

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM SPRING 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 for children to do at home on their own anytime! Send a picture of your completed craft to vclkids@rcds.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Fun Family Storytime

Thursday, April 10 at 5:30pm

Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm

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.

Celebrate Earth Day!

April 14–22

Ages 3 and up. Children can drop in all week to create a fun craft to celebrate our amazing Earth. No registration.

Families + Games = Fun

Thursday, April 17 at 5:00pm

All ages. Come meet other families for a night of board games and card games with a variety to choose from.

Caring Cards & Crafts for Memorial Day

May 1–19

All ages. Drop in to make a card for a local senior citizen honoring service men and women on Memorial Day! Decorate a card, write a note and we'll give it to Meals on Wheels to deliver to seniors and brighten their day. No registration.



Guessing Jar

May 1–29

Ages 5–11 years. Can you guess the number of items in the jar? Come to the Children's Room and fill out a slip with your contact info as well as your guess! Winners will win a prize and will be announced at the end of the month. No registration.

Pegboard Art

June 8–14

Ages 3 and up. Drop in all week to create pictures with golf tees on a big pegboard! No registration.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up

to Kindergarten. 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, 10:00am–1:00pm

March 24 - June 16 (no program May 26)

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.

Spring Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am

March 28–May 16 (no program April 18)

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am

March 25–May 13 (no program April 15, April 22, & May 6)

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 Spring Stories

Wednesdays, March 26–May 14 at 4:30pm

(no program April 16)

Thursdays, March 27–May 15 at 10:30am

(no program April 17)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

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 each week.

Boogie Woogie Babies

Wednesdays, April 30, May 7 & May 14

at 10:30am

Ages 6 months–5 years. Boogie Woogie Babies is a Baby and Me dance class that consists of singing, working on fine motor skills, and dancing. Boogie Woogie Babies classes are a fun interactive way to socialize, learn, and burn calories, for both children and their adults! Register separately for each week.

LEGO™ Challenge for Ages 3-5

Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00pm

Ages 3–5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups on a Spring-themed project! We'll also play with color patterns. Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Earth Day Exploration

Tuesday, April 22 at 10:30am

Ages 2–4 years. Play and explore nature using your senses to discover the fascinating outdoor world around us. We will go outside, weather permitting. Warning: strong possibility of bugs and dirt!

Early Literacy Adventure: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30am

Ages 2–5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault, illustrated by Lois Ehlert, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills.

Registration begins on March 12 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins March 19. 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

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

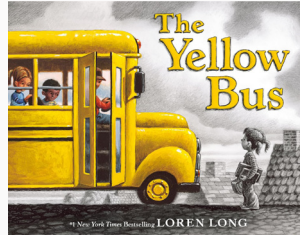
Graphic Novel Book Club Thursday, April 24 at 4:15pm Grades 3–5

Warriors: The Prophecies Begin by Erin Hunter and illustrated by Natalie Riess & Sara Goetter. We will read about this very special house cat named Rusty. Then we will make a warrior cat!



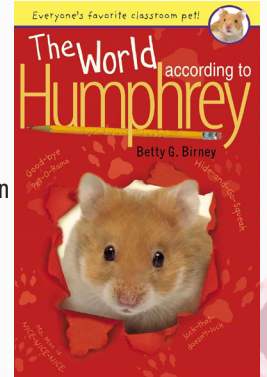
Picture Book Worms Book Club Thursday, May 1 at 4:15pm Grades K–3

The Yellow Bus by Loren Long. We will read this beautiful story about the life of a yellow bus. Then we will create our own yellow bus craft!



Fun Fiction Book Club Thursday, May 8 at 4:15pm Grades 2–4

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney. We will read all about Humphrey's adventure in school. Then we will create our very own Hamster craft to bring home.



Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Book Covers Tournament

April 6–12

Ages 3 and up. In Honor of National Library Week, Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries have selected 12 book covers total (6 from each library) for a book covers tournament for all of you to participate! The goal is to judge the book cover by its appearance. Vote in-person at Nyack Library and/or Valley Cottage Library, on our websites, or on our socials. May the best cover win!



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

WHAT IS MORSE CODE?

Monday, March 24 at 5:00pm

Grades 3–6. Let's take a close look at Morse code and make a bracelet with a special secret message to take home!



BLUEBERRY PIE DAY!

Monday, April 28 at 5:00pm

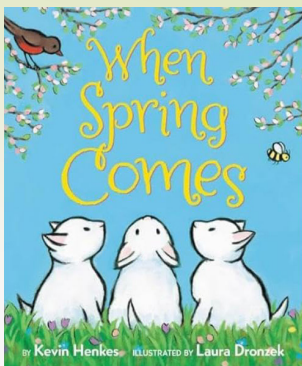
Grades K–5. Celebrate Blueberry Pie Day at the library! We'll measure, bake and eat: pie will be served! [Please notify staff if your child has food allergies.]



RECYCLED TOWER

Thursday, April 3 at 4:15pm

Grades 3–6. Let us build our own towers! We will look at pictures of different towers and you will build your own tower with recycled paper. You can make them as tall or as wide as you want!



TREE IN BLOOM CRAFT

Tuesday, April 8 at 4:30pm

Grades K–3. Join us at the library to make a fun craft together! We'll read **When Spring Comes** by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek, then create a beautiful Spring flowering tree with colorful paints. [Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30pm

Grades K–5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, May 27 at 4:30pm

Grades K–3. Join us to make a fun craft together! Let's read **A New Green Day** by Antoinette Portis, then make a wreath of flowers, bugs, birds and more to hang somewhere special at home.



Registration for our Summer Programs will start on June 11. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins June 18.