



# Winter & Spring Storytime



## January 10 - April 13, 2022

### Mondays @ 6:30-7:00 pm & Wednesdays @ 10:00-10:30 am

Welcome to the Winter & Spring Storytime! Ms. Sharlene is excited to meet all. This year will be a little different from past storytimes.

Here is what is different:

- Parents will stay in the meeting room with their children
- Parents are required to wear masks per library policy (Optional: Your child can also wear one)
- Children will stay in their storytime zones with their carpet squares. Families with more than one child in storytime will sit together in family pods.
- Crafts will be Take & Make home crafts

The Bluffton Public Library understands the need to have everything become 'normal' again. However, we strive to keep you and your little ones safe during this pandemic. We hope that you too will follow and abide by our policies to have a safe and welcoming storytime. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Sharlene at 419-358-5016 or email: [ysc@blufftonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:ysc@blufftonpubliclibrary.org).

Jan. 10/12 **Hello! Who are you?**

Mar. 07/09 **Colors All Around**

Jan. 24/26 **The Snowmen**

Mar. 14/16 **Lucky Golden Coins**

Jan. 31/  
Feb. 01 **Peace and Tigers**

Mar. 22  
(Tue) **Special Storytime: Lima Symphony Orchestra**

Feb. 07/09 **Brush your teeth**

Mar. 28/30 **Music and Instruments**

Feb. 14/16 **Hearts, Hearts, and More Hearts**

Apr. 04/06 **Sunshine and Daisies**

Feb. 28/  
Mar. 02 **Lion vs Lamb**

Apr. 11/13 **Bunnies lay eggs?!**

## Guidelines for Parents/Caregivers

Storytime is full of stories, games, craft activities and much more!

Each Storytime session is planned to incorporate opportunities to Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play. These five practices are used to develop early literacy skills.

We encourage parents and caregivers to check out materials to extend the Storytime experience throughout the week. Please feel free to ask Staff for suggestions or browse the Storytime Take-away box.

### Helpful things to remember:

Parents or caregivers may register children to join Storytime at the start of the month in which they will have their 3rd birthday.

Storytime will begin at the assigned time and last for approximately 30 minutes. Please arrive a few minutes before Storytime begins to allow children to adjust to the surroundings and to avoid disruptions to the group. Children will sit on their carpet square and be social distanced from fellow friends.

To avoid unnecessary distractions, toys and snacks are not allowed (unless otherwise directed). For the child's comfort and safety, parents or caregivers must remain in the meeting room during Storytime. See our Unattended Child Policy for more information.

Parents or caregivers will be able to see if their child is unhappy, disruptive or needs to use the restroom, etc., so that their needs may be addressed. Library staff and volunteers are not permitted to take children to the restroom.

Please alert youth staff of food allergies or dietary restrictions as snacks are often served.

For more events check out our website [www.blufftonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.blufftonpubliclibrary.org) or speak with a member of the BPL staff.

## Storytime Friends Expectations

- Friends will keep their hands and feet on their carpet square
- Friends will stay in their storytime zone while dancing and being silly
- If a friend has a question, raise your hand
- Friends take turns while talking and listening
- Friends will use kind words and calm voices, unless the story says to be loud
- Friends will be polite to everyone and everything

