**STAY AND PLAY**

We invite children and parents to stay and play with our collection of developmental toys after our regularly scheduled Library Learning Time. We have set this time aside because of research showing the importance of unstructured play for children, and to give caregivers the opportunity to socialize.

**SENSE STORYTIME**

A storytime for children who may need a little extra attention, or a more controlled environment.

- **Gere Branch**
  - Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 AM  January 18 - February 22

**FAMILIES**

For families with children of all ages. Enjoy crafts and storytime.

- **Bennett Martin Public Library**
  - Sundays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- **Eiseley Branch**
  - Sundays, 1:00 - 1:30 PM
- **South Branch**
  - Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

**STORIES AND STRETCH**

Wear your PJs or comfy clothes and wind down with a calming storytime.

- **Walt Branch**
  - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
  - Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

If you see the flower next to an event, it means it is a **Stay and Play session.**

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**STORIES AND RHYMES PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Incorporates folktales, fairytales and nursery rhymes into a storytime setting. All ages welcome.

- **Walt Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:15 - 11:45 AM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM
- **Wednesdays, 10:35 - 10:55 AM**
- **Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM**

**TALES AND RHYMES PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Incorporates folktales, fairytales and nursery rhymes into a storytime setting. All ages welcome.

- **Walt Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:15 - 11:45 AM

**READ ALOUD PLEASE**

A parent-child book group for students in grades 1-3 and their parents. Call 402-441-8560 to register.

- **Gere Branch**
  - 6:30 - 7:15 PM
  - Mondays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

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**BABIES**

For children birth to 18 months. An interactive parent-child time with fun activities designed to promote early literacy, language development and a love of books.

- **Eiseley Branch**
  - Mondays, 10:35 - 10:55 AM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM
  - Thursdays, 6:30 - 6:50 PM
- **Walt Branch**
  - Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

**TODDLERS**

For children ages 18-36 months and their parents or caregivers. Toddler Time includes stories, songs, and activities designed to support early literacy skills by building vocabulary and sharing age-appropriate stories in a fun, active, engaging environment.

- **Anderson Branch**
  - Mondays, 10:30 - 10:50 AM
- **Bethany Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 10:30 - 10:50 AM
- **Eiseley Branch**
  - Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM
  - Wednesdays, 10:35 - 10:55 AM
  - Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM
- **Walt Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 - 10:50 AM

**WEE WORKOUTS**

For children two to five years old. This program gets kids moving and interacting with a fun literacy component.

- **Eiseley Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

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**PRESCHOOLERS**

For children ages three, four, and five. Preschool Storytime is a half-hour of books and activities supporting early literacy by offering vocabulary development, experiences with a wide variety of literature, and participation in language-related activities.

- **Anderson Branch**
  - Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- **Bethany Branch**
  - Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- **Eiseley Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 7:00 - 7:30 PM
  - Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- **South Branch**
  - Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM & 2:00 - 2:30 PM
- **Walt Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

**ENGLISH/SPANISH BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Spanish speakers and those wanting to learn more Spanish are welcome. Bienvenido a hora del cuento para hispanohablantes y aquellos que quieran aprender español.

- **Bennett Martin Public Library**
  - Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Gere Branch**
  - Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM
  - Wednesdays, 10:35 - 10:55 AM
  - Thursdays, 10:00- 10:20 AM & 10:35 - 10:55 AM
- **Walt Branch**
  - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:20 AM & 10:30 - 11:00 AM

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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL STORYTIME
Sit, sing, and listen to stories together. The more you participate, the more your child will participate, enjoy, and learn.

Please be on time. Storytimes are short and every minute is full of fun and learning opportunities.

Don’t be afraid to leave. Some days children just aren’t in the right mood for storytime. If your child is having a bad day or becomes disruptive, please feel free to take a break and try again.

Please enjoy your food, toys, and cell phones after storytime. Distractions take away from enjoyment and learning for everyone. There may be children with food sensitivities or allergies in storytime.

WHY READ ALOUD?
There is an easy way to improve your child’s chances at school. It will entertain and delight them. It will strengthen the bonds between you and your child. And it is virtually free.

Sound too good to be true? The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child. Research has repeatedly provided that this one simple parenting technique is among the most effective. Children who are read aloud to by parents get a head start in language and literacy skills and go to school better prepared.

Reading aloud to young children promotes literacy and language development and supports the relationship between child and parent.

In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe your child, it may also develop vocabulary, improve ability to learn to read, and - perhaps most important - foster a lifelong love of books and reading.

Library Locations
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8500

Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

Bethany Branch
1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550

Eiseley Branch
1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

Gere Branch
2400 S. 56th St. | 402-441-8560

Lied Bookmobile
Call for schedule | 402-441-8545

South Branch
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

Walt Branch
6701 S. 14th St. | 402-441-4460

Williams Branch
5000 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580

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