

## For Everyone!

### KidsRead Email List

Upcoming events in your mailbox!  
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Subject: Subscribe Children's.  
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**Express Bags**—Five fantastic books selected by a librarian for children ages birth - 2, 2-4, and 4-6. Ask at the desk.

**Grandparent Bags**—Books, music, movies, magazines, and more for visiting grandchildren.

**Vacation Bags**—Packed with reading and listening fun for the trip. Please request at least 24 hrs in advance.

**Sick Day Bags**—Home from school for the day? Give us a call and we'll pull together a bag full of fun.

**Family Place Space:** Kids learn through play. Our play area is a great place for you to interact with your child as they develop their social and imaginary play skills.

**Writing Center:** Help your child develop their fine motor skills. Write, draw, do puzzles and play with educational games in this cozy space.

**STEM Exploration:** Check out our rotating activities at the STEM table in the non-fiction area. Build, think, create, problem solve, and more.

### Did you know...?

Classes at the Mt. Lebanon Library utilize the four C's of learning: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, & Creativity. These skills, combined with a focus on literacy and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), shape our educational mission.

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# February KIDS' CALENDAR



more...

storytimes, classes, book clubs, STEAM, art, music, legos, chess, dance, family events, books to discover &

MT. LEBANON PUBLIC LIBRARY  **more for kids**

## Special Events for Families

### Art & the Written Word

Join us for this after-hours cultural get-together at the Library! In this year long series, you will experience the inspiration of words as they are brought to life through the performing arts. Enjoy food, fun, and an opportunity to talk with the artists. For friends and families of all ages!



### Mardi Gras Celebration with Red Beans and Rice!

Celebrate Mardi Gras with this fun-loving, sharp-dressed band that has developed a reputation for delivering danceable New Orleans R&B with a generous side of wit and humor. Traditional New Orleans tales will be woven into the evening with lots of opportunities to dance and sing-along.

Friday, February 9, 6:30—8:30 pm

### Sensational Sundays

Be creative with your kids! Sundays @ 2 pm

### Opposite Day!

February 4

Celebrate the fun and beauty of opposites in this hands-on creative program. Hear stories, play games, make art, and make messes—the fun is in the process! Ages 3 & up and family.

### Family Maker Time

February 11

Stretch your family's imagination and maker skills as you explore sound and vibrations using a wide variety of unusual materials. Ages 3 & up and family.

### Winter Wiggle Olympics

February 25

Put all your motor skills to the test in this family friendly, fantastic day of Olympian games! Ages 2-5 and family.

### Play-n- Learn!

Over three weeks you and your child will make friends, be creative, and explore together. While your child plays with our special collection of Family Place toys, you will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with early childhood development professionals about Literacy, Development, Speech & Hearing. Ages 12-36 months w/ caregiver. **Registration starts Feb. 9**  
Sessions: Fridays, 10 am, March, 9, 16, 23

### 45th Annual Chess Tournament

2 Divisions: Gr. K-4 & Gr. 5-8. Register at the children's desk or by phone, 412-531-1912 x 4.  
**Registration starts Feb. 9**  
Tournament: Saturday, March 10, 1 pm



## Special Events for Families

### Matt's Maker @ the Library

In 2018, Matt's Maker Space is funding a Year of Making at the library. This funding will allow the library to provide collaborative programming with local organizations such as; Pittsburgh Center for the Arts/Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, Heinz History Center, the Carnegie Science Center and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. These programs will explore the components of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) for children in grades K-8. Make sure you take part in our amazing year of Matt's Making!



### Pittsburgh Robotics with Heinz History Center

Robotics have a history and home in Pittsburgh! Come discover recent innovations in modular robotics using Cubelets. Pioneered at CMU, Cubelets allow kids to build increasingly complex robots based on cubes that think, act, and sense. **Registration starts January 29.**  
Programs: Monday February 19:  
1 pm— 1 & 2 graders / 2:30 pm— 3-5 graders

### Digital Animation with PCA

Dive into the fascinating world of animation with Adobe Animate! You'll explore the art of character design and brainstorm an original creation of your own. Then, use a stylus and a graphics tablet to translate your visions into a smooth animation. This is a four-day program. Participants MUST be able to attend all four sessions. No exceptions. For kids in 6th-8th grades. **Registration starts February 6. Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm. March 6, 8, 13, 15**

### Coming in April and May

Drawing and Painting with Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

Robots on a Mission and Robots vs. Humans with the Carnegie Science Center

### Peep Diorama Contest!



Make a book-themed diorama using Peeps as characters! Three entry categories: Kids, Teens, and Family. Bring it to the library March 4th - 11th. Pick up entry guidelines starting Feb. 4. Winners will be announced at **The Peep-le's Choice Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 21st, 6:30pm**

## Weekly Classes

### Book Babies

Enjoy great books, learn new rhymes, and meet other families in your neighborhood in this fun, interactive program.

