

Terrific Toddler – Mondays, October 1, 15, 22 & 29 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. - You're growing so fast so let's celebrate terrific you and all you are learning to do! Songs, stories, playtime, and more! 1 ½ -3 years old with caregiver.

Early Engineers – Mondays, October 1 & 15 from 4 - 5 p.m. - This interactive STEM program will introduce creative kids to problem-solving through 4 weekly building challenges. Inspired by stories of how real structures were created, kids will engineer their own versions of a tower, a bridge and more using a variety of materials. For 6-8 years old.

Preschool Free Play and Exploration – Wednesdays, October 3, 10 & 17 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Fun, interactive stations are set up with activities that encourage early literacy, motor skills, curiosity, and play! For ages 3-5.

Homeschooling Info Session* - Wednesday, October 3 from 6 - 7 p.m. - Join Beth Fleming, a local mom who has 14 years of homeschooling experience in Worcester. This second info session is for families with children in middle school and/or high school who are currently homeschooling and looking for info on the college application process. Parents/caregivers are welcome to bring their families. Passive craft for younger children and light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Friends of Worcester Public Library. Session Two: October 3 from 6 - 7 p.m. for families with older children. Register at the Children's Desk or call 508-799-1671.

Baby Bounce – Fridays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Get your little one bouncing and singing in this storytime just for babies with rhymes, songs, stories, bounces and fingerplays. 0-18 months old.

Magic with Scott Jameson* - Friday, October 5 from 2 - 2:50 p.m. - Join us for this very exciting performance in celebration of World Smile Day! Scott has over 20 years of experience in performing magic professionally. His magic show features magic, juggling, comedy, routines choreographed to music, and lots of audience participation! Families with children 12 and under.

Lego and Construction Free Play – Saturdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. - Develop literacy and critical thinking skills with Legos during our weekly FREE PLAY time. Your structure may be featured in our Lego display case for the entire next month! All materials are provided by the Library. For ages 12 and under

Paws to Read - Thursday, October 11 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Read to Bridgette, our certified pet therapy dog. Boost reading skills and confidence. For ages 5-12.

Create Magical Moments URead Magic Show - Saturday, October 13 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Experience MEFA's magical moments with comedy magician Ed Popielarczyk. Children will be treated to excerpts from Peter Pan while Tinkerbell sprinkles magic pixie dust to make children fly, money drop from thin air and so much more. This highly interactive show gets children one hundred percent involved with full audience participation. Each child will leave with a free gift to take home. *Sponsored by MEFA, the U.Fund College Investing Plan and \$eedMA.*

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos with our Movie Matinee: *Coco* - Saturday, October 20 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Miguel dreams of becoming a great musician although his family has banned music long ago. After entering the Land of the Dead, Miguel meets Hector, a very interesting new friend. Together they learn a lot about music and, just as importantly, family. A small snack will be provided. Rated PG. Families with children 12 and under.

Jumpstart Read for the Record – Thursday, October 25 at 10 a.m. - Come to our read-aloud! On October 25, 2018 we join children and adults worldwide by participating in the 12th anniversary of the world's largest shared reading experience featuring the picture book "Maybe Something Beautiful" by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell. Illustrated by Rafael López.

Rocket Launch with the Ecotarium* – Thursday, October 25 from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - Does a rocket's shape affect its flight? Use engineering, math, and physics to design and build rocket prototypes!

Puppet Workshop* - Saturday, October 27 from 2 - 3 p.m. - Join the CactusHead Puppet workshop to learn about different kinds of shadow puppets and learn how to make your own. For ages 6 and up.

Washington Irving's *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* with J.T. Turner* – Monday, October 29 from 4 - 4:45 p.m. - The Headless Horseman Rides Again! Storyteller J.T. Turner portrays Washington Irving telling his most famous tale, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Taking on all the roles of this Halloween tale, Turner has adapted the piece to keep all ages entertained. It is story theater at its best! For ages 6 and up.

Spooktacular Storytime - Wednesday, October 31 from 10 - 11 a.m. - It's Halloween and you're invited to join us for a fun spooky-time with games, stories, music and crafts. Children are welcome to come in costumes. For ages 3-5.

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