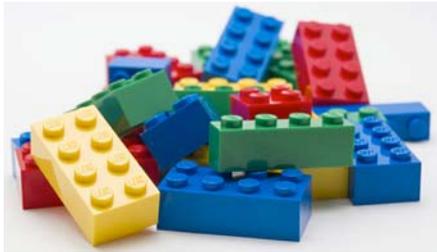


After School

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



Follow the Gering Public Library on Facebook to get notifications on all programs and activities.



Book Bundles

Don't have time to bring the kids into the library? Want books for your kids without the hassle of dealing with diaper bags, strollers, and car seats? Just sign up for a Book Bundle. Youth Services Librarian, Christie Clarke will be happy to choose books for your family and have them ready to be picked up the next day in a convenient library bag. Ask for a sign up form at the desk. All it requires is a current library card and the ages of your children. Book Bundles come in groups of 5 or 10 books. When you are ready, just bring the bundle back and we'll do the rest. Book Bundles really come in handy when attending a program like storytime or LEAP. The Bundles will be waiting for you at the program and you can return the Bundle at the next program. We'll take care of everything else.



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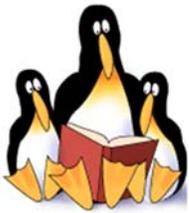
Children's
Programs

**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

The Young and the Restless

Story & Playtime Ages 0-5

A multi-age program held **Wednesday mornings at 10:00**. Caregivers are required to attend with each child but no registration is necessary.

The first 30 minutes ...

- *thematic books
- *songs
- *fingerplays
- *felt board stories
- *rhymes
- *movement activities
- *music

The next 30 minutes...

- *hands-on activities
- *educational toys
- *educational & social playtime

Storytime Backpacks

Each backpack contains 5-6 books and a combination of hands-on, educational activities, games and/or items for play such as costumes, puppets, and toys. The items address early literacy, STEM, and fine-motor skills all centered on an early childhood, popular theme to make for your own storytime at home. The backpacks are geared toward ages 3-6 but can be enjoyed by the entire family. Storytime Backpacks can be checked out one per family for two weeks at a time. The current backpacks are:

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| -Blast Off! | -Bugs |
| -Dinosaurs | -Down on the Farm |
| -Fun w/Food | -In the Garden |
| -Music | -Pets |
| -Pirates | -Princess/Prince |
| -Superheroes | -Under the Sea |

LEAP

Learn, Explore, Achieve, Play!



LEAP is a free early childhood, literacy, STEAM (Science. Technology. Engineering. Art. Math) and school readiness program for children ages 3-5. It is held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 in two separate 8-week sessions (Fall and Winter) at the Gering Public Library. **Registration is required for this program.** Each week the children will participate in a shared reading of a big book, songs, fingerplays, and hands-on stations and activities including but not limited to:

- * painting
- * play-dough
- * finger painting
- * dramatic play
- * puppets
- * letter/sound identification
- * number identification
- * counting
- * sand & block play
- * STEAM activities

Special thanks to the Marthabelle "Tad" Schuemaker memorial for providing our STEAM cart filled with materials and activities.

