Fun Fall Activities for the Family

The Library District invites families to explore the great outdoors this autumn. Here are some ideas to get you going, all inspired by this year’s community-wide reading program – the 2020 NEA Big Read. Learn more at https://poklib.org/events/2020-big-read/

**Family Nature Challenge**

Pick up your ‘game board’ at any participating public library. The board has 20 squares with fun activity suggestions including things like read under a tree, do a leaf or bark rubbing, go outside and listen to nature, read to your pet, create a nature collage, and much more. There are suggestions and instructions on the back of the game board too. If you manage to mark off at least 15 of the 20 squares by October 30, turn your game board in at your local library to be entered into a drawing for a Prize!

**Add a Leaf to Our CommuniTree**

Seek out a CommuniTree at your local library, school, or coffee shop; the empty tree trunks may pop up anywhere. Each CommuniTree is waiting for YOU to add your leaf. Leaves of construction paper will be provided; find the color you like and add your name, your poetry, your drawing, or your words of gratitude; join the CommuniTree!

**Detective on the Trail**

Across the Mid-Hudson Region, there are a variety of family friendly hikes that include clues and instructions for how to find a Letter Box or Geo-Cache. Never heard of it? You’ll need to do a web search for letterboxing or download the Geocaching app to decide which trail you want to start with, and learn a bit about what you’ll find at the end of the trail. Be prepared with a small notebook and if possible a small rubber stamp or at least a pen. You’ll want to register that you were successful in your detective work! https://www.letterboxing.org/BoxResults2.php

**Nature Hike and Temporary Arboretums**

Kids can enjoy a self-guided walk at the Environmental Cooperative at Vassar Barns in Poughkeepsie. It’s called the Multisensory Trail and offers marked spots to stop and observe. For more details, see https://farm.vassar.edu/docs/Multisensory-Trail-Guide.pdf

In addition, Scenic Hudson is installing temporary arboretums (an outdoor living museum) in two spots in Poughkeepsie: Malcolm X Park at 125 Mansion Street and on Pershing Avenue. Temporary signs provide self-guided tours.

**Nature Reading**

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District coordinates a community-wide reading program every year called the NEA Big Read. This fall, adults and high schoolers will be focused on a memoir called *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. For readers in grades 4–8, *The Light in the Lake* by Sarah R. Baughman looks at a seemingly pristine lake in Vermont through the eyes of two 12-year olds. Youngsters in K – Grade 3 will be inspired by the beautifully illustrated life story of Nobel Peace Prize-winner Wangari Maathai called *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace*. The book transports readers to Maathai’s home in Kenya to learn how Maathai overcame many challenges in the drive to reforest her homeland. Preschoolers and early elementary students will enjoy tapping their way through the apple tree’s life cycle in *Tap the Magic Tree*. These books are available at local libraries.

**Hudson Valley Climate Change**

*Thursday, October 8, 6-7 pm, BRD*

Chelsea Moore, of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, presents an introduction to climate change – the science and some local effects like sea level rise and changes in fish communities.
**Adriance Children**

These programs are for Grades K-5, and require registration unless otherwise noted. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 X 3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

**Marbled Clay Autumn Leaves**
Thursday, September 24, 4-4:45 pm
Fall is here! The leaves are turning beautiful shades of red, orange, yellow, and gold. As the air turns crisp and the season begins to change, let’s create Marbled Clay Autumn Leaves. Grades K-5.

**Create Your Own Fall Trees**
Monday, September 28, 4-4:45 pm
Let’s celebrate the beginning of fall by creating our own colorful fall trees! Grades K-3.

**Haunted Hot Wheels Engineering Challenge**
Tuesday, September 29, 4-4:45 pm, Session #1
Tuesday, October 13, 4-4:45 pm, Session #2
Wednesday, October 14, 4-6 pm, Session #3
On your mark... get set... race! In three sessions you will design and test your own haunted hot wheels, construct a creepy cardboard drive-in car, and spend an evening watching the movie "Goosebumps" with friends at our very own drive-in (complete with your drive-in car & spooky snacks). Don’t forget to bring your rubber band race car back to the drive-in in (complete with your drive-in car & spooky snacks). Don’t forget to bring your rubber band race car back to the drive-in session to compete in the races! Grades 1-5.

**Make a Kaleidoscope**
Tuesday, October 6, 4-4:45 pm
Join us to learn how to make your own kaleidoscope! Grades K-5.

**Little Read: The Magic Tree**
Wednesday, October 21, 4-4:45 pm
Learn about the life of trees through stories, activities and crafts. Create apple prints and leaf colorful fall trees! Grades K-3.

**Beheaded Pumpkins**
Thursday, October 22, 4-4:45 pm
Fall is in the air! Stop by the library to make a beheaded pumpkin sculpture to take home! Grades K-5.

**Halloween Silhouette Suncatchers**
Thursday, October 29, 4-4:45 pm
Come by the library to make some Halloween suncatchers to decorate your home! Grades 1-5.

**Dia de los muerto Celebration!**
Wednesday, November 4, 4-45 pm
Join us for this beautiful celebration of the cycle of life. Inspired by the film Coco, make your own guitar to get in the festive spirit. Grades K-5.

**¡Celebración del Día de los muertos!**
Wednesday, November 4, 4-45 pm
Unase a nosotros para esta hermosa celebración del ciclo de la vida, y tomando como inspiración la película Coco, bájate una guitarra para unirnos al espíritu festivo. Grados K-5.

