FAMILY EVENTS

HAPPY NOON YEAR PARTY For children ages 6-11 & their families

Friday, January 2, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Auditorium

Happy Noon Year! Does your child have a hard time staying up late? Join us to watch the countdown until noon on January 2nd! There'll be New Year's themed games, activities, crafts, and snacks! *Registration required and available now*.

ADAPTED STORYTIME

Saturdays, January 3 & February 7, 11:00 to 11:45 am, Purple Room

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime is designed for those who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all children are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. To register, visit *connectingforkids.org/library*. *Registration required*.

TALL TALES & SILLY SONGS

For school-age children & their families

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Listen to a Tall Tale about Paul Bunyan, and sing fun songs about him and his big ox named Blue. Learn to play an old-fashioned folk puppet and take a turn playing a mountain dulcimer. Enjoy creating a craft and having a snack together too! *Registration required*.

OHIO ANIMALS WITH THE LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Saturday, February 7, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, Auditorium

Learn about Ohio wildlife and meet some animal residents of the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. *Registration required*.

CONNECTING FOR KIDS: SLEEP SOLUTIONS

For parents

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Purple Room

Struggling with sleep in your household? **Bridget Bowling**, certified Pediatric Sleep Consultant from **Little Snoozers**, will discuss bedtimes, nap times, sleep transitions, and more. A Behavior Specialist from **Silver Lining ABA** will answer questions and offer tools to support children with autism. We will discuss sleep challenges faced by children with disabilities. Leave with practical strategies for restful nights. Childcare available with separate registration. *Registration required at connectingforkids.org/register*.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

February 16 through February 17, 2nd Floor

Stop by the 2nd Floor for a take-and-make craft and a coloring page to celebrate the Lunar New Year!

SHARE A HEART AND A SMILE

February 1 through February 13, 2nd Floor

Stop by the 2nd Floor to make a Valentine's Day card for someone you love, and make another one to be given to our local first responders or shared with our outreach community.

OUTBACK RAY'S AMAZING ANIMAL SHOW

Monday, February 16, 4:00 to 4:45 pm & 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium

Come join the adventure as Outback Ray introduces his menagerie of outstanding animals from near and far. Enjoy this interactive experience learning about a variety of species. *Registration required*.



2026 Winter ProgramsChildren, Tweens, and Family

STORYTIMES

January 19 through February 26

BABY & ME STORYTIME For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers

Mondays, 9:15 to 9:35 am & 10:15 to 10:35 am,

Tuesdays, 9:15 to 9:35 am,

Wednesdays, 6:15 to 6:35 pm & 7:00 to 7:20 pm,

Purple Room

Snuggle up for a lapsit program of stories, songs, and rhymes. Stay afterwards and have fun socializing. *Registration required*.

2S & 3S STORYTIME

For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers

Wednesdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am & 10:15 to 10:45 am,

Thursdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am,

Purple Room

Join us for a program of stories, songs, and rhymes. Registration required.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

For children ages 4-6, caregivers as needed

Mondays, 1:30 to 2:00 pm & 7:15 to 7:45 pm,

Purple Room

Join us for a 30-minute program of stories and songs to help your preschooler get ready for kindergarten. *Registration required.*

EVENING FAMILY STORYTIME For children ages 2-6 & their caregivers

Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:00 pm & 7:00 to 7:45 pm,

Purple Room

Families with children ages two to six are invited to drop in and join us for a storytime filled with books, music, activities, and crafts. It's fun for everyone! No need to register!

Registration begins **Saturday**, **January 3**, **9:00 am**.

To register, visit *rrpl.org* and click on **Events**,
call **440-333-7610 x4**, or stop by the Youth Department.

Caregivers are required to remain in the Library during programs if children are ages 9 and under.

BIRTH TO AGE 6

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW

For children ages 6 months through 3 years & their caregivers

Thursday, January 15, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Enjoy some quality time with other families while playing with toys and puzzles. Let's have some fun!

MESSY ART @ HOME

For children ages 2-5 & their caregivers

Monday, February 16

Are you brave enough to get messy at home? This kit contains everything you need to create a process art project. Supplies must be picked up on the 2nd Floor or via our Drive-thru. *Registration required*.

GRADES K-3

BOOK BABBLE

For students in grades 2-3

Monday, February 9, 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Green Room

It may be time to join your first book clubs! 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to join in discussions of early chapter books and graphic novels. Reading in advance is encouraged. *Registration required*.



ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER READING 2026

December 15 - February 15

Winter Reading is back! Keep track of how many minutes you read and win prizes along the way. Pick up your gameboard at the 2nd Floor Desk.

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TWEENS (GRADES 4-6)

TWEEN SCENE

For tweens

Mondays through Thursdays while Rocky River City Schools are in session, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Green Room Stop by the Library after school to hang out and enjoy a rotating selection of crafts, activities, and games.

AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTERS For students ages 10 & up

School days, 3:15 to 4:50 pm, Training Room

Tweens and teens are invited to the Lower Level Computer Training Room after school for an open lab. Computer availability is first come, first served.

VOLUNTEER YOUTH CREW For students in grades 4-6

Tuesdays, January 27 & February 24, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room

Want to volunteer at the Library? Now is your chance! Help the Youth Services Department with special projects. Specific tasks include puzzle cleaning, organizing, and decorating. We appreciate you! *Registration required*.

COOKING CLUB

For students in grades 4-6

Thursday, February 12, 4:15 to 5:30 pm, Auditorium

Do you like trying new foods? Join us for delicious after-school snacks and treats. Registration required.

PIZZA MOVIE BOOK CLUB: THE GIVER For students in grades 4-6

Monday, February 23, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Green Room

Many children's books have also been turned into movies. Join us as we discuss *The Giver* by **Lois Lowry**. After the talk we will watch the movie and enjoy some pizza. Participants are asked to read the book prior to attending. *Registration required*.

