

East Branch Library Children's Programs

December 2024

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3 Mother Goose on the Loose 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM	4 Preschool Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Library Explorers 3:00 PM Chess Club 4:00 PM	5 Toddler Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Family Movie Night <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i> 5:30-7:30 PM	6	7 Reading Paws 2:00-4:00 PM
	9 Lego Club 6:00-7:00 PM	10 Mother Goose on the Loose 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Teen Book Talk 6:00-7:00 PM	11 Preschool Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Library Explorers 3:00 PM Chess Club 4:00 PM 3D Printing & Modeling (Twins ages 9-12) 6:00-7:00 PM	12 Toddler Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM	13	14 Tween Build a Rube Goldberg Machine 10-11:30 AM Or 2:00-3:30 PM
15	16	17 Mother Goose on the Loose 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Teen Extreme Gingerbread Challenge 6:00-7:30 PM	18 Preschool Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM Library Explorers 3:00 PM Chess Club 4:00 PM Tween Extreme Gingerbread Challenge (Ages 8-12) 6:00-7:30 PM	19 Toddler Storytime 9:30, 10:15 & 11:00 AM	20	21
22	23	24 Library Closed	25 Library Closed	26	27	28 
No Storytimes December 22nd-January 4th						
29	30	31 Library Closing at 5pm				

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

READING Paws (15-minute time slots for children reading independently) – Children can sign up to practice reading aloud to a therapy dog. READING Paws helps young readers gain confidence and practice fluency.

Mother Goose on the Loose (20-minute program for children birth to 18 months with adult) – Join us for the nationally recognized Mother Goose on the Loose early literacy program. Enjoy interacting with your wee one as you hear stories, learn nursery rhymes and finger plays, sing, move with scarves, and shake bells.

Preschool Storytime (20-minute program for children 3-5 years old with adult) – Join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets and more that encourage development of early literacy skills.

Library Explorers (45-minute program for ages 5+) – Explore science, art, and stories. Especially designed for school-age children to imagine, create, discover, and experiment!

Toddler Time (20-minute program for children 18 months to age 3 with adult) – Stories, songs, puppets and finger-plays just for toddlers, while introducing early literacy concepts for parents and caregivers.

Chess Club (1-hour program for youth, age 5-14+) – Play chess with other kids! Practice your strategy and moves. Learn from each other and from teen volunteers.

Lego Club (1 hour program for children ages 5 & up) – Calling all Lego Builders! Build your own Lego creation, or collaborate with new friends. Legos provided.

3D Printing & Modeling (60-minute program for ages 9-12) - Learn to use TinkerCAD to build a 3D model, which can later be printed on the library's 3D printer! **Pre-registration required; space is limited. Registration opens November 27th @ 6:00 PM.**

Family Movie Night (for the whole family)-Join us for a showing of *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. Bring your own blanket and snacks.

Tween Build a Rube Goldberg Machine (90-minute program for ages 8-12) –Are you interested in machines, engineering, or just making cool stuff? Learn about Rube Goldberg (or chain reaction) machines and the major components for building one - inclined plane, lever, wedge, wheel and axle, pulley, and screw. Then work in teams to accomplish a simple task . . . with a complex machine! **Pre-registration required; space is limited. Registration opens November 30th.**

Teen Extreme Gingerbread Challenge (13+) Be the architect of a very sweet structure! Use graham crackers, icing, and a variety of candy to build something awesome that goes beyond the ordinary gingerbread house. Whoever builds the most creative structure at each library branch may pick out a free brand-new book to keep. Library staff will judge the contest. **Pre-registration is required; space is limited. Registration opens December 3rd.**

Tween Extreme Gingerbread Challenge (13+) Be the architect of a very sweet structure! Use graham crackers, icing, and a variety of candy to build something awesome that goes beyond the ordinary gingerbread house. Whoever builds the most creative structure at each library branch may pick out a free brand-new book to keep. Library staff will judge the contest. **Pre-registration is required; space is limited. Registration opens December 4th.**