

SCHLOW
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LIBRARY



Winter 2025

CHILDREN'S EVENT CALENDAR

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-  Storytimes
-  STEM Programs
-  Special Events
-  Developmental Screenings
-  Toddler Learning Centre
-  Parenting Classes
-  Discovery Days
-  Homeschool Activities

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January

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

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9:30am
Saturday Baby
Movers
10:30am
Saturday
Storytime

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Session 1
Weekday
storytime & TLC
registration
begins today!

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10
10:30am
Music Makers

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9:30am
Saturday Baby
Lapsit
10:30am
Saturday
Storytime

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15
9:30am-10:30am
Sensory Crawl

16
2:30pm-4pm
Homeschool Art
Studio

17
10am-2pm
Discovery Day

18
9:30am
Saturday Baby
Movers
10:30am
World Stories
Alive
2pm-4pm
Lego Club

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2pm-4pm
Frozen Crafts

20
9:15am or
10:30am
Toddler Learning
Centre
10am-12pm
MLK Jr. Day
Drop-in Activities
10am-2pm
Discovery Day

21
9:30am
Baby & Me
Lapsit
10:30am
Baby & Me
Movers

22
9:30am
Tales for Twos
10:30am
3s, 4s, & 5s
Storytime

23

24
9:30am-11:30am
Free
Developmental
Screenings

25
10:30am
Flutopia
Initiative's Tunes
& Tales Concert:
"Fun with the
Maestro!"

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2:30pm-3:15pm
Reptile Meet &
Greet: Winter
Edition

27
9:15am or
10:30am
Toddler Learning
Centre

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Baby & Me
Lapsit
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Baby & Me
Movers

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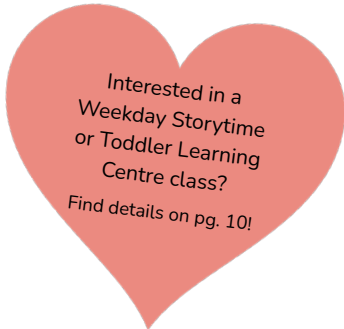
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2:30pm-4pm
Homeschool
Elementary
Explorers

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JANUARY

- 4 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.
- 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.
- 10 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 to 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.
- 11 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
Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.
- 15 Sensory Crawl** 9:30am-10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a Baby Sensory Crawl Playdate! Babies 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 can be explored throughout the room as well! Recommended for ages 0-14 months. Registration required. Limit: 20.
- 16 Homeschool Art Studio** 2:30pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Homeschoolers! Join us for an art activity each month based on the style of a picture book illustrator. For today's artist, please check our website event listing. Recommended for ages 5-12. Registration required. Limit: 16.
- 17 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.
- 18 Saturday Baby Movers** 9:30am
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
Recommended for babies ages 15 to 24 months. Registration not required.
- 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.
- Lego Club** 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
Take on a new building challenge. Design your creation and take a picture to be displayed in our Lego Hall of Fame! Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration not required.
- 19 Frozen Crafts** 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
Create "Frozen"-themed crafts with the students of PSU's SPSEA! Recommended for ages 3-8. Registration not required.
- 20 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 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*.
- 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.
- 24 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.
- 25 Flutopia Initiative's Tunes & Tales Concert: "Fun with the Maestro!"** 10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
This program will feature guest artist Maestro Timothy Farrand, conductor and music director of the Nittany Valley Symphony. While being introduced to an exciting symphonic repertoire, audience members will have fun learning a few conducting skills, along with the opportunity to apply them! A special surprise (that may involve concert tickets!) will also be a highlight. Flutopia Initiative artist Cathy Herrera and Maestro Farrand are ready to make music with you! Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration suggested. Concerts are made possible by the Centre Foundation and organized by the Flutopia Initiative.
- 26 Reptile Meet & Greet: Winter Edition** 2:30pm-3:15pm
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
How do reptiles and amphibians survive in the winter? Join Discovery by Nature to learn about the fascinating cold weather adaptations these animals use to survive. Participants will have a chance to interact with real animal ambassadors and explore hands-on props during the program. Recommended for grades K-5. Registration required. Limit: 35.
- 30 Homeschool Elementary Explorers** 2:30pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Homeschoolers! Are you excited about science? Learn about STEM research being done by Penn State Graduate students with hands-on activities! Check our website for today's topic! Grown-ups: please plan to stay with your child during the program. Recommended for grades K-5. Registration required. Limit: 20. Presented by the Science Policy Society at Penn State.



