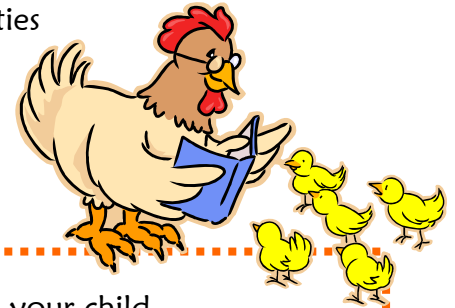




Welcome to Toddler Time!

Toddler Time is a story-sharing program appropriate for children between 20 and 36 months, accompanied by a parent.

Each 20-minute storytime session provides toddlers with the best in children's literature and music along with large- and small-muscle activities that help toddlers get physically ready to read. These programs also introduce toddlers to the social experience of a large group, the opportunity to build listening skills, and the self-control needed to be a good audience.



Parent involvement is the key to successful Toddler Times. You help your child become comfortable in a social group when you:

- Prepare your child for the visit by talking about appropriate library behavior.
- Join the group quietly and on time.
- Sit with your child if he or she needs reassurance.
- Pay attention to your child during the program. Be alert to restlessness or tiredness.
- During storytime, model the songs, chants, and fingerplays to help your child learn them.
- Praise your child for participating with others during the program.
- Remove your child from the group if the Storyteller signals he or she is disruptive to the program.
- Repeat the fingerplays, chants, songs, and stretches at home. These activities are great for parent-child bonding.

Families are encouraged to enjoy our storytimes. A complete schedule of children's programs is available. We request that you select just one Toddler Time program per week at Central or any of the other branches. The popularity of these programs is straining the library's resources of staff time and space. Although multiple storytimes are listed at each facility, they are usually repeats of programs offered earlier in the week.



*Thank you for your cooperation.
Everyone's support is essential to make
Toddler Time a fun learning time for all.*