

2018 Toddler Schedule

Fall: Sept. 20-Oct. 25:
Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30

Winter 1: Nov. 13-Dec. 21:
Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 and 10:30
(no meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11)

Winter 2: Jan. 7-Feb. 14:
Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30

Spring 1: March 5-April 12:
Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 and 10:30
(no meeting on Tuesday, April 9)

Spring 2: April 22-May 30:
Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30

Six Smart Start Skills for early literacy

Print Motivation

Learning to love books and stories. Showing children that reading and books are important.

Print awareness

Noticing print, words, and signage. Discovering how books open and close. Following the written word across the page from left to right and top to bottom.

Phonological Awareness

Learning that letters have different sounds. Playing with the smaller sounds within words.

Vocabulary

Increasing the repertoire of words by naming objects.

Narrative skills

Telling stories, sequencing, describing things.

Letter knowledge

Identifying letters.

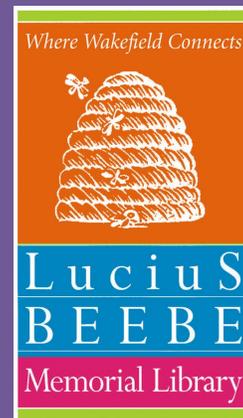
Knowing each letter has a unique name, and has a sound.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers Ages 1 & 2

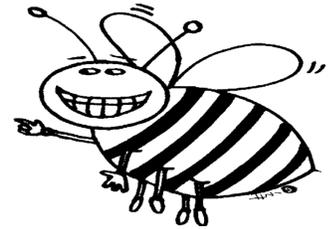
Caretakers participate actively with children in Mother Goose on the Loose Story Times. Children learn early literacy skills such as word play, vocabulary, and story structure through songs, finger plays, movement games, and nursery rhymes. Social skills such as making friends, bonding with a story time leader or other adults, and learning safety boundaries are also part of the MGOL curriculum. Play an active role so your children get all they can from these sessions.

Arrive early to fill out an admission ticket at the Youth Desk.



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Welcome to Story Time



The library offers its story time sessions on a limited, drop-in basis. No pre-registration is necessary. Just bring your child to *one* of the age-appropriate story times offered each week. Arrive a little early to fill out your ticket at the Youth Desk.

Beebe Library intends to provide at least one age-appropriate story time session annually for every Wakefield child. To that end, the library offers five 6-week Story Time sessions during the school year – Fall, Winter 1, Winter 2, Spring 1, and Spring 2. Meeting days and times rotate to give all residents the chance to attend at least one session per year.

Healthy Child

Beebe Library is a social, public facility. While the staff strives to maintain a clean environment, public places carry the risk of germs.

If your child has a cough, cold, or other communicable ailment, please consider postponing your visit as a matter of public health.

Bad Weather

Story times are cancelled if the Wakefield Public Schools close or delay opening for bad weather.

Videotaping and Photography

Please refrain from recording image or sound during library programs and story times. This not only distracts participants, but also may violate the wishes of others whom you did not intend to record or photograph.

The library admits thirty children to each Toddler story time. If the library routinely has to turn away participants, then preference will be given to Wakefield residents.

You and your child will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, movement games, and nursery rhymes. Siblings are welcome.

Please plan to stay with your child during story time, as the interactions between adult and child are an important component of the experience.

There will be no Story Times on legal holidays.