

Happy New Year – Look what's in store at the Library for Riverside families & kids!

**Check out Library happenings** (or register for programs) at  
[www.riversidelibrary.org](http://www.riversidelibrary.org) – **Click on the CALENDAR tab!**

]Also check us out on **Facebook:**

Just type: "Youth Services at Riverside Public Library" in the search bar.

Then click the WALL tab to see photos and hear the latest news...

**Another great way to keep up with Your Youth Services Department.**

### **Baby/Toddler Story-times – 9:30 am**

Tuesdays (January 18 – March 22)

Special story-times for the under 3 set: rhymes, songs, movement and stories. **Registration required and begins December 14!** Register online through the "Calendar" tab at [www.riversidelibrary.org](http://www.riversidelibrary.org), by phone 708-442-6366 or in person.

### **HOORAY FOR TUESDAYS! – 10:15 am**

#### **Special Story-times and Crafts for Ages 3 & up.**

**Registration is REQUIRED.**

January 18: "Penguins" (Sign up starts Jan. 3)

February 1: "Trains" (Sign up starts Jan. 18)

February 15: "Chinese New Year" (Sign-up starts Feb. 1)

March 1: "March" (Sign-up starts Feb. 15)

March 15: "Shamrocks" (Sign-up starts March 1)

**For ages 3 and up (caregivers may need to help with crafts).**

Register online through the "Calendar" tab at [www.riversidelibrary.org](http://www.riversidelibrary.org) or by phone 708-442-6366 or in person.

### **Wednesday Drop-In Story-Times – 10:00 am**

**(January 19 – March 23)**

No need to register – just stop in for fun stories, songs and play. All ages are welcome.

### **Thursday PLAYTIME! – 9:30-11:30 am (January 20 – March 24)**

Children under 4 with their caregivers are invited to Open Play in our Story-time Room. **Caregivers must stay in the room to supervise the children.** Please, no food or drink. Just stop by -- no sign up needed.

### **"School's Out" Read-Alouds (12:30 pm) & Movies (1:15 pm)**

Bring your lunch for the read-aloud session, and then stay for the movie!

**January 17:** *Ramona and Beezus* (G, 103 minutes)

**February 21:** *Karate Kid* (PG, 140 minutes)

Free popcorn! No registration required. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **"No School" Wii Gaming!** (for Ages 9 and up)

Monday, January 17, M.L. King Day – 3-5 pm

Friday, February 11 – 2-4:30 pm

Monday, February 21, Presidents' Day – 3-5 pm

No sign-up needed.

### **Saturday ABC Club for Pre-Schoolers – 10 am**

**Saturday, January 29** (sign up begins Jan. 10)

**Saturday, February 26** (sign up begins Feb. 1)

**Saturday, March 26** (sign up begins March 1)

Children read, play games and practice literacy skills with young adult volunteers. **Please note:**  
Caregivers must remain in the Library but do not stay in the program room. Children need to be comfortable working with someone other than their caregiver. **Registration required! For ages 3-5 only.**

### **Young Adult Craft MARATHON – After School**

The LAST Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday in January/February!

**January 25 – 27**

**February 22 – 24**

THE LIBRARY'S THE PLACE FOR HANDS-ON CRAFTS: **Stop by after school!**

**Chill out & have fun -- neat stuff to work with!**

### **Valentine Safety Pin Bracelet Craft**

**Thursday, February 10, 3:45 pm**

Make a gorgeous bracelet out of beads and safety pins!

For ages 8 and up. **Registration required and begins Jan. 17.**

### **“Learn to Knit!” A 5-Week Knitting Class**

**Monday Evenings: 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**February 21 through March 21,**

Learn to knit and more in this 5-week class. Adults are welcome to learn along with their child. \$5.00 fee per person includes all supplies.

**For grades 3 & Up. Registration required.**

### **Free Early Intervention Screenings** (For children ages 4 months – 3 years)

**Friday mornings, February 25 and May 13.** Concerned about your child's developmental milestones? Research has shown that the earlier we identify any delay in development and begin addressing that delay, the better prepared a child will be to begin kindergarten. Helping Hand will provide free screenings at the library for children ages four months to three years. To schedule a 45-minute appointment with a Master's Level Developmental Therapist from the Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center, call Carol Boyke at (708) 352-3580, ext. 383.

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### **Donations of LEGO blocks needed!**

Have your children grown out of their interest in LEGOs? Do you have boxes of LEGOs that are not being used? Youth Services at the Library can put them to good use: we will take good care of your beloved LEGOs! The children who attend our LEGO Days programs will REALLY LOVE THEM! Contact the Youth Services Department at the Library for more information.

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### **Book Club Open House - Wednesday, April 13 - 7 pm “SAVE THE DATE NOW!”**

In a book club? Wish you were in a book club? Come to the Library's book club open house -- there's a lot that the Library can do for you! We will provide book lists (but please bring yours to share if you wish!), tips on starting book clubs, information on obtaining a library card for your book club (if you don't have a book club card, it's a "must-have!") and a chance for all to share the best (and worst!) books you have read. Refreshments provided. Adults and children are welcome: separate meetings for each. Open to all Library patrons whether you are part of an established book group or not. Send a representative from your group or bring all your members for a festive give and take. Hope you can join us! Contact the Library as soon as possible by email at [programs@riversidelibrary.org](mailto:programs@riversidelibrary.org) or by phone at 708-442-6366.

Details will follow in March.