

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM FALL PROGRAMS 2024

Family Programs

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.)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

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

Fun Family Storytime

Thursday, September 26 at 5pm

Tuesday, October 29 at 5:15pm

Monday, November 25 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.

Eyes of the Wild Animals

Monday, October 14 at 11am

Ages 3 and up. Meet and touch live animals with Eyes of the Wild! Families will be educated and entertained learning about a variety of animals. This is where animals, education and fun collide!

Not So Spooky Halloween Concert

Saturday, October 19 at 1pm

All ages. Wear your costume as we get in the spirit for Halloween! The Up Past Bedtime Band are kicking off the Halloween season with some seriously silly – and only slightly spooky – family music! It's the perfect way to celebrate Halloween without the shivers.

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, November 5

All ages. Drop by the Children's Room to vote for your favorite book character! A chance for children of all ages to be part of the democratic process and get a voting sticker. No registration.

School Closing Craft

Monday, November 11 all day

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Drop in all day to create a cool Fall craft. No registration.

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30pm

Grades K-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your family on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and it will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.



Kids' Yoga with Tatyana

Mondays, November 18, December 2 & December 9

4:30pm: ages 2-5 years with adult

5:15pm: ages 6-9 years

Join Tatyana for a yoga class that is specifically designed for children. This program helps to increase their confidence and positive self-image, develop body awareness, all while having fun in a non-competitive environment. Register separately for every single week.

Registration starts December 1
for Food-Free Festive Decorations and
Make a Gingerbread House.

Please register for only one of these programs.

Food-Free Festive Decorations

Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30pm

Ages 2-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, food-free gingerbread house placemat and a doorhanger to take home! This program is great for families who need to avoid a gingerbread food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 12 at 5:30pm OR Saturday, December 14 at 2pm.

Ages 3-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, edible gingerbread work of art as a family to take home!

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10am-1pm

September 9 – December 18

Ages 5 and under. 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.

Autumn Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am, September 20 – December 6

(No program October 18, November 1, & November 29)

Ages 2 mos.-17 mos. w/adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am, September 17 – December 3

(No program October 29, November 5, & November 19)

Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.



PreK Fall Storytimes for ages 3-5

Wednesdays, September 18 – December 4 at

4:30pm (no program October 30 & November 27)

Thursdays, September 19 – December 5 (no

program October 31 & November 28)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Weekly storytimes for ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for every single week.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Monday, September 16 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-5 years. September is Library Card Month! We'll read *No Cats in the Library* by Lauren Emmons, create a library-themed craft, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's book drop area with the help of our friends in the Circulation Department.

Sing & Sign with Fran

Mondays, September 23, 30, & October 7 at 4:30pm

Ages 4 and under w/adult. Sing, sign, jump, dance and march your feet around the room with Ms. Fran! Let's have fun together while we move and groove to our instruments and guitar while learning simple sign language. Register separately for every single week.

Language Builder Workshop

Tuesday, October 29 at 10:30am

Ages 0-3 years. Does your child need help with communication? Increase your child's expression and comprehension of the world around them through targeted play, guided by an experienced NYS Bilingual Speech Language Pathologist.

Early Literacy Adventure: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Friday, November 15 at 11:30am

Ages 2-5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills.

Toddler Science

Friday, December 13 at 10:30am

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



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.

Registration begins on September 6 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 13. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottageibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

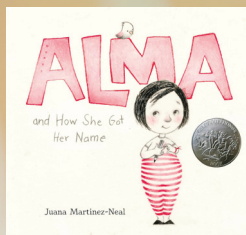
Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Grades K-3

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

September 19: *Alma and How She Got Her Name*

by Juana Martinez-Neal. We will read and learn the meaning of Alma's name. Then we will discuss the meaning of our names while we do a name craft!

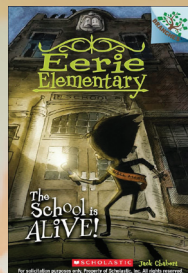


Fun Fiction Book Club for Grades 1-4

Thursday, October 24 at 4:15pm

Eerie Elementary: The School is Alive! by

Jack Chabert, illustrated by Sam Ricks. Let's go through the journey with Sam and the fight against his school. Then we will color our own haunted houses.



Graphic Novel Nation for Grades 3-5

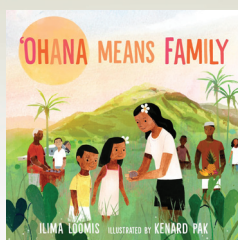
Thursday, November 14 at 4:15pm

Garlic & the Vampire by Bree Paulsen. Let's talk about Garlic's bravery to defeat the vampire. Then we will make our very own vampire.



November 21: *Ohana Means Family*,

by Ilima Loomis, illustrated by Kenard Pak. We will read and discuss the word "Ohana" and then color Hawaiian scratch cards.



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

FINE MOTOR FUN

Ages 5 and up. Color, write, cut and glue! Children can have fun while developing fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and mathematical basics. Each month the Children's Room will have new packets ready for pickup that include scissor skills, tracing activities, coloring, and more for children to do anytime. No registration. Packets available while supplies last.

CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE!

Monday, September 23 at 5:45pm
Grades 3-5. Come and have some laughs as we create an indoor obstacle course at the library using a variety of objects, and then test it out.

WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, September 24 at 4:30pm
Grades K-3. Welcome the season with Fall wreath making! We will read *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make a colorful paper wreath to take home.

LEGO™ CHALLENGE!

Select Mondays at 5pm
September 30, October 28, & December 16
Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks — a different theme each month! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

PLAYGROUND ADVENTURES

Wednesday, October 9 at 5pm
Grades 1-3. Let's look at some simple everyday machines in the world around us, then engineer some new creations that we'd like to imagine at our favorite playground!

CATAPULT BUILDING

Thursday, October 17 at 4:15pm
Grades 3-6. Let us put our engineering skills to the test and build a catapult. We will see how far and how accurate objects will fly.

BIRD HOUSE CRAFT

Tuesday, October 22 at 4:30pm
Grades K-3. Come build a two-dimensional bird house! We will read *Birds* by Kevin Henkes and create a decorative popsicle stick craft.

GROUP GAMES & GIGGLES

Monday, November 4 at 4:30pm
Grades K-2. Come and get the wiggles out with some fun, active group games, such as duck-duck-creation, freeze dance, and more!

DRUM ROLL PLEASE

Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30pm
Grades K-3. Drums are the most popular instruments of indigenous communities. We will learn about Native American music and then we will make our own drums!

COOKING CHALLENGE!

Thursday, November 7 at 4:30pm
Grades 4-8. Are you ready to try your hand at a cooking challenge? Get ready to break up into teams to solve some mystery recipes. Let the best team win! (Please inform the library of any food allergies when registering.)

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Friday, November 22 at 1pm
Grades K-5. Join us to read *Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade* by Melissa Sweet. We'll map out a parade route and make our own mini floats.

FALL ROCK PAINTING

Tuesday, December 3 at 4:30pm
Grades 1-4. Step into nature with Fall rock painting! Let's use our painting skills to paint rocks with a Fall theme. (Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.)

September is Library Card Month!
If your child signs up for a library card in September, visit the Children's Room Desk for a special prize!

Registration for our Winter Programs, January 1 through March 23, will start on January 6. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 13.