

# STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Welcome to storytime! Our goal is to provide parents an environment and an opportunity to introduce their children to reading and language in a fun way. Not only does storytime serve to spark your child's desire for good literature, it can also help stretch their attention spans, improve their listening skills, as well as promote the library as an enjoyable place where learning is fun.

## Toddler Storytime



**Wednesday at 10:00-Harnett County Public Library in Lillington**

**Thursdays at 10:00- Harnett County Public Library in Lillington**

Toddler storytimes are created especially for children ages 18 months-2 years of age. Toddler Time typically lasts about 30 minutes and includes simple stories, flannel boards, fingerplays, puppets, and songs as well as other activities with a toddler's short attention span and need for movement in mind.

## Preschool Storytime

**Tuesdays at 11:00-Coats Public Library**

**Wednesdays at 11:00- Harnett County Public Library**

**Thursdays at 11:00- Harnett County Public Library**

**Fridays at 10:00- Dunn Public Library**



Preschool storytimes are created especially for children 3-5 years of age. They typically last between 45 minutes to 1 hour and include stories, flannel boards, fingerplays, puppets, and songs as well as other developmentally appropriate activities. A craft activity is often provided at the end of the program as well as a snack treat during holidays and other special events.

## Saturday Morning Storytime

**First Saturday of each month at 11:00**

The purpose of offering storytime on Saturday mornings is to provide an organized library activity for children who are unable to attend storytime during the week.

All children are encouraged to attend Saturday morning storytime, however, activities are geared to appeal to older preschool, primary, and elementary aged children.



# STORYTIME GUIDELINES



**In order to make storytime a positive experience for your family as well as others, please consider the following storytime guidelines:**

- ➡ If the library is a new place for your child, visit us on a day prior to coming for a program. We would like to meet you and introduce you to our library.
- ➡ Please discuss appropriate library behavior with your child before coming to the program.
- ➡ Please arrive a few minutes ahead of time, to minimize disruptions. Children need time to greet friends, become acclimated to a different environment, and to relax. Since young children are easily distracted, latecomers often become the focus of attention which may interrupt the flow of an activity in progress.
- ➡ Provide a positive role model for your child by listening to the stories and participating in the activities. Parents are always welcome to sit with their child and join the fun.
- ➡ To avoid unnecessary distractions, please leave toys and snacks at home or in the car.
- ➡ Please be considerate to others by escorting your child away from the story time area if he/she is unhappy or disruptive. Feel free to return when you feel your child is ready.
- ➡ Storytime is a wonderful time for socializing not only for children but for adults too! However, please visit with other parents before or after, not during storytime. Even quiet, personal conversations are distracting to others who are engaged in storytime.
- ➡ Extend the reading experience through the week by checking out books to share with your child at home. Allow your child to select books before or after storytime.

**Preschoolers are at a critical age for developing good attitudes toward literature and the children's services staff at the Harnett County Public Library is grateful for this opportunity to help in cultivating your child to become a life long reader.**