February

February						1 9:30am Saturday Baby Lapsit 10:30am Saturday Storytime
2 2:30pm-3:30pm Lunar New Year Celebration	3 9:15am or 10:30am Toddler Learning Centre	4 9:30am Baby & Me Lapsit 10:30am Baby & Me Movers	5 9:30am Tales for Twos 10:30am 3s, 4s, & 5s Storytime 12pm-2pm Parenting Classes: Connecting with Kids	6 4pm-5pm Virtual Visit with Lake Tobias Giraffe Caretakers	7 	8 9:30am Saturday Baby Movers 10:30am World Stories Alive 1pm & 3pm Young Writers Workshop
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FEBRUARY

1 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

Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

2 Lunar New Year Celebration
2:30pm-3:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us to celebrate the Year of the Snake with stories and activities featuring traditions from Chinese and Korean cultures. Registration suggested. Presented in partnership with members of the PanAPIDA Circle.

5 Parenting Classes: Connecting with Kids 12pm-2pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Learn about this 5-week parenting class presented by the SCASD Family & Community Engagement Team on page 10! Program dates: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, & 3/5. Registration is required and is for the entire 5-week session. Limit: 16.

6 Virtual Visit with Lake Tobias Giraffe Caretakers
4pm-5pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Ever wonder what it takes to look after an animal taller than your house? Caretakers from Lake Tobias will be answering questions and discussing what life is like with these extraordinary creatures. Crafts will be provided for adults and families. Registration not required. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

8 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.

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

8 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.

Young Writers Workshop

1pm & 3pm
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY 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. If you plan to bring your writing for review, please let us know in the registration form.

1pm class: Grades 1-3
3pm class: Grades 4-6
Recommended for kids in grades 1-6. Limit: 10 authors and their accompanying grown-ups. Registration required.

9 Angelina Ballerina Tea Party
2:30pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Explore the world of Angelina Ballerina! Children will learn basic ballet moves from local dance teachers, make crafts, and enjoy a story and tea party. Snow date: Feb. 16, 2025. Recommended for kids ages 3-8. Limit: 30. Registration required.

13 Homeschool Art Studio
2:30pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Homeschoolers! Join us for an art activity each month based on the style of a picture book illustrator. For today's artist, please check our website event listing. Recommended for ages 5-12. Registration required. Limit: 16.

15 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.

19 Disney Melodies Pajama Concert 6:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a performance featuring favorite Disney songs by the Penn State Thespians Society. Wear your jammies and enjoy the show! Recommended for kids ages 3-8. Registration not required.

21 Music Makers 10:30am
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
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22 Saturday Baby Lapsit 9:30am
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
Recommended for babies up to 14 months old. Registration not required.

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

22 Lego Club 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
Take on a new building challenge. Design your creation and take a picture to be displayed in our Lego Hall of Fame! Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration not required.





25 Sensory Crawl 9:30am-10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a Baby Sensory Crawl Playdate! Babies 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 can be explored throughout the room as well! Recommended for ages 0-14 months. Registration required. Limit: 20.

27 Homeschool Elementary Explorers 2:30pm-4pm
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March

1						<p>9:30am Saturday Baby Movers</p> <p>10:30am Saturday Storytime</p>
2	3  Session 2 Weekday storytime & TLC registration begins today!	4  Last day to enter the Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest!	5 12pm-2pm Parenting Classes: Connecting with Kids	6 	7 10am-2pm Discovery Day	8 9:30am Saturday Baby Lapsit 10:30am Saturday Storytime
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23 2pm-4pm Blast Off & Read!	24 9:15am or 10:30am TLC 9:15am or 10:30am TLC 10am-2pm Discovery Day	25 9:30am Tales for Twos 10:30am 3s, 4s, & 5s Storytime	26 9:30am Baby & Me Lapsit 10:30am Baby & Me Movers	27 2:30pm-4pm Homeschool Elementary Explorers	28 10:30am Music Makers	29 11am Storytime at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
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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.

2 Circus Arts Class 2:30pm-3:30pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Join Phoenix Academy Circus Arts Program Director and instructor Dmitry Myers to become a Ring Master of your own circus. In this workshop, you'll learn hula hooping and acrobatics. Through exploring these disciplines, young ring leaders will also learn strength, flexibility, and awareness that makes the circus possible. Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration required. Limit: 20.

