



**New playgroups begin the week of July 10.** Registration is required for all groups: [imatthews@jri.org](mailto:imatthews@jri.org). No fees. Children may be registered for one group. All groups require participation of a parent or caregiver. Your child's age should match the group's description on the first day of playgroup. **When registering, please let us know any dates you will be away this summer so we can register as many families as possible for each week.** Families who do not notify us of absences may be replaced with someone from the wait list.

**Baby Playgroup:** Group includes developmental discussions and handouts, playtime, circle time with finger plays, rhymes and songs. Based on the Parents Interacting With Infants model.

**Appropriate for ages 3-9 Months on July 10**

**Held at Gleason Library, Carlisle**

**Mondays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

*Participants for the following playgroups who do not live in our grant catchment area (Acton, Bedford, Boxboro, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Hanscom AFB, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Sudbury and Westford) will be confirmed one week before groups begin as space allows.*

**Older Baby Playgroup:** This group will have free play time at the beginning, and stories and songs at the end. The facilitator will be available to talk to and answer questions, but we won't have the same structured adult talking time as in the infant group because the children are starting to move around and sitting still for more than a few minutes is too much to ask! Based on the Parents Interacting With Infants model. **THIS GROUP IS FULL**

**Appropriate for ages 10-17 months on July 12**

**Held at Maynard Public Library**

**Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

### **18-23 Month Large Motor Playgroup**

This group combines story and song circle time with gross motor activities such as running, balancing, jumping, throwing and kicking balls. We will also work on literacy and social skill building. Ideal for helping children get some energy out while continuing to develop school-readiness skills. Infant siblings not recommended due to safety concerns during high activity times of this group.

**THIS GROUP IS FULL**

**Appropriate for Ages 18-30 months on July 11**

**Held at Woods Edge Children's Center, Sudbury**

**Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.**



### **Multilingual Families Playgroup (babies in carriers welcome)**

This playgroup is for families who speak a language other than English at home. The group will have free play, circle time with stories and songs, and snack time. In addition, opportunities to discuss how culture, traditions, and everyday family experiences can foster literacy. Families will also explore fun ways to build early literacy skills at home. The program utilizes the Scholastic Read & Rise program. Families should bring a snack and inform us during registration of any anaphylactic allergies.

**Appropriate for Ages 18 Months thru 5 on July 13**

**Held at First Connections in Acton**

**THIS GROUP IS FULL**

**Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

### **Preschooler Outdoor Explorations Group**

We'll be heading outside to explore nature trails so we can learn about what is happening in the ponds, fields and woods around us. We'll read a different book each week and allow the children to talk about what they may have discovered in their own back yards during the week. The places we will be walking are not stroller-friendly, but babies are welcome if they are worn in a carrier/sling/backpack.

**Appropriate for ages 2 ½ thru 5 on July 12**

**Held at Stoney Brook Conservation Area in Westford**

**Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00**

**THIS GROUP IS FULL**

### **School Age Outdoor Explorations Group**

This group will walk on the new Wetlands Walkway in Lincoln, exploring this very interesting wetland area. Every week we will read a book and do activities together, as well as take home an activity to do with your family.

Please wear sturdy walking shoes, appropriate clothing, and bug spray to protect you from mosquitoes and ticks. Younger siblings who are able to walk and keep up with the group, or are "worn" in a carrier are welcome.

**Appropriate for ages 5 thru 8 on July 13**

**Held on the Lincoln Public Schools Campus**

**Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**ALTERNATE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ABSENCES**