

Spring Reading Fun

Children's Events for
March, April & May



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Greensboro
Public Library



Read Across America

Every year libraries, schools, and Seuss lovers young and old, celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with "Read Across America Day" on March 2. We invite you to celebrate with us at our library kids' events or drop by and check out a Seuss book or movie. For more kids' fun, try this interactive website: www.seussville.com

- March 1**Dr. Seuss "Minute to Win It" Fun • Celebrate Dr. Seuss stories and wacky characters, with special games, creations, and snacks. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 1** **Movie: Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat** • Rated PG. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 1 & 2...**Fun Favorites with Dr. Seuss • Join us for a toddler & preschool storytime. 10 am & 11 am. McNairy.
- March 2.....**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! • Enjoy Seuss stories and meet the Cat in the Hat. Make a Thing One or Two. For preschoolers. 10 am. Hemphill.
- March 2.....**Seussian Lego Fun • Drop by to make a Dr. Seuss-inspired creature, vehicle or structure. For all ages. 3:30 pm. McNairy.
- March 2.....**Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party • It's Dr. Seuss' birthday, and we're celebrating with cake and games. Build a turtle tower, fish in McElligot's Pool, and enjoy other adventures as we explore the wubbulous world of Dr. Seuss. For all ages. 3:30 pm. Central Library.
- March 8.....**Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss • Vote for your favorite Dr. Seuss book and make a Cat in the Hat puppet. School age. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.

Caught Read-Handed!

We're encouraging everyone to catch your child "read-handed" – reading! Submit photos of your child reading (anywhere, anytime), and we'll post them here or on our website or Facebook pages. Submit your "caught read-handed" picture to brandon.bensley@greensboro-nc.gov.

Did you know that allowing children to choose their own books at the library makes them better readers? Children are more likely to explore other genres or types of books when they are the ones making the choice. And just like adult readers, they are more likely to read when they're reading something that engages their interest.

When looking for books with your child, don't forget nonfiction. Research has shown that some children lose interest in reading because they fail to see the usefulness of it, especially reading fiction. Encouraging them to read nonfiction books on topics of interest to them, or instruction manuals, cookbooks, magazine articles, video game strategy guides or walkthroughs, can push many a reluctant reader past that point.



Need a Furry Reading Buddy?

Learning to read takes practice! If your child loves dogs, reading aloud to a patient furry friend might make reading-practice all the more enjoyable. Your reluctant reader can practice reading to a friendly dog when the Tail-Wagging Tutors come to the Library. Call 336-373-2046 to make an appointment. **March 11, March 25, April 8, from 10 am to 12 noon. Central Library.**

If You Build It...

Building clubs offer a great way for kids to use their imaginations while at the same time experimenting with architectural and engineering science. The activities are open-ended and kids are free to follow their own divergent thinking. This is not just block-building, it's brain-building!

Benjamin Branch

March 27 at 4 pm Tornado and Earthquake proof
April 24 at 4 pm Annual Bridge Contest!
May 22 at 4 pm ... Something Your Mother Would Love

Central Library

March 8 at 4 pm Lego Club
March 23 at 4 pm Lego Club
April 5 at 4 pm Lego Club
April 20 at 4 pm Lego Club
May 11 at 4 pm Lego Club
May 13 at 10 am Lego Club
May 24 at 4 pm Lego Club
May 27 at 10 am Lego Club

Glenwood Branch

March 31 at 3-5 pm Kids Konstruction
April 13 at 3-5 pm Kids Konstruction
May 7 at 3-5 pm Kids Konstruction

Hemphill Branch

March 9 at 4 pm Construction Workshop
March 23 at 4 pm Construction Workshop
April 6 at 4 pm Construction Workshop
April 20 at 4 pm Construction Workshop
May 4 at 4 pm Construction Workshop
May 18 at 4 pm Construction Workshop

Kathleen Clay Branch

March 8 at 4 pm Lego Afternoon
April 26 at 4 pm Lego Afternoon
May 17 at 4 pm Lego Afternoon

McNairy Branch

March 2 at 3:30 pm Make a Seuss-inspired creature
March 11 at 4 pm ..Exceptional Construction/All Abilities
April 6 at 3:30 pm Build with Legos
April 29 at 9:30 am ..Exceptional Construction/All Abilities
May 4 at 3:30 pm Build something Star Wars
May 13 at 4 pm Exceptional Construction/All Abilities

