

MAY

Iowa City Public Library

KIDS AND FAMILY CALENDAR



SUNDAY
12 pm - 5 pm

MONDAY
10 am - 9 pm

TUESDAY
10 am - 9 pm

WEDNESDAY
10 am - 9 pm

THURSDAY
10 am - 9 pm

FRIDAY
10 am - 8 pm

SATURDAY
10 am - 6 pm

Tween Program (3 - 6 Grade)

Kids Program

Family Program

- **Registration Required**
For more information
visit icpl.org/calendar



Support the Library
on May 7, 2025 for
**Johnson County
Great Give Day!**

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Preschool Stories
& More: Preucil's Music
Together Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Totally Tweens: Great
British Bake-Off Tea Party
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

2

Book Babies Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room



3

Family Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Family Storytime:
Palestine Storytime
and Craft
1:00 PM
Storytime Room

4

Chess Butterflies: Girls
Chess Club
12:15 PM
Storytime Room

Sunday Funday: May
the 4th Be With You!
2:00 PM
Storytime Room



5

Chinese Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Chess Club
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

6

Spanish Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Lego Club
4:00 PM
Storytime Room



7

StoryJAM
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A



8

Orchestra Iowa: Pied
Piper
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Totally Tweens: Mario
Kart Meetup & Card Games
4:00 PM
Storytime Room



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Book Babies Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

10

Family Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

11

Chess Butterflies: Girls
Chess Club
12:15 PM
Storytime Room

Sunday Funday:
Mother's Day Tulip Card
2:00 PM
Storytime Room

12

Chinese Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Pokémon Club
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

13

Spanish Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Books to Cooks Club:
The Perfect Sushi
4:00 PM
Storytime Room



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StoryJAM
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A

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Preschool Stories &
More
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A

Totally Tweens:
Scientweens
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

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StoryJAM
10:30 AM
Storytime Room



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Chess Butterflies: Girls
Chess Club
12:15 PM
Storytime Room

Sunday Funday:
Make Sun-Shaped
Suncatchers
2:00 PM
Storytime Room

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Chinese Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room



Chess Club
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

20

Spanish Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

World Club: Cherry
Blossoms and Hanami
Celebration
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

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StoryJAM
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A

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Preschool Stories &
More: Dog Safety with
the K9 Ambassadors
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A



Totally Tweens: Comics
and Cookies: The
Cartoonists Club
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

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Book Babies Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

24

Spanish Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room



25

Chess Butterflies: Girls
Chess Club
12:15 PM
Storytime Room

Sunday Fun Day:
Colorful Rainbow
2:00 PM
Storytime Room



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Memorial Day
Library & Bookmobile
Closed

27

Spanish Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Book to Art Club:
Watercolor Gnomes
4:00 PM
Storytime Room

**START OF SUMMER
READING PROGRAM!**

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StoryJAM
10:30 AM
Meeting Room A

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Preschool Stories &
More
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

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Book Babies Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

**End of Spring
Bookmobile schedule**



Scan to view Summer
Bookmobile schedule

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University of Iowa
Mobile Clinic
10:00 AM
Meeting Room A

Chinese Bilingual
Storytime
10:30 AM
Storytime Room

Mulan Singalong Party
1:00 PM
Storytime Room

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL STORIES & MORE: PREUCIL'S MUSIC TOGETHER STORYTIME

Thursday, May 1, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

Music Together® is an active, music-making learning program for children ages newborn to five years old and the grownups who love them! Join Preucil School of Music's Music Together® teacher Leah as your little ones experience and grow musically through song, rhythm, movement, and instrument play.

FAMILY STORYTIME: PALESTINE STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Saturday, May 3, 1 - 1:30 PM, Storytime Room

Join us to hear picture book stories about Palestine, learn about Palestinian culture, and make crafts inspired by the stories.

