

After School

Lego Club

Kids of all ages are welcome to attend our after school Lego Club held from 3-4 p.m. every Wednesday in the Gering Library Community Room. Come explore and build using the hundreds of Legos the library provides. We even have Duplo blocks for our youngest members. Children under the age of 8 require a caregiver to remain present during the program. No registration is required



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Benefits of Storytime

- ◆ integrates visual (pictures and words) with auditory (spoken words) to facilitate language learning
- ◆ provides opportunities for turn taking
- ◆ increases listening and attending skills
- ◆ encourages early literacy skills and phonological awareness
- ◆ encourages a love of reading
- ◆ encourages families to come to the library and check out materials
- ◆ introduces authors and illustrators to families in a fun way
- ◆ models good oral reading skills for parents and caregivers to follow
- ◆ introduces songs, finger plays and nursery rhymes to parents that can be enjoyed at home
- ◆ creates a social opportunity for parents and caregivers



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Children's
Programs

**Storytime
Lego Club
LEAP**
(school readiness)

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It's story TIME

Storytime is a free service of the Gering Public Library. It is an opportunity for parents to introduce their children to reading and language in a fun way. All



One of the greatest gifts adults can give—to their offspring and to their society—is to read

programs are designed for parents to participate with their children.

Storytime programs introduce young children to books, rhymes, music and other fun activities.

Every week the library offers

programs matched to the typical attention spans and developmental levels of different ages of children. Library Storytimes incorporate the early literacy skills that children must master before they can learn to read. These are:

- ◆ phonological awareness
- ◆ vocabulary
- ◆ print motivation
- ◆ narrative skills
- ◆ print awareness
- ◆ letter knowledge

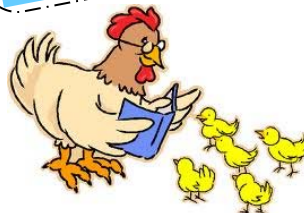
Children ages 1-3 are the target group for this program held each Wednesday morning at 10:00. Caregivers are required to attend with each child but no registration is necessary. Children can enjoy age appropriate, thematic books, songs, fingerplays, felt board stories, rhymes, and movement activities for the first 30 minutes then spend the next 30 minutes with hands-on materials and activities for an educational and social playtime.

Read & Romp
Toddler
Story & Playtime
Ages 1-3



Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. —Emilie Buchwald

Move & Groove
Storytime
Preschool Ages 3-5



Children ages 3-5 may attend our Move & Groove Preschool Storytime each Thursday morning at 10:00. No registration is necessary for this hour long

program and caregivers are required to attend. Expect lots of movement and songs in this storytime along with read-alouds, felt board stories, rhymes, fingerplays, videos and a craft/educational activity all within a thematic framework.

LEAP

Learn, Explore, Achieve, Play!



LEAP is a free early childhood, literacy, math, STEAM and school readiness program for children ages 3-5. It is held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 in two separate sessions (Fall and Winter) at the Gering Public Library. Registration is required for this program. Each week the children will participate in shared reading of a big book, songs, fingerplays, painting, Play-Doh, finger painting, dramatic play, puppets, letter/sound identification, number identification, counting, chalkboard, sand, blocks etc. We also have a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) element to the program with a STEAM cart filled with many fun activities courtesy of the Marthabelle "Tad"

Schuemaker memorial. And weekly STEAM experiments.

