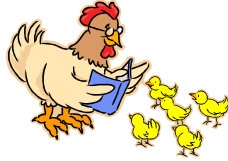


Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library
Preschool and Toddler Storytime Information Sheet



The goal of the Plumb Library Storytime is to provide an enjoyable program that promotes trust and learning for children, supports and informs parents, and encourages families to meet each other, love books and reading! For many children, Storytime will be their first peer group experience. Your cooperation and assistance with the following will make storytime fore successful for you and your child.

- **Visit the library with your child before storytime and talk about the program before the first session.** Knowing what to expect help everyone feel comfortable. Please explain that there will be stories, finger plays, music, puppets, crafts, and other children! Please explain that storytime is for them to learn and have fun, and that the library loves, kids, especially Miss Lisa!
- Please note that there ARE slight differences between the Preschool and Toddler programs.

Preschool Program: Wednesdays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am AND, if applicable, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Children will be asked to sit on storytime mats, with Miss Lisa. Caregivers will be asked to sit quietly at the storytime table. We encourage your child's independent participation, but ask your help in monitoring your child's behavior. We welcome and need caregiver assistance during the craft/snack segment of the Preschool session.

Toddler Program: Fridays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. This program is a "lap-sit" program and requires caregiver participation to model storytime behavior – looking, listening, sharing, and doing! Your toddler can sit on your lap, or your child can sit on a storytime mat and you can sit near him/her. (If you have a physical restriction that prohibits you from sitting on the floor, please let us know.) We will come into the storytime area together. We need you to participate so that your child will too!

- **We need to start the session on time, so please plan on arriving before the session begins.** Upon arrival, please find your child's nametag, and a seat at the storytime table for coloring or puzzle-making. Each child will be given a "journal" to work on each week. Or take this time to select and check out books.
- **Attendance is important! By registering your child, you are agreeing to commit to a 7 week session.** Please don't sign up if you can't attend at least 5 sessions! **We require a phone call to 508-763-8600 ASAP** if you can't attend a session, if you are running late, or if you need to drop out of a session.
- **Storytime follows the school schedule. Storytime will not be held during school holidays or vacation weeks. Storytime will be cancelled if the library is closed, or if school is cancelled.**
- **Registration is required for every session.** These are not "drop-in" programs. Please register during registration weeks outlined on the front page. Registration information required: Caregiver and child names, phone number(s), email(s), residency, and child's date of birth.
- **Rochester residents are given first preference for a storytime spot.** Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list, and called ASAP if space is available. There are a limited number of openings per session.
- **Storytime space, crafts, and snacks are prepared for the number of children registered only.** We'll gladly provide unregistered guests or siblings with coloring sheets, but they cannot participate in the storytime session. (They *can* listen to the stories.)
- **Please help your little ones to be considerate of each other, our library patrons, and our staff.** Please assist us in teaching your child about walking feet, inside voices, listening, sharing, and gentle treatment of library items.
- **If you child becomes uncooperative or restless, please quietly leave out group to relax and refocus.** Rejoin the group when your child is ready.
- **Play time- is encouraged after storytime!** We will bring out toys and puzzles when our session is done!

We look forward to another fun and educational storytime year!