WINTER
2024

CHILDREN’S EVENT CALENDAR

- Storytimes
- Elementary STEM
- Toddler Learning Centre
- Young Writers Workshop
- Special Events
- Discovery Days
- Developmental Screenings
- Parenting Classes

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**January**

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  - LIBRARY CLOSED

- **3**
  - First day to submit your book for the Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest!

- **8**
  - Session 1 Weekday storytime & TLC registration begins today!

- **9**
  - 9:30am-10:30am Sensory Crawl

- **13**
  - 9:30am Saturday Baby Movers
  - 10:30am Saturday Storytime

- **14**
  - 2pm-4pm Meet the Authors

- **15**
  - 10am-12pm Martin Luther King Jr. Day Drop-in Activities

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Saturday Storytime 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Join us for storytime with a Children’s Staff Member! Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

9 Sensory Crawl 9:30am–10:30am DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a Baby Sensory Crawl Playdate! Babies ages 0-14 months and their caregivers are encouraged to crawl and explore a variety of textures on a large mat designed and constructed by a local quilting group. The mat is specifically geared to stimulate your baby’s senses and cognitive skills such as object permanence, spatial awareness, and problem solving. Other special activities will be available to explore throughout the room as well! Registration required. Limit: 20.

12 Music Makers 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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13 Saturday Baby Movers 9:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Stories, songs, and lots of movement - a storytime for babies on the go and their grown-up. Recommended for babies ages 15 to 24 months. Registration not required.

14 Meet the Authors 2pm-4pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Meet local authors and illustrators, read their books, and try some fun activities! Registration not required.

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Drop-in Activities 10am-12pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Join us for an enriching experience where we’ll explore the life of MLK Jr. through books and a documentary, contribute to a handprint mosaic while reflecting on his work, and engage in activities inspired by his vision of unity. Recommended for grades K and up. Registration not required. Presented in collaboration with Black 2 Reality, CPALU, and the 3-20 Coalition.

16 Discovery Day 10am-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.

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21 DIY Plant Fossils STEM Program 2:30pm-3:15pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Act like a paleontologist and make a trace fossil! Kids will learn how analyzing fossils helps scientists understand what Earth was like thousands of years ago, including plant life. Recommended for ages 7-11. Registration required. Limit: 30. Presented in collaboration with the Science Policy Society at Penn State.

27 Saturday Baby Movers 9:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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World Stories Alive 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Experience songs and stories in a featured language! Fun for speakers of all languages, including English! Please check our website calendar for today’s language. Recommended for children ages 3-8 and their families. Registration not required. Presented in partnership with Penn State Center for Language Science.

28 Winter Wonderland Crafts 2pm-4pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Drop by to create beaded snowflakes, paper plate snowmen, and handprint polar bears with students from PSU’s SPSEA. Recommended for ages 2-8. Crafts available while supplies last! Registration not required.

Interested in a Weekday Storytime or Toddler Learning Centre class? Find details on pg. 10!
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3 African American Storytelling with Momma Pam Pam
10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Celebrate Black History Month with exciting local storyteller Momma Pam Pam! Her animal stories accompanied by rain sticks will delight the whole family. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

4 Love Bugs! 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Stop in to make a love bug and other Valentine’s Day themed crafts. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

9 11 Spring Into Science 2pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Welcome the coming of spring with the Penn State Nittany Chemical Society! Plant a pot, play with colorful oobleck, watch a rainbow walk, and take home some spring-themed slime! Recommended for grades 1-5. Registration required. Limit: 30.

16 Music Makers 10:30am
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18 Pollinator Symmetry STEM Program 2:30pm-3:15pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Do you love flowers and plants? Learn about the key role of bilateral symmetry and how pollinators are attracted to certain colors and the symmetrical appearance of plants. Recommended for ages 6-9. Registration required. Limit: 30. Presented in collaboration with Penn State Center for Science and the Schools.

25 Mighty Minds 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Learn about the importance of caring for your mental health with fun activity stations provided by the Jana Marie Foundation and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Registration not required.

26 Discovery Day 10am-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.
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Saturday Storytime 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Join us for storytime with a Children’s Staff Member! Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

3 Dropoff 3pm-7pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Bring your furry friend to an exciting sleepover at the Library! They’ll enjoy games, snacks, and more! Pick up your pal on Thursday, March 7 from 3pm-7pm and see what they’ve been up to overnight. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration required. Limit: 35.

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7 Stuffed Animal Sleepover Pick-up 3pm-7pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
Pick up your stuffed animal from their sleepover and watch a slideshow of their adventures.

