



# WINTER 2010 PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT- GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

**REGISTRATION** for started (\*\*) programs: **Tuesday, January 5**, beginning at 9 a.m. in person or Online at [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org) or call 453-8282 until programs are filled.

## SPECIALS

*Open To All – Please Register*

*(Funded by the Friends of the Guilford Free Library)*

**\*\*THE RELUCTANT DRAGON:** The Lionhart Puppet Company presents the story of a young village boy who discovers a dragon, based on Kenneth Grahame's book. Can he convince the villagers that the dragon just wants to be friends?

Thursday, January 28, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

For children ages 4 and up.

**\*\*CHILDREN'S SING-A-LONG:** *School Vacation Special!* Guilford musician, Peg Mansfield Toth, will present an original music program. Children are invited to join her in a sing-a-long program.

Wednesday, February 17, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

For children ages 4 and up.

**\*\*PASSOVER STORIES & CRAFT:** Rochel Yaffe from Guilford will read Passover stories and children can make a craft to take home.

Tuesday, March 16, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For children ages 3 through 10.

**\*\*WHEN THE COWS GOT LOOSE:** Children's author, Carol Weiss, from E. Hampton, MA will do a program based on her book: "When the Cows Got Loose." Books will be available for sale and autographing.

Tuesday, March 23, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

For children ages 4 and up.

## **\*\*PARENTING PROGRAMS:**

***Backpack Safety:*** How many things go into your child's backpack? Just how much should a backpack weigh? Dr. Keith Mirante from Coastal Chiropractic will be here to enlighten and answer your questions.

Thursday, January 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For all interested parents

***Stop the Screaming, Pushing, Pulling and Shoving!*** : Help your child resolve conflicts. Please join Marion Roy, M.S., Family Counselor/educator for a parenting workshop. Parents will learn effective problem solving strategies that will help with children's conflicts over toys, space and friendship.

Tuesday, March 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For all interested parents

## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

*Open To All – Registration Not Required*

**POP-IN PLAYTIME:** Parents come! Meet your friends! Let your children play together!

Thursdays, January 14 through March 11, from 10 – 11 a.m. All ages welcome.

**EVENING BOARD GAMES:** Children of all ages are invited to play board games with friends! Sorry, Battleship, Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble Junior, Mancala and many more.

Thursdays, January 28 through March 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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## SERIES

*(Open to All – Please Register)*

- \*\***PAWS AND READ:** Children ages 6 through 8 can “read” to Sirius the Whippet, a reading therapy dog. Fridays, January 15 through February 26, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. (15 minutes each)
- \*\***STORIES for THREE’S, FOUR’S AND FIVE’S:** Children, ages 3 to 5, will have an opportunity to hear special stories from the library’s storytelling collection. **Research shows that reading to children during the early years, especially ages 3 to 5 when their brains are undergoing the most growth, sets the stage for all later learning and success in life!**  
Tuesday mornings, February 2 through March 30, 10 to 10:40 a.m. with the children’s room storytellers,  
**Or** Wed. mornings, February 3 through March 31, 10 to 10:40 a.m. with Guilford storyteller, Barbara Kiesel.
- \*\***BEDTIME STORIES:** Teddy bears and pajamas are welcome at this evening story time for children of all ages and their parents. Tuesday evenings, February 2 through March 30, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- \*\***TWEEN BOOK CLUB:** Children in grades 4 through 6 will read & discuss “Swindle,” by Gordon Korman each week during the book club. Wednesdays, February 3 through March 31, 4 to 5 p.m. Refreshments served!
- \*\***DANCE PARTY:** Children of all ages, come and dance with the librarians. Do the Bunny Hop, Twist, Conga, Electric Slide, and many more old favorites. Thursdays, February 4 **and** March 18, from 4 to 5 p.m.
- \*\***ONE ON ONE:** A playful time for children, 12 months to 23 months, and their parents with songs, stories and poems led by library staff. Thursdays, February 4 through March 11, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
- \*\***TIME FOR TWOS:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time for children age 24 months to 36 months. Fridays, February 5 through March 12, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
- \*\***VALENTINE STORY AND CRAFT:** Children ages 5 to 8 will hear a story and create a valentine to take home. Thursday, February 11 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
- \*\***BABY TIME:** for infants, birth through 11 months, and parents: come and meet new friends. Mondays, February 22 through March 29, 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. (*Co-Sponsored with Guilford Youth and Family Services.*)
- \*\***PASSPORT AROUND THE WORLD:** Prepare for an exciting visit to two foreign countries. “Passports” and journals will be made as the journey begins. Learn new customs, culture, children’s games, art and more! A craft will be made for each session. Brigitte Riga of Branford will be your tour guide for this two-part program. Friday, March 5 **and** Friday, March 12 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. for children ages 6 to 12.



**Registration for Spring Programs begins Wednesday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.**

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