Vance Chavis Branch

March 8 at 3:30 pm Building with Legos
March 29 at 6:30 pm Family fun with Legos
April 12 at 3:30 pm Building with Legos
April 27 at 6:30 pm Family fun with Legos
May 10 at 3:30 pm Building with Legos
May 24 at 3:30 pm Building with Legos
May 25 at 6:30 pm Family fun with Legos

Outdoor Storytime in LeBauer Park

As the weather warms, join us for Outdoor Storytime in LeBauer Park on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Look for us at the stage area where you'll enjoy a half-hour of stories, songs, and fun-filled learning. In the event of bad weather, storytime will be held in the Central Library Children's Area. **Outdoor Storytime begins March 16.**



After-School Adventures ...For k-5

- March 2.....Sharpie Tie-Dye** • Bring a white t-shirt and create a splash of color with this non-messy tie-dye technique. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- March 7.....Coppélia with the Greensboro Ballet** • Hear about the upcoming production of Coppélia, meet a ballerina and create a paper doll inspired by the dance. 4 pm. Benjamin.
- March 9.....Pokémon Makerspace** • Learn about the 3D printer and watch it print Pokémon objects. Then make an origami Pikachu bookmark and a paper Pokéball. 3:30 pm. McNairy.
- March 9.....Build a Leprechaun House** • The Magic Tree House Readers Club visits Leprechaun in Late Winter. Learn about the magical people from Ireland. 4 pm. Central.
- March 15The Luck of the Irish** • Enjoy Irish folktales and make a wee Leprechaun. 2 pm. Hemphill.
- March 15Make it Green: Youth Art Month Challenge** • Join in to create 2/D and 3/D art. It must be green and it must be recycled. Green materials provided but bring anything special you would like to use. Winners will be displayed. 2:30 pm. Glenwood.
- March 15Arts & Quilts** • Try your hand at making a paper quilt with a variety of colored shapes. Frame and take home your own wall hanging. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- March 15Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt** • A rascally leprechaun has hidden his gold in the library and thinks we won't be able to find it. He's left some clues. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- March 15Crafternoon: Rockin' Shamrocks** • Let's make a shamrock craft. 4 pm. Central.
- March 22.....Wonderful Women Inventors: Kidz' Krew Makerspace** • Celebrate inventions by some amazing women and create something of your own. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 22.....Make a Lava Lamp** • Wacky Storytime erupts with books about volcanos, and you'll also get to make your own lava lamp. 4 pm. Central.
- March 22.....Nutrition Month Celebration** • Enjoy games like My Plate Bingo and Fruit Jeopardy as you learn to eat healthy. 4 pm McGirt-Horton.
- March 23.....Engineer with Rosie Revere** • Celebrate Women's History Month by hearing Andrea Beaty's *Rosie Revere, Engineer* (inspired by Rosie the Riveter), make paper airplanes and more. 3:30 pm. McNairy.
- March 29.....Kidz' Krew Game Time** • Enjoy board games, card games, and puzzles. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 30.....Launch and Learn** • Make your own catapult from craft sticks and launch pom-poms. Can you hit the target? 4 pm. Hemphill.
- April 5.....The Joke's on You** • It's National Humor Month! Celebrate by creating your own Mad Libs, writing some jokes, and creating a comic strip to tickle your funny bone. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay Edwards.
- April 6.....Make-a-Snake** • Spend an Afternoon on the Amazon with the Magic Tree House Readers Club and make a paper snake. Listen as Jack and Annie travel down the mysterious river. 4 pm. Central Library.
- April 12Crafternoon: Plant a Seed** • Spring is springing, so this month we will plant a seed to grow a flower. 4 pm. Central.
- April 12Kite Construction** • Design a kite from brown paper bags and skewers. 4pm. McGirt-Horton.
- April 18The Frog Prince** • Enjoy a puppet play based on the traditional folktale and then make a finger puppet frog. 4 pm. Benjamin.
- April 19CD Hovercraft** • Wacky Storytime features a Space Boy book, and you'll also get to make a hovercraft. 4 pm. Central Library.
- April 19Weavers are We** • Create beautiful woven-art using yarn and straws. 4 pm McGirt-Horton.
- April 26.....Kidz' Krew Game Time** – Enjoy board games, card games, and puzzles. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- April 26.....Go Lean with Protein** • Cooperative extension will help us stir up tasty black beans and corn salsa as we learn new and delicious protein sources. 4 pm McGirt-Horton.
- April 27.....Choose Kind Makerspace** • Fans of R.J. Palacio's *Wonder*, join us to make kindness crafts including friendship bracelets, thank you notes and a decorated picture frame. 3:30 pm. McNairy.
- April 27.....Guatemalan Worry Dolls** • Try this traditional Mayan craft using yarn and clothespins to create a tiny doll. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- May 2.....Meet Mulan** • Hear about the Community Theatre of Greensboro's upcoming production of Disney's Mulan, JR. Make a Chinese fan, create a dragon and enjoy a lucky snack. 4 pm. Benjamin.
- May 3.....Paper Bouquet** • Surprise your favorite gal with a variety of paper flowers that will never wilt! 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- May 5-7.....Japanese Children's Day** • Celebrate by building a paper Carp Kite and making a Samurai Helmet. Drop-in anytime during regular hours. Glenwood.

