



## Storytime Guidelines

Library storytimes are often a child's first "live performance" experience. Attending a storytime is different than watching TV, going to a movie, or watching a sports event as the behavior of the audience can positively or negatively effect the program. A good audience enables the storyteller to give the best presentation possible. Our goal is to help nurture your child's love of books and the library.

**With this in mind, we request that parents and caregivers follow these guidelines:**

- Please discuss proper audience behavior with your child before you come to the library program so they will know what is expected of them.
- Children 3 years and younger should sit with a parent or caregiver to help them focus.
- Please be on time. Allow extra time for parking and visits to the bathroom.
- If you do arrive late, please wait for a break between stories before joining the group. Young listeners are easily distracted and late-comers become the focus of attention.
- Please do not bring snacks, drinks or toys.
- If the children in your care become disruptive, please remove them until they are comfortable and willing to listen.
- We encourage parents to participate along with their child by sitting on the floor and interacting with the stories and fingerplays. Adults model good audience behavior for the children by being attentive and participating.
- Please remember to turn off your cell phones.
- Greeting, chatting and visiting with friends should be done before or after a program, not during.
- If you do not enjoy the program or must leave, please do so in a manner that is least disruptive to others.

The children's staff make reminder phone calls each week for the storytime in which your child is registered. Please return the courtesy by calling letting us know if your child is unable to attend. Each session we have a very long wait list for children who would like to participate and this allows us to accommodate them. Thank you, Miss Jenn