 31 at 11:00am

Ages 3–5 years. Join us to read *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* by James Dean and Eric Litwin. Children will create a favorite button chart, play a button math game, fill a cat dot sticker picture, and use a lacing card for fine motor practice.

Elephants Cannot Dance! Party

Tuesday, February 18 at 4:30pm

Ages 3–6 years. Join us to read *Elephants Cannot Dance!* and *I Am Invited to a Party!* by Mo Willems. Children will play games, make crafts, and dance to fun music!

Toddler Science

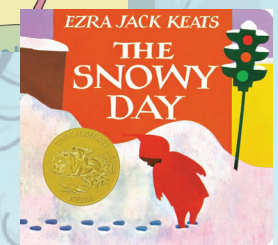
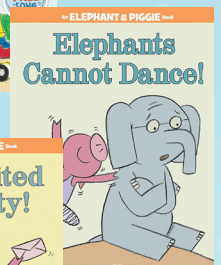
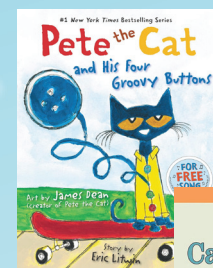
Tuesday, March 18 at 10:30am

Ages 2–3 years. Play and explore using your senses to discover the fascinating world of textures around us.

Early Literacy Adventure: *The Snowy Day*

Thursday, March 20 at 10:30am

Ages 2–5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills.



Registration begins on January 7 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 14. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN: BOOK CLUBS

Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Fun Fiction Book Club

Thursday, March 13 at 4:15pm
Grades 2–4

Zane: *Ninja of Ice* from the LEGO® *Ninjago* series, by Greg Farshtey. We will talk about this exciting book of ninja warriors learning the art of spinjitzu and we will make some ninja crafts.



Picture Book Worms Book Clubs

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm
Grades K–3

Thursday, February 6: *I Promise* by LeBron James, illustrated by Niña Mata. Let us read this inspirational book about making and keeping promises to ourselves, to stay true to who we are. Afterwards, we will do a basketball craft!



Thursday, March 6: *The Magical Yet* by Angela DiTerlizzi, illustrated by Lorena Alvarez Gómez. This beautiful picture book teaches us the power in accepting what we can't do...yet! We will read the book and then we will make a "magical yet" potion that we will drink.



The Wild Robot Book Club

Thursday, February 27 at 4:15pm
Grades 3–6

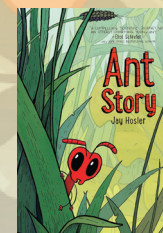
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. We will talk about this novel after we go on a heartwarming journey with robot Roz. Then we will make marshmallow robots.



Graphic Novel Nation Book Club

Thursday, March 20 at 4:15pm
Grades 3–6

Ant Story by Jay Hosler. Who likes ants? We will enjoy this cute story of Rubi and learn about the world's tiniest insects. Then we will make a walking ant!



S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)

YOU'VE GOT MAIL: PEN PAL PROGRAM

January 9 – March 18

Grades 2–3. Embrace the art of writing letters and connect with other children! Valley Cottage Library is partnering up with Nyack Library to bring kids from 2nd and 3rd grade together as pen pals! Pen Pals will be matched with kids from different NSD elementary schools. Starting January 9th, you can pick up your very own writing kit with fun prompts and supplies! Please register online. For Nyack School District residents only. Registration begins on December 9 and ends on January 6.

LEVITATING PING-PONG BALL

Wednesday, January 15 at 4:15pm

Grades K–3. Let's create a craft to levitate a ping-pong ball and see how high we can lift it.

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Tuesday, January 21 at 5:00pm

Monday, March 10 at 5:00pm

Grades K–5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks—a different theme each time! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library. Register separately for each program.

SCRATCH WITH CODING4KIDS

Mondays, January 27, February 3

and February 10 at 4:30pm (3 week series)

Grades 2–5. Join us for 3 weeks of fun coding classes, where children will create their own games using the popular Scratch program, led by Coding4Kids. Children can bring their own laptop or Chromebook, or borrow the library's if needed. Please plan to attend all 3 classes.

WINTER WELLNESS + ART PROGRAM

Thursday, January 30 at 5:00pm

Grades K–5. Join Ms. LaToya for a lively game of Movement Bingo, then decorate a colorful bag, and finish by creating Aromatherapy Winter Stress Balls to take home—keep the mindfulness going all winter long!

VALENTINE'S CARDS

Tuesday, February 11 at 4:30pm

Grades K–2. Join us for a sweet Valentine's story, then we'll create Valentine's cards for our loved ones and for local nursing home residents as well.

VALENTINE ART

Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00pm

Grades 3–5. Join us to create beautiful Valentine's cards inspired by the abstract art of Wassily Kandinsky! *[Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock]*

SUPA AWESOME DOG MAN PARTY

Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00am

Grades 1–5. Ever wanted to invent something in Petey's Lab? Learn how to draw Dog Man? Make a Flip-o-Rama? Come show off your Dog Man expertise!

WINTER VILLAGE CRAFT

Tuesday, February 25 at 4:30pm

Grades K–3. We will read *Winter is Here* by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek and then create a winter village using a variety of materials including colorful paper, colored buttons, white cotton balls and more!

STEAM + BOOKS TRIVIA GAME

Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30pm

Grades 3–5. The categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Books! Let us have some fun with some trivia!

PAINT & PLANT

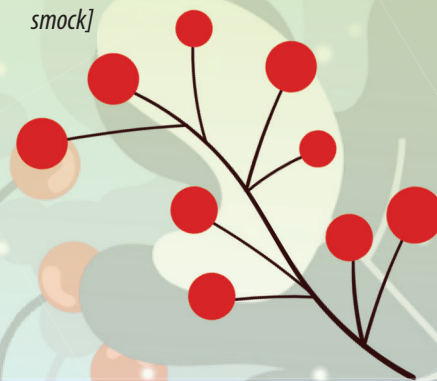
Friday, March 14 at 11:00am

Grades K–5. Join Ms. Azure for a fun mindful activity that will allow children to tap into their creativity while teaching them the self-sufficient skill of planting and nurturing seeds. Children will paint a trough, plant herb seeds, then go home with instructions to care for their seeds until harvest. *[Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock]*

BIRDHOUSE CRAFT

Tuesday, March 18 at 4:30pm

Grades K–3. We will read *Bird House* by Blanca Gomez and create a milk carton birdhouse to hang outside to feed the birds. *[Note: we will get a bit sticky and messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock]*



Registration for our Spring Programs, March 23 – June 21, will start on March 12.