**Library Storytimes** are fun, literacy rich, interactive programs for children of all ages, which strengthen reading skills and foster a lifelong love of reading.

**Toddlers: 18-36 months**
**Toddler Storytime**
These lively programs are designed to advance pre-reading skills including listening and comprehension. Creativity is encouraged with fun and simple art experiences that help develop fine motor skills.

**Pre-school: 3-5 years**
**Preschool Storytime**
Storytimes increase the crucial language skills that help children get ready for school. They also promote listening skills and prepare them for social situations. Fun and engaging activities advance children’s motor skills while creative art projects help develop color and shape recognition.

**Families: All Ages**
**Family Storytime**
Family storytimes are fun, literacy rich, interactive programs for children of all ages, which strengthen reading skills and foster a lifelong love of reading. Research shows that attending library programs advances vocabulary, listening skills, creativity and other elements of reading readiness.

**Dramatic Play**
Dramatic play permits children to fit the reality of the world into their own knowledge levels and in doing so will help them problem solve, work through conflicts, socialize and gain realistic experiences. This open play also increases children’s fundamental literacy skills such as symbolic thinking, oral language and print motivation.

**Sensestations**
Prepare to get MESSY, have FUN and LEARN with sensory stories and activities for children.

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**What is Early Literacy?**
Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. You can help the children you bring to the library learn important skills now so they can become good readers.

**Why parents are so important in helping their children get ready to read:**
- You know your children best.
- Children learn best when they are in a good mood, and you know their moods best.
- You can help your children learn reading skills in ways that are easiest for them.
- Children learn best by doing things — and they love doing things with you. Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes and sing songs.

Ask our knowledgeable staff for book suggestions and programs that you can enjoy together.

Please remain with the children you bring to the programs. We encourage and appreciate your participation. Who knows? You may enjoy it as much as the kids do!

**You can sign up for storytimes at any of our branch libraries or register online with our event calendar available at:**


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**Monroe County Library System**

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View our online calendar for all events!
Winter Storytimes @ myMCLS

Bedford Branch Library
8575 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI
(734) 847-6747
Binkies, Bottles & Books: Tuesdays at 10am & 6pm
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 9:30 am & 11am
Toddler Storytime: Saturdays at 10am

Blue Bush Branch Library
2210 Blue Bush Road, Monroe, MI
(734) 242-4085
Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 10:30am

Carleton Branch Library
1444 Kent Street, Carleton, MI
(734) 654-2180
Toddler Storytime: Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays at 10am
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays at 10am

Dorsch Memorial Branch Library
18 East First Street, Monroe, MI
(734) 241-7878
Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 11am
Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 1pm
Playgroup: Thursdays at 10:30am

Dundee Branch Library
144 East Main Street, Dundee, MI
(734) 529-3310
Dramatic Play: Mondays at 10am
Preschool Storytime: Mondays at 11:30am
Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 9am & 10:30am

Ellis Library & Information Center
3700 South Custer Road, Monroe, MI
(734) 241-5277 or 1-800-462-2050
Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 11am
Family Storytime: Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 11am
Sensory Play Group: Fridays at 11am

Erie Branch Library
2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI (734) 848-4420
Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30am

Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library
2881 Nadeau Road, Monroe, MI
(734) 289-1035
Toddler Storytime: Mondays at 10:30am
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30am

Ida Branch Library
3016 Lewis Avenue, Ida, MI
(734) 269-2191
Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 10am
Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 10am

Maybee Branch Library
9060 Raisin Street, Maybee, MI
(734) 587-3680
Preschool Storytime: Mondays at 6pm
Sensestations: Thursdays at 10am

Newport Branch Library
8120 North Dixie Highway, Newport, MI
(734) 586-2117
Sensestations: Thursdays at 10am

Rasey Memorial Branch Library
4349 Oak Street, Luna Pier, MI
(734) 848-4572
Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30am

South Rockwood Branch Library
12776 Dixie Highway, South Rockwood, MI
(734) 379-3333
Toddler Storytime: Mondays at 10am

Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library
2630 Center Street, Petersburg, MI
(734) 279-1025
Preschool Storytime: Mondays at 10am
Sensestations: Fridays at 10am

Weather Reminder:
If schools in the area are closed due to inclement weather, all library youth programs will be canceled for that date.
If schools in your area are delayed due to weather, all youth programs will proceed as scheduled.

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