

Children's Programming



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Richland County Public Library • Columbia, SC

Children's Room, Main - 929-3434

Saturday Storytime for all ages

Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family to enjoy.

10:30 a.m., Saturdays, January 3 – May 30

Toddler Storytime for two-year-olds *

Stories and fun for you and your child.

10:30 a.m., Mondays, January 5 – February 9

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, February 26 – April 2

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, April 8 – May 13 (except May 6)

Hey! Listen to This! for all ages

Stories, songs and much more await you at the library.

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, January 6 – May 12

Now I am One! for ages 12-23 months *

Sit, look and listen to stories and songs that are just right for you and your one-year-old.

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, February 25 – April 1

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, April 9 – May 14

Mother Goose Storytime for babies up to 12 months *

Introduce stories, rhymes and songs to your baby.

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, January 8 – February 12

10:30 a.m., Mondays, February 23 – March 30

10:30 a.m., Mondays, April 6 – May 11

Hands on Art for ages 2-5

Simple art fun for the very young. Dress for a mess!

11 a.m., Friday, January 16

11 a.m., Friday, February 6

11 a.m., Friday, March 6

11 a.m., Friday, April 3

11 a.m., Friday, May 1

Send in the Clowns for ages 2-10

Come one! Come all! Get crafty with a Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus clown!

11 a.m., Friday, January 16

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 *

Come enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, January 21 – February 25

3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 1 – 29

Lunch Money Official CD Release Party for all ages

Lunch Money has a new CD! Enjoy a special performance to celebrate the release.

10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 17

Game On! Wii Sports for ages 9-12 *

Challenge your friends in boxing, golf, bowling, tennis and baseball with this high-energy video game.

3 p.m., Saturday, January 24

Pinocchio: the Opera for all ages

See what happens when you don't tell the truth as FBN Productions performs an operatic adaptation of this classic childhood story.

3 p.m., Sunday, January 25

Evening of Puppets for all ages

Join the Children's Room puppets as they perform your favorite stories at twilight. Wear your pajamas if you like!

7 p.m., Monday, January 26

An Evening with Jerry Pinkney for all ages

Legendary children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney will give a presentation co-sponsored by the Columbia Museum of Art. A book signing will follow.

4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 4

Cuenta Cuentos - Bilingual Storytime for families

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays and a craft in both English and Spanish.

10:30 a.m., Friday, February 13 and Saturday, May 2

Afternoon of Puppets for all ages

Watch your favorite stories performed by the Children's Room puppets!

4 p.m., Tuesday, February 17

4 p.m., Wednesday, March 25

4 p.m., Thursday, April 9

Griot Gathering for all ages

Join Darion McCloud for a morning of storytelling and music in the African tradition.

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 21

Journey to the Past: All that Jazz for ages 6 to 12 *

Join us as we explore the exciting world of jazz through stories, music and activities.

6:30 p.m., Monday, February 23


Oh! The Stories You'll Hear! for all ages

Oh, The Places You'll Go! Oh, the Things you will see, when you come to the library to read stories with me! Join us for a morning of Dr. Seuss and help celebrate his birthday.

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 28

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Musical Strings and Stories for all ages
Join Fran Sanderson for a relaxing morning of strings and stories.
10:30 a.m., Saturday March 7

It's a Hoot Storytime for all ages 
Join Congaree National Park Ranger Fran Rametta as he shares stories and expert information on owls.
10:30 a.m., Saturday March 21
A Michael Kennett Nature Series Program

Steps and Stories for all ages
Join us for an action-packed morning of rhythm and rhyme. Move to the groove at this dance-based storytime.
10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28

Masters of Art for ages 9-12 *
Express to impress. Find out how the great impressionists worked and work up some of your own great art.
3 p.m., Tuesday, April 7

Kids In Print: Authors, Artists and Awards for all ages
Join us for a celebration of young authors and artists published in RCPL's Kids in Print, followed by a book signing.
3 p.m., Saturday, May 9

International Storytime for all ages
Join us for an international storytime with books, songs and fingerplays presented by Au Pairs from around the world.
10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 16

