AUTUMN 2023

CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

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- Elementary Explorers
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Are you excited about science? Learn about STEM research being done by Penn State Graduate students! Participants will hear from scientists and engage with hands-on activities featuring a wide variety of scientific topics. Grown-ups: please plan to stay with your child during the program. Recommended for grades 3-6. Registration required. Limit: 10. Presented by the Science Policy Society at Penn State.

16 Astronomy for Everyone: The Earth & the Wondrous Sky 10:30am DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Why are there seasons? Why does the moon change phase? What are the solar and lunar eclipses? And why do we see aurora? Join us for an interactive session with Dr. Cindy Gulis, astronomer from Penn State, to learn about the fascinating phenomena in the sky, NASA’s exciting space missions, and so much more! Eclipse glasses will be available for participants to keep and use during the upcoming Annual Solar Eclipse. Recommended for kids in grades K-12 and adults. Registration not required.

17 Elementary Explorers 2pm-4pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Learn about chemistry with students from the National Chemical Society from Penn State with a brief presentation, along with two large demonstrations: elephant toothpaste and a dry ice crystal ball! Then, participate in four different activities: red cabbage painting, blooming flowers, milk art, and density lava lamps. Recommended for grades 1-5. Registration required. Limit: 30.

23 Petite Concert 10:30am DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Enjoy a 30-minute experiential event designed for young listeners! From newborns to preschoolers, these concerts are informal, interactive, and fun! Join us for a fun-filled musical experience and discover our instruments after the concert! The concert will feature Chi-Chi Bestmann (violin) and Sandra Lee (clarinet). Recommended for ages 0-6. Registration not required.

24 Kids Mental Health Read-Aloud 2pm-4pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

25 Discovery Day 10am-2pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
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30 Fall Fest Make & Takes
10am-3pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Stop into the Children’s Department during Fall Fest to create a fall-themed craft! Recommended for ages 2-10. Craft available while supplies last! Registration not required.

Interested in a Weekday Storytime or Toddler Learning Centre class?
Find details on pg. 10!

International Dot Day
Make your mark at Schlow by decorating a dot to celebrate International Dot Day! Show us what inspires you, what you’re passionate about, or even just your awesome coloring skills. Inspired by The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. Pick up your dot at any Schlow service desk, take it home to decorate, and then bring it back to display in the library by September 15.

SCHLOW CHILDREN’S AUTUMN EVENT CALENDAR 2023  3
October

- **Storytimes**
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- **Young Writers Workshop**
- **Discovery Days**

**Autumn Book Club** begins today!
2:30pm-3:30pm Color and Camouflage

2pm-4pm Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

2:30pm-3:30pm Ask a Scientist: Chemistry Edition

2:30pm-3:30pm Reptiles Alive! Spooky or Sweet?

**October**

1. **Color and Camouflage**
   2:30pm-3:30pm
   DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
   Join Discovery By Nature in exploring how plants and animals use the magic of camouflage in nature! Learn how and why animals defend themselves, how color can be used to warn or attract, and how different types of mimicry work in the wild. Merlin the Eastern gray treefrog provides a living example of how camouflage works! After the lesson, test your sleuthing skills in a fun game of “I Spy” from the book Animal Camouflage: A Search and Find Activity Book by authors Sarah Dennis and Sam Hutchinson. Recommended for grades K and up. Registration required. Limit: 25.

7. **Saturday Baby Lapsit**
   9:30am
   CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
   Sweet stories, songs, and lap sit rhymes - a playtime just for baby and grown-up. Recommended for babies up to 14 months old. Registration not required.

9. **Discovery Day**
   10:00am-2pm
   CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
   Stop by the Children’s Department for a fun craft or activity. Check our website for specific craft information. Registration not required. First come, first served. Supplies are limited.

13. **Free Developmental Screenings**
   9:30am-11:30am
   CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
   Screenings Curious about your child’s developmental progress? Evaluations are administered by certified therapists from local early intervention agencies. No registration necessary, but children will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages: Newborn to 5 years.

14. **Saturday Baby Movers**
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22. **Ask a Scientist: Chemistry Edition**
   2:30pm-3:30pm
   DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
   Participants in three fun chemistry demonstrations led by Chemistry Graduate students from Penn State. The activities will explore basic chemistry concepts and inspire kids to think and ask questions like a scientist. Recommended for grades K-5. Registration required. Limit: 20.

25. **Glow in the Dark Storytime**
   6:30pm
   DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
   Join us for a special evening storytime and make your own glowing firefly! Recommended for ages 2-7. Registration required. Limit: 50.

