

## Preschool Programs

*Most programs are scheduled in seasonal 6-week sessions and many require pre-registration. Ask at the Children's Services desk or check our website for details and a listing of current offerings*

**Mother Goose** - Our most popular program for newborns through age 2, with a parent or caregiver. Drop in to the Dayton Program Room Tuesdays at 10 or 11 AM year-round for movement, music and rhymes and a chance to network with other new parents.

**Friday Flicks** - Weekly drop-in showings of short films based on favorite picture books, for ages 2 and up.

**Drop-in Storytimes** - Children ages 3 and up are invited for stories, songs and a short book-based film. Weekly on Monday and Saturday at 10:30 AM.

**Terrific Twos** - Circle time, stories, songs and a craft. For the 2 year old with a caregiver (no siblings please.) *Registration required.*

**Storytime for 3- and 4-year-olds** - Children ages 3 & 4 meet for stories, songs and a short book-based film. *Registration required.*

**Storytime for 4½ to 6-year-olds** - Children ages 4 1/2 - 6 enjoy stories, songs, crafts and a short book-based film. *Registration required.*

**Special Programs** - Watch for special performances and other activities for the preschool set throughout the year.

**For Parents & Caregivers** - Occasional workshops, expert presentations and networking opportunities for adults living and working with young children.

## Children's Services Staff

**Geri Diorio**

Head of Children's Services/  
Teen Services Librarian

**Mary Beth Rassulo**  
Children's Librarian

**Diane Antezzo**  
Children's Programmer

**Christine Miller**  
Library Assistant

**Diana Messer**  
Library Assistant

### Library Hours

Monday	10 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 9 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 9 PM
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 5 PM

Closed summer Sundays



### The Ridgefield Library

472 Main Street  
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**The  
Ridgefield  
Library  
Welcomes  
Parents &  
Caregivers**



**of Very  
Young  
Children**





# Welcome to the Ridgefield Library!



It is never too early to start bringing your child to the Ridgefield Library. Our collections and programs are designed to accompany your family through the stages of childhood, from birth to young adulthood. *Here are offerings of particular interest for the very youngest library visitors and their families.*

## Books & Other Materials

**Board Books** - The classic hard-page, hand-sized picture books that babies have cooed over for generations.

**Toddler Books** - A special selection of picture books with the simplest stories, for little ones too young to follow a complex plot. These feature sounds, colors, animals and other concepts important to reading readiness.

**Picture Books** - All the classic stories you loved as a child, plus the latest and greatest entries in this much-loved genre.

**Music CDs & Cassettes** - Lullabies and preschool favorite tunes from the likes of Raffi, Linda Ronstadt and Dan Zanes to share with your child.

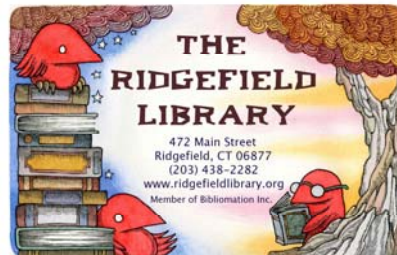
**DVDs and Videos** - Plenty of your child's favorite stories and characters, plus educational films on many topics.

**Parenting Collection** - A special section of books, DVDs and more dealing with parenting issues, from toilet training to reading readiness.

**Magazines** - Titles like *Cricket* for your youngster and adult periodicals such as *Parents*, *Parent and Child* and *Parenting*, most available to check-out for home use.

**Multimedia Learning Software** - Reader Rabbit, Dora the Explorer and other favorite friends introduce youngsters to reading, math, problem-solving and more. *Borrow CD-ROMs to take home or visit the "games computers" in Children's Services.*

**Tumblebooks** - E-books for the very young, accessible at the Library or from home. Enjoy the illustrations onscreen as you listen to favorite picture books being read aloud. A great source of educational entertainment.



## Library Services

**Library Cards** - Available to all ages, even the youngest library visitor. Regular cards issued to all Ridgefield residents free-of-charge, or get one of our special edition cards with colorful illustration by artist Jamison Odone for just \$5.00. Keychain cards also now available.

**Reference Assistance & Reading Recommendations** - Library staff are always available to answer your questions, whether you need to know about the nutritional value of a particular food or are looking for a book explaining the loss of a pet. *Ask about booklists on many topics compiled by our staff.*

**Website** - The children's section of our website includes recommended reading lists, tips for reading readiness, links to valuable resources for parents, information about upcoming programs and much more.

**E-mail Newsletter** - Sign up today to receive weekly notice of upcoming programs and new services. It's a convenient way to keep abreast of all the Library has to offer your family.

**Books for Babes** - A bag of library goodies including a board book, made available to parents of all newborns, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. *Call the Library if you or anyone you know has a newborn and would like one.*

**Book Sales** - Used book sales hosted by the Friends of the Library make it easy and inexpensive to build a great home library for your child.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

Children under the age of 6 may not be left unattended in the Library. Some programs require adults to attend with their child or to remain in Children's Services.  
Thanks for your cooperation!