

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You've spent loving time and effort getting your children prepared to head out for school. It's a big milestone and you want them to have everything they need to succeed. Studies show that long-term success in school starts with reading. And, listening and responding to stories read aloud are key parts of the reading process.

Did you know that just down the street there is a program full of wonderful books, fun songs, lively puppets, and exciting crafts... a program with the singular goal of helping kids to love books? It's La Crosse County Library story time! At story time, children can make new friends, hear wonderful stories, have a lot of fun and most importantly, begin their journey to becoming life-long readers.

La Crosse County Library currently has story times **Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm and** Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am at our West Salem library location (Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library, 201 Neshonoc Road.) Story Time is one of the many fall programming opportunities offered by Youth Services. They include September's Library Card Sign-Up Month prizes, October's Jack O'Library mini reading program (partnering with Culver's), December's holiday programming... and more! Visit our website at lacrossecountylibrary.org and like La Crosse County Library on Facebook for up-to-date program information.

To register for story time, stop in at our West Salem library or call 786-1505. Or, if a different time and location fits your family's schedule better, you're welcome to register for any of our other story times. If you have additional questions or comments, feel free to contact Youth Services at 781-9568 line 5, 399-3384, 399-3372 or email us at youthservices@lacrossecounty.org.

Reading is not a skill children learn only at school. The experiences you give your child outside the classroom can enrich and support skills learned inside the classroom. When parents/ quardians, schools and libraries work together, we can

achieve this shared goal for your children – that they grow into people who not only can read,

but people who love to read!

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