



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: December 16, 2011
Contact: Antonia Krupicka-Smith, Youth Librarian, Sequim Branch Library, 360.683.1161 or akrupicksmith@nols.org
Re: Introducing Two New Storytime Options at the Sequim Branch

Beginning in January, new programs are being offered for children at the Sequim Branch Library. Along with weekly storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers on Wednesday mornings at 10am and 11am, the library will offer bi-monthly PJ storytimes on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 6:30pm, and bi-monthly baby lapsits on the first and third Thursday mornings of the month at 10:30am. Also new this year are "Book Breaks", where kids can hear a story, twice a day at 11am and 4pm every day the library is open.

Library storytimes create critically important early literacy opportunities for young children, their parents and caregivers. Toddler, preschool, and PJ storytimes feature age-appropriate books, rhymes, and songs. Baby lapsit programs are different than storytimes in that they are shorter in length, and they focus on building bonds between the parent and child. The librarian leads babies and caregivers through rhymes, body movements, and songs that support early literacy. Book Breaks are another way to develop a love of books and reading. During a Book Break a member of the staff will grab a book and read to any children in the building. Book breaks will occur twice a day at 11am and 4pm, every day the library is open, and will typically only last for about 10 minutes. The ultimate goal behind book breaks is to encourage reading anywhere and anytime. "The library is committed to getting kids hooked on books at an early age," says Library Director Paula Barnes.

For information on storytimes or other programs for youth go to www.nols.org and click on "Youth", or contact Youth Services Librarian Antonia Krupicka-Smith at 360.683.1161 or Sequim@nols.org.

Here's the winter schedule for storytimes at the Sequim Library:

Toddler Storytimes

For children ages 18 month-3 years

January 4 - March 28

Wednesdays, 10am

Preschool Storytimes

For children ages 3-5
January 4 - March 28
Wednesdays, 11am

Baby & Me Lapsit

For babies 0-12 months

Bi-monthly on the first and third Thursday of the month.

January 5 - March 15

Thursday, January 5, 10:30am

Thursday, January 19, 10:30am

Thursday, February 2, 10:30am

Thursday, February 16, 10:30am

Thursday, March 1, 10:30am

Thursday, March 15, 10:30am

Pajama Storytimes

All Ages

Bi-Monthly on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

January 12 - March 22

Thursday, January 12, 6:30pm

Thursday, January 26, 6:30pm

Thursday, February 9, 6:30pm

Thursday, February 23, 6:30pm

Thursday, March 8, 6:30pm

Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm

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