Why Read Aloud?

Reading aloud is a great way to increase your child's chances of success at school.

It will entertain and delight them. It will strengthen the bonds between you and your child and is virtually free.

Sound too good to be true? Research has proven that this simple technique is among the most effective parenting tools.

Children who are read aloud to by parents get a head start in language and literacy skills and are more prepared to go to school.

In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe your child, but it will also develop vocabulary, improve the ability to learn to read, and—perhaps most important of all—foster a lifelong love of books and reading.



Library Locations

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8500

Anderson Branch

3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

Bethany Branch

1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550

Eiseley Branch

1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

Gere Branch

2400 S. 56th St. | 402-441-8560

Lied Bookmobile

Call for schedule | 402-441-8545

South Branch

2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

Walt Branch

6701 S. 14th St. | 402-441-4460

Williams Branch

4900 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580

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- 402-441-8500
- library@lincoln.ne.gov
- lincolnlibraries.org
- 136 S. 14th St.



Storytimes at Lincoln City Libraries

September 2024-May 2025

Storytimes at Lincoln City Libraries are designed to promote early literacy. Presenters share stories, songs and other activities that support language development, build vocabulary and instill a love of books.

Stay and Play 🐇

Research shows the importance of unstructured play for children. After some storytimes, we invite children and caregivers to play with our developmental toy collection. This time also provides the opportunity for grownups to socialize while they keep an eye on their little ones.

Babies

For children, birth to 18 months. An interactive parent-child time.

Eiseley Branch

Monday, 10:35-10:55 a.m.

Gere Branch

Monday, 10:05-10:25 a.m.

Tuesday, 10:45-11:05 a.m.

Walt Branch

Tuesday & Wednesday, 11-11:20 a.m.

★ Stay and Play for Babies, Tuesday & Wednesday
11:20–11:45 a.m.

Toddler Time

For children 18 to 36 months. An interactive parent-child time.

Anderson Branch

Monday, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Bethany Branch

Tuesday, 10:30–10:50 a.m.

Eiseley Branch

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:35-10:55 a.m.

Gere Branch

Monday, 10:40–11 a.m.

Walt Branch

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:15–10:35 a.m.



Preschoolers

For children ages three, four and five.

Anderson Branch

Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.

Bethany Branch

Thursday, 10:30-11 a.m.

Eiseley Branch

Tuesday, 7-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30-11 a.m.

🐇 Stay and Play, Wednesday & Thursday, 11–11:45 a.m.

Gere Branch

Thursday, 10:45-11:15 a.m.

South Branch

Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.

🐇 Stay and Play, Wednesday, 11–11:30 a.m.

Walt Branch

Tuesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:30 a.m. Wednesday, 10:15–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:30 a.m.

Families

For children birth to age five.

Bennett Martin Public Library

Friday, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Walt Branch

Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m.

★ Stay and Play 11–11:45 a.m.

Williams Branch

Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.

🐇 Stay and Play, Thursday, 11–11:45 a.m.

Mindful Movements

For children ages three, four, and five. This storytime uses mindfulness techniques and yoga to develop and hone social and emotional skills. A limited number of mats are available, but personal mats and blankets are welcome.

Walt Branch

First and third Thursday each month beginning 09/05 (alternates with Full STEAM Ahead), 2–2:30 p.m.

Full STEAM Ahead

For children ages three, four, and five. This activity-based storytime encourages critical thinking and problem-solving. Read, sing about and experience Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Walt Branch

Second and fourth Thursday each month beginning 09/12 (alternates with Mindful Movements), 2–2:30 p.m.

Wee Workouts

For children two to five years old. Kids move, exercise and interact while experiencing the joy of books.

Eiseley Branch

Tuesday, 10:35–10:55 a.m.

Music and Movement

For children 18 months to 5 years old and their caregivers. Dance, sing, play, wiggle and learn during this interactive parent-child storytime.

Gere Branch

Tuesday, 10:05–10:35 a.m. Wednesday, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 10:45–11:15 a.m. Thursday, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 6:30–7 p.m.

Sensory Storytime

For children ages three to eight. This storytime is for children who may need a little extra attention or a more controlled environment.

Gere Branch

Saturday, 9:15–10 a.m.

2024: 09/07-10/12 and 11/02-11/23

2025: 01/04-02/08 and 03/01-04/05 and 04/26-05/17