

Parent/Caregiver Information for Storytime @ SPPL

Welcome to Storytime at Sun Prairie Public Library! Storytime is a wonderful way to help set your child on the road to reading and a lifelong love of books.



Storytime Registration and Age Expectations

Registration is recommended but not required for Preschool Storytime. Registration helps give a general idea of how many people are interested in attending. Space is always available in Preschool Storytime.

Preschool Storytime is geared for ages 2.5 to 5 years old. All ages are welcome at Preschool Storytime, but the program will be geared to the appropriate age level.



Storytime Guidelines

To make storytime a positive experience for your family as well as others, please consider the following:

- ★ Discuss appropriate library behavior with your child before coming to a program, particularly if your child is fairly new to the library.
- ★ Arrive a few minutes early. Children need time to greet friends, adjust to a different environment, and to relax. Late arrivals are a distraction to both children already in attendance and the storyteller.
- ★ Do not leave your child unattended in storytime. Bathroom emergencies, behavior issues, and other crisis are not at all unusual for young children. Please stay close and be prepared to take charge if the need arises.
- ★ Be considerate of others by taking your child out of storytime if he/she is unhappy or disruptive. Feel free to return when your child is ready to listen.
- ★ Leave toys and snacks at home or in the car so they do not distract other children.
- ★ Remember that your child is watching you, too! Be a positive role model for your child by listening to the stories and actively participating.
- ★ Storytime is a wonderful time for socializing — not only for children but for adults, too! Please visit with other parents before or after, not during storytime. Even seemingly quiet, personal conversations are distracting to others who are in storytime.
- ★ Do not be discouraged if your child doesn't behave like a perfect angel during storytime. It is normal and quite expected that young children are full of energy. It is helpful to have a very young or restless child sit on their caregiver's lap during storytime, graduating to the "big carpet" when they are ready. If your child's energy level does not match storytime for the day, please feel free to leave and come back another day.