

# Join our Winter Reading Challenge!

## Snow Better Time to Read!



Sign up  
in the children's room at Essex Library from  
December 12-17!

Complete reading challenges and get your  
Winter Reading booklet stamped to win  
prizes and raffle tickets for our **Grand Prize!**

**EVERYONE WINS:** a free book!

**Grand RAFFLE prize:** a family pack of tickets  
to John Winthrop's Spring Musical: Annie!

See the Children's Librarian for more  
information, and to sign up!

# Kid's Corner



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## December 2022

Music Together at Community Music School

**FREE DEMO at the Essex Library!**

**Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 AM**



Experience the Music Together® Mixed Age (0-5  
with caregiver) class, taught by Gwen Pond of  
Community Music School!

**Registration Required!**

Call 860-767-1560 or e-mail  
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## Winter Break at the Essex Library!



We have so many events coming  
up during Winter Break!

From story times, to family game  
night, and an animal program with  
Denison Pequotsepos Nature  
Center, you're sure to have a  
BLAST at the Essex Library this  
Winter Break!

Don't forget to sign up for our  
Winter Break Reading Challenge  
(see back of this newsletter)!

**See the program calendar for more  
info and sign-up information!**

## Take and Make Crafts

**December 6**



**December 20**



# Children's Program Calendar

## December 2022



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*Take and Make crafts are first come, first served. While supplies last. ** Register at 860-767-1560		29	30	1	2 Fri-YAY Stories & Play 10:30 AM	3
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25 	26 Closed - Christmas Observed	27 Wiggle Worms 10:30 AM	28 Nocturnal Animals 4:30 PM	29 Friends & Family Game Night 4:00 PM	30 Fri-YAY Stories & Play 10:30 AM	31 NOON Year's Eve Party! 11 AM

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December 28: Nocturnal Animals with Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (Grades PK-6)

Program Room - 4:30-5:30 PM

Owls, opossums, skunks, and bats are just a few of the animals that get up when we go to bed. Explore their nocturnal world, meet a live owl and discover just how incredible their night time sense are through scent and hearing games!

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December 29: Friends & Family Game Night: UNPLUGGED (Children & Teens)

Program Room - 4:00-6:00 PM

Did you get a cool new game or puzzle for the holidays?

Bring friends and family to play some board games and spend some quality time together and unplugged! Maybe even learn a new game!

**Games will be provided, but feel free to bring some favorites! No registration required, drop in!**

December 31: NOON Year's Eve Party!

Program Room - 11:00 AM

Ring in the NOON year at the Essex Library! Play some New Year's themed games, make a noisemaker craft, and ring in the New Year with a virtual ball drop at noon!

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December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30:  
Fri-YAY Stories & Play (Ages 0-5)  
Program Room- 10:30 AM

A story and social time for young children and their caregivers! (Ages 0-5)

Join Miss Nicole for a story, followed by play time!

**No registration required.**  
See website or Facebook/Instagram for last-minute cancellations.

December 6, 13, 20, 27:  
Wiggle Worms (Ages 0-3)  
Program Room- 10:30 AM

A play-based music and movement story time for children and their caregivers! (Ages 0-3)

This story time will take place every Tuesday morning.

**No registration required.**  
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December 8: Louie Listens  
Sign-Up from 5:00-6:00 PM

Did you know that reading to a therapy dog can not only improve your child's reading skills, but also their self-esteem and confidence?

Sign up for a timeslot for your child to spend time with and read to Louie the Labrador, a local, licensed therapy dog!

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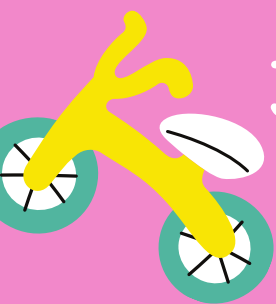
Fridays  
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# FRI-YAY STORIES & PLAY!

A story and social time for young  
children (ages 0-5) and their  
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songs, followed by play time!

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Ages 0-3



All are welcome!

Check our website  
for updates and  
cancellations:

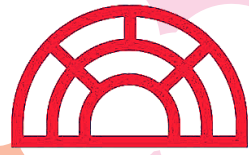
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F A M I L Y

# *NOON Year's Eve*

P A R T Y



**DECEMBER  
31**

**11:00 AM–  
NOON**

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RING IN THE "NOON YEAR" AT THE ESSEX LIBRARY!  
PLAY SOME NEW YEAR'S THEMED GAMES, MAKE A  
NOISEMAKER CRAFT, AND RING IN THE NEW YEAR  
WITH A VIRTUAL BALL DROP AT NOON!

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