

## Registration

All programs are free and open to the public

You may register for a program up to one month in advance.

To reserve your place, go to [mcpl.info](http://mcpl.info) and select "Events," call (812) 349-3100, or stop by the desk. Contact us to reserve for a group.

Registration guarantees you a space if you arrive before the program begins. People on the wait-list and drop-ins will be admitted at the start time if there is space.

If you cannot make a program you registered for, please call us to free the space for someone else.

If your child needs special assistance in a program, please let us know.

MCPL staff may take photographs at events.

See separate Ellettsville, Teen, and Adult guides.

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[mcpl.info/friends](http://mcpl.info/friends)

## Save The Date! Seusspicious Behavior

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Library. Enjoy a theatrical production by Bloomington High School North students, play Seussical games, and participate in Seusstacular hands-on activities.

Drop in.

Ages 3–9 and their families  
1–4 p.m., Saturday, March 7

Auditorium and Meeting Room 1B/C

Co-sponsored with Bloomington Parks and Recreation



## Downloadable eBooks & More!

There are lots of eBook options for kids available through the Library's website. Call (812) 349-3100 to make an appointment to learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks to your computer or mobile device. Information is also available on our website: [mcpl.info/eBooks](http://mcpl.info/eBooks)

## Homework Help

Find books and online resources to help you with your homework—whether you need to complete an assignment, write a report, or do a presentation. We help you find the right information for your need, teach you how to cite your source, and show you computer resources you can use to share your work with others. After school, or on the weekend, we are ready to help.



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## Christmas Fun with Melchior Marionettes

A musical variety show featuring large marionettes, including Frosty and Penguin! Heidi brings these entertaining characters to life with audience participation and carol singing. Festive fun for the whole family.

Please register.

All ages

11–11:45 a.m., Saturday, December 6

Auditorium, first floor



## CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Try your hand at juggling, balancing, plate spinning, devilsticks, diabolos, and more with Ann Dorwin, professional circus artist and education specialist. Practice some amazing acrobatic skills and find out what it's like to be in a circus! Please register.

Ages 6–12

2–3:30 p.m., Monday, December 22

Meeting Room 1B/C, first floor



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Year Of The Sheep

## Lunar New Year Celebration

Celebrate the beginning of the Lunar New Year with our friends from the Asian Cultural Center at Indiana University. Join us for stories, performances, crafts, and snacks. Drop in.

Ages 5–12

2–4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14

Crafts: 2 p.m. in Meeting Room 1B/C

Stories & performances: 2:45 p.m. in the Auditorium



## Winter Specials

### Winter Gathering at Bag End

All who savor the words and world of J.R.R. Tolkien are cordially invited to a modest gathering celebrating all things Hobbit. We tell tales, match wits, and engage in general merry-making. Hobbit attire encouraged, but not required. Please register.

Ages 8–12

2–3 p.m., Sunday, December 7

Children's Program Room, first floor

### Frozen: Repeat Performance

We just can't "let it go!" Join us for an encore showing of this popular princess musical starring sisters Anna and Elsa. Come in costume and sing along! Arrive early or stay afterward to make paper snowflakes. Drop in.

All ages

2–3:45 p.m., Monday, December 29

Auditorium, first floor

(Make Paper Snowflakes from 1–5 p.m. in the Children's Program Room)



### Holiday Movie Shorts

Celebrate the holidays with your favorite movie characters. Stay for one, or enjoy them all. We end on a high note by singing Deck the Halls with Shrek. Drop in.

*Kung Fu Panda Holiday* (2–2:25 p.m.)

*Merry Madagascar* (2:30–2:55 p.m.)

*Dragons: Gift of the Night Fury* (3–3:25)

*Shrek the Halls* (3:30–4 p.m.)

Age 5 and up

2–4 p.m., Tuesday, December 23

Auditorium, first floor



### Autism Friendly Movie: Happy Feet

Stand up, dance, shout, or sing along at this film showing for everyone, especially individuals living with autism. The lights will be turned slightly up and the sound will be turned slightly down. Relax and enjoy *Happy Feet* with family and friends without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed by noise or movement. Drop in.

All ages

6–7:45 p.m., Thursday, December 11

Auditorium, first floor



### A Visit to Japan

Come and enjoy authentic folk songs of Japan. Experience the sights and sounds of Japanese traditional instruments, singing, and dancing. Please register.

All ages

3–3:30 p.m., Sunday, January 11

Auditorium, first floor

### The Polar Express

On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy boards a magical train that's headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus's home. Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Enjoy this holiday movie classic on the big screen. Stay afterward to create your own thumbprint train and check out your favorite train books! Drop in.

Age 5 and up

2–3:45 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21

Auditorium, first floor

(Art activity follows from 4–5 p.m. in the Children's Program Room)



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration—A Day On, Not a Day Off

Join us in celebrating the birthday of Dr. King. Participate in crafts, activities, and music promoting peace and tolerance. Drop in.