After-School Adventures ...for k-5

- May 10** **Delicious Dairy** • Get hands-on and make your own bag of ice cream, plus learn to recognize important dairy sources. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- May 10** **Crafternoon: Mother's Day Cards** • Make a card for mommy and grandma. 4 pm. Central Library.
- May 11** **Floating Sculptures** • Use pool noodles and more to design a water sculpture. Test your creation to see if it floats. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- May 17** **Kidz' Krew Game Time** – Enjoy board games, card games, and puzzles. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- May 17** **Cardboard Castle** • Travel back in time and build a medieval castle. Listen to *The Three Robbers* during Wacky Storytime while you make a castle. 4 pm. Central Library.
- May 21** **Summer Reading 2017 Sneak Preview** • Prepare for Summer Reading 2017 and create an Art Journal for summer notes and mementos. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- May 25** **Make a Western Vest** • Magic Tree House Readers Club looks at *Ghost Town at Sundown*. Learn about the Wild West, wear your cowboy boots, and make a western vest. 4 pm. Central Library.

At the Movies

- March 1** **Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat** • Rated PG. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 4** **Saturday Movie: Norm of the North** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- March 6** **Family Night Movie: Elena of Avalor: Ready to Rule** • Rated TV-Y. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- March 11** **Saturday Movie: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- March 12** **Books to Screen: Anne of Green Gables** • Rated G. 3 pm. Glenwood.
- March 15** **Kidz' Krew Movie: Inside Out** • Rated PG. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 18** **Saturday Movie: Brave** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- March 25** **Saturday Movie: Nanny McPhee Returns** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- April 1** **Saturday Movie: Zathura** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- April 3** **Family Night Movie: The BFG** • Rated PG. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- April 5** **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** • Rated PG. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- April 8** **Saturday Movie: 102 Dalmatians** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.
- April 15** **Saturday Movie: Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.
- April 19** **Kidz' Krew Movie: The Lorax** • Rated PG. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- April 22** **Saturday Movie: Winnie the Pooh** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.
- May 3** **Kidz' Krew Movie: Shaun the Sheep** • Rated PG. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- May 6** **Saturday Movie: The Tale of Despereaux** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.
- May 13** **Saturday Movie: The Secret World of Arrietty** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.
- May 20** **Saturday Movie: Robots** • Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
- May 22** **Family Night Movie: Pete's Dragon** • Rated PG. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- May 27** **Saturday Movie: Pinocchio** • Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.



Little Kids Storytimes

Welcome to storytime! Did you know that storytime at the library is one of the best ways to nurture a love of reading and cultivate important pre-reading skills in your child? Families find that library storytime is also a safe, non-judgmental place where your child can be entertained, while also being herself or himself. Join us at storytime and watch your child learn and grow!

Benjamin Branch

Toddler - Preschool (birth-5) • Mondays at 9:30 and 10:30 am, Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 6:15 pm
March 6 - 8.....Wild 'n' Windy Weather
March 13 - 15.....It's Not Easy Being Green
March 20 - 22.....Vroom, Beep Beep
March 27 - 29.....Whoop Whoop Hoots?
April 3 - 5.....Pitter Patter Raindrops
April 10 - 12.....Hoppy Easter, Everybunny
April 17 - 19.....Creepy Crawly Critters
April 24 - 26.....ChickChickChickens
May 1 - 3.....BooHoo, Babies
May 8 - 10.....Grow, Grow, Garden
May 15 - 17.....Quacking Up
May 22 - 24.....Sun & Shadows
May 29 - 31.....No Storytime