The Link, Ballentine - 781-5026
Chinese New Year Fun for ages 5 and up *
Enjoy stories about the Chinese New Year and make a fun craft.
3 p.m., Saturday, January 24

Hey! Listen to This! for all ages
Stories, songs and much more await you at the library.
11 a.m., Fridays, February 6 – May 1 (except April 24)

Bedtime Storytime for all ages
Come dressed in your pajamas for bedtime stories.
6:30 p.m., Thursdays, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21

Blythewood Branch - 691-9806
Hey! Listen to This! for all ages
Stories, songs and so much more await you at the library.
10:30 a.m., Friday January 2 – May 29 (except April 24)

Risa y Sonrisas (Laughter and Smiles) for ages 4-7
Listen to fun stories and learn Spanish words and phrases along the way!
2:30 p.m., Thursdays, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Winter Wonderlands for all ages *
Listen to stories about different winter settings. Also, create a great winter-themed craft!
5:30 p.m., Monday, January 12

Read Out Loud! for ages 4-7
Read fun stories out loud or just listen.
2 p.m., Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27

I Heart You! for ages 4 and up *
Listen to stories about all the different types of love, and create a craft to give someone you love.
3:30 p.m., Saturday, February 7

Peanutty Good! for ages 3 and up *
You can do a lot with peanuts! Just ask George Washington Carver, who invented oodles of uses for goobers. Join us for a nutty craft and tell stories guaranteed to stick to the roof of your mouth!
4 p.m., Tuesday, February 17

St. Patrick's Day for ages 3-8 *
In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, let's wear green and listen to stories of leprechauns, shamrocks and other Irish symbols. Also, we will make a little something to take home!
4 p.m., Tuesday, March 17

Spring into Action! for all ages *
Listen to stories about spring and learn how to get out of the winter couch-potato slump. Also, enjoy creating a craft.
3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21

I Spy Bunnies! for all ages *
Can you spot a twitchy nose? A fluffy tail? Spend time listening to stories and making a rabbit craft during this springtime gathering at the library.
4 p.m., Tuesday, April 7

Violets Are Blue, A Poem for You! for all ages *
Listen to poems funny and sad. Poems about creatures good and bad. Limericks by Lear. You have nothing to fear. Come write a poem and make us all cheer!
4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15

Mother's Day for all ages
Come listen to stories about all kinds of mothers from all over the world.
10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 7



Michael Kennett was a good friend of the Children's Room staff.
His family and friends honor his memory with this series.

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Discover Owls for ages 6 and up *

Ever wonder what owl's eat? Join science teacher Jimmie Busbee for a lesson on owls, a dissection of owl pellets and great owl stories too!

3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 23

Cooper Branch - 787-3462

Family Storytime for all ages.

Bring the whole family for stories, songs, fingerplays.

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 7 – February 11

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 25 – April 1

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 15 – May 20 (except May 13)

Now I Am One! for ages 12-23 months *

Sit, look and listen to stories and songs that are just right for you and your one-year old.

10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 8 – February 12

10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 16 – May 21

Lights, Camera, Action for all ages

Enjoy a special screening of **The Water-Horse, Legend of the Deep** (PG).

3:30 p.m., Saturday, January 17

Let it Snow! for ages 5 and up *

Come enjoy wintertime stories and make a snowman to take home.

3:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 20

Happy Valentine's Day for ages 5 and up *

Make a Valentine for your favorite person.

3:30 p.m., Thursday, February 12

Bedtime Storytime for all ages *

Come dressed in your pajamas for bedtime stories.

7 p.m., Monday, Feb 15

7 p.m., Tuesday, March 17

7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15

7 p.m., Thursday, May 14

Toddler Storytime for two-year-olds *

Stories and fun for you and your child.

10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 26 – April 2

Welcome Spring Storytime for ages 4 and up *

Enjoy springtime stories and a craft.

3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24

Creepy Crawly Critters for ages 4 and up *

Join us for a creepy good time, as we listen to bug stories and create a creepy, crawly craft.

3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23

Mother's Day for ages 5 and up *

In celebration of Mother's Day, join us for stories and create a gift to take to mom for her special day.

3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5

Eastover Branch - 353-8584

Hey! Listen to This! for all ages

Stories, songs and much more await you at the library.