For babies birth - 2 with an adult.

**Wed., 9:30, 10:15, 11. Jan. 10 - Feb. 28**

### Storytime for 2s & 3s

Discover delightful fingerplays, stories and songs in this participatory program created especially for 2-3 year olds & their caregiver.

For ages 2 -3 with an adult.

**Thursdays, 9:30, 10:15, 11. Jan. 11 - March 1**

### Wild About Books

Experience new and classic picture books, enjoy favorite songs, & learn new fingerplays in this interactive program.

For kids ages 4-6.

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Jan. 9 - Feb. 27**

### Tuesday Crafternoons!

Let kids tap into their creative side while they explore stories and art.

Fun for kids ages 4 - 8.

**Tuesdays, 4 pm. Jan. 9 - Feb. 27**



## Monthly Events

### Pajama Storytime

Enjoy interactive stories and creative activities in this monthly evening storytime. Wearing PJs is optional, but fun! For ages 3—6 & family.

**Thurs., 6:30 pm. Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8**



### Hola Niños

Don't miss the boat! Language skills are best acquired before age 7. Kids will have lots of fun learning Spanish with Marissa Lipinski.

Ages 3 -6 and family.

**Saturdays, 10:30 am. Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3**

### Tail Waggin' Tutors

Sign up to read to a dog! Practice your reading skills with a very attentive listener.

**Readers must pre-register.**

**Thursdays, 7 pm. Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1**



### Lego Club

Come create awesome Lego structures and meet new friends! (Practice STEM and building skills too). For kids ages 6-10.

**Participants must pre-register.**

**Wed. 4 pm. Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28**

### Chess Club

Learn new moves and strategies and have fun playing with other kids! Players should know how all the chess pieces move.

For kids in K- grade 7.

**Wed, 6:30 pm. Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14**

For those programs that require registration, you can now do it online! From our homepage, go to "Programs & Groups" and click on "Event Calendar." Click on the date of the program and register!

## Book Club Bonanza

### Don't Forget—Register for Bookclubs!

All book club books are available at the Children's Desk one month prior to the meeting. Registration for all clubs occurs when the book is checked out.

### Book Explorers

Fun activities and discussion will strengthen young readers and foster a love of reading!

For kids in 1st & 2nd grade.

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Feb. 20, March 20**

### Girls Night Out: Mother-Daughter Book Club

Have fun discussing a new thought-provoking book each month with other moms and daughters who love to read!

For girls, ages 10 - 13 & their moms

**Tuesdays, 7 pm, Feb. 6, March 13**



### Talking Comics

Do you love graphic novels?

Go beyond the page in the library's Maker Space. Read, chat, & create! For kids in grades 6, 7, & 8.

**Wednesdays, 3:30 pm, Feb. 7, March 7**



## For Middle Schoolers

### Chinese New Year Celebration

Join us to celebrate the Year of the Brown Earth Dog. Dim Sum, noise and more!

**Feb 16th 3:15-4:30 in Room A**

### By Its Cover: Book Anatomy

Love that old book smell? Drop by for a primer in book anatomy. Learn how to identify books by age, imprint, and watermark, go on a bibliophile's scavenger hunt, dissect old books, and construct a unique volume of your own!

**Feb 21 6-8pm in Children's Story Room**

### Otaku Lebo

A monthly club for lovers of all things anime and manga! Watch anime, make kawaii crafts, play games and eat snacks. No registration

January 4: Mochi treats & Fukuwarai

February 1: Honmei-choco (chocolate!) & Hanetsuki

March 1: White Day & Hinamatsuri

April 5: Sakura season

May 3: Make a bento box

**1st Thursdays of the month, 3:15 pm Rm B**

### Teen Time

Stop by after school and kick off the weekend with a craft, game, or movie!

Jan 11: Welcome back! Mystery game

Jan 19: Video game tournament

Feb 23: Teen space facelift: paint a bookend!

No registration required—further activities TBA

**Fridays at 3:15 pm in Room A**



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