Central Library

Babies and Toddlers - 9:30 am Wednesdays & Fridays. Birth to Age 5 at 10:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, and 1 pm on Thursday. Thursday's 10:30 will be outside in LeBauer Park (weather permitting).
March 1 & 3 (no Thursday storytime).....Blustery Days
March 8 - 10.....ABCs.
March 15 - 17.....Groovy Green.
March 22 - 24.....Spring is here!
March 29 - 31.....We Love Our Pets.
April 5 - 7.....Rhyme Time!
April 12 - 14.....Look in a Book.
April 19 - 21.....Digging the Dirt.
April 26 - 27.....Pop & Bang!
May 3 - 5.....Bees and Butterflies.
May 10 - 12.....Mommies, Grandmas & Aunts.
May 17 - 19.....Playful Purple.
May 24 - 26.....Fruit Basket.

Glenwood Branch

Wednesdays at 10:30 am.
March 1.....Wind and Rain
March 8.....Colors of the Rainbow / Colores del Arco Iris
March 15.....Floppy Froggies
March 22.....Blowing Bubbles
March 29.....Moon & Stars
April 5.....Make Way for Mother Goose
April 12.....Chicks 'n' Eggs
April 19.....Going Green for Earth Day
April 26.....Listen N' Move - Shakey, Shakey
May 3.....It's A Fiesta / Es Una Fiesta
May 10.....Diggers and Dump Trucks
May 17.....May Flowers
May 24.....Pajama Rama

Hemphill Branch

Thursdays at 10 am.
March 9.....Fun with Five Senses
March 16.....Rainbows All Around
March 23.....Spring Forward
March 30.....Pet Parade
April 6.....Hats Off to You
April 13.....Bunny Hop
April 20.....Sweets and Treats
April 27.....On the Road Again
May 4.....Up, Up and Away
May 11.....Camping Under the Stars
May 18.....Farm Life
May 25.....Garden Party

Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch

Birth - age 5: Tuesdays at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 1:30 Wednesdays at 10:30
March 1.....Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My!
March 7-8.....Just Ducky
March 14-15.....Being Green
March 21-22.....Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
March 28-29.....Get Well Soon
April 4-5.....Library Love
April 18-19.....Our Earth
April 25-26.....Hop like a Bunny
May 2-3.....A Rainbow of Colors
May 9-10.....Here Comes the Sun...And the Moon
May 16-17.....Ribbit, Ribbit
May 23-24.....Buggy Books

McGirt-Horton Branch

Tuesdays at 10 am.
March 7.....Dr. Seuss is Back
March 14.....Kites to Fly
March 21.....Pizzas Have Many Shapes
March 28.....Windy Weather Fun
April 4.....Bunny Hop
April 11.....Quack with the Ducks
April 18.....Let's Visit the Library
April 25.....Under My Umbrella
May 2.....Dinosaur Day
May 9.....Grow, Grow, Garden
May 16.....Turtle Time
May 23.....Hurray for Fish
May 30.....Sun and Sand

Glenn McNairy Branch

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 & 11 am.

March 1 & 2 Fun Favorites with Dr. Seuss
March 7 - 9 Moon and Stars
March 14 - 16 Music All Around
March 21 - 23 Wind and Rain
March 28 - 30 Puppy Dog Tales
April 11 - 13 Creepy, Crawly Bugs
April 25 - 27 Garden Party
May 2 - 4 I Love Books
May 9 - 11 Celebrate Moms, Grandmas, and Aunts
May 16 - 18 Dinosaur Romp
May 23 - 25 Under the Sea

Vance Chavis Branch

Tuesdays at 11 am.

March 7 W is for Wind
March 14 A is for Airplanes
March 21 R is for Red
March 28 M is for Mo Willems Books
April 4 D is for Dogs
April 11 A is for April Showers
April 18 Y is for Jane Yolen Books
April 25 S is for Silly Stories
May 2 A is for Frank Asch Books
May 9 H is for Hugs and Kisses
May 16 E is for Everyone Eats
May 23 A is for All Aboard
May 30 D is for Dance Party

Baby Storytime

For babies from birth through 18 months

Did you know that reading, talking, singing, and playing with your baby are not only fun to do but are also important ways to build early literacy skills? The Greensboro Public Library is excited to offer special storytimes that provide fun and learning for our newest and youngest book lovers. It's never too early to bring your baby to storytime! Older siblings are also welcome and can even learn fun and helpful ways to play with their new brother or sister.