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   10am-2pm
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29. **Reptiles Alive! Spooky or Sweet?**
   2:30pm-3:30pm
   DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
   Join Discovery By Nature to meet three real reptiles and amphibians! Although these animals are often portrayed as scary, are they really? Zoe the American Toad, Piper the bearded dragon, and Tango the corn snake will help to explain why our scaly friends are an important part of nature, and why they may not deserve their spooky reputation! Recommended for grades K and up. Registration required. Limit: 35.

**Young Writers Workshop**

2pm-3pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Find out what the Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest judges are looking for! Improve your writing skills and discuss mistakes to avoid. Please come with writing questions or ideas, or bring along one or two pages of your book for review. Registration required. Limit: 15 authors and their accompanying grown-ups.
Did you know? Throughout the month of November, local third graders visit Schlow to tour our building and learn about what the library has to offer!
November

4 Stonebridge Winds Concert
10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for music for the young and the young at heart! An ensemble of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon, Stonebridge Winds is comprised of music faculty from the region’s universities and members of the area’s professional orchestras. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration not required.

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5 Meet the Authors
2pm-4pm
CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Meet local authors and illustrators, read their books, and try some fun activities!

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Join us for storytime with a Children’s Staff Member! Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

12 Ask an Arborist: Tree Exploration
2:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join Ferguson Township Arborist Larry Maginnis for an exciting presentation on the benefits of trees including hands-on activities and a craft. Recommended for kids in grades K-4. Registration required. Limit: 35.

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Explore the educational games and toys you can check out and enjoy with your family at home! Visit go.schlow.org/toysgamespics to see pictures of all of our toys and games.
Storytimes

THESE CLASSES TEACH EARLY LITERACY SKILLS AND A LOVE OF READING THROUGH AGE-APPROPRIATE STORIES, SONGS THAT DEVELOP VOCABULARY, AND ACTIVITIES THAT EXPAND YOUR CHILD’S IMAGINATION.

Registration for Session 1 begins Friday, September 1 at 9am. Session 2 registration begins Tuesday, October 3 at 9am. Sign up on schlowlibrary.org or by calling 814.237.6236.

- Advance registration is required.
- An adult must accompany each child.
- Siblings may attend, but parents are responsible for ensuring that they behave in an appropriate manner.
- Storytimes are limited to 20 children per session.
- You may choose to register for Toddler Learning Centre OR Tales for Twos storytime each session.
- Participants should arrive within 15 minutes of the start of the program to join activities.

Tales for Twos
Ages: 24 to 36 months
Singing, dancing, fingerplays, and stories - a fun time for you and your toddler.

Session 1: Wednesdays, September 6, 13, & 27 at 9:30am. *Please note: there will not be a class on 9/20/23.

Session 2: Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 9:30am.

3s, 4s, & 5s Storytime
Ages: 3 to 5
We love stories! Join us for stories, songs, flannelboards, and more.

Session 1: Wednesdays, September 6, 13, & 27 at 10:30am. *Please note: there will not be a class on 9/20/23.

Session 2: Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 10:30am.

Saturday Storytimes
Ages: 2 to 6
Join us for storytime with a Children’s Staff Member! Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required. See monthly calendar pages for details.

Baby & Me Lapsit
Ages: Newborn to 14 months
Sweet stories, songs, and lapsit rhymes - a playtime just for baby and grown-up.

Session 1: Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:30am.

Session 2: Wednesdays, October 11, 18, 25, & November 1 at 9:30am.
*Lapsit storytimes are also available on select Saturday mornings at 9:30am. See monthly calendar pages for details.

Baby & Me Movers
Ages: 15 to 24 months
Stories, songs, and lots of movement - a storytime for babies on the go and their grown-up.

Session 1: Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30am.

Session 2: Wednesdays, October 11, 18, 25, & November 1 at 10:30am.
*Movers storytimes are also available on select Saturday mornings at 9:30am. See monthly calendar pages for details.

Free Developmental Screenings
Ages: Newborn to 5 years
Curious about your child’s developmental progress? Evaluations are administered by certified therapists from local early intervention agencies. No registration necessary, but children will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Skills will be evaluated in five major areas:
- motor (crawling, rolling, walking, hand-eye coordination)
- social (attention span, interactions, play)
- cognitive (thinking, reasoning)
- language (speech, understanding, pronunciation of words)
- adaptive (eating, dressing, toileting)

Program dates: Fridays, October 13 and December 8 from 9:30am-11:30am.

