

Programs for Kids

December 2019

Registration required for Main and Branch Library programs unless otherwise noted.

Kids' Place Bellevue Avenue Branch programs are outlined in gold.

Homeschooling

Thursday, December 5

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Auditorium

Meet other families and enjoy books about homeschooling. Bring a board game to share. For more information:

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Main Storytimes

Babies in the Library

Tuesdays, December 10, 17,
10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3rd floor
(Ages birth-23 months)

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, December 11, 18,
11 a.m., 3rd floor
(Age 2)



Mother Goose

Thursdays, December 12, 19, 26,
4 p.m., 3rd floor (Ages 3-6)

Register for each date separately.

All events are free and open to the public. To register and find out more visit montclairlibrary.org/kids-family-events or call 973-744-0500 ext. 2236.

Game On

Wii and Board Games

Friday, December 6, 2-5 p.m.
3rd floor
(Ages 4-17)



Play various Wii games and board games such as Monopoly and chess.
No registration.

Chesstronauts

Friday, December 6

4:15-5:45 p.m.,

3rd floor

(Ages 8-14)



Kids receive chess instruction for improved strategic thinking. Chesstronauts is led by five students from Montclair Kimberley Academy with a passion for chess.
Registration recommended.

Kwanzaa: 53rd Annual Harvest Festival of African Culture



Sunday, December 15, 2-5 p.m. Auditorium
(African Market and face-painting 1-5 p.m.)

Montclair Public Library invites friends and neighbors of the community to the 53rd Annual Harvest Festival of African Culture (and the Library's 31st year celebrating Kwanzaa). We welcome back Mama Yaa, of the Pyramyd Dance Company, who will kick off the event with the traditional Kwanzaa libation ceremony at the Ancestral Table, the lighting of the Mishumaa Saba (Seven Candles), and the reading of the Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles). Children and their adults will also enjoy face-painting and crafts. All are invited to enjoy the Karamu (Feast) of traditional African-American and African dishes (we are unable to accommodate for food allergies). No registration.

Main Library

50 S. Fullerton Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042

Bellevue Avenue Branch

185 Bellevue Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07043

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Winter Reading Challenge

Share some great winter books!

Every time you read a book from our challenge list, visit the library to write your name and book title on a winter shape and get a sweet treat. Kids can participate at the Main or Branch Library from December 1-31.

Read a book:

- with a color in the title
- by an author whose last name starts with "w"
- about winter
- about a winter sport
- with a recipe in it
- with multicultural characters
- that won an award
- that is about loving, caring, or sharing
- that is a song you can sing
- that is in a series
- that became a movie

Cuentitos

Spanish and English Storytime

Monday, December 16, 4 p.m.

3rd floor (Ages 3-8)

Enjoy books in Spanish and English along with acoustic guitar and songs in Spanish.



Disfrute de un sesión de cuentos en español y bilingües textos en Inglés y Español. No registration.

Winter Move n' Groove

with Miss Jolie

Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m.

Auditorium

(Ages 2-6)



Enjoy a winter music party for little ones with Miss Jolie as she plays holiday favorites in addition to original interactive songs. Singing, dancing and clapping is encouraged! Jolie Della Valle performs with her ukulele for children and is the author of "Georgie and the Ants in the Pants."

Branch Programs

Family Storytime

Mondays, December 2, 16

11 a.m.,

Kids Place (Ages birth-5)



Let's Play-doh!

Tuesdays, December 10, 17

2:30-3:30 p.m., Classroom

(All ages)

Develop fine-motor skills through play in a group setting.



Friday Gameday

Fridays, December 13, 20, 27

2-4:30 p.m., Classroom

(Ages 8-17)

Play the Nintendo Switch with games like Mario Kart 8

Deluxe! Bring your own Switch to share, but remember everyone is responsible for their own belongings

Register for each date separately.

Program registration begins Monday, November 25.

Online registration is available for valid Montclair Public Library card holders. All others should call the Youth and Teen Services Department to sign up.

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult during programs.

Note: the Main and Branch libraries will be closed for Christmas on December 24, 25, and for New Year's Eve on, December 31.