Vance Chavis Tuesdays at 10 am
Kathleen Clay Edwards Wednesdays at 9:30 am
Central Library Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 am

Are you a teacher or caregiver?

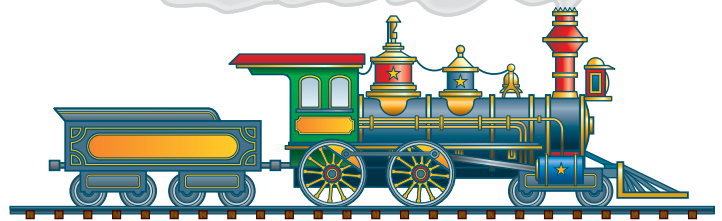
Would you like to bring your preschool class to storytime? Childcare and school groups are always welcome. We ask that you call ahead so we can give your group the very best experience possible. If your group is large, we may be able to schedule a special field trip just for you!

Saturday Storytime Express

All aboard, young children and families! We invite you to wend your way around our city on Saturday mornings, exploring a different children's library location and meeting a welcoming librarian each week. Children will receive their own "train ticket" to get punched every time they attend a Saturday Storytime Express.

Storytime offers numerous literacy and social benefits to toddlers, preschoolers and elementary-aged children. Each Greensboro Public Library storytime promotes the joy of reading through careful story selection, the use of fun props and flannel pieces, songs, rhymes and more. So make a date with the library most Saturday mornings for a fresh adventure with new friends and story favorites!

March 4 Benjamin • Wild 'n Windy Weather
March 11 Glenwood • Blowing Bubbles
March 18 Central • Spring Is Here
March 25 Vance Chavis • A is for Airplanes
April 1 McNairy • Puppy Dog Tales
April 8 McGirt Horton • Let's Get Quacking
April 15 Kathleen Clay • Hop like a Bunny
April 22 Central Library • Bees and Butterflies
April 29 Hemphill • On the Road Again
May 6 Vance Chavis • Silly Stories
May 13 McNairy • Under the Sea
May 20 Kathleen Clay • Ribbit, Ribbit
May 27 No Saturday Storytime • Get ready for summer!



Getting the Most from Storytime

- Arrive promptly so you don't miss any of the fun. We're looking forward to your visit!
- Listen and participate with your child.
- Don't worry, everyone has bad days. Feel free to step away with your child if he or she is restless or upset.
- Maintain safety by always keeping your child in view.
- Encourage inside voices, walking feet and gentleness with books.
- Check out books to take home. Library staff will be happy to help you.
- Talk about your library visit when you return home.
- Repeat songs and discuss your child's favorite stories.
- Many kids enjoy playing "Storytime" and pretending to be the librarian!

Family Fun

Looking for something the whole family can enjoy? Our libraries offer a variety of options designed for all ages, scheduled on weekends or evenings for added convenience. You'll find something for everyone at the library!