All ages

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Monday, January 19

Auditorium & Meeting Room 1B/C

# Learn and Play Space

There is so much to do and explore with your child in the Learn and Play Space—puzzles, games, puppets, and discovery centers. For children birth through age 6. **Drop in.**

The Learn and Play Space opens 30 minutes after the Library opens and closes 30 minutes before the Library closes. **An adult must be present at all times with a child to monitor that child's activities and behavior.**

## Evening Programs

### Evening Baby & Me

Stories, rhymes, and songs get you and your baby laughing and learning. **Drop in.**

**Babies from birth–24 months with their caregivers\* 6–6:30 p.m., Tuesdays:**

**Dec. 2, 9; Jan. 6, 13, 20; Feb. 3, 10, 17**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Older siblings may not attend.*

### Evening Family Storytime

Stories and more—just before bedtime! Pajamas permitted. **Drop in.**

**Preschoolers and their families**

**7–7:30 p.m., Tuesdays:**

**Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20; Feb. 3, 10, 17**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

### Learning with Music

Music helps foster language and math skills in young children. Music educator Lisa Bruns explores musical concepts with movement and stories to provide an enjoyable musical experience for both children and caregivers. **Please register.**

**Ages 2–6**

**6–6:45 p.m., Thursdays:**

**December 4, 11, 18**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

## Weekend Programs

### Kids in Bloom:

#### Creative Movement

Experienced dancer and gymnast Jacqueline Cushman leads preschoolers in fun, creative movement activities designed to stimulate the brain and cognitive development. **Please register.**

**Ages 3–6\***

**3–3:30 p.m., Sundays:**

**December 14, January 25, February 22**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Caregivers should remain nearby during class.*

### Preschool Power!

A fun, energetic mix of stories and activities! The perfect early literacy activity for a Sunday afternoon. **Drop in.**

**Preschoolers and their families**

**3–3:30 p.m., Sundays:**

**January 11, 18; February 8, 15**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**



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# Morning Programs

## TUESDAY TALES

Stories, songs, fingerplays, and more. Parents and caregivers can join in the fun. **Drop in.**

**Ages 3–6 with caregiver\***

**10–10:30 a.m.**

**Every Tuesday**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Younger siblings welcome.*

*Stick around after Tuesday Tales for these drop in learning activities:*

### Little Makers

A fun, open-ended art experience. We experiment with different materials and techniques and explore our creativity! Dress to mess. **Drop in.**

**Ages 3–6 with caregiver\***

**10:45–11:30 a.m.**

**Tuesdays (except First Tuesdays)**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Younger siblings welcome.*

### Preschool Science & Math

Activities and handouts help you explore important math and science concepts with your preschooler. Dress to mess. **Drop in.**

**Ages 3–6 with caregiver\***

**10:45–11:30 a.m.**

**Tuesdays: December 2 and February 3**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Younger siblings welcome. Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead.*



### Sensory Storytime

Open to all preschoolers, this storytime is particularly tailored to children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of our other storytimes, or is just more comfortable in a small, interactive setting, this program of stories, songs, and activities may be just right for your child. **Please register.**

**Ages 3–6**

**10–10:30 a.m., Thursdays:**

**December 18, January 15, February 19**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

### Wednesday Morning Baby & Me

Stories, rhymes, and songs get you and your baby laughing and learning. **Drop in.**

**Babies from birth–24 months with their caregivers 10–10:45 a.m. -or- 11–11:45 a.m.**

**First two Wednesdays of the month:**

**December 3, 10; January 7, 14; February 4, 11**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

### Thursday Baby & Me Circle Time

Stories, rhymes, and songs get you and your baby laughing and learning. **Drop in.**

**Babies from birth–24 months with their caregivers 9:30–10:15 a.m., Thursdays:**

**January 22 and February 26**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

### Tuneful Twos

A delightful first music experience for you and your two-year-old. Features songs, movement, musical instruments, books, and games. **Drop in.**

**Ages 2–3 with caregiver\***

**10–10:45 a.m. -or- 11–11:45 a.m., Wednesdays:**

**January 21 and February 18**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Older siblings may not attend.*

## STORYHOUR EXTRAVAGANZA

Stories, songs, films, and entertainment on a monthly theme. Groups welcome. **Please register.**

**Ages 2–6**

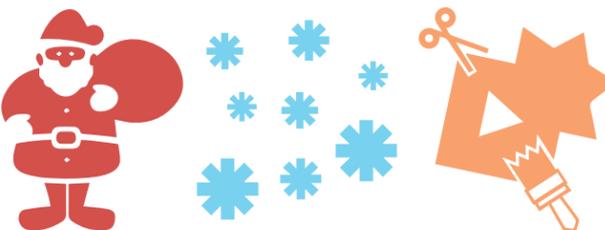
**10–11 a.m. -or- 1:30–2:30 p.m., Wednesdays:**

**December 17: Here Comes Santa**

**January 28: Snowy Days**

**February 25: Be Creative**

**Auditorium, first floor**



## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

### Lego Club

Unleash your imagination and creativity with fellow Lego fans. Each session brings a new building challenge. Legos provided. **Drop in.**

**Ages 5–12**

**7–8 p.m., First Wednesdays:**

**Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4**

**Children's Program Room**



### ARF! Read to a Dog

Certified therapy dogs are waiting to listen to your child read. Reading aloud to these sweet dogs encourages reading and has proven to increase reading scores. Great for readers of all abilities, but especially helpful for reluctant and struggling readers. **Drop in.**

**Ages 5–12**

**10:30 a.m.–noon, Saturdays:**

**December 20, January 17, February 14**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*Read to a Dog is a Monroe County Humane Association VIPaws program and a Delta Society Pet Partners affiliate.*

## FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

*An Every Child Ready to Read Workshop*

### Ride a Reading Rocket: Fun with Science & Math

Children are naturally curious about the world. Join us for an interactive workshop and learn how to build on your child's inner scientist through the simple practices of talking, reading, writing, singing, and playing. **Please register for one session.**

**Adult caregivers of children ages 3–5\***

**7–7:45 p.m., Wednesday, February 11**

**-or- 10–10:45 a.m., Thursday, February 12**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Children welcome and are encouraged to participate.*

### College-Bound Kids: Start Saving Now!

*An It's Your Money program for parents of young children*



One of the best New Year's resolutions you can make is to start saving for your kids' college education. Learn about different college savings plans and practical ways to make saving fun and rewarding for the whole family. **Please register.**

**Parents and guardians\***

**6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, January 12**

**Children's Program Room, first floor**

*\*Children are welcome to attend.*