

FEBRUARY

2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Registration opens at 12pm for Feb. events Winter Reading Challenge continues	2 Drop-In Storytime 10:30	3 Drop-In Storytime 9:30	4 LEGO Club 4:30		5 Baby Obstacle Course 9:30-11:00 DIY Valentines 1:00-5:00	6 DIY Valentines 9:30-4:00
8 DIY Valentines 12:30-4:00	9 Drop-In Storytime 10:30	10 Drop-In Storytime 9:30	11 Mini Makers 10:00 ® Indoor Snowball Fight 4:00 ®		12 Cup of Kindness Cocoa Party 2:00-3:30	13 Family Rock with Rock 'n' Kids 9:30 or 10:15 ®
15 Last day for the Winter Reading Challenge	16 Drop-In Storytime 10:30 Cartooning 2:00 ®	17 Drop-In Storytime 9:30 Crafternoon 4:00 ®	18 Preschool Yoga 10:00 ® Squishy Lab 4:30 ®	19 Squishy Lab 4:30 ®	20 Parachute Play 9:30 ®	21
22	23 Sensory STEAM Explorers 10:00 ® Pajama Family Storytime 6:00	24	25 Kids Book Club 4:30 ®	26	27 Baby Storytime 10:00	28



® Registration is required for these programs and begins Feb. 1 at 12 pm. Ela cardholders have priority registration. Non-Ela cardholders may be placed on the waitlist and notified by email.

An adult must remain in the building while their children aged 10 and under are attending a program.

If your plans change and you cannot attend a registered program, please call us at 847-438-3840 so we can offer the spot to a child on the waitlist.

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February Events for Children at the Ela Area Public Library



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Share a Cup of Kindness:

Children's Winter Reading Challenge

Are you up for a challenge combo of reading and random acts of kindness? Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a bingo card full of ideas to warm your heart this winter. For children ages 0-12. Continuing through February 15

Drop In Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience. For all ages with an adult. No registration.

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16 at 10:30am

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 at 9:30am

LEGO Club

If you enjoy building with LEGO bricks, this program is for you! Create and construct using your own ideas or try one of our challenges. For unaccompanied kids in grades 1-5. No registration.

Wednesday, February 4 at 4:30pm

Baby Obstacle Course

Calling on-the-go babies and toddlers! Whether your little one is crawling, walking, running, or something in between, stop in for a fun challenge that will help develop motor and sensory skills. For ages 6-24 months with an adult. No registration. Friday, February 6 from 9:30-11:00am

DIY Valentines

Make unique valentines for your friends and family. But be sure to save a little creativity and kindness to create a few extra to be distributed at local senior living facilities. A collection box will be available in the crafting space, and our Outreach Librarian will deliver your special handmade valentines to seniors in time for the holiday. For kids of all ages with an adult. No registration. Friday, February 6 from 1:00-5:00pm

Saturday, February 7 from 9:30am-4:00pm

Sunday, February 8 from 12:30-4:00pm

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can practice art and fine motor skills in a crafting class made just for them! Dress for a mess and we will create axolotl potato prints. For ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration is required. Wednesday, February 11 at 10:00am

Indoor Snowball Fight

We challenge you to the ultimate indoor snowball fight! Build your own fort using the materials provided, see how it holds up against your opponents, and put your snowball launching skills to the test. For unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5. Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 11 at 4:00pm

Cup of Kindness Cocoa Party

Stop by this cozy open house to celebrate a winter of kindness. Kids of all ages are invited to customize and sip hot cocoa while enjoying heartwarming crafts and activities that reveal the power of being kind. For kids of all ages with an adult. No registration.

Friday, February 13 from 2:00-3:30pm

Family Rock with Rock 'n' Kids

Music and movement are on the menu for a highly engaging family event! This movement-based program includes rhythm instruments and imaginative play. Adult participation is required. For ages 1-5 with an adult. Registration is required.

Saturday, February 14 at 9:30am OR 10:15am

Cartooning with Mark Anderson: Disingenuous Dinosaurs

Did you know every day scientists are discovering new and exciting heretofore unknown dinosaurs? It's true! Is that what we're drawing? No. Mark just made up a bunch of totally hilarious fake dinosaurs! Take that, science! Join Mark for a lively, interactive cartooning class. For unaccompanied kids in grades K-5. Registration is required.

Monday, February 16 at 2:00pm

Crafternoon

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with friends and create your own one-of-a-kind collage bookmark. For unaccompanied kids ages 6-11. Registration is required.

Tuesday, February 17 at 4:00pm

Preschool Yoga

Little ones can learn fun and simple yoga poses while enjoying a story to encourage kindness to themselves and others. Tracey Kreiling from Mindful Movement Yoga presents this engaging and relaxing class for preschoolers and their caregivers. For ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00am

Squishy Lab

We provide the recipe and ingredients to make snow slime during this hands-on workshop. Adults must be prepared to help their children. Dress for a mess. For ages 3-10 with an adult. Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 18 at 4:30pm

OR Thursday, February 19 at 4:30pm

Parachute Play

The sky's the limit during this active playtime featuring colors, silly songs and games, and, of course, the parachute! For ages 2-4 with a participating adult. Registration is required.

Friday, February 20 at 9:30am

Sensory STEAM Explorers

Spark curiosity and ignite your child's love for discovery! This playful, hands-on program is designed for preschoolers to explore the wonders of the world around them through interactive experiments and sensory-based learning. For ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration is required.

Monday, February 23 at 10:00am

Pajama Family Storytime

Gather the whole family for fun and cozy stories, songs, and a collaborative craft. Pajamas are encouraged! For ages 2-6 with an adult. No registration.

Monday, February 23 at 6:00pm

Kids Book Club

A mystery is afoot and we need your help to solve the case! Join Montgomery Bonbon, a 10-year-old detective in disguise, to figure out whodunnit in *Murder at the Museum* by Alasdair Beckett-King. We will chat about the book, have snacks, and make a mystery craft. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting February 1. For unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5. Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 25 at 4:30pm

Baby Storytime

So much more than stories! Join us for lots of movement and smiles as we share songs and rhymes specifically for this age group. You'll go home with new tools to make your day easier and enrich your child's language and literacy skills. Stay after storytime to chat with other caregivers as your little ones play. For ages 0-18 months with an adult. No registration.

Friday, February 27 at 10:00am

