Welcome to Storytime!

Should I leave if my child gets noisy during Storytime? Please leave the room briefly and rejoin us when your child is ready. We understand that children have different listening skills depending on their stage of development and personality. Stepping out of the room at a time when your child is noisy or extra active will help you, your child, and others get the most out of Storytime.

Should I sing along to the songs? Yes! Research shows that your child’s development is positively affected when you role-model early literacy skills.

Can I bring my child to Storytime on a different day? Please come to a Storytime that matches your child’s age. We create each Storytime experience to fit a particular stage of development, including cognitive, motor, and listening skill levels.

May I bring snacks? Drinks with lids are okay. Food is not allowed inside the Library. At the Downtown Library you can enjoy any snacks before or after Storytime in the Entry Garden or Children’s Courtyard.

Is it okay to chat with other parents? Storytime is a great opportunity for parents to connect, and we encourage you to do that before or after Storytime. During Storytime, parents talking to each other is a distraction. We ask you to also please turn off your cell phone ringer.

Storytime is more than just reading a book – why? Research shows that reading, singing, and rhyming are the best activities parents can do with young children to help get them ready to learn to read. Storytime is a fun opportunity for you to get practical tips to help your child develop early literacy skills.

Thanks for coming to Storytime – where books come alive!