Storytime at RE Farm Cafe
Ages: 2 to 6
1000 FILLMORE RD, STATE COLLEGE
Join us for a special storytime at RE Farm Cafe at 10:30am and explore the farm with self-guided tours from 10am-12pm! Registration not required.
Program dates: Saturdays, September 16 & October 21 at 10:30am.

Unless otherwise noted, storytimes will be held in the Children’s Activity Room.

Toddler Learning Centre
Ages: 18 months to 36 months
Registration for the Fall TLC Session begins Monday, September 18 at 9am.

Join us in the Downsbsrough Community Room - a place for you to play with your child and talk with other parents, and learn from an early childhood specialist from Strawberry Fields. Each TLC class concludes with clean-up practice followed by a short storyline. Sessions limited to 15 families.

Fall Session: Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 9:15am OR 10:30am.
- This fall, you may choose to register for either Toddler Learning Centre OR Session 2 Tales for Twos storytime classes.

More info at schlowlibrary.org/children
**Autumn Book Club**

Ages 0 to 12
- Registration begins Thursday, September 28 at reading.schlowlibrary.org
- If you participated in the Spring Book Club or the Summer Reading Program in 2023 or past years, please use the same username and password when registering. Forgotten them? We can help! Email us at children@schlowlibrary.org
- Set your own goal by choosing the number of books you want to read during October and November.
- Log your books online throughout the book club, starting October 1.
- Meet your goal and log your books online by Thursday, November 30 to earn a prize book and an entry in our drawing to win a large stuffie!
- When your child has met their reading goal, you may come into the Children’s Department to choose their prize book in person. If your family is not able to come into the library, please email us at children@schlowlibrary.org and we will help you choose from home instead.

**Young Writers Workshop**

Saturday, October 28, 2pm-3pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Find out what the Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest judges are looking for! Improve your writing skills and discuss mistakes to avoid. Please come with writing questions or ideas, or bring along one or two pages of your book for review.

Registration required. Limit: 15 authors and their accompanying grown-ups.

**Ask an Arborist: Tree Exploration**

Sunday, November 12 at 2:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Join Ferguson Township Arborist Larry Maginnis for an exciting presentation on the benefits of trees including hands-on activities and a craft.

Recommended for kids in grades K-4
Registration required. Limit: 35.

**40th Annual Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest**

Have a budding author in your family or classroom? Know a young writer who would be overjoyed to create their own story and see a bound copy of it on the shelf at the library? Centre County children in grades 1 through 6 are invited to enter our annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest!

Please submit your entry between Wednesday, January 3, 2024 and Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

You must follow these rules or your entry will be disqualified!
- Books may be submitted in print at the library or digitally as a pdf to children@schlowlibrary.org
- Complete and submit the Contest Entry Form with your book. Find it at schlowlibrary.org/bookcontest
- You may be the author/illustrator of only one entry. Two children may collaborate on one book as co-authors or as author and illustrator.
- You must be in grades 1-6 and also be a resident of Centre County and/or attend school in Centre County.
- Title page must include book title, name, grade, and school of the author and/or illustrator.
- Parents may assist with proofreading and typing, but not with writing.
- Use only one side of the paper. Include page numbers in the bottom right corner (excluding the cover and title page). Your book must be neatly printed or typed on plain white paper.
- All artwork and photographs must be the original work of the author or illustrator. Do not glue or attach illustrations to the page in any way.
- Book pages must be 8.5 x 11 inches or less. Keep one-inch margins on all sides of all pages. If you win, your book cannot be bound without this space.
- Use only a clip or folder to keep the book together - no staples, report covers, or binders.
- If you have written your book as part of a creative writing class project, your teacher should submit it in a group envelope. The class must include a list of authors and illustrators, book titles, teacher’s name, and the name and phone number of the school. Each student will need to include parents’ contact information (listed in #4 above) and create a title page for their book (as described in bullet #3 above).
- Detailed descriptions of extreme and graphic violence are unacceptable.
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Muzzy: Learning a language is fun and interactive with Muzzy! Take a break from workbooks and flashcards; give Muzzy’s playful video lessons a try. With 9 languages to choose from, your family will be speaking a new language in no time!

Frost FEST

Saturday, December 9: 10am-4pm
Location: Throughout the Library

Create a new family tradition! Play a giant wintry game, join in a snowy storytime, decorate cookies, and more!

Storytimes will be held at 10:30am and 3pm in the Children’s Activity Room.

Registration not required!