

Welcome to

STORYTIME

at the Naturita Community Library

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bringing books to life
in a whole new way.

Wednesdays, 11:30 - noon

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Sometimes we expect **too much**, **too soon** from children. The younger the child, the more noises they will make, the **more they will interrupt**, the more **they will wander** away, the more **they will wiggle and squirm**. This is what they do at **their age**. It also means that they will **sing loudly**, clap enthusiastically, and **participate joyfully** when they sense our acceptance. **Sitting still and quiet is not the goal** of a storytime visit to the library. **Having fun** with language and books is – and this enjoyment is very often **noisy and active**. That's life and learning with the very young!



We need help from you, the parents! We know you can show your children how to listen, to participate with all the actions and stay focused. Your child looks to you for clues about what is appropriate in any setting. Remember, if it's just not a good day for listening, that's okay. Take your child away from the group and come back when it seems like it might work and try again. If you can help us with this, then all of us will be able to enjoy storytime.



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Literacy-based storytimes offer libraries a way to be partners in education with parents and caregivers by including the following:

- Parents and caregivers who are invited (though not required) to attend storytimes with their children
- At least one early-literacy skill is highlighted during each storytime.
- Storytime leaders who model activities that build early-literacy skills.
- Books and activities that promote the use of early-literacy skills.
- Information about early-literacy skills and/or tips for building skills are provided to parents and caregivers during storytime, either verbally or through a handout.

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