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11

10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, April 1 – May 6

Snow Day for ages 3 and up *

Winter is here and we are hoping for snow! Join us for a wintry mix of stories and crafts.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14

Be My Valentine for ages 3 and up *

Celebrate Valentine's Day with heartwarming stories @ your library™. Make a special Valentine to take home.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 11

Saturday Storytime for all ages

Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family during the month of March.

10:30 a.m., Saturdays, March 7 – March 28

Lights, Camera, Action for all ages

Bring the whole family for a special screening of **Speed Racer** (PG).

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 4

Lights, Camera, Action for all ages

Bring the whole family for a special screening of **Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG)

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 18

North Main Branch - 754-7734

Hey! Listen to This! for all ages

Stories, songs and more await you and your family @ the library™.

11 a.m., Tuesdays, January 6 – February 10

11 a.m., Tuesdays, February 24 – March 31

11 a.m., Tuesdays, April 14 – May 19

Twix-n-Between for ages 10-12

Join us for a great read from fantastical to ghost stories and everything in between.

12:30 p.m., Saturdays, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 16

Game Time for ages 6-9

Enjoy an afternoon of board games, cards, puzzles and more.

3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8

King and Queen for a Day for ages 5-8

Bring Mom, Dad or a special grown-up and join us for stories, activities and crafts fit for royalty.

3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 15

Voices of our People for all ages

Celebrate Black History Month and African-American culture with songs, poems and speeches by famous African Americans.

1 p.m., Saturday, February 7

Representing Our Yesterdays, Todays and Tomorrows for all ages

Join Samuel Blessed Bears Child Care Day Center for loads of fun as they creatively portray famous African Americans from the past, present and the future.

11 a.m., Saturday, February 21

Dr. Seuss Book Party for ages 5 and up

Even if it is wet and the sun is not sunny, we will have lots of good fun that is funny. Don't sit in the house with nothing to do, come to the library for a story or two.

11 a.m., Monday, March 2

Reading, Robotics and Rhythm for ages 6-12

Join area performers for a day of storytelling, music and fun.

11 a.m., Saturday, March 21

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle for ages 6-12

In celebration of Earth Day, join Diane Marlow from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for fun ideas for recycling and preventing litter.

11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23

Cinco de Mayo for all ages

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Day with Spanish games, songs and stories.

11 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Children's Book Week Celebration for 6 and up

Enjoy a special activity to celebrate books and reading during National Children's Book Week.

3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14

Summer Reading Kick-off for ages 12 and under

Kick off the Summer Reading Club with books and refreshments.

11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 30

Northeast Regional - 736-6575**Hey! Listen to this!** for all ages

Stories, songs and much more await you at the library.

10:30 a.m., Mondays, January 5 - February 16

10:30 a.m., Mondays, March 9 - April 20

10:30 a.m., Mondays, May 11 - June 22

Saturday Storytime for all ages

Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family to enjoy.

11 a.m., Saturdays, January 10 - May 30

Explore Braille for ages 8-12 *

Discover the magical world of Braille! Learn to read with your fingers instead of your eyes.

3:30 p.m., Saturday, January 10

Yee Haw! A Cowboy Storytime for ages 4-9 *

Enjoy cowboy themed stories and crafts.

3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 22

Now I am One for ages 12-23 months

Sit, look, and listen to stories and songs that are just right for you and your one-year-old.

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, February 5 - March 12

Valentine's Day Saturday Storytime for all ages

Enjoy stories and songs, then make some cool Valentines to take home.

11 a.m., Saturday, February 14

Bedtime Storytime for all ages

Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bears for some sleepy, sleepy stories.

7 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

Weekly Wednesday Chapters for ages 10-12 *

Join us as we read aloud from popular books for tweens and enjoy an after school snack.

3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, March 4 - 25

Spring Festival for all ages *

Celebrate the return of warmer weather with stories and crafts!

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28

Toddler Storytime for two-year-olds

Stories and fun for you and your child.

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, April 2 - May 7

Don't Even Think About Writing a Poem! for ages 8-12 *

Come enjoy some cautionary tales from cool poets, then try writing and editing your own.

