

## **Children's Programs Policy**

### **Mother Goose Time for 12-23 month-olds**

Designed for caregiver and child, this program includes songs and rhymes to promote an early foundation in literature. Classes are usually held twice a week. Registration is ongoing.

### **Multi-age Storytime**

This is a 30 minute program designed for 0-5 year olds. Children age three and under must be accompanied by a caregiver. Children who are three years and older may attend with or without a caregiver. Participants may attend either session of the multi-age storytime any number of weeks on any day that it is offered. Attendance need not be consistent. Registration is not necessary.

### **Booklooks I and II**

Booklook I is a program for 24-29 month-olds and Booklook II is for 30-35 month-olds. Each meeting lasts approximately 30 minutes and the series run for eight weeks. They are designed as a pre-Storytime introduction to the Library. Each session is limited to twelve children, each of whom must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Children are required to have reached the appropriate ages by registration. (Exceptions shall be allowed for developmentally delayed children.)

Registration shall be required beginning at 9:00 a.m. in person, or by telephone after 9:30 a.m. starting the Monday before a new session begins (unless otherwise advertised).

Caregivers shall be required to stay with their children and are encouraged to participate in all activities. Older siblings shall wait in the Children's Room while the class is being held in the Program Room; supervision will be provided. No younger siblings shall be accommodated.

### **Storytime for 3-5 year-olds**

Storytime is a 30-minute program designed for 3-5 year olds. It is offered *twice* a week.

All children ages three to five are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Library's Storytime program. Caregivers are allowed, but not required, to attend only the child's first Storytime and may not be accompanied by younger siblings. Caregivers shall remain in the Library during Storytime. Participants shall arrive on time or they may not be admitted to the program.

Children may attend either session of Storytime any number of weeks on any day that Storytime is offered. Attendance need not be consistent. Formal groups (larger than 10) from outside agencies shall not attend regular Storytimes, but may arrange private sessions as staffing and time permit.

Participants who are disruptive shall be encouraged to develop acceptable Storytime behavior for a period of several weeks. If this is unsuccessful, the child's caregiver shall be asked to discontinue attendance until the child is better able to handle group activities.

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