Oliver Wolcott Library’s Fall Preschool Programs:  
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**Early Bird Café**  
10:30 AM TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

Join us for the Early Bird Café which will be open before every Bouncing Babies, Letters as Characters and Preschool Storytime session! Drop in and meet us before the session starts to socialize! Socialize with new friends and neighbors and have a chance to talk with library staff. Don’t forget to check out some books either before or after storytimes. Light Refreshments will be served.

**Bouncing Babies:** Birth - 24 months  
TUESDAYS AT 11:00 AM  
SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6  
DROP-IN - NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Enjoy concept and rhyming books, learn finger plays, and meet other families in this interactive program. Your child will form a bond with you, develop listening skills and begin vocabulary development. Playtime will follow to foster your children’s imagination, development and social skills.

**Letters are Characters©**  
A playful pre-reading program for children ages 4 - 7  
WEDNESDAYS AT 11:00 AM  
SEPTEMBER 5 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Parents/caregivers are children’s first teachers and play a critical role in literacy. During this fun and interactive program, parents/caregivers will learn about how children learn to read as well as how to provide effective, evidence-based support and instruction and create enriching, lifelong reading habits.

Simultaneously, children will acquire pre-reading skills through story and hands on, multi-sensory play that will enable them to begin to break the phonemic code, an essential stepping stone in learning to read.

The best predictor of reading readiness is symbol recognition (knowing the names of upper and lower case letters) and sound symbol correspondence because it demonstrates that the neural pathways are primed for reading acquisition (also known as breaking the phonemic code). This program is designed to joyfully and playfully get all children ready to read! Different learning styles will be discussed.

Caroline Wilcox Ugurlu is a researcher and teacher. She has spent the last four years studying reading including the neurological processes involved in reading and the sociological, psychological and cultural aspects of reading acquisition and its opposite - failure to acquire reading fluency. She has developed a method to help children ages 4 - 7 break the phonemic code in a fun and playful way. She has authored a book on the subject (in the publication process). She is passionate about the importance of reading and wants to create programs that work for all students including struggling readers/dyslexics.
**Preschool Storytime:** 2 - 5 year olds

**THURSDAYS AT 11:00 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8**

**DROP-IN - NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY**

Experience new and classic picture books, learn movement activities, and build pre-literacy skills such as phonological awareness and comprehension. We will read stories that encourage participation and comment. Playtime at one of our new play centers will follow to stimulate your child’s imagination and creativity!