Derby Public Library

# The DPL Youth Times

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## The Library is IN when School is OUT!

Kids out of school due to holidays, teacher inservice, or conferences? Need something to occupy your time? Visit the library and watch a movie or enjoy a family game!

### Not So Bored Board Games

**Friday, October 9**
**2-4 p.m.**
**Frank Fanning Room**

Forget dull afternoons! It's time to activate your brain and unleash your inner strategist! We'll have a wide collection of board games suitable for all ages. Students in all grades are welcome!

### Kids Cinema

**Monday, November 23** - The Lego Movie
**Wednesday, December 30** - Rise of the Guardians
**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
**Frank Fanning Room**

Join us for a Family Movie day! Feel free to bring blankets and your favorite movie snacks. Both movie selections are rated PG. Bring the whole family!

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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

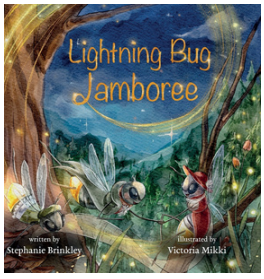
A 30-minute early literacy program for children age 3-5. Read books, sing songs, learn fingerplays, and enjoy puppet shows! An accompanying adult must remain in the early literacy area and is encouraged to participate.

**Ages 3-5 years**
**Tuesdays 10 a.m.**
**September 8 - December 1**
**Early Literacy Area**
*No program November 24.*

**Wednesdays 10 a.m.**
**September 9 - December 2**
**Early Literacy Area**
*No program October 28, November 11 or November 25.*

## Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

On November 17 & 18, the Youth Services staff will read the State Library of Kansas selected book *Lightning Bug Jamboree* by Stephanie Brinkley during Preschool Storytime.




## Books with Boofs

After Storytime on Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m., hang out with Library Therapy Dog Kyle Boofs. Read him a book! Give him a hug!

**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 10 - December 3**
**Frank Fanning Room**
*No program October 29 or November 26.*

# 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 Walking-3 years**
**Thursdays 11 a.m.**
**September 10 - December 3**
**Frank Fanning Room**
*No program October 29 or November 26.*

# Toddler Time

The perfect storytime for your toddler! Toddler Time is a 30-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 caregvers 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 11 - December 4**
**Frank Fanning Room**
*No program October 30 or November 27.*

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sign your child up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten today! 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 how books work, exposes them to new vocabulary, and establishes an early appreciation for reading. And you can earn fun prizes! To sign up, visit the Youth Services desk or register at our website www.derbylibrary.com/1000BBK

# 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.

# Adventures @ the Library

**Grades K-2**
**Thursdays 4-5 p.m.**
**September 10 - December 3**
**Frank Fanning Room**
*No program November 26.*

**I can be a...**
September 10 - Teacher
September 17 - Circus Performer
September 24 - Farmer
October 1 - Fashion Designer
October 8 - Exercise Instructor
October 15 - Astronaut
October 22 - Police Officer
October 29 - Scientist
November 5 - Doctor
November 12 - Librarian
November 19 - Chef
December 3 - Hair Stylist

Every Thursday after school, we welcome kids in grades K-2 to enjoy a story, crafts, activities, snacks, and more! Celebrating a different career each week.

# Tween Zone

**Grades 3-5**
**Wednesdays 4-5 p.m.**
**September 9 - December 2**
**Frank Fanning Room**
*No program November 11 or November 25.*

**Superheroes**
September 9 - Captain America
September 16 - Supergirl
September 23 - Big Hero 6
September 30 - Green Lantern
October 7 - Hulk
October 14 -Flash
October 21 - Ms. Marvel
October 28 - Batman
November 4 - Ben 10
November 18 - Miles Morales
December 2 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

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

# Family Night

**Ages 3-7**
**Mondays 6:30 p.m.**
**Early Literacy Area**
*No program November 23.*

September 14 - Elephants, Elephants, Elephants!*
September 21 - I Want to Ride My Bicycle
(*At Rhythm & Read Park)*
September 28 - We All Scream for Ice Cream!
October 5 - Let's Go! Planes, Trains, and Cars*
October 12 - Chilly Breeze and Fall Leaves
October 19 - Funny Farm Friends
October 26 - Hooray! It's Pumpkin Day!
November 2 - Unique and Remarkable You*
November 9 - Snug and Cozy Homes
November 16- Turkey Day Fun!
November 30 - Christmas Trees & Cocoa, Please!*

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 starred Family Nights will be special edition Reading with Rover events featuring Library Therapy Dog Kyle and friends from HAPI!**

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 8 - December 1**
**Community Room & Frank Fanning Room**

**Teen Tuesday is Going Places**

September 8 - Myths at the Museum
September 15 - Games at the Arcade
September 22 - Royalty at the Renaissance Faire
September 29 - Vibes at the Coffee Shop
October 6 - Animals at the Farm

October 13 - Emergency at the Hospital
October 20 - Critters at the Pet Shop
October 27 - Scares at the Fear Factory
(*in the Frank Fanning Room*)
November 3 - Wins at the Board Game Café
(*in the Frank Fanning Room*)

November 10 -Wonders at the Circus
November 17 - Treats at the Bakery
November 24 - Magic at the Movie Theater
December 1 - Building at the Toy Store

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

# Rhythm & Read Park and Splash Pad

Rhythm & Read Park is 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. The splash pad will close for the season on September 30, 2026. It will reopen on May 1, 2027.

RHYTHM & READ PARK

# Let's-a-Go to the Library!

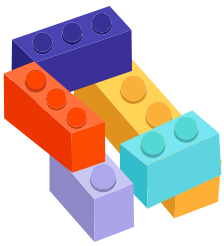
**Grades K-5**
**Saturday, October 3**
**1-3 p.m.**
**Community Room & Frank Fanning Room**

Level up on an adventure through the Super Mario universe! Enjoy themed crafts, interactive games, and a story in this action-packed program designed for children in grades K-5.
*No registration required.*

Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible caregiver aged 13 or older.

# LEGO Party

**Grades K-5**
**Monday, November 23**
**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.

# Christmas in the Park

**Saturday, December 12**
**9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**
***new hours***
**Madison Avenue Central Park**

CHRISTMAS in the Park
MADISON AVENUE CENTRAL PARK
Derby

Breakfast with Santa. Crafts. Cookies. Pictures with Santa. Toy train display. Musical performances. Carriage rides. The giant inflatable slide. And more!

Check us out on social media!

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