

The DPL Youth Times

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten is going Google!



Beginning August 1st, the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Challenge will no longer be tracked using Beanstack. Instead, patrons will register and log their progress in person at the Youth Services desk or with a Google Form. If your child was previously enrolled in the challenge, their information will be transferred over.

Reading together is one of the best ways to prepare your child for learning to read on their own. Reading aloud with your children teaches them how books work, exposes them to new vocabulary, and establishes an early appreciation for reading. Our Wall of Fame with past finishers will be updated in early September. To sign up, visit the YS Desk or visit our website at www.derbylibrary.com/1000BBK.



Almost 10 years in the making, the Rhythm & Read Park is opening SOON! The park will be a 16,000 sq. ft. pocket park featuring covered seating, an event lawn, interactive musical instruments, and an accessible splash pad. Make sure to check out the beautiful mural created by local artists, Mark and Mary Ward.



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Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

A 30-minute early literacy program for children age 3-5. Read books, sing songs, learn fingerplays, and enjoy puppet shows!

An accompanying adult must remain in the early literacy area and is encouraged to participate.



Ages 3-5 years

Tuesdays 10 a.m.

September 9 - December 2

Early Literacy Area

No programs November 11 or November 25.

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

September 10 - December 3

Early Literacy Area

No program November 5 or November 26.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

During the week of November 17-21, the Youth Services staff will read the book *Little Nita's Big Idea* by Anna W. Bardaus during Preschool Storytime and Toddler Time. Each family attending these programs will receive a free copy of the book courtesy of the Friends of the Derby Public Library.



Programs, events, and classes may be photographed or video recorded for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Baby Storytime

Baby Storytime is a 20-minute early literacy program designed for a parent or caregiver and their baby age birth to 12 months. Each week parents and caregivers and their babies will share board books, rhymes, bounces, and action songs that are consistent with infant development. All of these activities can be duplicated at home. It's never too early to work on early literacy skills!

Ages Birth - 12 months

Thursdays 10 a.m.

September 11 - December 4

Frank Fanning Room

No program November 6 or

November 27.



Building Blocks Read & Play

During this sensory storytime and play time, we'll share stories and provide opportunities for self-directed play in a safe environment. Your little ones will explore different shapes and textures, discover new ways to play, gain new skills, and learn to play well with others. Building Blocks Read & Play is for children aged 0 to 3 and lasts approximately forty-five minutes.

Ages 0-3 years

Thursdays 11 a.m.

September 11 - December 4

Frank Fanning Room

No program November 6 or

November 27.



Toddler Time

The perfect storytime for your toddler! Toddler Time is a 20-minute introduction to classic storytime elements, such as picture books read aloud, fingerplays, flannel board stories, and music for your 1-3 year old. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join in with their children and engage with books, musical instruments, and flannel board stories.

Ages 1-3 years

Fridays 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

September 12 - December 5

Frank Fanning Room

No program November 7 or

November 28.



Touch-a-Truck

All Ages

Saturday, October 18

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Library Parking Lot



Beep Beep! Honk Honk! Little ones (and big ones, too!) can climb aboard and explore vehicles of all kinds. Interact with community support leaders such as police officers, firefighters, and construction workers and see what it's like to be in their driver's seat. Enjoy storytimes during the event as well.

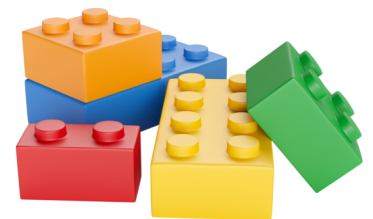
LEGO Party

Grades K-5

Monday, November 24

2-4 p.m.

Community Room



Join us for a LEGO Party during Thanksgiving break! We'll have a mountain of bricks ready for creative minds to build anything they can imagine, from towering spaceships to cozy cottages. Kids in grades K-5 are invited for a fun-filled afternoon of free-play in this two-hour come-and-go style program.

Adventures @ the Library

Grades K-2

Thursdays 4-5 p.m.

September 11 - December 4

Frank Fanning Room

No program November 27.



Everyday is a Holiday!

