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“Peter White Library to Offer More Storytimes This Fall”

Big changes are coming to children's storytimes at Peter White Public Library this fall (2017). Starting on September 5, 2017 the Youth Services Department at PWPL will double the number of storytimes offered for children ages birth to 6 years old.

“The reason we are restructuring our storytimes is because they have grown so large in the past few years” said Sarah Rehborg, PWPL Youth Service's librarian. “I am thrilled to see this growth. It allows us to tailor the programs to our families' needs. Too many people at a program is wonderful problem.”

Changes include narrowing the age ranges for storytimes. In the past PWPL offered storytimes for birth to two year olds, two and three year olds and four and five year olds. The new fall schedule will include programming developed for:

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| *Birth to 17 mo.- | “Wonder Babies” |
| *Babies - | “Storytime for Non-movers” |
| * Birth to 2 yrs.- | “Saturday Book Babies” |
| *18 mo. to 35 mo.- | “Storytime for 1s and 2s” |
| *3 to 4 yrs.- | “Storytime for 3s and 4s” |
| *Preschool age - | “Preschool Storytime” |
| *5 to 6 yrs.- | “Little Bookworms” |

The reduction in large group sizes will provide an atmosphere for better focus and a more pleasurable experience for everyone. The change will allow PWPL staff to better serve the developmental needs of a smaller age range.

Other new programs in Youth Services at PWPL this fall will include:

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| *All ages | “Starlight Family Storytime” |
| * 6-8 grade | “Harry Potter Fan Club” |
| *ages 8-12 | “Chapter Book Club” |
| *K-5 grades | “Masterminds of All Kinds” (Fall 2017) |
| *5-8 grades | “Dynamic da Vincis” (Spring 2018) |

See the complete list of Fall 2017 programs on the next page.

- **Wonder Babies** for birth to 17 months. Stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. Older siblings welcome.
Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00 am.
- **Storytime for Non-movers** for babies that are not yet independently moving. Gentle rhymes, books and songs. We ask that older siblings not attend.
Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:00 am.
- **Saturday Book Babies** for birth to two years old. Saturdays at 10:30 am, every 3 weeks. See library website for schedule.
- **Storytime for 1s and 2s** for 18 months to 35 months. Stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and occasional activities.
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 am.
- **Storytime for 3s and 4s** Stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and crafts.
Thursdays at 11:00 am.
- **Preschool Storytime** for preschool aged children. Books, songs, crafts and more.
Fridays at 1:00 pm.
- **Little Bookworms** for five and six year olds. Stories, school-readiness art, pre-literacy skills building.
Wednesdays at 11:00 am.
- **Masterminds of All Kinds** for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Students will rotate science and technology programs with art and life skills programs.
Thursdays at 4:30 pm.
- **Chapter Book Club**
Listen to a chapter from a book; then illustrate that chapter. At the conclusion of the story, bind the illustrated chapters into a book.
Mondays at 1:00 pm.
Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.
- **LEGO Club**
Ages 5 and up. Listen to a story and then build with LEGO blocks.
Fridays at 4:30pm.
- **Harry Potter Club** for 2-5 grades. Wizardly discussions, crafts and activities.
2nd Monday of month at 4:30 pm.
- **Harry Potter Club** for 6- 8 grades. Wizardly discussions, crafts and activities.
3rd Monday of month at 4:30 pm.