

Why do caregivers attend story-time?

Our very first (and most memorable) teachers are our parents and caregivers.

Children love to imitate their parents and others around them. In the same way that we teach colors or letters or how to say 'please', adults teach children how to behave in a group or classroom.

We encourage you to sing along and move with us. Don't be nervous if you can't sing or feel silly - we are all in this together and the kids love it!

Seeing you participate will inspire your child to join in and it will inspire other parents to do the same.



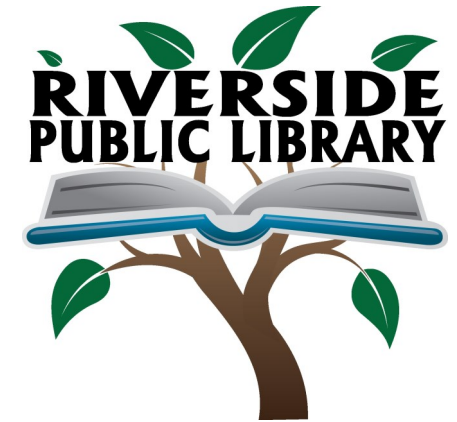
The Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children suggest 5 ways to get

Every Child Ready to Read!**

1. **Talking:** Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information. It also keeps families more connected.
2. **Singing:** Songs are a natural way for children to learn about language and it's fun. No worries if your voice is not rock star perfect — kids won't even notice!
3. **Reading:** Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read. You're never too old to enjoy listening to a good book.
4. **Writing:** Writing and reading go together and help children learn that written words stand for spoken language. Scribbling and drawing are forms of writing too and have meaning to your child.
5. **Playing:** Playing is one of the primary ways young children learn about how the world works. It also helps them learn language and think symbolically -- "this box is a rocket ship".

** Source:

<http://www.everychildreadytoread.org>



Spring 2017 Story-time Schedule



Riverside Public Library
Children & Youth Services

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Story-times are for Riverside residents and District 96 families only.

Story-times & Programs for Young Children

What is story-time and why is it important?

Story-time is a great chance to have fun with a child while also teaching them valuable skills that they can use for the rest of their lives like:

- a love of words, stories, and musical play,
- listening skills that lead to reading,
- physical coordination through play,
- very early social skills, and
- the ability to participate in a group.

Our sessions are geared with each developmental stage in mind. No matter the age, children and caregivers will enjoy music, rhymes, movement and stories together. It is never too early to read with a child.



MINI MOVERS STORY-TIME

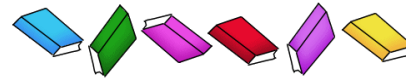
Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Session I: February 21 through March 21
(already in session)

Session II: April 4 through May 2
(REGISTER starting March 28)

Toddlers up to age 3 with their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.

Registration is required*



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN STORY-TIME

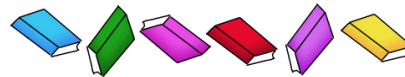
Tuesdays at 10:10 am

Session I: February 21 through March 21
(already in session)

Session II: April 4 through May 2
(REGISTER starting March 28)

Children aged 3-5 years join the librarian for enriching stories and activities.

Registration is required*



LAPSIT STORY-TIME

Tuesdays at 10:50 am

Session I: February 21 through March 21
(already in session)

Session II: April 4 through May 2
(REGISTER starting March 28)

Babies and toddlers sitting with their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.

Registration is required*

STORY-TIME FOR EVERYONE!

Every Friday through May 5 at 10 am

All ages are welcome for this drop-in story-time.

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.

No registration necessary.

NOTE: No story-time on March 31.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORY-TIME

First Saturday of the Month

March 4, April 1, May 6, 10 am

Bring the family for this drop-in family story-time followed by a special activity each week.

No registration necessary.



LITTLE HANDS DROP-IN

Wednesdays

Stories at 9:30 am,

Activities from 9:45 - 11 am

Through May 3**

Children and caregivers can stop by for stories and hands-on creative play – things might even get messy! Open to all ages: best for kids 1 to 4 years old. Come for the whole time or just for a bit.

No registration necessary.

**NOTE: On March 29 come to a special "Big and Little Hands", where the big kids home over Spring Break can have fun too!

*To register for programs please sign up by phone: 708-442-6366, by email: youthservices@riversidelibrary.org or online: www.riversidelibrary.org.