Children's & Teens Events and Programs

Sign up for Storytime classes and grow with us!

Little Seeds**
Fridays at 9:30 am
We help you plant the seeds for lifelong learning.
Designated for children aged 6 - 23 months, the Little Seeds Storytime class consists of books, music, finger plays, rhymes, and movement.
Children and caregivers participate in a curriculum that encourages vocabulary, social skills and confidence in movement.

American Red Cross Babysitters Training
Saturday, December 28
9:30 am - 4:30 pm
ages 11-16
Class fee $90.00 - Register and pay at redcross.org

To provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and others safe; help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid.

December
Preschool Readiness Skills (ages 3-5)
Count Cookies: Wednesday, December 4 at 1:30 pm
Paper Cutting: Wednesday, December 11 at 1:30 pm
Painting: Wednesday December 18 at 1:30 pm

Toddlers Readiness Skills (age 2)
Slicker Fun: Thursday, December 5 at 9:30 am
Felt Board Fun: Thursday, December 12 at 9:30 am
Painting: Thursday, December 19 at 9:30 am

Block Buddies
Fridays, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 9 am - Noon

National Cookie Day: Come in and get a cookie!
Wednesday, December 4 from Noon - 8 pm
NaNoWriMo (grades 6-12)
Friday, December 6 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Paper Craft: Cookie Decorating
Saturday, December 7 from 10 am - 4 pm

Table Top Gaming (grades 3-6)
Wednesday, December 11 from 3 pm - 4 pm

Teen Craft Night (grades 6-12)
Friday, December 13 from 6 pm - 8 pm

Crossword Puzzle Day
Saturday, December 14 from 10 am - 4 pm

Family Evening Storytime “Color Stories”
Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

Wrapping Frenzy (grades 3-12)
Wednesday, December 18 from 6 pm - 8 pm
Bring in your unwrapped gifts; we will provide the wrapping!

Board Games: Bring a Friend!
Friday, December 20 from Noon - 4:30 pm

Teen “Bad” Movie: PJ Edition!
Friday, December 20 3 pm
Jingle All the Way (PG) - get cozy and wear pjs if you want!

Saturday Play Group
Saturday, December 21 from 9 am - 11 am

Lego Day
Saturday, December 21 from 10 am - 4 pm

Peace Dove Craft
Monday, December 23 from 12:30 pm - 6 pm

Lego Day
December, December 27 from Noon - 4 pm

Card Playing Day: Bring a Friend!
Saturday, December 28 from 9:30 am - 4 pm

Stamp-a-thon: Create crafts with rubber stamps!
Monday, December 30 from 12:30 pm - 6 pm
Tuesday, December 31 from 9 am - 12:30 pm

January
Preschool Readiness Skills (ages 3-5)
Dot Painting: Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 pm

Branching Out: Wednesdays, January 15, 22 & 29 at 1:30 pm

Toddlers Readiness Skills (age 2)
Shape Matching: Thursday, January 2 at 9:30 am
Chenille Stick Threading: Thursday, January 9 at 9:30 am

Sprouting Up: Thursdays, January 16, 23 & 30 at 9:30 am

Block Buddies
Fridays, January 3, 10 from 9 am - Noon

Little Seeds
Fridays, January 17, 24 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Mitten Craft and Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, January 4 from 9:30 am - 4 pm

Table Top Gaming (grades 3-6)
Wednesday, January 8 from 3 pm - 4 pm

Binge Movie Day
Friday, January 11
10 am: Lion King (G)
1 pm: Lion King 1 1/2 (G)
3 pm: Lion King 2 (G)

Teen Roaring 20’s Party
Friday, January 17 from 6 pm - 8 pm
REGISTER ONLINE
Welcome in 2020 with a fun night of 1920’s themed games. Come in costume if you wish!

Family Evening Storytime “Night Stories”
Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm

Chinese New Year
Saturday, January 25 from 10 am - 4 pm
Join us as we celebrate “The Year of the Rat”.

