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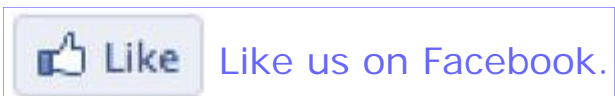
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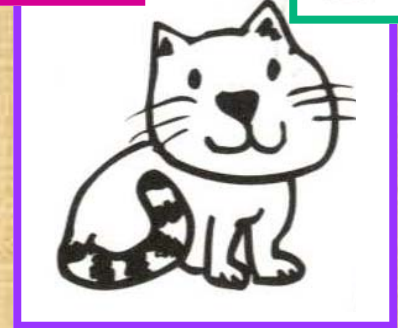
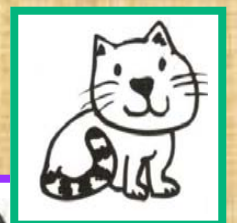
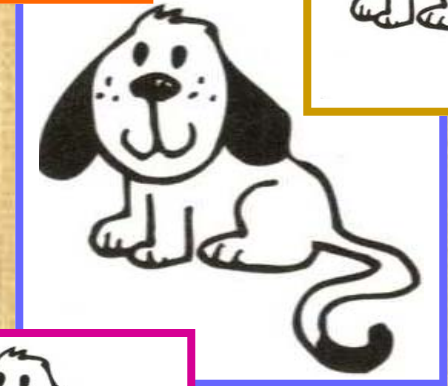
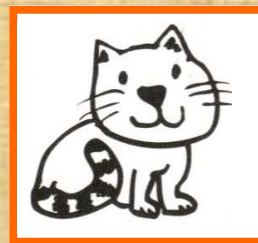
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Youth Programs January thru March

Paws (Pause) for Reading



SOUTH RIVER LIBRARY



100 Book Bone-us Reading Challenge

(in conjunction with TheatreworksUSA)

Earn a special family treat: tickets for a child and accompanying adult(s) to see *Henry and Mudge*, a children's theatrical production based on author Cynthia Rylant's popular dog "easy reader" chapter book series. The show will be held in the Community Theater at the Mayo Center for the Performing Arts in Morristown on Wednesday, May 30, at 12:15 p.m.

To fetch your treat, the family must read 100 cat and/or dog books between January 1 and March 31. Suggestions for reading material are easy to find by clicking on the **Kids Zone** tab on the menu bar of our library's homepage. Then select **Kids' Cats and Dogs Stories**, a booklist specifically created to highlight titles (with accompanying descriptions and overviews) that are available at the South River Library.



Be sure to pick up a copy of the handy challenge chart to help you keep a record of your reading and redeeming.

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Origami Instruction

South River resident and expert origami creator, Bill Reyes, guides kids and adults in this intricate paper art technique. The group meets Friday, from about 3:30-4:45 p.m. Experience is not required, but participants must have good fine-motor skills and lots of patience. New members are welcome.

Yo Yoga! with Laura

Select Saturdays

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 10, 24

Build balance, strength, and focus through controlled breathing and movements in yoga poses. Kids will be introduced to this great form of exercise with games, music, demonstrations, and practice. Classes meet for approximately 30-40 minutes. Come to 1 or all of the sessions.

■ 11:00 a.m. class for kids ages 3-5 years

■ 11:45 a.m. class for ages 6-8 years.

Siblings may attend together, if needed.

Red Rover, Move Over

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

January 3, 17

February 7, 21

March 6, 20

A twice-a-month story and activity time featuring clever canines and friendly felines. Each program will feature one or two stories followed by a selection of related songs, games, or projects. Appropriate for ages 3½ to 5 years old. Loved ones, caregivers, and/or siblings are welcome to attend; otherwise make certain that a responsible adult is in the library building to be reunited with the child at the conclusion of the program.

