SPECIAL PROGRAMS

LEGO JUNIOR BOTS MINI-BOOTCAMP WITH THE IC ROBOTICS CLUB-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Tuesday, January 2, 1 - 2 PM, Storytime Room
Learn the basics of LEGO robotics through our Junior Bots mini camp! Design and build attachments to lead your robot to victory in a head to head sumo challenge.

POKEMON CLUB (FOR KIDS AGES 5-12)
Tuesday, January 2, 4 - 5 PM, Meeting Room A
Share your collection, chat and create all things Pokemon, and build your deck by trading cards with your fellow Pokemon enthusiasts.

POKEMON PERLER BEADS
Wednesday, January 3, 1 - 3 PM, Meeting Room A
Make your own Pixelated Pokemon with this drop-in perler beads activity!

CREATIVE MOVEMENT WITH UI YOUTH BALLET, 6 AND UNDER
Thursday, January 4, 10:30 - 11 AM, Meeting Room A

CREATIVE MOVEMENT WITH UI YOUTH BALLET, 7-10 YEARS
Thursday, January 4, 1 - 1:30 PM, Meeting Room A
Special guest from the UI Youth Ballet and Community Dance School will offer a unique program of dance and creative movement.

LLAMA WEAVING FOR ELEMENTARY AGE KIDS-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Thursday, January 4, 2:30 - 3:30 PM, Meeting Room A
We will be exploring the simple art of weaving using yarn and homemade llama looms.

INTERNATIONAL CANDY TASTING-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Friday, January 5, 1 - 2 PM, Meeting Room A
Kids in Grades K-6 are invited to learn something new about countries around the world by sampling their candy!

AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB
Tuesday, January 9, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
We will have both Legos and Duplos, so all ages are welcome to attend, but this is a semi-unsupervised library activity.

AFTER SCHOOL MINECRAFT-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Thursday, January 11, 4 - 5 PM, Digital Media Lab
Join us for group play at the library. Build peacefully in creative mode or fight creepers in survival model! Registration required.

CHESS BUTTERFLIES: GIRLS CHESS CLUB (GRADES K-6)
Sunday, January 14, 21 & 28, 12:15 - 1:45 PM, Storytime Room
Girls chess club usually consists of 30 minutes of free chess play, followed by a 30 minute lesson (via projector), and then a chess-related game/activity at the end for the last 30 mins.

WORLD CLUB: LEBKUCHENHERZ
Tuesday, January 16, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Children’s librarian Christian will share with us the German festive tradition and show us how to decorate your own Lebkuchenherz on a pre-baked cookie using frosting and other supplies.

BOOK TO ART CLUB: MY WINTER CITY
Tuesday, January 23, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Winter is in full swing, so this month we will read a picture book about a neighborhood and city transformed by a delightful snowfall in “My Winter City” by James Gladstone. Then we will collage our own wintry towns, and add a layer of magic with white paint snow!

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

TOOTH FAIRY STORYTIME WITH THE UIOWA COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY’S WOMEN IN DENTISTRY
Saturday, January 6, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
The University of Iowa chapter of the American Association of Women Dentists will host a Tooth Fairy Storytime this morning at the library!

AUTHOR VISIT STORYTIME WITH DAN (SHARON) SONG
Saturday, January 13, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Explore the fascinating Chinese culture with children’s author Dan (Sharon) Song as she shares her fun bilingual picture book: Karl’s Adventures in Beijing!

MLK DAY FAMILY STORYTIME
Monday, January 15, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Learn about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through stories, songs, short films, and a craft.

INDOOR CAMPING STORYTIME WITH AMANDA FROM THE BUR OAK LAND TRUST
Thursday, January 18, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
It may be too cold during the winter to camp outside, but environmental educator Amanda Stallman will help us set up a tent inside, teach us about important tools to camp, and read fun, cozy stories about enjoying the great outdoors!

AUTHOR VISIT STORYTIME WITH JEAN HERRING
Thursday, January 25, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Join Sophie and her dog, Dilly, on all their adventures! Join us in a reading plus fun songs and activities led by Jean Herring!

HEALTHY HEARING STORYTIME WITH UI PEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY STUDENTS
Saturday, January 27, 10:30 - 11 PM, Meeting Room A
Today we are delighted to host future doctors of pediatric audiology for a special Storytime to bring awareness to families about healthy hearing habits and the effects of undiagnosed hearing loss has on language and educational development.

TOTALLY TWEENS - For kids in grades 3 - 6

SCHOOL’S OUT SPECIAL: GIANT 3-D SNOWFLAKES
Wednesday, January 3, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
join us for a read-aloud of the new nonfiction picture book The Snow Man by Jonah Winter, and then make a snowflake craft.

SQUISHMALLOW PAINTING PARTY-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Thursday, January 4, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Are you a fan of Squishmallows, the plush toy that’s loved the world over for being super soft, huggable, round, and adorable? Join us to make a piece of fan art celebrating Squishmallows at our painting party!

SCIENTWEENS
Thursday, January 18, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Don’t just learn science - DO science with the Iowa City Science Booster Club!

GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Tuesday, January 23 & 30, 4 - 5 PM, Digital Media Lab
Girls Who Code Club is for girls and non-binary youth in grades 3-5 who are interested in learning how to code. No previous experience necessary!

COMICS & COOKIES: YUMMY: A HISTORY OF DESSERTS
Thursday, January 25, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Tweens are invited to a monthly book club to discuss a graphic novel and do an activity based on that month’s book. This month, we’ll discuss Yummy: A History of Desserts by Victoria Grace Elliott and make a DIY cake squishy toy.

Sunday fundays!
Sundays in Nov 2-4pm