4 p.m., Thursday, April 2 (Must attend this session to attend the second)

4 p.m., Thursday, April 9

Save the Earth Day for ages 5-10 *

Listen to stories and learn to recycle everyday items into creative crafts.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22

Get Fired Up for Dragons for ages 6-10

Make your own dragon during this special storytime all about our fire-breathing friends!

3:30 p.m., Monday, May 18

Sandhills Branch - 699-9230**Saturday Storytime** for all ages

Bring the whole family to enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

11 a.m., Saturdays, January 3 – May 30

Kids Kraft for ages 5 - 10 *

Simple crafting for younger children.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, Tacky the Penguin – Celebrate your uniqueness with a cute penguin craft.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, Thumbprint Art – Make fancy art from your fingerprints.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday March 18, Big Chickens – Create a fun fowl craft.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday April 25, Fantastic Photo Frames – Recycle an old CD case into a marvelous new picture frame.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday May 20, Not a Box – Its not a box – it's whatever you wish it to be.

No More Bullies for ages 8-12 *

Join instructor Chris Feldt and learn how to handle tough situations without breaking a sweat.

3 p.m., Saturday, January 24

May I Pet Your Dog? for ages 6-10 *

Learn how to be safe around dogs at this hands-on workshop hosted by Teoti Anderson from Prescription Paws and interact with her specially trained pooches.

3:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 10

Preschool Storytime for three to five year olds *

Come enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Thursdays, February 19 – March 26

Stranger Danger for ages 4-8 *

Join instructor Chris Feldt and learn the best ways to handle strangers.

3 p.m., Saturday, February 21

Cooking 1, 2, 3, for ages 8-12 *

Spend two days learning to make cool, no-bake treats. Then bring your favorite snack to share on March 31.

3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 17 - March 31

Fitness for Champions for ages 6-10 *

Join us for a kid-sized workout led by a fitness professional.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22

Your Ps and Qs for ages 5-10 *

Make sure to mind your manners at this marvelous etiquette program.

3:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 30 – May 21

Hey Listen to This! for all ages

Stories, songs and more await you at your library.

10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9

Love that Mama for ages 4-6 *

Show your mom that you care by making her a special craft for Mother's Day.

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6

Welcome Summer for ages 6-10 *

Get ready for summer with stories and crafts.

3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28

Southeast Regional - 776-0855**Bedtime Storytime** for all ages

Come dressed in your pajamas for bedtime stories.

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10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 7 – May 6

Mother Goose Storytime for babies up to 12 months

Introduce stories, songs and rhymes to your baby at the library.

10:30 a.m., Thursdays, January 8 – May 7

Saturday Storytime for all ages

Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family to enjoy.

11 a.m., Saturdays, January 10 – May 9

Camp Fire Stories for all ages

Come listen to some great stories around a "camp fire" and even enjoy some s'mores.

7 p.m., Monday, January 12

Pancake Crazy for all ages
Come hear stories about those yummy pancakes and eat some too!
11 a.m., Saturday, January 24

Chinese New Year for ages 9 and up
Come celebrate the Chinese New Year.
4 p.m., Tuesday, January 27

February Celebration for all ages
Celebrate African-American history and culture through stories, songs and a craft.
4 p.m., Tuesday, February 17

Eco Kids – Craft Day for ages 9 and up
Come to the library to make an earth friendly craft that you can take home to enjoy.
4 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

St. Pat's Party for all ages
Celebrate the luck of the Irish at the library.
4 p.m., Tuesday, March 17

April Foolery for ages 9 and up
Come learn some tricks and jokes at the library that are sure to work on your friends and family.
4 p.m., Tuesday, March 31

Spring Break Madness: Scavenger Hunt Club for ages 9-12
Follow the clues that will lead you on a fun path through the library.
2 p.m., Tuesday, April 7

Spring Break Madness: Puppet Party for all ages
Puppet shows galore.
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 8

Spring Break Madness: Lights, Camera, Action – Cartoon Chaos for all ages
Film festival of old and new cartoons for all to enjoy.
2 p.m., Thursday, April 9

Celebrate! Children's Day for all ages
Bring the entire family for a celebration of Children's Day! Enjoy bilingual stories and songs, activities, food, a piñata, and learn about the many services the library provides.
2 – 5 p.m., Saturday, April 18

