# INTRODUCING NEW EARLY LEARNING KITS ELANCOLibrary



To place a request for these kits and other high-demand items: Call the library at 717-354-0525 to make your request. OR Search the library's catalog for the item you would like, click the title, then click **REQUEST IT**, then sign in with your last name, library card number, and PIN. You'll be added to the wait list for that item! Requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once your item is ready for pickup, we will contact you via the email or phone number on your library account. Note: these kits can only be picked up at and returned to ELANCO Library. Several more new Early Learning Kits, on a variety of topics, will be added to the library's lending collection soon!

## ELANCO Library is pleased to offer 14 new Early Learning Kits specially designed to help young children acquire basic skills!

**Letter Construction Kit** - Practice letter recognition, develop fine motor skills, and get ready to write by snapping together color-coded pieces to build upper- and lower-case letters, reading aloud from Audrey & Brice Wood's whimsical *Alphabet Adventure*, and using the accompanying letter cards & activity guide.

**Unpack Your Day Conversation Kit** – Build your child's conversational competence and foster their critical thinking skills with 60 question/prompt cards. Accompanying props and fidget toy make it engaging and fun!

**Story Bag Kits** – Borrow one or several of ELANCO Library's **12 new Story Bag Kits!** Each contains a book, a felt board, and removable/attachable Velcro pieces featuring characters, objects, and places from the story. Not just entertaining, these kits are terrific for helping young children with: narration, creative & independent play, word recognition, fine motor skills, sequencing events in a story, early literacy / pre-reading and pre-writing skills, and phonological awareness. (To locate these items in the library's catalog, do a search for the words "story bag" in quotes.)

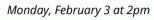
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# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS VISIT ORG/NEW-STEM-KITS

#### **Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!** Saturday, February 1 at 2pm

Children of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever who will be accompanied by Mrs. Carol Stark.

#### Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion



All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for February is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

#### Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Monday, February 10 at 6:30pm



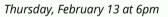
Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us at the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. For all ages.

#### **Birding 101**

Wednesday, February 12 at 6pm

Ever wonder what kind of birds are visiting your feeders? Are you interested in birding but don't know where to start? Join Miss Jen for this workshop for all ages and skill levels!

#### **LEGO Creation Club**



Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library. Recommended for ages 8+ and siblings.

#### Lunch & Learn for Homeschoolers: How to Use the Library

#### Wednesday, February 26 at 12pm

Attention homeschool families! Are you visiting our library for the first time or need a quick refresher on how it works? Do you want to know what resources our library has to offer to help supplement your curriculum? If so, please join us for this program in the Community Room on the library's lower level! We'll begin with a brief presentation and an introduction to the resources the library offers. You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat it during the presentation. (The library will provide beverages and healthy snacks). Following the presentation, we'll take a tour of the library and highlight some of the special new learning kits Meet 2024 New Holland Farmers' Fair Queen Genevieve Adamow at (focused on science, music, and early literacy) that you can now check out from ELANCO Library. No registration is required. Come prepared with your own questions, research inquiries, and library needs - there will be plenty of time for Q & A!

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#### **Music & Movement : Musical Opposites**

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Mondays at 10:30am - For ages 0-6, siblings welcome!

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. This month, we'll explore concepts of loud/soft, fast/slow, high/low, short/long, and more, with songs, activities, and books.

#### **Preschool Storytime: Emotions**

Tuesdays at 10:30am - For ages 4-6, siblings welcome!

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Join us this month for stories and activities featuring identifying feelings and managing emotions!

#### Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Join Miss Jen on Tuesdays during the school year for an hour of crafts, games, snacks and more! No registration required. For tweens and teens. Schedule:

2/4: STEM Owl Pellet Dissection

2/11: Mental Health Day (Managing Emotions)

- 2/18: Social Issues (World Hunger)
- 2/25: Dream Jobs

#### **Toddler Thursdays: Emotions**

Thursdays at 10:30am - For ages 0-3, siblings welcome! Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot, and hop with stories selected to

promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. Join us this month for stories and activities featuring identifying feelings

#### and managing emotions!

#### **Read with Royalty!**

#### Saturday, February 1 at 11am

the library! Genevieve will provide an agricultural informational session featuring read-alouds and a craft. Event is best for children ages 3 to 9 with parent or caregiver, but all are welcome.







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