

## Raise a Reader

Raise your child to be a reader with help from the Highland Park Public Library. A child's mind develops at an incredible rate during the first three years of life. Early experiences with language and books contribute to healthy brain development and lay the foundation for later reading success. The library can show you how to nurture your child's emergent literacy skills before he or she enrolls in school. It's never too early to start--let us help!

## Baby Booktime -- Birth to Walking

### **For newborns to walkers with parent or caregiver**

Introduce your baby to the sounds and rhythms of language with stories, music and rhymes. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses and build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading. Each class will end with a ½ hour of play featuring age-appropriate toys and time for socialization.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. On the second and fourth Friday of every month.

Free! Registration required

### **2017 Sessions**

**Winter:** January 13 - March 24

**Spring:** April 14 - June 23, Registration begins Monday, February 27

**Summer:** July 14 - September 22, Registration begins Monday, May 22

**Fall:** October 13 - December 22, Registration begins Monday, August 21

[Click here to register](#)

## First Steps -- Walking to 2 ½ Years Old

**For walking toddlers to 2 1/2 year-olds with parent or caregiver**

Enjoy an interactive storytime with picture books, songs, fingerplays, puppets, and parachute play. Nurture your toddler's love of books and encourage him or her to learn numbers, colors, sounds, and new words. Each class will end with a half hour of play and time to meet other parents, caregivers, and toddlers.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Sign up for the first & third Tuesday OR the first & third Friday of every month.

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**Winter:** January 3 - March 21

**Spring:** April 4 - June 20, Registration begins Monday, February 27

**Summer:** July 7 - September 19, Registration begins Monday, May 22

**Fall:** October 3 - December 19, Registration begin Monday, August 21

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## **Tales for Tots -- Ages 2 ½ to 3 ½**

### **For ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 with parent or caregiver**

Give your preschooler a head start with this program packed with great stories, puppets, flannel boards, music and rhymes. Share this storytime together, and build language and listening skills.

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays

Free! Registration required

### **2017 Sessions**

**Spring:** March 20 - May 4, Registration begins Monday, February 27

**Summer:** June 12 - July 31 (no class June 26), Registration begins Monday, May 22

**Fall:** September 18 - November 2, Registration begins Monday, August 21

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## **Storytime Live -- Ages 3 ½ to 6**

### **For ages 3 1/2 to 6**

Drop off your independent preschoolers or kindergartners for a special storytime! They will enjoy great stories, puppets, flannel boards, music and activities that foster pre-reading skills, broaden social skills and encourage a love of books.

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Mondays or 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Thursdays

Free! **Drop in class. No registration necessary!**

**2017 Sessions**

**Spring:** March 20 - May 4

**Summer:** June 12 - July 31 (no class June 26)

**Fall:** September 18 - November 2

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