Preschool Story Time
Dates at a Glance
Monday, April 1, 2019
Monday, April 8, 2019
Thursday, April 11, 2019
Monday, April 15, 2019
Thursday, April 18, 2019
Monday, April 22, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019
Monday, April 29, 2019

Family Story Time
Dates at a Glance
Saturday, April 13, 2019
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Summer Story Time
Dates at a Glance
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Thursday, June 13, 2019
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Thursday, June 20, 2019
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Thursday, June 27, 2019
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Thursday, July 18, 2019
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Wednesday, July 24, 2019
Thursday, July 25, 2019

School-Age Programs
The Children’s Library offers monthly cooking classes, and floral design classes for school-age children. Advance registration is required; see inside for program details.

Holidays / Closures
The Children’s Library will be closed on the following dates:
May 27, 2019
July 4, 2019
July 29 – August 9, 2019
September 2, 2019

Library Hours
Monday through Friday
10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Saturdays (November through April)
10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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PROGRAMMING
The Children’s Library offers free story time programs. Preschool Story Time is for children 4 years of age and younger, and takes place at 10:30 a.m. on most Mondays and Thursdays, October through April. Family Story Time is for children 8 years of age and younger, and takes place at 10:30 a.m. on select Saturdays, November through April. Summer Story Time is for children 8 years of age and younger, and takes place at 10:30 a.m. on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in June and July. An arts and crafts follows each story time.

Programs for children in grades kindergarten and above are offered November through April on select weekdays. Space is limited and reservations are required for all school-age programs.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES
As part of our commitment to community outreach, the Four Arts Children’s Library offers free story time programs that can be customized for your school, children’s groups or organization.

For more information and scheduling opportunities, call the Children's Library at (561) 655-2776 or email schoolorshops@fourarts.org. Please note, the minimum number of students required for group reservations is 18.

Please fill out a NEW Family Library Card application during your next visit.

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IN-HOUSE CHECKOUT OF TOYS
Children’s Library guests are invited to check out board games, puzzles, building blocks, chess, or other learning games and toys from the circulation desk during their visit.

A library staff member will assist caregivers and/or children with the check-out process. Please return all materials to the circulation desk before leaving. This system allows for more organized play, complete sets with no missing pieces, thorough care of all materials, and hours of fun for all visitors of the Children’s Library!

SICK ANNOUNCEMENT
Parents and caregivers of sick children are asked to keep their children at home, especially during programming when illness may easily spread to others. If a child becomes ill at the library, caregiver(s) will be asked to take their child home.

Story Time Program Guidelines
Please help us make every child’s experience as pleasant as possible by observing the following guidelines:

1. The Children’s Library opens at 10 a.m. and story time programs begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive on time; we offer games, toys, computers, iPads, and an abundance of books for those who arrive early.

2. Dress your child/children and yourself in comfortable clothing so you can sit on the floor.

3. Story time is a sharing experience. We request your active participation in the stories, finger plays, songs, crafts, and additional activities.

4. Should your child become restless during the program, we kindly ask that you move quietly away from the area until he or she is ready to rejoin the group.

5. For the safety of ALL children visiting, no child is to be left unattended in any part of the library.

6. Park all strollers in the back gallery during story time and scheduled activities; when story time takes place in the Four Arts Garden, all strollers will have a designated parking area. This is for the safety of all in case of an emergency.

7. No food, drinks, or toys in the storyline area during the program.

8. We thank you in advance for being courteous and respectful of others by not talking when stories and songs are being shared and for refraining from cellphone use at all times.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe, comfortable environment for all Children’s Library patrons!
Story Time at the Children's Library

Children’s Library story times are thematic; all books, songs, rhymes and crafts featured will address the program’s educational theme. An arts and crafts activity will follow each story time unless otherwise noted.

Preschool Story Time
4 years of age and younger
Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
October through April

APRIL

Rain Day
Monday, April 1, 2019

NO PROGRAM
Thursday, April 4, 2019

Springtime
Monday, April 8, 2019

Garden Day
Thursday, April 11, 2019

Join us for a special story time in the beautiful Four Arts gardens. Listen to stories and sing songs all while surrounded by nature. After story time, preschoolers are invited to complete a scavenger hunt in the Philip Hulitar Sculpture Garden.

Growums® will give garden planting kits to all of our attending preschool families. With the help of fun characters, Growums® introduces preschoolers to healthy foods, promotes agricultural awareness, teaches nurturing skills, and encourages children to create a greener world.

There will be no arts and crafts activity on this day.

Peter Cottontail Day & Egg Hunt
Thursday, April 18, 2019

Here comes Peter Cottontail! Join author Robert L. Forbes in the Philip Hulitar Sculpture Garden as he shares select poems featuring spring animals. After story time, children age 4 and younger are invited to hunt eggs on the Four Arts lawn. Be sure to bring a basket for eggs.

