

## Story Time Guidelines

Story time at the Library is a special time for the sharing of stories, activities and play time with adult caregivers and other children. Please help us to maximize our brief time with them in the following ways:

- Please park in a designated spot, on High Street or at the Municipal lot next to the Town Common. Please do not park along the driveway or on the lawn.
- Although late arrivals are sometimes unavoidable, please try to arrive before story time begins so that your child can settle in with the others and be ready for our time together.
- While stories are being read, children are asked to sit on the floor in front of the reader or in a chair in the back of the room. Specifically, children are asked NOT to sit at the table where the craft has been set out until instructed to do so as this is distracting for the reader and other children, and often leads to other children following suit.
- Please encourage your child to practice good listening skills while a story is being read and save chatting for after the story. We make every effort to genuinely listen and respond to each child, but it is difficult to do so in the middle of reading a book.
- Please model good listening skills for the children by keeping adult conversation to a minimum while stories are being read. Due to our small space, even conversations in the adjoining room can be heard by the reader and the children.
- For a myriad of reasons, please keep an eye on your child(ren) at all times to ensure their safety and respectful interaction with other children.
- We love it when families stay after story time to browse for books, play and/or socialize. We just ask that toys be cleaned up after play time and are used safely and respectfully (e.g., no kicking or throwing blocks).
- While we are not a "quiet" children's room, we would appreciate it if the children would refrain from running and screaming while in the Library. This is for safety reasons and to ensure everyone's enjoyment of our Library.

Thank you for allowing us this time with your children!