PRESCHOOL STORIES & MORE: DOG SAFETY WITH THE K9 AMBASSADORS

Thursday, May 22, 10:30 - 11 AM, Meeting Room A

Kathy and other volunteers from the our local K9 Ambassador program, and sponsored by the Iowa City Dog Obedience Club, will use handpicked dogs to help teach kids about dog safety with a presentation that includes tricks and various obedience skill demonstrations. Children will be allowed to pet the dogs applying the new skills taught!



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CHESS BUTTERFLIES: GIRLS CHESS CLUB (GRADES K-6)

Sunday, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12:15 - 1:45 PM, Storytime Room

Club consists of 30 minutes of free chess play, followed by a 30 minute lesson, and then a chess-related game/activity at the end.

ORCHESTRA IOWA: PIED PIPER

Thursday, May 8, 10:30 - 11 AM, Meeting Room A

Orchestra Iowa introduces preschool-age children to the instruments of the orchestra! This week we'll be learning about the brass section and sampling music performed by a brass quintet.

BOOKS TO COOKS CLUB: THE PERFECT SUSHI

Tuesday, May 13, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by listening to "The Perfect Sushi" by Emily Satoko Seo and making a custom Temaki-style handroll with classic sushi ingredients!

WORLD CLUB: CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND HANAMI CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 20, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Join us for a fun celebration of Japanese culture! In Japan, cherry blossoms (sakura) symbolize beauty and new beginnings. Every spring, families and friends gather for hanami, the tradition of admiring the blossoms before they fade.

BOOK TO ART CLUB: WATERCOLOR GNOMES

Tuesday, May 27, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Get ready for summer by listening to the picture book "Gnome," then following along with a tutorial to paint our own garden gnomes!

MULAN SINGALONG PARTY

Saturday, May 31, 1 - 2 PM, Storytime Room

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

CHINESE BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Mondays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

Join us every Monday for a special Chinese Bilingual Storytime with Children's Librarian Fang! Together we will enjoy songs, rhymes, stories and fun crafts in Chinese and English.

SPANISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

Join us every Monday for a fun Spanish Bilingual Storytime with Children's Librarian Miriam! Every week, there will be a fun theme with plenty of repetition from previous weeks in order to enhance language learning.

STORYJAM

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

StoryJAM is a music and movement program designed to model, encourage, and facilitate music-making as an early literacy skill. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate as much as possible.

PRESCHOOL STORIES & MORE

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

Preschool Stories & More is the Thursday Storytime program at the library and will often be a guest presenter, storyteller or performer! All ages are welcome to attend Preschool Stories and More every week, but some programs may be better suited for ages 3-5.

BOOK BABIES

Fridays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room

Join us for Book Babies! Let's have fun together singing, reading, and rhyming. Book Babies is a program designed to stimulate your infant's language development and is geared towards ages 0-2 years.

join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly singalong party with our very own Mulan, portrayed by award-winning singer Emma Lai from West High School. Sing along with your favorite songs from the movie, and stay to make a Mulan paper doll!

TOTALLY TWEENS - For kids in grades 3 - 6

TOTALLY TWEENS: GREAT BRITISH BAKE-OFF TEA PARTY

Thursday, May 1, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Join us for a tea tasting, watch an episode of the show, and decorate your own mini cake just like the contestants on The Great British Bake-Off!

TOTALLY TWEENS: MARIO KART MEETUP & CARD GAMES

Thursday, May 8, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Join other tweens for some friendly Mario Kart competition on the big screen! For those who prefer low-tech gaming, we'll have some rousing rounds of UNO and other simple card games as well.

TOTALLY TWEENS: SCIENTWEENS

Thursday, May 15, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Don't just learn science - DO science with the UI Science Booster Club!

TOTALLY TWEENS: COMICS AND COOKIES: THE CARTOONISTS CLUB

Thursday, May 2, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room

Tweens are invited to a monthly book club to listen to a graphic novel read-aloud. We'll enjoy a 30-minute excerpt of a different book each month, and then do an activity based on the book. Plus, cookies will be served! For our May meeting, we'll read Raina Telgemeier's hotly-anticipated new graphic novel, The Cartoonists Club!