

## 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



City of Lincoln  
**LIBRARIES**

### **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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## Storytimes

at Lincoln City Libraries

January – May 2026



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.

#### **Bennett Martin Public Library**

Thursdays, 10:30–10:50 a.m.

#### **Eiseley Branch**

Mondays, 10:35–10:55 a.m.

#### **Gere Branch**

Mondays, 10:05–10:25 a.m.

Tuesdays, 10:45–11:05 a.m.

#### **Walt Branch**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11–11:20 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play for Babies, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11:20–11:45 a.m.*

### Toddler Time

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

#### **Anderson Branch**

Mondays, 10:30–10:50 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Mondays, 10:50–11:30 a.m.*

#### **Bethany Branch**

Tuesdays, 10:30–10:50 a.m.

#### **Eiseley Branch**

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:35–10:55 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Wednesdays & Thursdays 11–11:45 a.m.*

#### **Gere Branch**

Mondays, 10:40–11 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:35–9:55 a.m.

#### **Walt Branch**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:15–10:35 a.m.

### Preschoolers

For children ages three, four and five.

#### **Anderson Branch**

Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

#### **Bethany Branch**

Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

#### **Eiseley Branch**

Tuesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Wednesdays & Thursdays 11–11:45 a.m.*

#### **Gere Branch**

Thursdays, 10:45–11:15 a.m.

#### **South Branch**

Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*

#### **Walt Branch**

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

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

### Families

For children birth to age five.

#### **Bennett Martin Public Library**

Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Fridays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

#### **Walt Branch**

Saturdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Saturdays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

#### **Williams Branch**

Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

🌸 *Stay and Play, Thursdays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

## Wee Workouts

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

#### **Eiseley Branch**

Tuesdays, 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**

Tuesdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 10:45–11:15 a.m.

Thursdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 6:30–7 p.m.

#### **Walt Branch**

Mondays, 10:15–10:45 a.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**

Saturdays, 9:15–10 a.m.

January 10–February 14

March 7–April 11

May 2–June 20

#### **All library locations will be closed on the following holidays:**

New Year's Day: Thursday, Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 19

Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 16

Easter: Sunday, April 5

Memorial Day Holiday: Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25