**Woolly Bears**
Monday, September 21, 4-4:45 pm
Let’s talk about our fall friend, the woolly bear caterpillar. Create a cute fuzzy woolly bear to take home. Grades K-5.

**Woolly Bears**
Monday, October 26, 4-4:45 pm
Make your own guitar to get in the festive spirit. Grades K-5.

**Attribute of Gratitude**
Thursday, November 12, 4-4:45 pm
As Thanksgiving approaches we will discuss the benefits of gratitude, including improved sleep, self-esteem, and empathy. Start a gratitude journal, explore books, and play games that encourage thankfulness. Grades 2-5.

**Presto Poetry!**
Monday, November 16, 4-4:45 pm
Come listen to a few poems that were written by kids, then we’ll do some activities to write our own poems. Grades 3-6.

**Winter Paper Crafts**
Thursday, November 19, 4-4:45 pm
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Join us and make some frosty winter paper crafts! Grades K-5.

**Gingerbread Houses**
Wednesday, December 9, 4-4:45 pm
Build and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home! Grades Pre K-6.

**Thankful Tree**
Anytime!
Write the one thing you are most thankful for onto a gratitude leaf. We will add it to our bulletin board. This will be a drop-in craft throughout this year’s NEA Big Read (October and November).

**Coming this Fall to Adriance! Early Literacy Backpacks**

What is an Early Literacy Backpack?
Our Early Literacy Backpacks are designed to support parents and caregivers, their child’s first teacher. Literacy development begins long before children enter school. Reading books together at home builds essential early literacy skills; it exposes young children to the sounds and rhythms of language, the conventions of print, vocabulary development, and sends a positive message to children about the value placed on literacy. In addition, reading together sparks children’s young imaginations and positively affects brain development, memory, and cognitive skills. Lastly, reading together creates warm emotional bonds between child and parent/caregiver and lays the foundation for school readiness.

The backpacks come in three age levels: infant, toddler, and preschool. There will be 3 different packs for each age, with a hope of expanding the collection in the future.

What will I find in a backpack?
Each backpack contains 5-6 books, an early literacy toy, and an early literacy tip.

Where can I find the backpacks?
The Early Literacy Backpacks are located in the Parenting Collection in the Adriance Memorial Library Children’s Room on floor #2.

For how long can I check out a backpack?
Backpacks can be checked out in person for 3 weeks. They are not renewable nor able to be placed on hold.

**Boardman Road Children**

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**Sunflower Collage**
Thursday, September 17, 4-4:45 pm
Make a happy sunflower collage using ripped paper! Grades K-6.

**Creepy Carrots**
Thursday, October 15, 4-4:45 pm
Did you ever read the book Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds? Let’s hear about the story and create your own villainous vegetables. Grades K-3.

**Coffee Filter Bats**
Monday, October 26, 4-4:45 pm
Make a cute bat decoration from a coffee filter. It looks like tie-dye! Grades K-6.

**Presto Poetry!**
Monday, November 16, 4-4:45 pm
Come listen to a few poems that were written by kids, then we’ll do some activities to write our own poems. Grades 3-6.

**Pokemon Scavenger Hunt**
Monday, November 9, 4-4:45 pm
Try and find all the hidden Pokemon in the children’s room. Gotta catch ‘em all! Grades K-5.

**Thankful Tree**
Anytime!
Write the one thing you are most thankful for onto a gratitude leaf. We will add it to our bulletin board. This will be a drop-in craft throughout this year’s NEA Big Read (October and November).
Early Childhood (Birth - Preschool)

The Library District supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We’ll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. For the Fall 2020 session, registration will be required.

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**Programs at Adriance**

Free parking and easy access is available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street). Story times are weekly series.

**Walk & Wiggle**  
*Mondays, September 14-November 16, 10-10:30 am*  
This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For ages 18-24 months.

**Toddler Time**  
*Tuesdays, September 15-November 17, 10-10:20 am*  
A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**Toot & Scoot**  
*Tuesdays, September 15-November 17, 10:30-10:50 am*  
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers to age 5.

**Baby Rhyme Time**  
*Wednesdays, September 16-November 18, 10-10:30 am*  
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For birth to 18 months.

**Songs and Stories: Bilingual Story Time**  
*Thursdays, September 24-November 5, 10-10:30 am*  
Books, flannel board stories, and music enhanced with Spanish vocabulary for ages 2-5.

**Canciones y Cuentos**  
*Jueves, 24 de Septiembre al 5 de Noviembre, 10-10:30 am*  
Libros, historias sobre el fieltro y el tablero de música con la introducción de vocabulario en español para niños de 2 a 5 años.

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**Programs at Boardman Road**

Story times are weekly series. For the Fall 2020 session registration will be required.

**Preschool Story Time**  
*Mondays, September 14-November 16, 10-10:30 am*  
Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small craft for 3-5 year olds. Parents and siblings welcome.

**Baby Rhyme Time**  
*Tuesdays, September 15-November 17, 10-10:30 am*  
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For birth to 18 months.

**Walk & Wiggle**  
*Wednesdays, September 16-November 18, 10-10:30 am*  
This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For ages 18-24 months.

**Toddler Time**  
*Thursdays, September 17-November 19, 10-10:30 am*  
A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**Toot & Scoot**  
*Thursdays, September 17-November 19, 10:40-11 am*  
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers to age 5.

_Adriance Memorial Library_  
93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie  
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am-5 pm  
Sun: 2-5 pm

_Boardman Rd Branch Library_  
141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am-5 pm  
Sun: Closed