



# Kingston Frontenac Public Library Early Years Program Guide 2017-2018

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Kingston Frontenac Public Library’s early literacy programs are based on the American Library Association’s initiative Every Child Ready to Read. This research-based initiative incorporates simple practices – sing, talk, read, write and play – to help parents and caregivers develop early literacy skills in children from birth to age five. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school and helps foster a lifelong love of reading and learning!

### **Books for Babies**

Stories, songs, rhymes and tickles for newborns and pre-walkers. Parents and caregivers will learn, and practise, fun and simple ways to incorporate early literacy skills in the home. For newborns and pre-walking babies.

#### **Calvin Park Branch**

Tuesdays at 10 AM running from September 12 to October 17 and November 7 to December 12.

Thursdays at 10 AM running from January 11 to February 15 and April 12 to May 12.

#### **Pittsburgh Branch (registration required)**

Tuesdays at 11:15 AM running from September 12 to October 17, November 7 to December 12, January 9 to February 13 and April 10 to May 15.

#### **Isabel Turner Branch**

Thursdays at 10 AM running from September 14 to October 19, November 9 to December 14, January 11 to February 15 and April 12 to May 17.

#### **Artillery Park**

Fridays at 10 AM running from September 22 to October 27 and November 10 to December 15.

Mondays at 10 AM running from January 8 to February 12 and April 9 to May 14.

## **Bedtime Stories**

Children are invited to put on their PJs for an evening storytime full of dreamy stories and songs. Developing early literacy skills is never a snooze at the library! For children of all ages, recommended for ages 6 and under.

### **Pittsburgh Branch (registration required)**

Thursdays at 6:30 PM running from September 14 to October 19, November 9 to December 14, January 11 to February 15 and April 12 to May 17.

### **Calvin Park Branch**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM running from November 8 to December 13 and April 11 to May 16.

## **Rhythm and Rhyme**

Through rhythm, rhyme and movement, children three and under will naturally develop language and increase their ability to hear the smaller sounds in words. Experience hands-on play with bells, rhythm sticks, scarves, shakers and more. For ages 3 and under.

### **Sydenham Branch**

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from September 11 to October 23, November 6 to December 11, January 8 to February 12 and April 9 to May 14.

### **Calvin Park Branch**

Wednesdays at 10 AM running from September 13 to October 18 and November 8 to December 13.

Thursdays at 10 AM running from September 14 to October 19 and November 9 to December 14.

Mondays at 10 AM running from January 8 to February 12 and April 9 to May 14.

Tuesdays at 10 AM running from January 9 to February 13 and April 10 to May 15.

### **Artillery Park**

Mondays at 10 AM running from September 25 to October 23 (except October 9)

Fridays at 10 AM running from January 12 to February 16.

### **Isabel Turner Branch**

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from November 6 to December 11 and April 9 to May 14.

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM running from November 8 to December 13 and April 11 to May 16.

### **Pittsburgh Branch (registration required)**

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM and 11:15 AM running from September 13 to October 18, November 8 to December 13, January 10 to February 14 and April 11 to May 16.

### **Rideau Heights**

Mondays at 11 AM running from January 8 to February 12.

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from April 9 to May 14.

### **Play to Learn**

Move your body! Jump, skip, hop and more in this active program. Through play-based activities and interactive books, children two years and up will develop their physical confidence. Following Play to Learn at Rideau Heights, join Loving Spoonful for their free Cooking With Kids program running 11 AM to 1 PM. Parents and kids will learn how to make easy, healthy, affordable recipes together. Take home meals or ingredients after each workshop! Contact Thea at 613-507-8848 to register for Cooking With Kids. For ages 2 to 5.

### **Artillery Park (registration required)**

Mondays at 10 AM running from November 6 to December 11.

Fridays at 10 AM running from April 12 to May 18.

### **Isabel Turner Branch (registration required)**

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from September 11 to October 23 (except October 9) and January 8 to February 12.

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM running from September 13 to October 18 and January 10 to February 14.

### **Rideau Heights (registration required)**

Wednesdays at 11 AM running from January 10 to February 14.

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM running from April 11 to May 16.

### **STEM Start**

Explore and discover! Blending simple experiments with stories and songs, the program will introduce STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) concepts to young scientists. For ages 3 to 5.

### **Calvin Park Branch (registration required)**

Mondays at 4 PM running from September 11 to October 23 (except October 9) and November 6 to December 11.

Wednesdays at 4 PM running from January 10 to February 14 and April 11 to May 16.

### **Isabel Turner Branch (registration required)**

Tuesdays at 4 PM running from September 12 to October 17, November 7 to December 12, January 9 to February 13 and April 10 to May 15.

### **Rideau Heights (registration required)**

Fridays at 4 PM running from January 12 to February 16 and April 13 to May 18.

## **Family Storytime**

The whole family is encouraged to participate actively in stories, songs and movement activities to maximize your child's experience in learning socialization and pre-reading skills for life. For children of all ages, recommended for ages 6 and under.

### **Pittsburgh Branch**

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM running from September 12 to October 17, November 7 to December 12, January 9 to February 13 and April 10 to May 15.

### **Sydenham Branch**

Fridays at 10:30 AM running from September 15 to October 20, November 10 to December 15, January 12 to February 16 and April 13 to May 18.

### **Calvin Park Branch**

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from September 2 to December 16 and January 13 to May 5.

### **Isabel Turner Branch**

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from September 16 to December 16 and January 13 to May 5.

### **Rideau Heights**

Saturdays at 11 AM running from September 16 to December 9 and January 13 to May 5.

## **Stories in the Park**

Bring a blanket and sunscreen and join us for stories, songs and plenty of fun. McBurney Park is located at the intersection of Alma and Ordnance Streets. For children of all ages.

### **McBurney Park**

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from September 2 to October 7.

## **Registration Dates**

You can register for programs on our [website](#) or by calling 613-549-8888.

Registration for September/October programs opens on Saturday, September 2, at 9 AM.

Registration for November/December programs opens on Saturday, October 28, at 9 AM.

Registration for January/February programs opens on Saturday, December 30, at 9 AM.

Registration for April/May programs opens on Saturday, March 31, at 9 AM.

## **Information for Parents and Caregivers**

If your child is 6 years old or younger, it is expected that you will accompany him or her to our programs.

If your child is 7 to 11 years old, you must remain in the library while he or she attends our programs.

If your child/youth is 12 years or older, they may visit the library independently and may act as a caregiver for younger siblings.

For registered programs only, parents of children ages 9, 10 and 11 years may leave the building if they have provided staff with emergency contact information.

The library is unable to accommodate groups at registered or drop-in programs for children. Groups include classes, daycares, daycamps, community groups, and any groups providing childcare and/or educational/recreational services to children.

For more information visit our [website](#).