



## ***Children's Story Hour*** *at the Perkiomen Valley Library*

Welcome to PV Library's Morning Children's Story Hour. Join us on ***Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11 :30 a.m. starting September 6th and running through May 29*** (with the exception of holidays). Children ages 2 - 5 years old, along with their parent or childcare provider, are invited to join us for an hour that includes songs, a craft, snack, and of course stories! Our purpose is to foster a love of books and reading in our children while teaching them proper library etiquette.

Story Hour has run continuously for over 30 years. Our success is due to the cooperative efforts of volunteers like you. Each week parents are asked to sign-up to provide one of the following: the stories, the craft, the snack, or the drink and clean up activities. Please look for the sign-up sheet to find a day that suits you. If you can not volunteer, a contribution of craft materials or other supplies is always welcomed! Cups and napkins will be provided for serving the juice and snack. Glue, crayons, markers, and scissors will be provided to assist with craft projects. Please direct your children in the safe use of these items.

Story Hour offers a different theme each week. We start the day with Circle Time in the Activity Hall located downstairs from the lobby. This is where the day's theme is presented through songs, pictures, and discussion. Announcements are also made at this time; therefore, everyone is expected to give their full attention to the leader during circle time, including parents. Circle time is followed by craft time. Please do your part in helping to clean up your table and put the craft supplies away when finished. After craft time, the children are lead upstairs to the main floor to hear stories related to the theme. After the stories, children return downstairs for a snack and drink. The day finishes up with everyone being invited to read additional books from the library shelves on their own, and to sign out books that they wish to take home.

To make Story Time enjoyable and safe for everyone, we ask that you follow these few, simple rules:

1. Please be sure to sign the pre-registration sheet. This will help the volunteers determine how many supplies to bring for the craft, snack and juice.
2. Encourage your child how to use his or her 'quiet voice' while on the main floor of the library. The library is open to the public during story time, therefore it is important to teach your child to respect this important library etiquette.

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3. Encourage your child to remain quiet & seated during story-reading time. If your child appears to not be interested in the story, then simply return downstairs to the Activity Room.
4. The successful operation of Children's Story Hour is dependent upon the efforts of parent volunteers like you. Everyone attending story hour is encouraged to find a date that suits them for volunteering to help with providing the craft, or reading the stories, or providing and serving the snack or drinks. The pre-registration sheet has a 'Volunteer Sign-up' box on it for this purpose. Please include your phone number so that the Story Hour leaders may contact you if necessary. We are sure that you will find volunteering to be as rewarding as we do.
5. Help your child display good manners. Children may not run around the rooms, climb on the chairs or tables, play with the piano, or touch the blinds.
6. For your convenience, bathrooms are located behind and to the right of the front desk on the main floor, as well as alongside the kitchen in the downstairs Activity Room. A Koala diaper changing station is located in the downstairs women's bathroom. Please do your part to help keep them clean.

Perkiomen Valley Public Library Hours:

Monday	12:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday	12:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday	12:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 - 2:00 pm

*\* Please wait to return and sign out books until the end of Story Hour \**

For questions about morning Story Hour, contact Story Hour leaders:

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Keep an eye out for other fun activities taking place at the library through the cooperative efforts of the Friends of PV Library organization.



***We look forward to seeing you at Story Hour!***