

# KIDS/ TWEENS

# APRIL 2024

## STORY TIMES!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Wiggly Worms (Ages 0-3) 9:30 & 10:30 AM	3 Stay & Play(All Ages) 10 AM- Noon  Korean Lotus Lantern Craft Workshop 6 PM	4  Struggling Readers: Reader Builders Workshop 6 PM on Zoom	5  Library Closes @ 3 PM	6 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9-4
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15 Preschool STEAM Lab (Ages 3-5) 9:30 AM	16 Wiggly Worms (Ages 0-3) 9:30 & 10:30 AM	17 Stay & Play (All Ages) 10 AM- Noon  Wednesday Wind-Down Story Time 5 PM	18 Louie Listens (All Ages) 4 PM  Struggling Readers: Dyslexia 6 PM on Zoom	19 Little Learners: Mo Willems (Ages 2-5) 10 AM	20 STEAM Saturdays (Gr. K+) 3 PM
22 Future Artists (Ages 3-5) 9:30 AM  Passover Begins	23 Wiggly Worms (Ages 0-3) 9:30 & 10:30 AM	24 Stay & Play (All Ages) 10 AM- Noon	25	26	27
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**Tuesdays:**  
**Wiggly Worms**  
(Ages 0-3) 9:30 & 10:30 AM  
A play-based music and movement story time for children and their caregivers!  
No registration required.  
Due to space, Please choose 1 session to attend.



**Select Wednesdays:**  
**Wednesday Wind Down**  
(Ages 0-5) 5 PM  
Join us for our evening story time!  
Come to the library and wind down for the night with cozy books and songs to end the day.  
Registration encouraged but not required!  
\*Note: No Story Time April 3 or 24



**NEW Select Fridays:**  
**Little Learners**  
(Ages 2-5) 10 AM  
Join us for themed stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft!  
We'll learn early literacy concepts like colors, shapes, opposites, the ABCs and much more!  
Registration encouraged to ensure enough crafts are prepared.  
\*Note: No Story Time April 5 or 26



**April 3: Korean Lotus Lantern Craft Workshop (Ages 10-110) 6-7:30 PM Program Room**

Join the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) for a craft workshop to make a lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. Learn more about Korean history and culture and leave with a beautiful lantern! This program includes a cultural presentation, a short film, and the lantern craft workshop. All materials provided.



**Program for kids and adults ages 10-110! Supplies are limited, registration is required.**

**Wednesdays: Stay & Play (All Ages) 10 AM - 12 PM Children's Room**



Stay & Play is a pop-in social time for children and their caregivers. Come for a few minutes or stay for a couple hours!

**No registration.**

**April 4, 11, 18: Struggling Readers Information Series (Parents/Educators) 6 PM Online via Zoom**

Join Essex Library for a 3-part Zoom series open to parents and teachers who would like to learn more information about reasons why their young readers may be struggling.

**April 4: Session 1: Reader Builders Workshop**

Dr. Juanita Collier and Jessica Liedke present a free workshop that answers the question, "Why doesn't my child love to read?" It could be their eyes! Information about the relationship between the eyes and the brain, including the interconnection with other neurological processes and how that relationship can affect children's reading will be presented.



**April 11: Session 2: Irlen Syndrome**

Registered, licensed occupational therapist Julie McDermott presents a free workshop regarding Irlen Syndrome. Irlen Syndrome is not an optical problem, but rather a problem with the brain's ability to process visual information. This syndrome affects 14% of the general population, and 46% of individuals with existing reading or learning difficulties. Julie will discuss what Irlen Syndrome is, how it is identified in children, and how parents and teachers can help readers who are affected by Irlen syndrome.

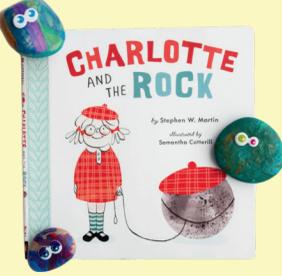


**April 18: Session 3: Dyslexia**

Lydia Conca, Ph.D, Reading Consultant and Special Educator, will present a free workshop regarding Dyslexia. Dr. Conca will discuss what dyslexia is, and how parents and teachers can help readers who are affected by dyslexia.



**April 11: Pet Rock Party (Ages 4+) 2 PM Program Room**



Celebrate National Pet Day at Essex Library! Kids will read the book *Charlotte and the Rock*, and become inspired to create a silly, unique, "pet" of their own, just like Charlotte!

**Program for kids ages 4+. Supplies are limited, registration is required.**

**April 11 AND 18: Louie Listens (All Ages) 4 PM Conference Room**

Reading to a therapy dog has been proven to improve reading skills, self-esteem, and confidence!

Kids & teens can sign up to spend a private 15 minutes with Louie the Labrador, a local, licensed therapy dog.

**Program for kids and teens of all ages. Space is limited, registration is required.**



**April 12: Mid-Day Matinee [PG] 1 PM Program Room**



Join us in the afternoon to watch a 2023 comedy musical fantasy film that tells the origin story of a familiar character in children's literature. Popcorn will be provided.

**Program for all ages. Movie is rated PG. For more information, and movie title, see our website. No registration, just drop in!**

**April 13: Kids Create: Tissue Paper Paintings (Gr. K+) 11 AM Program Room**

Roll up your sleeves and get crafty! In this session we will be using white crayons, tissue paper, and spray bottles to make beautiful tissue paper paintings!

**Program for kids in grades K+. Supplies are limited, registration is required.**



**April 15: Preschool STEAM Lab: Straw Rockets (Ages 3-5) 9:30 AM Program Room**



Come explore the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with us through fun experiments and activities! This month, kids will be making straw rockets!

**Program recommended for kids ages 3-5. Supplies are limited, registration is required.**

**April 20: STEAM Saturdays: Earth Day Seed Bombs (Gr. K+) 3 PM Program Room**

Enjoy a different STEAM project at the library select Saturdays. This session we will be exploring the science of gardening by making seed bombs out of recycled paper.



**Program for kids in grades K+. Supplies are limited, registration is required.**

**April 22: Future Artists: Paper Plate Flowers (Ages 3-5) 9:30 AM Program Room**



Encourage your future artist to get creative as we explore different arts and crafts! This month kids will make paper plate flowers!

**Program for kids ages 3-5. Supplies are limited, registration is required.**



**Scan the QR Code to register for programs, or call 860-767-1560**