Purrfect Pals

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

January 9, 23

February 13, 27

March 12, 26

A twice-a-month program including books about dogs with smelly bellies, posh-and-pampered puppies, crazy cats, and other *purrfect* pets. Sometimes book choices will be read by the librarian, and other times kids can take turns being the “top dog” showing off their reading skills to the group. Each session may also include jokes, games, or other pet projects. Intended audience: Ages 6-8 years old.

Toddler Time

Your child's first positive library experience. The program is geared for young children ages 18-36 months with parent or caregiver. Fingerplays, simple stories, songs, games, and creative play encourage children to develop language, social skills, and simply enjoy reading, learning, and playing. The program is held year-round the 1st and 3rd and occasional 5th Thursdays of the month at 11:00 a.m. Siblings may also attend. New members are always welcome.

Fursdays

Join us on the 3rd Thursdays of each month at 4:00 p.m. for special family-friendly programs.

■ January 19

Author Cynthia Rylant's *Henry and Mudge*. Sample a series of books featuring an adorable, friendly, enormous canine companion with follow up activities, including a short comic strip, and learn about a chance to see these series of books brought to the stage in a live-action production.

■ February 16

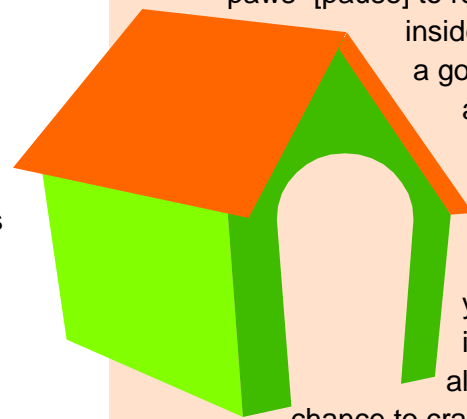
Read to a Dog. Share a short story or excerpt with a canine companion. The amount of reading time each participant receives will be dependent on the number of readers attending the program. Nonreaders may look at the pictures and make up their own story.

■ March 15

Treat your pet to a healthy homemade snack. Explore some recipes for natural, edible, tasty delicacies that can be made from people food.

In the Doghouse

Take some time out of your busy schedule and “paws” [pause] to relax by stretching out inside our doghouse with a good book. You will be able to read in the doghouse anytime during regular library hours. If others are waiting, please limit yourself to 15 minutes in the doghouse to allow the next reader a chance to crawl inside.



SPECIAL EVENT

Pooch Playground and Cat Camp Out

Calling all stuffed cat and dog owners!
You are invited to an unique opportunity for your favorite plush pal to spend a few days hanging out with friends at the library. Bring 1 stuffed animal to the children's desk on Friday, January 13, or Saturday, January 14, so they can spend a long weekend reading, playing, pretending, and making new furry friends. Please make certain your stuffed animal is wearing a pet tag (available on the table by the children's desk) filled out with complete information, including your pet's name, age, favorite activities/foods, and sign in our guest book with the owner's phone number, email, and home address. should your pet need to get in touch with you. Your pets will send you some pictures and notes about their adventures. Pets will be available for pick-up by their owners beginning on Tuesday, January 17. Please make arrangements to have your pet return home no later than 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18.



SIGN UP WITH THIS HANDY REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this registration form to sign up for programs and activities of your choice. You may also register via email at registration@southernriverlibrary.org or by contacting the library at 732-254-2488. Registration will begin December 15 and will be on-going, on a first-come, first-served basis. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your registration, kindly let us know so that others may be able to attend. Program reminders will primarily be generated via email, unless you specify otherwise, so please provide or update your email address when registering.

I would like to register for the following program(s) Please check the program box.

Yo Yoga!

Saturdays
11:00 a.m. for ages 3-5
11:45 a.m. for ages 6-8
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Toddler Time

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 March 29

Fursdays

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NAME and AGE

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

RESPONSIBLE ADULT'S NAME

Please check this box if you need to be notified by phone as a primary method of contact.