- March 1** **Plarn Club** • Bring plastic grocery bags to make plastic yarn and learn to crochet bed mats for those experiencing homelessness. This is a city-wide endeavor for all ages. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- March 11** **Sweet Smelling Makerspace** • Create a signature body splash scent and whip up aromatic bath salts at this odor-ific program. All ages. 10:30 am. Benjamin.
- March 11** **Upcycled Makerspace** • Create unique items from things you might otherwise throw away or recycle. Recycling Education Specialist, Tori Carle, will offer ideas and fun facts. 11 am. Vance Chavis.
- March 13** **Celebrate Holi** • Explore the Hindu Festival of Colors with some bright, splatter art. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- March 15** **Game Night** • Get your game on with puzzles, board and card games. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- March 20** **Family Game Night** • Join us for an evening of BINGO. Win a prize. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- March 27** **The Art of Alexander Calder** • Observe Calder's sculptures and make a similar artwork of your own. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- April 5** **Plarn Club** • Bring plastic grocery bags to make plastic yarn and learn to crochet bed mats for those experiencing homelessness. This is a city-wide endeavor for all ages. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- April 9** **Book Art Makerspace** • Celebrate National Library Week with an afternoon of creating art around your favorite books or genres. Create posters, bookmarks, and more. All ages. 3 - 4 pm. Glenwood.
- April 10** **Hippity Hop** • Listen to some Easter tales and make spoon bunnies and chicks. Enjoy seasonal snacks. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- April 12** **Game Night** • Get your game on with puzzles, board and card games. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- April 17** **Family Game Night** • Enjoy UNO, Mancala, puzzles, and more. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- April 24** **Going Green** • Honor Earth Day with recycled crafts. Decorate a tin, jar or bottle to store your tiny treasures. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- April 29** **Autism Open House** • In conjunction with Autism Unbound's 5K run at the McNairy Library, join us for Exceptional Construction (9:30 am) and Sensory Storytime (10:30 am), and stop by for ideas on how library staff can help make the library more accessible to your family. For all ages. 9 am – 12 pm. McNairy.
- May 1** **Fiesta Fun** • Learn the history of Cinco de Mayo and make a mini piñata. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- May 3** **Plarn Club** • Bring plastic grocery bags to make plastic yarn and learn to crochet bed mats for those experiencing homelessness. This is a city-wide endeavor for all ages. 4 pm. McGirt-Horton.
- May 8** **Bubble Wrap Printing** • Use this fun material to add texture to your painting. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- May 10** **Game Night** • Bring the family and get your game on with puzzles, board and card games. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- May 13** **Martial Arts** • Celebrate National Asian Pacific-American Heritage month with a martial arts demonstration by Greensboro Taekwondo America students. Make a Korean-style drum. All ages. 10:30 am. Benjamin.
- May 15** **Family Game Night** • We'll take the fun outside, weather permitting, with bean bag toss, relay races and more. All ages. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.
- May 21** **National Read-A-Thon Day** • Share a family-friendly quote, paragraph, or short children's book with other readers. Book suggestions and refreshments will be available. To sign-up to read, call 336-297-5000. All ages are welcome. 2:30-5:30 pm. Glenwood.

Earth Day Festival

Enjoy a fun, free afternoon of hands-on science and nature activities for all ages in Price Park and the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library. We will have face-painting, hay rides, a bounce house, nature crafts, eco-art, scout activities, STEM fun and live animals. Check out the technology displays, alternative vehicles, the tiny house exhibit and live entertainment. For more information, visit: www.greensboro-nc.gov/EarthDay. **April 1 from 1 - 5 pm. Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch.**



Student Nature Photography Contest

Students in grades K-12 can enter our photo contest with a nature photo taken in Guilford County. First and second place prize winners will be chosen in each of the three school categories: elementary, middle and high school. Prizes are provided by area businesses. Voting will take place at the Earth Day Festival.

- 4 x 6 photo must be taken by the student and depict nature in Guilford County. (Do not mat or the frame photo.)
- One entry per student.
- Only the first 100 photos for each school category will be entered.
- Earth Day participants will be allowed to cast one vote in each school category.
- Winners will be announced before the close of the event. Contestants do not need to be present to win.



Gavin Mortenson
2013 Elementary Winner

For contest rules, visit: www.greensboro-nc.gov/PhotoContest. **Deadline: March 8 between 6 - 8 pm. Kathleen Clay.**

Nature Explorations

Spring can be a perfect time for children to experience creativity, scientific discovery, and a sense of adventure that comes with exploring nature. Don't miss the many opportunities to enjoy the natural world.

Nature Adventuring at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch & Price Park

Families who love the outdoors can visit the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch nestled amongst the trails, meadows, and wetlands of Price Park. In addition to many nature events offered by the library, there are also do-it-yourself adventures which can be found right in the park. At the trailhead in Price Park and also in the Reading Garden, there are mailboxes with hands-on activities that children, families, and groups can use to learn about the park. You can also enjoy letterboxing and geocaching, popular national treasure hunting experiences. See www.letterboxing.org and www.geocaching.com.

