

DECEMBER  
2019

# South County Community Partnership Parent Dispatch

*Happy Holidays!*

Wishing all families a happy and joyous holiday season!  
Please see our calendar below for holiday schedules for all programs.

## DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 RR Late Fall (Mini) Session Begins (3 Weeks)	2 Dudley 10:30-11:45 Chaffee 0-2 OPEN 10:00 - 11:00	3 Family Center OPEN 9:00 - 1:00 Charlton 10:00 - 11:15	4 Webster 10:00 - 11:15 Chaffee 2-5 OPEN 9:30 - 11:00	5 Family Center OPEN 9:00 - 1:00 Oxford 10:00 - 11:15 Oxford 11:45 - 1:00 North Village 3:30-4:30	6
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## JANUARY 2020

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## Inclement weather policy:

Delays/cancellations for Oxford Public Schools affect all programs (all towns).

Cancellations will cancel all programs for the day, while delays will cancel all morning programs (scheduled to begin prior to noon).

If Oxford has no delay/cancellation, a delay/cancellation in the town a program is held will affect that program.

\*Even if there are no cancellations, please always use your judgement in determining if it is safe to travel\*

Please check our FB page for daily updates as we enter the season of snowy and icy weather!

The following programs are affected by this policy:

- Raising Readers at the Oxford Public Library, Charlton Public Library, Gladys E. Kelly Library in Webster, and Pearle L. Crawford Library in Dudley
- Open Playgroups at Chaffee Elementary School in Oxford
  - Open Play at the Family Center at Kennedy-Donovan Center in Southbridge
  - Open Playgroup at North Village in Webster
  - STEAM Workshops in all towns
- Open Play at the Family Resource Center at You, Inc. in Southbridge

# How to Read Aloud to a Child That Won't Sit Still

Janssen Bradshaw

For some children, sitting quietly while listening to a book is more tedious than fun. If your child struggles to pay attention or sit still while you're reading together, here are some tips that may help:

**1. Pick interactive books.** Whether it's searching for something on each page, like with an *I Spy* book, or touching parts of the picture, like with *Press Here*, a book that actively draws a reader in can help keep them engaged during storytime.

**2. Let them do something with their hands.** Pass out the crayons or play dough or give them a puzzle to do while you read aloud to them. If they can keep their hands busy and their attention focused on a task, they may be more willing to listen to the story.

**3. Try different times of day.** Some times of day work better for certain children. The afternoon, when they are wound up and ready to play, may not be the best. Try bedtime when they're anxious to stay up a little longer, or at mealtime while they eat, or first thing in the morning snuggled up together in the grown-up bed.

**4. Give them an overview of the story first.** Some children struggle with books because they have a hard time following the plot. Before you start reading, explain to them what they can expect from the story and few things they may want to look for either in the storyline or the illustrations.

**5. Don't push too hard.** Some children just need to mature a little before they are ready to embrace reading. Don't turn them off to it by making it a consistently miserable experience. Give them some space, try again frequently, and model a love of reading for them.

from [readbrightly.com](https://www.readbrightly.com)

See more at <https://www.readbrightly.com/how-to-read-aloud-to-a-child-that-wont-sit-still/?fbclid=IwAR0X81o5zw0u7AbFF3FOLua5hihLLo130za4evkNCcRmnn5hRyF-NFjpvac>

# Upcoming Events

## Gingerbread STEAM Workshop

December 12  
4:00 - 5:00  
Charlton Public Library

December 19  
3:30 - 4:30  
North Village  
Community Room

Join us for messy gingerbread-related STEAM activities!

We will be exploring gingerbread playdough, making cinnamon ornaments, and decorating gingerbread cookies.

Registration will be required as space is limited!  
Watch for the flyer COMING SOON!

## SNOW STEAM WORKSHOP

COMING IN JANUARY -  
WATCH FOR FLYERS!



**Discuss the story,**  
the characters, the pictures,  
what might happen next.



 Read Aloud  
**15 MINUTES**



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