

# Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall

## 2026 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING



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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 12 - 7  
Tuesday 10 - 7  
Wednesday 10 - 7  
Thursday 10 - 7  
Friday 10 - 5  
Saturday 10 - 5  
Sunday CLOSED

**Summer Saturday Hours**  
Saturday 11 - 3

### HOLIDAYS LIBRARY CLOSED

**January 1** - New Years Day  
**April 6** - Easter Monday  
**May 25** - Memorial Day  
**July 4** - Independence Day  
**September 7** - Labor Day  
**Nov. 25** - close @ 3pm  
**Nov. 26, 27** -Thanksgiving  
**Dec. 24, 25** - Christmas  
**December 31** - close @ 3pm

### SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER READING!

**June 13 - August 14**  
Log your minutes read at [carnegiwest.beanstack.org](https://carnegiwest.beanstack.org)

**Summer Reading Kick-Off**  
Sat., June 13, 11 am - 1 pm

**End-of-Summer Reading Celebration**  
Sat., August 15, 11 am- 1 pm



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### LEGEND (see other side for more information)

- Baby/Toddler Storytime** - Tuesdays, 8-week sessions with breaks (recommended for ages 0-3)
- Stay & Play Wednesdays** - Wednesdays, playtime 8-week sessions with breaks (for ages 0-5)
- Preschool Storytime** - Thursdays, year-round (recommended for ages 3-5)
- Special Monthly Storytimes** - Arabic-English Bilingual Storytime: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, virtual  
Storytime with B.B. the Book Fairy: last Saturday of each month
- Play, Learn, Grow Workshop** - 5-week playtime series featuring experts in child development; twice yearly
- Summer Reading Kick-Off / Wrap-Up events** - Track your reading over the summer for chances to win prizes!

# STORYTIME PROGRAMS

## BABY / TODDLER STORYTIME

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am in the Lincoln Gallery

Join Miss Mikayla for a 20–30 minute storytime for our littlest library lovers, featuring engaging books, songs, and lapsit rhymes! This program is geared towards ages 0–3 and their grown-ups.

*Baby/Toddler Storytime follows a schedule of approximately 8-week long sessions followed by a short 2–4 week break.*

**WINTER SESSION:** January 13 – March 3 (8 wks)  
No storytime on March 10, 17

**SPRING SESSION:** March 24 – May 12 (8 wks)  
No storytime on May 19, 26 & June 2, 9

**SUMMER SESSION:** June 16 – August 4 (8 wks)  
No storytime on August 11, 18

**FALL SESSION:** August 25 – October 13 (8 wks)  
No storytime on October 20, 27

**WINTER SESSION:** November 3 – December 15 (7 wks)  
No storytime on December 22, 29

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursdays @ 11:30 am in the Lincoln Gallery

Join Miss Kathy for a weekly, year-round 30-minute storytime, followed by a craft activity! This program is geared towards families of kids ages 3–5.

## SPECIAL MONTHLY STORYTIMES

### ARABIC/ENGLISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME

وقت القصة باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month @ 5:30 pm, virtual

Tune in live via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83681668017>

or stream anytime on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/CarnegieCarnegie](http://www.facebook.com/CarnegieCarnegie)

Join Miss Mikayla and Dr. Rema Abdin of Attawheed Islamic Center for a storytime in two languages! Each month, we will share a story and life lessons in both Arabic and English.



## SATURDAY STORYTIME WITH B.B. THE BOOK FAIRY!

last Saturday of each month @ 11:30 am  
in the children's library

Join us in welcoming a very special storyteller to our library – Begonia Bree, a.k.a. B.B. the Book Fairy!

Try doing these **five simple practices** everyday to support your child's growing literacy at home – after all, as a parent, **you are your child's first teacher!**



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# PLAYTIME PROGRAMS

## STAY & PLAY WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays @ 11:00 am – 12:15 pm in the Lincoln Gallery



Join us for a weekly playdate at the library! Play is essential for children's growing literacy, motor, and social-emotional development. Kids can play, socialize, and bond with their caregivers, and caregivers will have an opportunity to connect with one another, as well! We will set up a special collection of fun and developmentally appropriate toys that are not available in the main children's library. This program is geared towards ages 0–5 and their grown-ups.

*Stay & Play follows the same schedule as Baby/Toddler Storytime: 8-week long sessions followed by a 2–4 week break.*

**WINTER SESSION:** January 14 – March 4 (8 wks)  
No playtime on March 11, 18

**SPRING SESSION:** March 25 – May 13 (8 wks)  
No playtime on May 20, 27 & June 3, 10

**SUMMER SESSION:** June 17 – August 5 (8 wks)  
No playtime on August 12, 19

**FALL SESSION:** August 26 – October 14 (8 wks)  
No playtime on October 21, 28

**WINTER SESSION:** November 4 – December 16 (7 wks)  
No playtime on December 23, 30

## PLAY, LEARN, GROW WORKSHOPS

Join us for a FREE **5-week, play-based workshop series** specially designed for children **ages 1 – 3** and their parents / caregivers!

During each 75-minute session, children and their caregivers will have an opportunity to play together, connect with other families. Each session will also have an expert visitor – a professional from a local social services organization who can talk with grown-ups about your child's development and connect you with resources.

### Weekly topics will include:

music and movement, early literacy, child development, speech/language development, nutrition & feeding, and more.

**If you register for a series, we ask that you please commit to attending at least 4 of the 5 weekly sessions.**

### Spring Session

10:15 – 11:30 am  
registration is required

April 24    May 1    May 8  
May 15    May 22



### Fall Session

10:15 – 11:30 am  
registration is required

Oct. 2    Oct. 9    Oct. 16  
Oct. 23    Oct. 30

## Gilly, Gilly, Gilly Good Morning

(Miss Mikayla's Baby-Toddler Storytime Opener!)



Gilly, gilly, gilly good morning  
Good morning, good morning  
Gilly, gilly, gilly good morning  
Good morning to you

Mini mack, mini mack, mini mini mini mack  
Mini mack, mini mack, mini morning  
Mini mack, mini mack, mini mini mini mack  
Mini mack, mini mack, mini morning

## Open, Shut Them

(Miss Kathy's Preschool Storytime Opener!)

Open them, shut them, Open them, shut them.  
Give a little clap!

Open them, shut them, Open them, shut them.  
Put them in your lap!

Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them,  
Right up to your chin!

Open up your mouth....but don't let them in!  
Open them, shut them, Open them, shut them  
To your shoulders fly!

Now like little birdies let them flutter to the sky!  
Now falling, falling, falling, falling all the way to the ground!  
Now quickly pick them up again, and turn them round and round.

Faster....faster.....faster! Slower.....slower....slower!  
Open them, shut them, Open them, shut them.

Give a little clap!  
Open them, shut them, Open them, shut them.  
Put them in your lap.

STORYTIME FAVORITES SONGBOOK!