- March 1 Photo Scavenger Hunt** • Dress for outdoors and join us on a photo scavenger hunt in Price Park. Your pictures will be entered in the Nature Photography Contest. School age. 4 pm Kathleen Clay Edwards.
- March 18 Family Vegetable Gardening** • Master Gardeners will teach hands-on gardening activities indoors for school-age children while parents attend a separate adult vegetable gardening class. 11 am. Kathleen Clay.
- March 26.... Bird Watch & Walk** • Discover the secrets of bird identification with Audubon and Piedmont Bird Club, then go on a bird walk in Price Park to identify birds and their markings. School age children accompanied by parents. From 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- March 28.... Arthropods are Everywhere** • Meet live invertebrates such as millipedes and tarantulas in this up-close, safe look at animals without backbones from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. All ages. 4 pm. Benjamin.
- March 29.... Go Greenhouse** • Get going with the library's greenhouse and winter vegetable-planting, plus make your own mini greenhouse to take home. School age. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- April 11..... Planting a Garden** • Learn about gardening with Community Garden Specialist, Shannon Teamer. Plant seeds to take home and explore the ECO Bus with Environmental Educator, Michael Romano, School age. From 3 - 4 pm. Glenwood.
- April 19 Great Garden Experiments** • Help us conduct STEM experiments in our Reading Garden as you try different types of plants, soils, and growing conditions. Enjoy a garden snack. School age. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- April 22..... What's the Buzz?** • Beekeeper Robert Jacobs will share information about bees and bring an enclosed hive. See if you can find the queen bee and then enjoy a honeyed snack. Create art inspired by Flight of the Bumblebee and learn how bees help our world. All ages. 10:30 am. Benjamin.
- April 23..... Birds in Your Backyard** • Observe nearby bird feeders as we take a bird walk. Audubon and Piedmont Bird Club members will share their tips about styles of bird feeders and types of bird food. Older children accompanied by parents. From 2:30 - 4:30 pm Kathleen Clay.
- May 10 Sensory Garden** • Help create the Sensory Garden using plants and other interactive features. Afterwards, tickle your taste buds with a tasty treat. School age. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- May 16 Here Be Dragons (Maybe)** • Meet several live reptiles who may (or may not) be descended from dragons in this presentation about prehistoric animals by Michael Romano of Greensboro Parks and Recreation. School age. 4 pm. Benjamin.
- May 24..... Tent, Fort and Teepee Makerspace** • Build your own hideout in Price Park with natural items and creativity. School age. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.
- May 25.....Garden Gala** • Join us for flower fun with a blooming art project and planting activities. 4 pm. Hemphill.

All Abilities Welcome

Children of all abilities are welcome at Library programs. If you have questions or need assistance in making any program more accessible to your child, please contact the youth services librarian at the branch library presenting the event. In addition, the Greensboro Public Library offers programs specifically for children with special needs. These are designed to be fun events that encourage all families to take advantage of the library's resources. For more information, please contact Kelly Proudfit at kelly.proudfit@greensboro-nc.gov or at 336-373-2015. Kelly is a youth services librarian at McNairy Branch and a parent of a child with autism.

Autism Afternoon • One Saturday a month, the McNairy Branch offers a designated Autism Afternoon to encourage our customers with autism to visit the library. If you are a parent who has been avoiding the library because you are concerned your child will be loud or disruptive, please come. Library staff members familiar with autism will be on hand, and signage will be posted to inform other customers that it is Autism Afternoon. All ages. **March 11, April 29, and May 13 from 3 – 6 pm.** McNairy.

Sensory Storytime • Designed for children with special needs who are not expected to sit still or stay quiet, the sensory storytime follows a visual schedule and is followed by free play with a variety of hands-on activities, including sensory bins, puzzles, crafts, and more. Children of all ages and siblings are welcome. If you would like a visual schedule for the storytime and/or a social story about visiting the library in advance, please contact Kelly Proudfit at kelly.proudfit@greensboro-nc.gov. All ages. **March 11 and May 13 at 3 pm, April 29 at 10:30 am.** McNairy.

Exceptional Construction • Join us for an hour of building fun with Legos, Duplos, and Lincoln Logs. Children, teens, and young adults of all abilities and their siblings are welcome to attend. **March 11 and May 13 at 4 pm, April 29 at 9:30 am.** McNairy.

Autism Open House • In conjunction with Autism Unbound's 5K run at the McNairy Library, join us for Exceptional Construction (9:30 am) and Sensory Storytime (10:30 am), and stop by for ideas on how library staff can help make the library's collection and programs more accessible to your family. For all ages. **April 29 from 9 am – 12 pm.** McNairy.

Book Parties

Greensboro Public Library celebrates National Library Week, April 9-15, with several book parties for children. Drop by and let your children experience all the library has to offer as we highlight this year's theme, "Libraries Transform!"

Bookworm Ball • In honor of upcoming National Library Week, celebrate everything books by making your own book, meeting a published author and illustrator, voting for favorite books, series and characters, and enjoying literarily inspired snacks. School age. April 4 at 4 pm. Benjamin.

Book Art Makerspace • Celebrate National Library Week with an afternoon of creating art around your favorite books or genres. Create posters, paintings, bookmarks, and more. All ages. April 9 from 3 - 4 pm. Glenwood.

