The Road to Reading Begins with Library Programs

The building blocks of literacy begin to develop during infancy. Exposure to sounds, words, speech and print in early childhood is crucial to the ability to learn to read and write. Library programs include songs, rhymes, finger-plays, board books and simple stories to support the five practices that help children get ready to read: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Check our website (www.nenpl.org) for Early Literacy information that includes ways you can foster these skills at home, as well as instill a love of reading.

Northport-East Northport Public Library presents Preschool Series Programs

Moms’ Group at the Library
Children birth-3 years with mother; siblings welcome
This is a weekly discussion for moms and their children. Led by a trained facilitator, this program will introduce various topics and activities that celebrate and explore motherhood while your children play with toys beside you. (90 min.) Due to the unique nature of this program, we will not be able to accommodate drop-ins.
East Northport: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14
Registration begins January 4

Mother Goose Rhyme Time
Children birth-23 months with adult; no siblings
Enjoy rhymes and songs with your young child in this program focusing on nursery rhymes. (30 min.)
Northport: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
January 18, 25, February 1
Registration begins January 4

Sing and Play
Children birth-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Sing songs and rhymes while using scarves, bells, and hoops that engage children in musical and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills and foster a love of language. (30 min.)
East Northport: Mondays, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.
January 22, 29, February 5
Registration begins January 4

Super Soccer Stars
Children 2-4 years with adult; siblings welcome
This soccer skill-building program helps children develop self-confidence and improve gross motor skills while fostering socialization and a sense of teamwork in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. (50 min.)
Northport: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
March 1, 8, 15
Registration begins February 1

Time for Tots
Children 2-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
You and your child will enjoy fun and educational activities designed to encourage early reading, math and school readiness skills, and also create a craft. (60 min.)
Northport: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.
January 16, 23, 30
Registration begins January 4

1, 2, 3, Learn with Me
Children 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Child development experts are on hand to answer your questions while your children play with age-appropriate toys. Included is an open-ended art activity and a circle time with stories and songs. (60 min.)
East Northport: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
February 28, March 7, 14, 21
Registration begins February 1

Please Note:
- Programs are offered according to age on a monthly basis.
- Please ensure your child meets the specific age criteria.
- Your child may register for one series program per month.
- Use your child’s Library Card to register and provide all information in the “note to instructor” field.
- Preference will be given to children who are registered or on the waiting list. All others will be seated as space permits.
**DROP-IN PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**  
Children 4-5 years, independent  
Children listen to stories, sing songs and rhymes that increase vocabulary and letter knowledge, and participate in hands-on activities. (40 min.)  
**East Northport:** Tuesdays, 1:00 a.m.  
January 23, 30, February 6, 13  
Registration begins January 4

**Sensory Storytime**  
Children 2-5 years with adult; siblings welcome  
Come for a storyline with your child and then participate in a hands-on experience to stimulate the senses. (45 min.)  
**East Northport:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m.  
March 19, 26  
Registration begins March 1

**First Time Spanish**  
Children 2-4 years with adult; siblings welcome  
Have fun learning Spanish words while singing songs and rhymes, and listening to bilingual stories. (40 min.)  
**Northport:** Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.  
February 27, March 6, 13  
Registration begins March 1

**Pajama Storytime**  
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome  
Get your body moving in this evening family storyline. Enjoy action rhymes and songs as well as stories. (30 min.)  
**East Northport:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
March 27, April 10; May 8; June 5

**Block Party!**  
Children 1-4 years with adult; siblings welcome  
Children learn to use their minds as well as their muscles while having fun building with blocks and playing with other children. (45 min.)  
Check our monthly newsletter for dates and times.

**Books a Poppin’**  
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome  
Stop by for this drop-in storyline. We’ll read stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun in this interactive programs for families. (30 min.)  
**East Northport:** Fridays, 10:00 a.m.  
January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16; March 2, 9, 16; April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8  
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**Dance with Me**  
Children 18-35 months with adult; siblings welcome  
Enjoy creative movement dance activities, free play, and a story using props, nursery rhymes, and your own imagination in this fun and exciting class. (45 min.)  
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**Check our monthly newsletter for other special programs.**

**A Note About Program Attendance:**  
Our goal is to maximize attendance and thereby offer as many Northport-East Northport children as possible the opportunity to enjoy Library programs. We request that you arrive ten minutes before the beginning of a program. If you have not arrived by the start time of the program, your child's place may be given to someone waiting. Preference will be given to children on the waiting list. If you call to tell us that you will be late, your place will be held. Those registered for a program will be seated first. All others will be seated as space permits.

**Your library is a Family Place Library**  
**Family Place Libraries** is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth. Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development. The Family Place Libraries network currently includes more than 500 sites in 31 states and continues to grow.

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