7 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.

8 Saturday Baby Lapsit 9:30am
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Saturday Storytime 10:30am
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Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration not required.

10 Discovery Day 10am-2pm
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Registration not required. First come, first served. Supplies are limited.

11 Discovery Day 10am-2pm
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12 Discovery Day 10am-2pm
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Saturday Storytime 10:30am
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20 Homeschool Art Studio

2:30pm-4pm
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21 Free Developmental

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Lego Club 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM

Take on a new building challenge. Design your creation and take a picture to be displayed in our Lego Hall of Fame! Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration not required.

23 Blast Off & Read! 2pm-4pm
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Enjoy making space-themed crafts with the students of PSU's SPSEA. Recommended for ages 3-8. Registration not required.

27 Homeschool Elementary

Explorers 2:30pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Homeschoolers! Are you excited about science? Learn about STEM research being done by Penn State Graduate students with hands-on activities! Check our website for today's topic! Grown-ups: please plan to stay with your child during the program. Recommended for grades K-5. Registration required. Limit: 20. Presented by the Science Policy Society at Penn State.

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29 Storytime at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center 11am

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Meet a Children's Staff Member at the new Nature Center building for a special storytime about spring and birdwatching. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration suggested. This program is presented in partnership with Centre Region Parks and Recreation.



31 Discovery Day 10am-2pm
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



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6 2pm-4pm Spring Flower Crafts	7 9:15am or 10:30am Toddler Learning Centre	8 9:30am Tales for Twos 10:30am 3s, 4s, & 5s Storytime	9 9:30am Baby & Me Lapsit 10:30am Baby & Me Movers	10	11	12 9:30am Saturday Baby Movers 10:30am World Stories Alive
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27 2:30pm-3pm Nittany Ballet Spring Preview	30		April			

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APRIL

5 Adam Swartz Puppet Show

10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Enjoy a fabulously fun show with local puppeteer Adam Swartz and his puppet friends! Recommended for ages 2-10. Registration suggested. This program is presented and performed in memory of Adam's mother, Susan Hazi Swartz.

6 Spring Flower Crafts

2pm-4pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Spend an afternoon with the students of PSU's NSSLHA and create beautiful flowers! Recommended for ages 3-8. Registration not required.

12 Saturday Baby Movers

9:30am
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18 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.

19 PSU Thespians Show

10:30am
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Join the PSU Thespians as they bring a popular picture book story to life! Check our website for story details. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration suggested.

25 Music Makers

10:30am
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9:30am
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY ROOM
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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.

27 Nittany Ballet Spring Preview

2:30pm-3pm
DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM
Watch a sneak preview of Nittany Ballet's spring performance and then stick around for a fun dance activity! *Nittany Ballet, the dance division of the Performing Arts School of Central Pennsylvania, is a classical ballet school in Central PA.* Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration suggested.

May 1st

Homeschool
Elementary Explorers

Thursday, May 1 - 2:30pm-4pm

Homeschoolers! Are you excited about science? Learn about STEM research being done by Penn State Graduate students with hands-on activities! Check our website for today's topic! Grown-ups: please plan to stay with your child during the program. Recommended for grades K-5. Registration required. Limit: 20. Presented by the Science Policy Society at Penn State.



NOW AVAILABLE!

Looking for screen-free listening for your young reader? Borrow Tonies from Schlow Library! A Toniebox is an audio player designed just for kids ages 3 and up. Add a Tonie figurine to the top of the Toniebox and it instantly starts to play! Some characters play stories, some play songs, and many play some of each. Visit go.schlow.org/tonies to learn more!



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 **Wednesday, January 8** at 9am. Session 2 registration begins **Monday, March 3** at 9am. Sign up on schlowlibrary.org or by calling 814.237.6236.

- Advance registration is required for weekday storytimes.
- 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.
- 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 lapsit rhymes - a playtime just for baby and grown-up.

Session 1: Tuesdays, January 21 & 28; February 4 & 11 at 9:30am.

Session 2: Wednesdays, March 19 & 26; April 2 & 9 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, January 21 & 28; February 4 & 11 at 10:30am.