As in previous years, due to the popularity of this event, children will be instructed on the maximum number of eggs they may collect. Please remember this is a preschool event and the “egg limit” allows all preschoolers (the littlest babies and those who can crawl, walk or run) to participate in the program.

Following the egg hunt, Mr. Forbes is available to meet with families and sign copies of his delightful books. The Children’s Library would like to express their gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 141 and Troop Leader Mr. Ray Kramer for hiding the Easter eggs!

Note: There will be no arts & crafts activity on this day. In the event of rain this program will be canceled. No buses permitted.

Caterpillars & Butterflies
Monday, April 22, 2019

Beach Day
Thursday, April 25, 2019

Pirate Day – End of Season Party
Monday, April 29, 2019

Ahoy, me hearties! Avast ye plans and join us for the annual Preschool Story Time pirate party to celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 season. Little buccaneers, grab your pirate garb and enjoy a fun-filled story time. Pirate booty and refreshments will be served. Ages 4 and under.
**Family Story Time**

8 years of age and younger
November through April
Select Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

**School-Age Programs**

Fun Chefs with Stacey Stolman

One of the most popular children’s programs returns this season to inspire your child in the culinary arts. When calling to reserve your child’s place in Fun Chefs please select either 2:30 or 3:30 p.m. class. **These free classes are for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten or above.**

Thursday, April 11, 2019
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Reservations accepted beginning Thursday, March 14, 2019

**Floral Design** with Vickie Denton

In this fun class children have the opportunity to create unique floral arrangements. **These free classes are for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten and above.** Students will learn the basics of floral design, proper use of tools, the art of flower placement and additional skills needed for any budding horticulturalist.

Monday, April 8, 2019
3-4 p.m.
Reservations accepted beginning Monday, March 11, 2019

**Summer Story Time**

8 years of age and younger
June and July
Select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Library story times are thematic; all books, songs, and activities featured will address the program’s education theme. After all Summer Story Times families may enjoy their packed lunches together in our Art Room.

This June and July we will celebrate the alphabet. Each story time will center on the letter (or letters) of the day. We will work our way from A to Z. Enjoy the “Letter of the Day” craft and try to complete the entire alphabet with us!

**Bees**
Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Pirate Day – End of Season Party**
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Ahoy, me hearties! Avast ye plans and join us for the annual Family Story Time pirate party to celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 season. Young buccaneers, grab your pirate garb and enjoy a fun-filled story time. Pirate booty and refreshments will be served. Ages 8 and under.

**NO PROGRAMS THE WEEK OF 4th of July**
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Thursday, July 4, 2019

**Now I know my ABCs Party**
Join us for our End of Summer Story Time & Party! Refreshments will be served.
“Illustrating Words: The Wondrous Fantasy World of Robert L. Forbes, poet, and Ronald Searle, artist” Exhibition at the Four Arts Children’s Library

ON DISPLAY IN THE MARY ALICE FORTIN CHILDREN’S ART GALLERY

This exciting exhibition features more than 60 works combining the creative poetry of Robert L. Forbes and the highly imaginative artwork of Ronald Searle. The inventive and whimsical words of Forbes are insightfully illustrated with Searle’s joyful watercolor illustrations. Rich with color and fanciful detail, the drawings capture the spirit and essence of each poem. The delightful collaboration of these two artists invites the viewer to expand their imagination, creativity and appreciation of words brought to life with illustration.

Ronald Searle was long known as one of the world’s top illustrators who produced drawings for Life Magazine, The New Yorker, and numerous British publications. Robert Forbes has published three books and is fast becoming a major children’s author.

The Society of the Four Arts is pleased to offer free field trip opportunities to this exhibition. The Four Arts Children’s Library offers programs and activities that can be customized for any school group and grade level.

There is no charge for field trip attendance for students, teachers and chaperones.

For schools within the Palm Beach County School District, some funding for busing is provided by the District. In addition, The Society of the Four Arts now offers additional transportation funding through the Palm Beach County School District. Please inquire with your bookkeeper or the Children’s Library for more information.

For more information on field trips please contact Susan Harris or Samantha Merigold in the Children’s Library. Call (561) 655-2776 or email schooltrips@fourarts.org.

Please note, the minimum number of students required for a group reservation is 18.

Additional details for this program and all school field trip offerings are on our website.

Educational Note: This exhibit has been approved by the School District of Palm Beach County for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

CCSS & NGSSS: Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts
How to Find the Children’s Library
From Interstate 95, take Okeechobee Boulevard (exit 70) and go east toward Palm Beach. After crossing the Royal Park Bridge over the Intra-coastal Waterway, make an immediate left onto Four Arts Plaza.