



Children's Department Program Activities

Bernardsville Public Library offers a wide range of activities and programs for children and young adults. Listed below are the regularly scheduled programs that are being offered for this school year. Each program session meets weekly, and registration is required for each session. Be certain to check your **Bernardsville Library Times** or www.bernardsvillelibrary.org for more information.



Baby's Book Time (ages 6 - 17 months)

Babies and caregivers will be introduced to finger-plays, baby games, action verses, Mother Goose rhymes, and board books. Early literacy skills will also be introduced.

Nursery Time (ages 17 months - 2½ years old)

Young children and caregivers will be introduced to age-appropriate stories, songs, and nursery rhymes. Early literacy skills will also be introduced.

Tot Time (ages 2½ - 3½ years old)

Tots will be introduced to theme-related books and stories that are age- and attention-appropriate. Tots learn simple finger-plays, action verses, rhymes, and poetry. Each class will include a craft to make and plenty of suggested books to take home and enjoy. Children and parents will have the opportunity to practice one of the six early literacy skills: print motivation, print awareness, vocabulary, letter recognition, phonological awareness, and narration skills.

Story Time (ages 3½ -5 years old)

Pre-schoolers will be introduced to theme-related stories and books that are age- and attention-appropriate. Children learn finger-plays, action verses, poetry, rhymes and games. Each class will include a craft to make, a bibliography of suggested books to share later at home, and practice tips for the early literacy skill that was introduced during the class.

Afternoon with Books (Kindergarten - Grade 2)

Books and stories will be read and/or visually presented. Theme-related poetry, riddles, jokes, and rhymes will be introduced. Each class will include a craft or a library skill game or activity.

Trivia Challenges (ages 9 - 12 years old)

1-2 times a month



Children will be challenged in various subject categories—similar to a junior Jeopardy game. All participants will be awarded small incentive prizes and will expand their general wealth of knowledge.

Special Saturday Activities (ages 5+)

1-2 times a month

Children will have the opportunity to learn a new craft or skill. Activities will be presented by library personnel or outside groups or individuals.

Book Discussion (ages 10+)

(See newsletters for dates and times.)

Book discussions on books suitable for reading and sharing as a group or family. Discussions are fun, lively, creative and informative.

Take-Home Craft Projects (ages 3+)

2-3 times a month

Pick up a ready-made craft packet to take home and complete. Each packet contains complete instructions and the necessary materials. Sample project will be on display.

Special After-School or Evening Programs (See newsletters for details.)

Each month special programs and activities will be scheduled on a variety of topics. Be certain to check your *Bernardsville Library Times* or www.bernardsvillelibrary.org for more information.

Readers' Theater (grades 1-3) -- A book will be read to the group. Then the fun begins! Readers' Theater is an activity in which students, while reading directly from scripts, are able to tell a story in a most entertaining form, without props, costumes, or sets. This is a reading activity, and students are not asked to memorize their lines. They are, however, encouraged to "ham it up" and use intonation and gestures appropriate to their characters and their characters' words.

Sunday Science (Grades 2 & up with parent/caregiver)

Join resident scientist John Lyga in a variety of science experiments guaranteed to excite, inform and educate all participants.

Summer Reading Club (ages 2½ -12)

(See newsletters or website for details.)

Each summer the library offers a theme-based summer reading program. Activities include story times, music, games, crafts, movies, and special programs.

Pre-Teen Events and Meetings (grades 4-6)

(See newsletters or website for dates and times.)

Meet and mingle, learn new skills, and enjoy the company of other pre-teens during fun-filled activities and events. **Earn community service** by attending meetings and making suggestions to improve library services for pre-teens!

Regular Schedule of Events

Nursery Time	Mon., 10:15-10:35 am or 11:00-11:20 am
Tot Time	Tues., Wed., or *Thurs., 10:30-11:15 am
Story Time	*Tues., Wed., or Thurs., 1:30-2:15 pm
Baby's Book Time	Wed., 9:30-10:00 am
Trivia Challenges	Wed., 4:15-5:00 pm (see newsletters for dates)
Afternoon with Books	Thurs., 4:15-5:00 pm
Readers' Theater	Fri., 4:15-5:00 (see newsletters for dates)
Saturday Story Times	Drop-in every Saturday at 10:30-11:15 am
Sunday Science	3 rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm
Book Discussions	See newsletters for dates and times.
Pre-teen Events and Meetings	See newsletters for dates and times.

*ages 2½-5 years



Registration is required for all programs; please call 766-0118 for more information, or to register for a program, go to <http://www.bernardsvillelibrary.org/children.htm>. All children aged ten and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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