# Library offers in-person storytime again

Picture a happy group of children sitting on the floor around an engag-ing library staff member for a pro-

gram of fingerplays, songs and most importantly a story or book to be savored together.

Storytime can include reading, mu-sic, interactive activities and move-ment. In addition to being a crucial component in the library's early literacy offerings, it provides an opportunity to develop social skills in a group

setting.

It's also a great deal of fun for staff, children and parents.

But the pandemic has impacted how

we can offer storytime for children at we can the sory time of thinder in the Georgetown Public Library. After offering only recorded storytimes for many months, we have now reinstated in-person storytimes. Children's Library Assistant Linda Lam, who start brary Assistant Linda Lam, Who start-ed working at the Georgetown Public Library July 19, focuses on storytimes and all other things kid-related. Previously, Linda worked at the Wells Branch Community Library.

She has also taught English in South

"Both jobs gave me the privilege to work with many children," she said. "My home library growing up was small, so I'm enjoying how spacious sman, so I'm enjoying now spacious the Georgetown Public Library is. The best things about my job so far are the people I've encountered here at the li-brary. The staff and community here are a great bunch. I also have really enjoyed planning storytimes."

Linda's primary goal is to have lots of great storytimes and special pro-grams for the community. "I'm so excited to start storytimes

and get to know everyone who at

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torytime is a signature program in public libraries.

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For now, some storytime programs are indoors time programs are indoors and others are outdoors

on Forest Street between the library and the Light and Water-works Building. The block will be safely closed off to traffic. Families may want to bring seating, hats, sunscreen, water and fans, depending on the weather:

Baby Storytime for ages 0-18 months takes place Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Family Storytime for ages 0-5 years old takes place Wednesdays and Thursdays at

The library's new special story-times will take place one Friday each month at 10 a.m. Ages, ticketing and availability will vary; check the library events calendar for more details about these. Special storytimes will include STEM Storytime (led by Li-brary Assistant Elisabeth Aulwurm) focused on science, technology, engineering and math topics, and Sensory Storytime (led by Teen Services Li

brarian Margaret Lange).
Sensory Storytimes are specifically designed for children with autism spectrum and sensory-processing needs. This interactive storytime emphasizes socialization, freedom of movement, and sensory engagement through storytelling, song and rhyme and free play. Space for Sensory Storytimes is limited and tickets are required.

All storytime programs depend on the cooperation of parent, child, and storyteller, and we want everyone to have a good time at the library. To make storytime enjoyable for your child, here are some tips from Children's Librarian Bethni King.

Discuss with your child what to ex-

pect at storytime.

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Linda Lam began work in July at the Georgetown Public Library, where she now offers storytime programs for babies and children

children are easily distracted by new

Please take children who become restless outside the storytime area just until they are calm again, then return to the program.

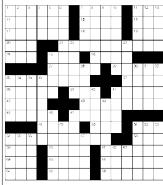
Encourage your child to participate in finger plays, songs, and questions asked by the storyteller. Your little one

participating. Set a good example. Please remain

Set a good example. Please remain attentive to the program and your child during Storytime. Encourage children to observe li-brary manners such as: using library voices, refraining from running or climbing, and cleaning up after play-

There is more information about storytime at library.georgetown.org/ storytime, and the times and details for specific storytime programs is on the library's events calendar at library. georgetown.org/events-calendar.

Dana Hendrix is the Technical Services Librarian at the Georgetown Public Li brary



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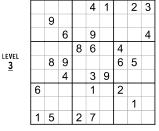
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