



## Olean Public Library

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### Story Time Helps



Story Times and Investigation Stations Activity Groups at the Olean Public Library are free and open to everyone. We do ask that parents register their children because our story time room has limited space. Sessions are scheduled for various ages at different times so that the activities included in the programs are developmentally appropriate. Programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers are designed so that the children have the opportunity to learn and interact with their special adult in a variety of activities. Investigation Stations provide opportunities and materials for children and parents to explore and learn together using the theory of Multiple Intelligences (MI). One of the goals of our children's programming at the Olean Public Library is to encourage and support parents as their children's first teachers. Parents are asked to actively participate in all programs for preschool aged children.



For some children this is their first group experience and their reactions will vary. Some may actively participate, some may be content to sit and observe, and others may be uncomfortable in the group at first. If your child is unhappy in story time feel free to leave the room as quietly as possible and return when your child is comfortable. Keep trying, some children adapt more easily than others.



Arrive early so you and your child have time to get comfortable, greet friends and get seated.



Please **don't** offer your child snacks or drinks during story time, this is distracting to other children in the group. Occasionally a small snack may be offered as part of the program and treats to share for special occasions are permitted.



The area outside the story room is part of the Investigation Stations and is designed for play, reading and visiting with other families. Because food and drink are not permitted in the library generally, if your infant or toddler needs to be fed while at the library you may do so in this area. Infant changing stations are available in the public restrooms at the front of the library.



**LIBRARY CARDS** are free to all residents of New York State and people who work or attend school in New York State. Identification with proof of address is required to get a library card. Children under age 13 may get a library card with the signature and proof of address of a parent or guardian. All persons with a valid library card who do not have overdue materials or owe fees may borrow any library materials.

The mission of the Olean Public Library is to improve the community's quality of life by providing equal access to materials in various formats, programs, services, and a courteous and professional staff to assist members of the greater Olean community in support of their education, information, and leisure needs.