Best Books Ever • Celebrate National Library Week with old and new favorites. Make a book character puppet. For school age. April 13 at 2 pm. Hemphill.



Preschoolers and Screen Time: What Should a Good Parent Do?



Screens are everywhere these days, not only TVs, but computers, tablets and phones as well. Since the debut of Sesame Street and Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood in the late 1960s, parents have wondered and experts have debated: Is screen time beneficial or harmful for young children? How much is too much? The answer, it turns out, is "It depends."

Previously, the American Academy of Pediatrics had recommended no screens for children under age 2. That rule has been hard to follow in these modern times. Recently, however, the AAP has revised their guidelines. For babies younger than 18 months, the organization still suggests no screens at all, except for Facetime or Skype. The benefits of contact with far-away family and friends seem to outweigh the possible negative effects of screen time. For older toddlers and preschoolers, about an hour per day of screen use is suggested, with an emphasis on quality. It's no surprise that Sesame Street and PBS are named as trusted makers of quality media.

Media expert Lisa Guernsey recommends the 3 C's to guide parents in screen use: Content, Context and the specific Child. She summarizes her findings in a recent TED talk. "We need to focus on the content on the screen. The context: how we're interacting with children around that media, and making sure that they have good interactions when they're not with the media. And then the child, our children: we understand our kids, we know what's going to delight them, we know what kinds of questions they might ask from it, we need to just tune in to see what they understand from it."

Parents, don't be too hard on yourselves; screen time happens. Use the guidelines but realize that no parent or caregiver is perfect. Choose age-appropriate shows and apps and discuss them with your child. For more information, check out *Born Reading: Bringing Up Bookworms in a Digital Age—From Picture Books to EBooks and Everything in Between* by Jason Boog.

—Marya Ryals, Hemphill Librarian

Special Preschool Events

Stay & Play • Enjoy playtime with blocks, riding toys, puppets, and more. 11 am. March 9, April 13, May 11. Hemphill.

Field Trip: The Depot • Join us for a bus and train storytime in the Amtrak waiting area of the Depot and then watch as a passenger train arrives and departs (barring delays) before taking a short tour of this historic building. Metered parking lots and on street spaces are available. 12:45 pm. March 24. J. Douglas Galyon Depot, 303 E. Washington St.

Field Trip: Gateway Gardens • Come to the lovely Gateway Gardens for a special spring storytime on the Book Stage followed by an alphabet scavenger hunt through the Children's Garden and then a chance to wander at will. 10:30 am. April 21. 2924 E. Gate City Blvd.

Listen N' Move: Shakey, Shakey • Enjoy music, movement, musical instruments, and props with a short story. 10:30 am. April 26. Glenwood.

Field Trip: Greensboro Grasshoppers • Meet us at NewBridge Bank Park for a storytime in the stands. Meet Guilford (and maybe other special guests), have your picture taken in the dugout and enjoy a tour. Parking is available at the Bellemeade Street Parking Deck and please use the Bellemeade stadium entrance for this rain or shine event. 10:30 am. May 5. 408 Bellemeade St.

Celebrate Brown Bear, Brown Bear's Birthday • *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* turns 50 this year. Hear the story then make a bear collage and a set of your own animals to retell the story at home. 3:30 pm. May 11. McNairy.

El Día de los Niños El Día de los Libros

CHILDREN'S DAY/BOOK DAY



Join the fun as Greensboro Public Library and community partners host this annual celebration of literacy and culture. The day features lively musical performers, ethnic food, children's cultural crafts, books, and more. Bilingual fun for everyone! For more information, email beth.bowles@greensboro-nc.gov or call 336-335-5430. **Saturday, April 29 from 1 - 4:30 pm. Central Library.**

Mission: In partnership with the community, the Greensboro Public Library strives to provide free and equal access to information, foster lifelong learning, and inspire the joys of reading.



Locations

Benjamin Branch • 373-7540
1530 Benjamin Parkway

Central Library • 373-2046
219 North Church Street

Glenwood Branch • 297-5000
1901 West Florida Street

Hemphill Branch • 373-2925
2301 West Vandalia Road

Kathleen Clay Branch
373-2923 • 1420 Price Park Road

McGirt-Horton Branch • 373-5810
2501 Phillips Avenue

McNairy Branch • 373-2015
4860 Lake Jeanette Road

Vance Chavis Branch • 373-5838
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