September 11 - International Chocolate Day

September 18 - Talk Like a Pirate Day

September 25 - Save the Koala Day

October 2 - Kids Music Day

October 9 - National Grouch Day

October 16 - International Sloth Day

October 23 - Hug a Sheep Day

October 30 - Halloween

November 6 - National STEM/STEAM Day

November 13 - National Camp Day

November 20 - Wolfenoot

December 4 - Santa's List Day

Every Thursday after school, we welcome kids in grades K-2 to enjoy a story, crafts, activities, snacks, and more!

Tween Zone

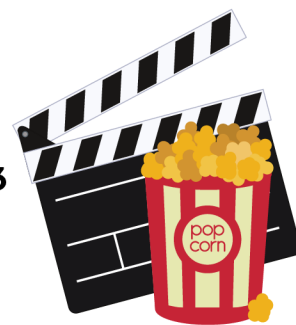
Grades 3-5

Wednesdays 4-5 p.m.

September 10 - December 3

Frank Fanning Room

No program November 26.



Movie Magic

September 10 - Night at the Museum

September 17 - Back to the Future

September 24 - Despicable Me

October 1 - How to Train Your Dragon

October 8 - Star Wars

October 15 - Jumanji

October 22 - Shrek

October 29 - Scooby Doo

November 5 - Inside Out

November 12 - Monsters Inc.

November 19 - Ratatouille

December 3 - Home Alone

Every Wednesday after school, we welcome our tweens in grades 3-5 to enjoy movie-themed crafts, activities, games, and snacks.

Family Night

Ages 3-7

Mondays 6:30 p.m.

Early Literacy Area

No program November 24.



September 8 - Sweet Stories with Curious George*

September 15 - Teddy Bear Tales

September 22 - Reading and Rainbows

September 29 - Welcome Fall

October 6 - Delightful Dogs*

October 13 - Cool Cats

October 20 - Stories with Gerald, Piggie, and Pigeon

October 27 - Halloween Fun!

November 3 - Dragons and Dinos*

November 10 - Donut Miss This Storytime!

November 17 - Silly Fairy Tales

December 1 - Cozy Christmas Stories*

Family Night is an evening storytime designed for children ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Come for a before bedtime sharing of books and music, followed by a family activity or craft.

*The first Monday of every month is Reading with Rover featuring therapy dog, Kasa!



Check out e-books and e-audiobooks from Hoopla & Libby with your library card!



Scan this QR code to download the KanShare Libraries app. Check your account, renew items, and place holds.



Teen Tuesday

Grades 6-12

Tuesdays 4-5 p.m.

September 9 - December 2

Community Room

No program November 11.



Teen Tuesday Finds Forest Friends

September 9 - Frolic with Foxes

September 16 - Rummage with Raccoons

September 23 - Observe with Owls

September 30 - Build with Beavers

October 7 - Bask with Bears

October 14 - Organize with Otters

October 21 - Crouch with Cats

October 28 - Roost with Ravens

November 4 - Scurry with Squirrels

in Frank Fanning Conference Room

November 18 - Run with Rabbits

November 25 - Explore the Forest Movie Day

December 2 - Mingle with Mice



Each week teens will enjoy after school snacks and participate in activities and games with chances to win prizes. Bring a friend!

Early Literacy Area

Pretend to make lunch in the play kitchen. Perform a puppet show. Put a puzzle together. Learn your letters with colorful manipulative toys. Play with toy animals, trucks, and giant blocks.

Early Literacy Area Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Teen Anime Painting Party

Grades 6-12

Sunday, November 2

2-4 p.m.

Community Room



Join local professional painter

Kim Peck in this painting party to create an 11 X 14 canvas of anime character Anya Forger from Spy X Family!

Learn how to use acrylic paints with basic brush sizes and techniques. All materials are provided.

Registration required and opens on October 13 at 9 a.m. Limited to 15 teens.

StoryWalk at High Park

Enjoy the great outdoors and a story at the same time. Read while you walk at High Park! Installed in 2017, the StoryWalk is a collaborative project by the library and the Derby Health Collaborative meant to encourage both literacy and healthy exercise. The book is changed out four times each year.



Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

New Time for 2025

Madison Avenue Central Park



Breakfast with Santa. Carousel rides. Crafts. Cookies. Pictures with Santa. Toy Train Display. Carriage rides. Inflatables. And more!



Check us out on social media!

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