Puppetpalooza for all ages
See some great puppet shows and make some puppets of your own.
4 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Rabbit Tales for all ages
Come hear stories about cute little bunnies and meet a special guest!
11 a.m., Saturday, April 25

Mother, Mother Like No Other for all ages
Make and take a present for your mother or grandmother and hear some stories about these special women.
11 a.m., Saturday, May 9

St. Andrews Regional – 772-6675

Saturday Storytime for all ages
Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family.
10:30 a.m., Saturdays, January 3 – May 30

Hey! Listen to This! for all ages
Stories, songs, and much more await you at the library.
4 p.m., Tuesdays, January 13 – May 26

Read with Curious George! for all ages
Bring the whole family for great stories, songs and fingerplays.
10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, January 14 – February 18
10:30 a.m., Thursdays, March 12 – April 16

Winter Wonderland for ages 3 and up
Join us for wintry wonderful stories and crafts that will warm up your winter day!
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5
Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.
10:30 a.m., Thursdays, January 15 – February 19
10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, March 11 – April 15

See you Later Alligator! for ages 3 and up
After while, crocodile! We will enjoy lots of stories and a fun craft all about alligators!
4 p.m., Thursday, January 29

My Funny Valentine for ages 4 and up
Come help us celebrate Valentine's Day! Enjoy special stories and make a craft to take home.
4 p.m., Thursday, February 12

Healthy Me, Healthy You for ages 5-8
Join "Stuffee" from Edventure Children's Museum and learn why being healthy is so important!
3 p.m., Saturday, February 14

Real Police Dogs for all ages

Come see what being a police dog is all about with canine members of the City of Columbia Police Department's K-9 unit!
3 p.m., Saturday, March 21

Bedtime Storytime for all ages

Come dressed in your pajamas for bedtime stories.
7 p.m., Monday, March 23

Spring Fever! for ages 3 and up

"Spring" on over to help us get excited for the season with stories and a very buggy craft!
3 p.m., Wednesday, April 8

Cinco de Mayo! for all ages *

Join us for a fiesta to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. It's going to be a great party!
10 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Wheatley Branch - 799-5873**Bedtime Storytime** for ages 3-6

Come dressed in your pajamas for bedtime stories.
6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, January 6 and 13
6:30 p.m., Thursdays, January 22 and 29

Celebrate Black History Month for ages 9-12

Read or listen to any of the books displayed on the Coretta Scott King Award poster and cast your vote for your favorite book. Ask a library staff for a ballot and your chance to become of the weekly winners. We will have weekly winners.
February 2 - 28

Valentine's Day Bingo for ages 8-12

Play bingo and win candy for your sweetheart.
11 a.m., Saturday, February 14

Read across America for ages 4-8

Join us for Dr. Seuss stories, games and a craft to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.
10:30 a.m., Monday, March 2

Southeastern Guide Dogs for ages 5-13

Meet "major" and his puppy friends, who are in training to become Southeastern Guide Dogs. Volunteer puppy trainers will share their stories and information on how you can join their efforts.
11 a.m., Saturday, March 14

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle for ages 6-12

In celebration of Earth Day, join Diane Marlow from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as she explains what happens when you throw something away.
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21

I Made it Myself! for ages 5-9

Come out and make special, unforgettable Mother's and Father's Day gifts.
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5

Summer Reading Kick-off for ages 12 and under

Join the Wheatley staff to kick off the Summer Reading Program with books and refreshments.
11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 30

Save the Dates...**An Evening with Jerry Pinkney** for all ages

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4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 4



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A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen - A Celebration of Stories for all ages

Don't miss this annual celebration of children's literature featuring award winning author **Kimberly Willis Holt**.

Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25

Watch for more details at www.myRCPL.com.



To register, call the specific location where the program is listed. Groups may call any location to schedule prearranged storytimes throughout the summer.

Programming partially funded by the Friends of the Richland County Public Library.

The Main Library and all branches will be closed Thursday, January 6 for New Year's; Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Sunday, April 12 - Monday, April 13 in observance of Easter; and Sunday, May 24 - Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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