

Preschool Tidings

From Bethlehem Public Library

News and Information for Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

Hello Laura,

The library is heading into the home stretch for this "school" year. We have two more Preschool Story Times, then we'll take a break to focus on Summer Reading. Summer Reading's theme is Art, and we have entertainers for all ages. Read below about the circus, storyteller, and thespians coming here this summer.

Also in this issue is information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and how your child can receive a new book each month in the mail. Use those books toward your child's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten goal!

Learn more about some of our new books your child will love, and we'll see you soon at the library!

Laura

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Preschool Story Time Tuesdays 11am

For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

Join Miss Kami for stories, songs, activities and crafts. Something new each week.



Upcoming themes:
5/27 Hawaiian Luau
6/3 Oceans

Story Time goes on hiatus after 6/3
We'll be back in the fall!



Summer Reading Programs

Kick-off Tuesday, June 24th!!

While many of our summer programs are most appropriate for ages 5 and up, we invite you to our entertainers for summer fun!

Tuesday 6/24 11am Kick-Off at the Colonial Theatre
Silver Circus - a one-man circus show

Tuesday 7/15 11am **Storyteller and Book Giveaway**
Vermont author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock reads
Every child goes home with two new books!

Tuesday 7/29 11am Summer Finale
Shakespeare in the Park's **Sugar-Coated Shakespeare** (for kids)



Thanks to Whitefield Public Library for organizing this great resource!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Now Available to Bethlehem Children!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners.

Our Local Partner is **Education Alliance for New Hampshire** in Concord, NH

Each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a high-quality, age-appropriate book to all registered children, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family.

[Sign up your child here](#)
or [download and print a registration form](#).

Summer is a Great Time to Track Reading!



Already signed up, but lost track?
No problem, we'll help you restart!!

At certain points your child gets:

- a book store gift certificate
- t-shirt
- book bag
- photo in the newspaper!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Goal: read 1000 Books before your child reaches age 6 or starts school, whichever comes first.

It's Easy!

- Read ANY book
- Read the same book over and over
- Read one book a night
= 365 books in a year
= 730 books in two years = 1,095 books in three years.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Already started 1000 Books?
[Click here for a new tracking sheet](#)

Ages and Stages Questionnaires for ages 0 - 5 1/2

Track your child's development with

easy to use, short questionnaires.

Understand how children are growing in key areas like:

- COMMUNICATION
- PHYSICAL ABILITIES
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- PROBLEM-SOLVING

Click the QR code
or [go to the website](#)

Click on the flyer to download



Things to Do



Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL), the library has a park pass, good for 2 adults and up to 4 dependents to gain access at no additional charge to all day-use parks!

For more information, restrictions, and instructions on how to request the pass, see our [Park Pass website page](#).



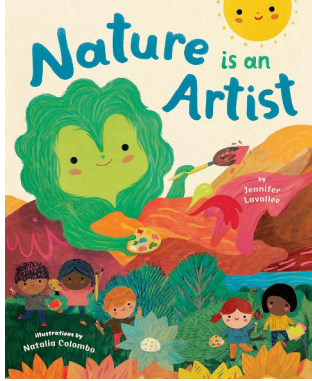
National Gallery of Art Paint 'N' Play

Paint your own way or like Vincent Van Gogh. Or upload of pic and embellish it!

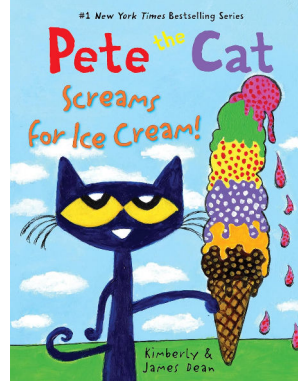
A fun free art website!

New Books for Summer!

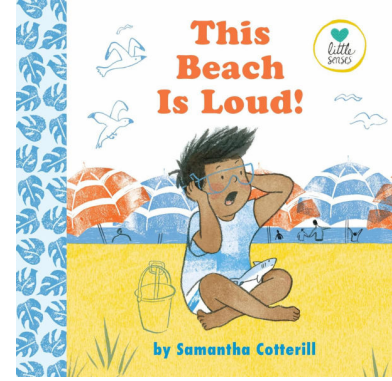
Go to our [card catalog](#) to learn more and to reserve for pick up



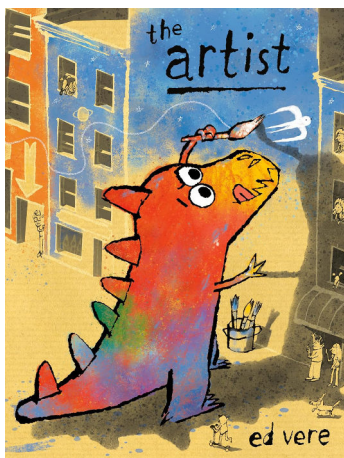
Children follow Nature--the most inspiring of teachers--as they discover the world's greatest art show hidden in plain sight. As they witness beautiful landscapes, stunning vistas, and unusual creatures, each child is inspired to recreate their own fine work of art.



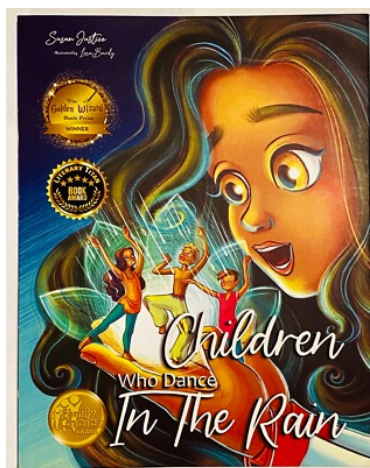
The Just Chillin' ice cream truck is coming today and Pete the Cat can't wait. He runs as fast as he can to find the truck. It's getting late, but his friends need his help. Will Pete take a little time out of his day to help his friends?



Going to the beach is exciting. But it can also be busy. And *loud*. Sand can feel hot or itchy or sticky...and it gets *everywhere*! A sensitive boy gets overwhelmed by all the sights, sounds, and sensations at the beach. Luckily, Dad has a trick up his sleeve to help his son face these unexpected obstacles.



A brave little artist goes on an epic adventure to share her creativity with the world in this picture book from New York Times bestselling author-illustrator Ed Vere. It's an inspiring exploration of the creative spirit



Sophie gets bored quickly and won't even eat her food without looking at her tablet. On a family trip to India, she quickly realizes that the underprivileged children living in the mud colony possess a joy and contentment she can't explain. Sophie sets out on a journey of discovery, but what she finds may change her world forever.



With more than 60 of his full-color collage pictures, the book also contains an insightful autobiography, illustrated with personal photographs, an anecdotal essay by his longtime editor, and a photographic essay on how Carle creates his collages.

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