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11 Sunday Storytime 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Are you excited about science? Learn about STEM research being done by Penn State Graduate students. Today we’re exploring genetics. From DNA, to genes, to mutations - learn about what makes us, us! Recommended for grades 3-6. Registration required. Limit: 10. Presented in collaboration with the Science Policy Society at Penn State.

12 The Waggle Dance STEM Program 2:30pm-3:15pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Young scientists will learn about the importance of communication among species, focusing on the dwarf honeybee species, Apis florea. Put your dancing shoes on as we learn about the Waggle Dance, a way for bees to inform and receive information about new food sources such as nectar and pollen! Recommended for ages 7-11. Registration required. Limit: 30. Presented in collaboration with the Penn State Center for Science and the Schools.

13 Saturday Baby Lapsit 9:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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14 Pajama Concert with the Brass Rats 6:30pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a concert by a high-energy brass band based from SCAHS rooted in jazz, funk, and pop. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration not required.

15 Music Makers 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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18 Music Movers 11:15am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Enjoy music in a featured language! Fun for speakers of all languages, including English! Please check our website calendar for today’s language. Recommended for children ages 3-8 and their families. Registration not required. Presented in partnership with Penn State Center for Language Science.

19 Saturday Storytime 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

20 Preschool Storytime 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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21 World Stories Alive 10:30am CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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22 Chinese Opera Mask Creative Painting 2pm-3pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Learn the meanings of colors in the Chinese opera mask and the story of the Monkey King. Each child will get to decorate their unique opera masks. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration required. Limit: 30. Sponsored by the National Taiwan Normal University.

23 Coping with Worries 2:30pm-3:30pm DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Children will learn to recognize and manage worries with a reading of Don’t Feed the Worry Bug by Andi Green accompanied by a fun craft. At the same time, parents will meet with mental health professionals to learn and practice science-based skills to recognize and manage anxiety in themselves and their children, including a group discussion about how parents can model and coach kids to manage their worries. Recommended for ages 3-8. Registration not required. Presented in partnership with Penn State Psychological Clinic.

24 Discovery Day 12pm-4pm CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT
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**Last day to log your Spring Book Club reading!**
**April**

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

**Saturday Storytime** 10:30am
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Join us for storytelling with a Children’s Staff Member! Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, and more. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

**The Great American Eclipse**
2:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
On April 8, 2024, a spectacular total solar eclipse will sweep across North America. It will be the only total solar eclipse in the 21st century where the totality will be visible in Mexico, USA, and Canada. Join us for an interactive session with Dr. Cindy Gulis, astronomer from Penn State, to learn about solar eclipses, and when, where, and how to see this great wonder. Program participants will have the opportunity to take home eclipse glasses. Glasses will be available while supplies last! Recommended for kids in grades 2 and up as well as adults. Registration not required.

10 **Discovery Day** 10am-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.

12 **Free Developmental Screenings** 9:30am-11:30am
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
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.

13 **Penn State Thespians present Pinkalicious** 10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join the PSU Thespians as they bring a popular picture book story to life! Pinkalicious loves all things pink, from fairy dresses to cotton candy to bubblegum. But when Pinkalicious eats one too many pink cupcakes and turns pink, what will she do and can she ever turn back? Recommended for ages 3-7. Registration not required.

14 **Penn State Thespians present Pinkalicious** 2:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Recommended for ages 3-7. Registration not required.

18 **World Stories Alive** 10:30am
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Experience songs and stories in a featured language! Fun for speakers of all languages, including English! Please check our website calendar for today’s language. Recommended for children ages 3-8 and their families. Registration not required. Presented in partnership with Penn State Center for Language Science.

21 **From Bee to Pie STEM Program** 2:30pm-3:15pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Young learners will get to make their own version of an apple pie cup using math fractions to demonstrate measurement skills. While building, participants will learn about Pennsylvania agriculture and the importance of bee pollination. Recommended for ages 3-5. Registration required. Limit: 20. Presented in collaboration with the Science Policy Society at Penn State.

26 **Music Makers** 10:30am
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
This class is designed for our littlest music-makers! We’ll sing, dance, and express ourselves in many musical ways. Children will have the opportunity learn new songs, play preschool-friendly instruments, and find the joy in making music together. Recommended for ages 1-5. Registration required. Limit: 20. Sponsored by Growing Tree Toys.

27 **Saturday Baby Lapsit** 9:30am
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY ROOM
Recommended for babies up to 14 months old. Registration not required.

