



# Shaker Library

Main Library  
Bertram Woods Branch

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Programs for Youth  
MARCH • APRIL • MAY 2015

## Programs for Preschoolers

### Play and Learn Station

A free preschool literacy program offering interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

**10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**

**6-8 pm Tuesdays**

*No registration required.*



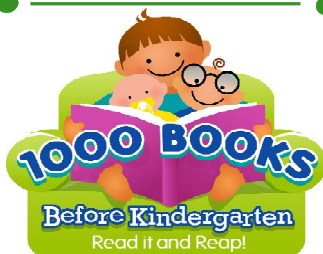
### Play and Learn Station for Caregivers

A preschool literacy program offering interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with children, ages birth to 5 years.

**10 am-noon Wednesdays**

*A one-time registration is required; please call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.*

Play and Learn programs are offered at Main Library in partnership with Family Connections.



Shaker Library and the 1000 Books Foundation invite you to participate in a free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts Kindergarten. It's easy to participate! Read with your child and keep track of the books you share. For every 100 books shared, visit Shaker Library and receive a special certificate. Visit the Children's Room at either library or the website for more information.

[www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org)

[1000booksbeforekindergarten.org](http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org)



### Nestlings

(Birth to 15 months with a grown-up)

It's never too soon to start sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies.

Spring Session: March 2- May 12

**9:30 am Mondays at Main Library**

**10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch**



### Fledglings



(15 to 24 months with a grown-up)

Experience the wonder of words with your child through stories, songs,

movement, puppets and fun.

Spring Session: March 2 - May 12

**10:30 am Mondays at Main Library**

**11 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch**



Stories, songs, and movement for 2-year-olds with a grown-up.

Spring Session: March 3 - May 14

**10 am Tuesdays at Main Library**

**10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch**

*Nestlings, Fledglings, and Terrific Twos are classes that require no registration; however, groups of six or more are asked to call ahead to check for space availability.*

*Please note that there are no programs March 30 - April 2.*



For 3, 4, and 5 year olds

Spring Session: March 4 - May 14

**10 am Wednesdays at Main Library**

**11 am Thursdays at Woods Branch**

*(No registration is required; groups of six or more please call ahead to check for space availability.) No programs March 30 - April 2.*



### Butterfly Hands for Babies at Woods Branch

(Ages birth - 15 months with a grown-up)

Join Nancy Barnett for an introduction to signing with your baby, using the Baby Signs Program.

**10 am Fridays, March 6 - April 17**

*In-person, online, or phone registration begins February 20. No program March 20.*



### Butterfly Hands for Preschoolers at Woods Branch

(Ages 15 months - 5 years with a grown-up) Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy, teach an interactive, introduction to basic signs using songs, fingerplays, and flannel boards.

**11am Fridays, March 6 - April 17**

*In-person, online, or phone registration begins February 20. No program March 20.*



### Preschool Math Club at Main Library (Ages 3-5)

A four-week series of fun math activities for preschoolers.

**11am Wednesdays, March 4 - 25**

*Register in person, online, or by phone beginning February 18.*

**STEAM Team at Main Library**

Get ready for fun with science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Join us each week for a special project or experiment. **(Grades 1-3)**

**4:15-5 pm Tuesdays, March 3-24**  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning February 17.

**MakerLab at Main Library**

Join us once a month for creative fun with arts and science. **(Grades 4-6)**

**Shrinky Dinks**

Make jewelry, key chains, or anything you can think of with "magic" plastic that shrinks to 1/3 of its original size and grows nine times thicker when heated in the oven. We'll supply the material; you'll supply the creativity, and we'll all have fun!

**4:15-5:15 pm Thursday, March 12**  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning February 26.

**Robots**

Make mini-bots out of toothbrushes and simple circuitry. Decorations, races, and other surprises will be in store!

**4:15-5 pm Thursday, April 9**  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning March 26.

**Washi Tape**

Washi Tape is colorful, patterned tape from Japan that can be used for all kinds of projects. Join us to find out why it's so popular. Create one of our projects or bring your own objects to personalize, such as pencils, notebooks, or picture frames.

**4:15-5 pm Thursday, May 14**  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning April 30.

**Read to a Dog at Main Library (K-6)**



Our doggy listeners are certified with Therapy Dogs International and love to listen to stories. School-age children can sign up for a 15-minute time slot. If you register online please call the children's desk to request your time slot.

**4-5:30 PM Thursdays March 19, April 16, and May 21**  
Register in person, by phone, or online two weeks before each program.

**Reading Skills Center at Main Library (Grades K-4)**

The Reading Skills Center provides an opportunity for students to get some extra reading practice, work on increasing their reading level, or brush up on reading skills before taking a standardized test. Each student can spend up to 15 minutes reading one-on-one with a helpful teacher, and up to 15 minutes independently reading or practicing skills using online resources, per day. An adult must be present to register the child at the first visit.

**4:30-6 pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays**  
Meeting Room F (second floor) (Closed March 30, 31, April 1, and April 6.)

**Reading Skills Center Spring Break Open House at Main Library (Grades K - 4 with parent/guardian)**

Join us for an Open House! Learn about the Center, talk with the teachers, and enjoy some refreshments and surprises.

**4-7 pm Monday, March 30**




**Writers Club at Main Library (Grades 2-4)**



This enriching program encourages children to express themselves using their imagination and words. Poetry, creative fiction, writing letters, postcards and newsletters, as well as creating menus and maps are some of the writing forms young writers will explore.

**4:15-5 pm Tuesdays, April 7 - May 12**  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning March 24.



**Graphic Novels Fan Club at Main Library (Grades 4 - 6)**  
Do you love graphic novels, comic books, or Manga? Come hang out with us! Share your favorites and discover what else you might like. Snacks provided.  
**4:15 pm Thursdays, March 26 and April 23**  
No registration is required.

**American Girl Doll Programs at Woods Branch**

Travel back in time and discover life as seen through the eyes of the American Girl dolls. Listen to a reading from one of the books in the doll's series, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Dolls welcome!  
(For Grades 1-5)



**Meet American Girl Dolls Cécile and Marie-Grace**  
**2:30-3:15 pm Saturday, March 7**

Meet two girls who lived in New Orleans in 1853.  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning February 21.



**Meet American Girl Doll Josefina**  
**2:30-3:15 pm Saturday, April 18**

Learn what life was like on a rancho in 1824 New Mexico.  
Register in person, online, or by phone beginning April 4.

**Poster & PoeTREE Contest (Grades 3-12)**



Entry forms, rules, and poster paper will be available in the Children's Rooms and the Teen Center from March 24 to April 10. Entries are due by 5:30 pm Friday, April 10. Winners will be acknowledged at an awards presentation at 4:15 pm Friday, April 24 at the Main Library.

**April Fool's Day Fun**

Visit the Children's Rooms anytime April 1 and have fun with puzzles and spring arts & crafts. All ages welcome.