February
Preschool Readiness Skills (ages 3-5)

Tweezer Pick Up: Wednesday, February 12 at 1:30 pm
Button Activities: Wednesday, February 19 at 1:30 pm

Branching Out: Wednesdays, February 5 & 26 at 1:30 pm

Toddlers Readiness Skills (age 2)
Matching Game: Thursday, February 13 at 9:30 am
Cork Drop: Thursday, February 20 at 9:30 am

Sprouting Up: Thursdays, February 6 & 27 at 9:30 am

Block Buddies
Fridays, February 14 & 21 from 9:00 am - Noon

Little Seeds: Fridays, February 7 & 14 at 9:30 am

Richard Scarry Busytown Party
Saturday, February 1 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Celebrate Richard Scarry’s 100th birthday with fun-filled Busytown activities

5th Annual Family Fun Night!
Friday, February 7 at 6 pm
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Binge Movie Day
Saturday, February 8
10 am: Despicable Me (PG), 1 pm: Despicable Me 2 (PG)
3 pm: Despicable Me 3 (PG)

Valentine’s Day Craft All Week Long!
Monday, February 10 - Saturday February 15
Stop in and make a Valentine’s Day card.

Family Evening Storytime “Kindness Stories”
Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm

Alphabetical Book Title Scavenger Hunt
Friday, February 14 from 1 pm - 4 pm

Saturday Play Group
Saturday, February 15 from 9 am - 11 am

Lego Day
Saturday, February 15 from 10 am - 4 pm

Richard Scarry Busytown Party Redo
Tuesday, February 18 from 2 pm - 5 pm
In case you missed it the first time or join us again!

Teen “Bad” Movie Night (grades 9-12)
Wednesday, February 19 at 6 pm

L is for Bagel: Bring Your Parent to the Library Day
Saturday, February 22 from 9 am - 11 am
Library Art Tour
Saturdays, January 18 & February 22
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
If you’ve ever wanted to know more about the library’s art collection, then be sure to join us for this special talk and tour. The artwork is part of what makes our library special. Come and learn about the library’s artwork – the artists, donors and backstories of how each piece came to be a part of our unique collection. Reference Librarian, Helen Beckert, will be your guide for this 1 hour tour.

Winter Reading Club
January 2 - February 29
Cozy up this winter with a good book or two. Try a new author or genre or enjoy an old favorite. With each checkout, enter our raffle for a chance to win a fun winter-themed gift basket.

Winter Craft Nights
Mondays, January 13 & February 10
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Join staffer and fellow crafter, Gretchen Allin, for a night of creativity and conversation. We’ll provide all the materials you need to go home with a homemade gift for yourself or another!
January 13: Upcycled handmade cards
February 10: Valentine jars
Sign up through the online calendar.

Local History Database Workshops
December 10, January 14, and February 11
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
This workshop will provide you with an overview of our extensive in-house historical database which includes - historical house photos, newspaper articles, city directories, yearbooks, and photographs. You’ll learn how to access and search the database. Participants may bring their own laptops or tablets to follow along, but it is not required.

Spring into Spring with Betsy Ginsburg
Wednesday, February 25
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Each day in February brings more minutes of daylight and even though it seems far off, spring is just around the corner. Now is the time to prep for the upcoming gardening season. Join master gardener/garden writer Betsy Ginsburg for tips on what to do now for a more beautiful garden later.

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Winter 2019/2020
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The Glen Ridge Public Library believes in providing access to knowledge for all. Eliminating fines for overdue materials means more people in our community have greater access to the Library’s vital materials, resources, and services.
glenridgelibrary.org/finefree

Montclair Knitting Circle
Wednesdays from 1 pm - 3 pm
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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Nights
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6 pm - 7:45 pm
Have questions about your E-reader, Tablet or Smartphone? Do you need help using library products like Libby, RB Digital, or the online catalog? Bring in your devices and our techy staff may be able to help. No appointments necessary – just show up.

Environmental Book Club
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9:00 am - 10:00 am
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Holiday Wrap and Yap!
Monday, December 16
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Take some of the stress out of the holidays and join us for a fun Wrap and Yap night sponsored by the Glen Ridge Public Library Cookbook Club! Learn more about what makes this club special as we enjoy an evening of homemade holiday treats and fun compen- sation. Just bring in your unwrapped gifts - better yet, bring your old wrapping paper and ribbons too and swap for something new and different with a fellow wrapper! You’ll go home with some good cheer and one less thing on your holiday to do list!

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Join us for one or both seminars!

NEW! Beginners Guitar Meet-Up
December 17, January 7 & 28, February 4 & 26
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm
Looking to meet and play with fellow beginner guitarists? Bring in your guitar (acoustic or electric) and enjoy a casual place to play your music and learn from fellow musicians. (No formal teaching will take place).