



Kingston Frontenac Public Library Early Years Program Guide 2018-2019

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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 – singing, talking, reading, writing and playing – 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!

Baby and Me

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.

Pittsburgh Branch (registration required)

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM running from September 11 to October 16, November 6 to December 11, January 15 to February 19 and April 9 to May 14.

Calvin Park Branch

Wednesdays at 10 AM running from September 12 to October 17, November 7 to December 12, January 16 to February 20 and April 10 to May 15.

Isabel Turner Branch

Thursdays at 10 AM running from September 13 to October 18, November 8 to December 13, January 17 to February 21 and April 11 to May 16.

Central Branch

Mondays at 10 AM running from November 12 to December 17 and April 8 to May 13 (except April 22).

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 13 to October 18, November 8 to December 13, January 17 to February 21 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.

Artillery Park

Mondays at 10 AM running from September 10 to October 15 (except October 8).

Thursdays at 10 AM running from September 13 to October 18.

Sydenham Branch

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from September 10 to October 22 (except October 8), November 5 to December 10, January 14 to February 25 (except February 18) and April 8 to May 13 (except April 22).

Calvin Park Branch

Tuesdays at 10 AM running from September 11 to October 16, November 6 to December 11 and January 15 to February 19.

Thursdays at 10 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 12 to October 17, November 7 to December 12, January 16 to February 20 and April 10 to May 15.

Isabel Turner Branch (registration required)

Mondays at 1:30 PM running from November 5 to December 10.

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from April 8 to May 13 (except April 22).

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM running from November 7 to December 12 and April 10 to May 15.

Central Branch

Fridays at 10 AM running from November 16 to December 11 and April 12 to May 24 (except April 19).

Mondays at 10 AM running from January 14 to February 25 (except February 18).

Thursdays at 10 AM running from January 17 to February 21.

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.

Isabel Turner Branch (registration required)

Mondays at 10:30 AM running from September 10 to October 22 (except October 8) and January 14 to February 25 (except February 18).

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM running from September 12 to October 17 and January 16 to February 20.

Calvin Park Branch (registration required)

Thursdays at 10 AM running from September 13 to October 18 and January 17 to February 21.

Mondays at 10 AM running from November 5 to December 10.

Tuesdays at 10 AM running from April 9 to May 14.

Central Branch (registration required)

Thursdays at 10 AM running from November 15 to December 20 and April 11 to May 16.

Fridays at 10 AM running from January 18 to February 22.

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.

Isabel Turner Branch (registration required)

Tuesdays at 4 PM running from September 11 to October 16, November 6 to December 11, January 15 to February 19 and April 9 to May 14.

Calvin Park Branch (registration required)

Wednesdays at 6 PM running from September 12 to October 17 and January 16 to February 20.

Artillery Park (registration required)

Fridays at 4 PM running from September 14 to October 19.

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 (registration required)

Tuesdays at 11:15 AM running from September 11 to October 16, November 6 to December 11, January 15 to February 19 and April 9 to May 14.

Sydenham Branch

Fridays at 10:30 AM running from September 14 to October 19, November 9 to December 14, January 18 to February 22 and April 12 to May 24 (except April 19).

Calvin Park Branch

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from September 1 to December 15 and January 12 to May 25.

Isabel Turner Branch

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from September 22 to December 15 and January 12 to May 4.

Central Branch

Saturdays at 10:30 AM running from November 10 to December 15 and January 12 to May 4.

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 15 to October 6.

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 1, at 9 AM.

Registration for November/December programs opens on Saturday, October 27, at 9 AM.

Registration for January/February programs opens on Saturday, January 5, at 9 AM.

Registration for April/May programs opens on Saturday, March 30, at 9 AM.

Rideau Heights Programs

Looking for programs at the Rideau Heights branch? Please see the Rideau Heights Community Centre's seasonal flyer for details.

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 9 years old, you must remain in the library while he or she attends our programs.

If your child is 10 years or older, they may visit the library independently. Youth ages 12 or older may act as a caregiver for younger siblings.

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](#).