**Calling students of any age! Online homework help is here with HelpNow by BrainFuse.**

Find math tutorials, writing lab assistance, test prep, video lessons, and study tools. Live homework assistance with expert tutors is available every day from 2pm-11pm. Get the help you need when you need it! For students in kindergarten through adult learners. Go to schlowlibrary.org/helpnow to get started.
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 Monday, January 8 at 9am. Session 2 registration begins Tuesday, February 27 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.

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

Session 1: Tuesdays, January 23 & 30; February 6 & 13 at 9:30am.
Session 2: Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27; April 3 at 9:30am.
*Lapsit storytime are also available on select Saturday mornings at 9:30am. See monthly calendar pages for details.

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

Session 1: Wednesdays, January 24 & 31; February 7 & 14 at 9:30am.
Session 2: Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26; & April 2 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, January 24 & 31; February 7 & 14 at 10:30am.
Session 2: Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26; & April 2 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 dates.

Singing, dancing, fingerplays, and stories - a fun time for you and your toddler.

Brown Bag Parenting Classes with SCASD Family & Community Engagement
The SCASD FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Team will facilitate a five-week training on Restorative Practices. In weeks 1-3, parents will learn strategies to build and maintain strong healthy relationships with their spouses, children, families, and even colleagues. Interactive experiences bring you to a full understanding of the fundamental unifying premise of restorative practices—that people are happier, more cooperative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes in their lives when those in positions of authority do things with them rather than to them or for them.

Weeks 4-5 will focus on “Using Circles Effectively”. Circles facilitate conversation and encourage full participation to help promote truly meaningful communication. Through video, practice, and discussion, participants identify reliable methods for using circles to build community and address family behaviors and relationships. The skills that will be taught can be used in all settings and with all relationships.

Program dates: Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 12:30pm-2:30pm in the Downsbrough Community Room. Please feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy during the session. Registration is for the entire 5-week session. Registration required. Limit: 16.

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, February 2 and April 12 from 9:30am-11:30am in the Children’s Activity Room.

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


Check them out from Schlow Library!

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

**Ages 0 to 12**
- Registration begins Friday, March 1 at reading.schlowlibrary.org
- If you participated in the Autumn 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 March and April.
- Log your books online throughout the book club, starting March 1.
- Meet your goal and log your books online by Tuesday, April 30 to earn a prize book and an entry in our drawing to win a large stuffed animal!
- 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, February 3, 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.

Recommended for kids in grades 1-6. Registration required. Limit: 15 authors and their accompanying grown-ups.

**Penn State Thespians Present Pinkalicous**

Saturday, April 13 at 10:30am
Sunday, April 14 at 2:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Pinkalicious loves all things pink, from fairy dresses to cotton candy to bubblegum. But when Pinkalicious eats one too many pink cupcakes and turns pink, what will she do and can she ever turn back?

Recommended for ages 3-7. Registration not required.

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**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.
- Grown-ups 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 complete the Contest Entry Form and create a title page for their book (as described in bullet #5 above).
- Detailed descriptions of extreme and graphic violence are unacceptable.
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BookFlix: Looking for something new to read? Find video storybooks paired with nonfiction eBooks on the same subject, delve into great parent/teacher resources, or explore high-quality games and activities.

TrueFlix: Whether your child already loves nonfiction or is still warming up to it, TrueFlix is the place to be! Short videos introduce each topic, and interactive eBooks - each featuring a read-aloud option - fill in all the details. After reading, kids can explore related topics, web content, and fun activities.

Explore STEM Topics Throughout the Semester!

Is your child interested in STEM? A variety of groups from PSU will be coming to Schlow to share their expertise. Check out what they have to offer!

February 11, 2pm-4pm:
Spring Into Science with the Penn State Nittany Chemical Society

February 18, 2:30pm-3:15pm:
Pollinator Symmetry STEM Program with Penn State Center for Science and Schools

March 16, 2pm-4pm:
Elementary Explorers with the Science Policy Society at Penn State

March 17, 2:30pm-3:15pm:
The Waggle Dance STEM Program with Penn State Center for Science and Schools

April 6, 2:30pm:
The Great American Eclipse with Dr. Cindy Gulis

April 20, 2pm-4pm:
Elementary Explorers with the Science Policy Society at Penn State

April 21, 2:30pm-3:15pm:
From Bee to Pie with Penn State Center for Science and Schools

Please note: Most programs require registration. Check calendar pages for program details.

January 20, 2pm-4pm:
Elementary Explorers with the Science Policy Society at Penn State

January 21, 2:30pm-3:15pm:
DIY Plant Fossils STEM Program with Penn State Center for Science and Schools

February 10, 2pm-4pm:
Elementary Explorers with the Science Policy Society at Penn State

January 20, 2pm-4pm:
Elementary Explorers with the Science Policy Society at Penn State