

Family Storytime

The Canton Public Library is happy to welcome you and your child to Family Storytime. We hope the experience will be rewarding one for both of you. Family Storytime is intended for children who are 5 and younger. An adult must accompany the child to storytime which lasts approximately 30 minutes. We hope the following information will be helpful.

Storytime Objectives:

- Encourage a love of language and books
- Introduce first lessons in listening
- Help children develop basic social skills through cooperation with others in a group.
- Provide a happy, relaxed sharing atmosphere for the presentation of stories, activities and music.
- Provide an opportunity for parents to interact with their children.

You Can Help!

- Arrive in the library before the storytime begins. Arriving late to a storytime disrupts the other participants and the librarian providing the stories.
- Please discuss storytime with your child before you come. Explain that there will be stories, finger plays, activities and songs and that you will go together. Young children need to know what is expected of them.
- If your child has difficulty settling down or becomes disruptive during the program, please step outside and return when ready. This will help everyone enjoy the storytime.
- Hold your child in your lap or keep them near you. Please do not let them wander behind the table or around electrical cords.
- Set a good example by listening to and participating in the program. Children often follow the example of a familiar role model.
- Gently focus your child's attention on each story or activity.
- Please turn off your cell phone.

Thank you for participating in Family Storytime at the Canton Public Library. We hope that you both have as much fun at Family Storytime as we do.

Youth Services Librarians