Session 2: Wednesdays, March 19 & 26; April 2 & 9 at 10:30am. *Movers storytimes 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 22 & 29; February 5 & 12 at 9:30am.

Session 2: Tuesdays, March 18 & 25; April 1 & 8 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 22 & 29; February 5 & 12 at 10:30am.

Session 2: Tuesdays, March 18 & 25; April 1 & 8 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.

Want to start reading?

This class uses two books: **The Restorative Practices Handbook** (2nd edition) by Bob Costello & Ted Wachtel and **Restorative Circles in Schools: A Practical Guide for Educators** (2nd edition) by Ted Wachtel and Bob Costello.

Check them out from Schlow Library!

Toddler Learning Centre

Ages: 18 months to 36 months

! Registration for Session 1 begins **Wednesday, January 8** at 9am. Session 2 registration begins **Monday, March 3** at 9am.

Join us in the Downsborough Community Room - a place for you to play with your child and talk with other caregivers, and learn from an early childhood specialist from Strawberry Fields. Each TLC class concludes with clean-up practice followed by a small snack of Cheerios and water and a short storytime. Sessions limited to 15 families.

Session 1: Mondays, January 20 & 27; February 3, 10, & 17 at 9:15am OR 10:30am.

Session 2: Mondays, March 17, 24, & 31; April 7 & 14 at 9:15am OR 10:30am.

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, January 24 and March 21 from 9:30am-11:30am.

Parenting Classes: Connecting with Kids

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 Circle 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: Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26; & March 5 from 12pm-2pm in the Downsborough 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.

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

Spring Book Club

Ages 0 to 12

• Registration begins Monday, February 24 at reading.schlowlibrary.org



- If you participated in the Autumn Book Club or the Summer Reading Program in 2024 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 Wednesday, April 30 to earn a prize book and an entry in our drawing to win a special prize!
- When your child has met their reading goal, you may come into the Children's Department to choose their prize book in person.

Young Writers Workshop



Saturday, February 8, 1pm & 3pm

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY 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.

1pm-2pm: Grades 1-3 with an option of a book review at 2pm.

3pm-4pm: Grades 4-6 with an option of a book review at 4pm.

Please tell us in the Notes field at registration if you plan to bring something for the teacher to review. Registration required.

Limit: 10 authors and their accompanying grown-ups per class.

Angelina Ballerina Tea Party



Sunday, February 9, 2:30pm-4pm

DOWNSBROUGH COMMUNITY ROOM

Explore the world of Angelina Ballerina! Children will learn basic ballet moves from local dance teachers, make crafts, and enjoy a story and tea party.

Snow date: Sunday, February 16, 2025

Recommended for kids ages 3-8. Limit: 30. Registration required.

41st 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 **Friday, January 3, 2025** and **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**.

Contest Rules:

1. Complete and submit the Contest Entry Form with your book. Find it at schlowlibrary.org/bookcontest
2. 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.
3. You must be in grades 1-6 and also be a resident of Centre County and/or attend school in Centre County.
4. Title page must include book title, name, grade, and school of the author and/or illustrator.
5. Parents may assist with proofreading and typing, but not with writing.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Use only a clip or folder to keep the book together - no staples, report covers, or binders.
10. 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 #3 above).
11. Only works of creative writing will be accepted. Imagination encouraged!
12. Detailed descriptions of extreme and graphic violence are unacceptable.

Find more information and the contest entry form at schlowlibrary.org/bookcontest

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Upcoming Special Events

Storytime at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

Saturday, March 29 at 11am
548 Puddintown Rd., State College



Meet a Children's Staff Member at the new Nature Center building for a special storytime about spring and birdwatching.

Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration suggested.
This program is presented in partnership with Centre Region Parks and Recreation.



Adam Swartz Puppet Show

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30am
Downsbrough Community Room
Enjoy a fabulous fun show with local puppeteer Adam Swartz and his puppet friends!

Recommended for ages 2-10. Registration suggested.
This program is presented and performed in memory of Adam's mother, Susan Hazi Swartz.



Nittany Ballet Spring Preview

Sunday, April 27: 2:30pm-3pm
Downsbrough Community Room



Watch a sneak preview of Nittany Ballet's spring performance and then stick around for a fun dance activity!
Nittany Ballet, a division of the Performing Arts School of Central Pennsylvania, is a classical ballet school in Central PA.
Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration suggested.



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