

STORYTIME & YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM POLICIES

Story times are provided as a service to the residents of Elmwood Park. There is no charge for participation.

Story times are designed to meet the individual needs of the ages specified. Children must be registered for the appropriate age group. Children's early age groups are generally divided as follows: Toddlers—18 months to 36 months; Pre-K—3 to 5 years; kindergarten—5 to 6 years.

Children must be the age specified by the start of the Story time session.

TODDLERS must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian in the program room. When caregivers are required to attend with a child, they may bring unregistered siblings to a program if numbers allow and if sibling behaves appropriately. However, parents must be able to participate with the child who is registered for the session.

PRE-K may, but are not required to, be accompanied by a parent or adult care-giver during a program; but parents or caregivers who do not attend these programs must remain present in the library.

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN may attend programs on their own, but the parent or adult guardian must remain in the library throughout the program time. Because kindergartners may attend without a caregiver, there are no younger siblings permitted in kindergarten programs.

In programs for ages kindergarten through fifth grade, children do not require a parent or adult guardian in attendance.

The library must be notified if a child is unable to attend a story time program. If a child misses two story times without notifying the library, it will be assumed that the child is no longer able to attend. The library will offer their place to a child from the waiting list who will be contacted to join the program.

Late arrivals can be disruptive and distracting to the group. Those who are late are asked to please take a moment outside the programming room to remove coats, get settled, turn off cell phones, ~~etc.~~ then enter quietly and join the program.

The library reserves the right to ask a patron to leave the story time or any program if the patron's actions are interfering with the ability of others to participate in the program.

Food and drink are not permitted anywhere in the library unless they are part of a special program. Please do not bring snacks to story time sessions.

Cell phone use is prohibited anywhere in the library. Cell phones must be turned off during story time session.

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