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9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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SESSION II: 07/30 - 08/20

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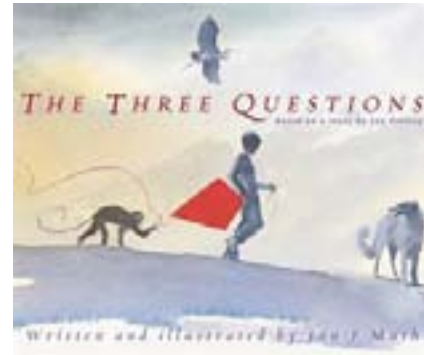


Miss Cathy's

♥ I LOVE BOOKS

Children's Book Reviews

By Cathy A. Morrow



March arrives bringing with it the hope of more gentle weather and sharing the joy of being able to go outside more. This month I have chosen two books that explore things we can do outside and highlight things we can do for each other.

JABBERWOCKY BOOKSHOP is OPEN!

However, if there is a book you would like, you may order it from them and have it mailed directly to you.

#### JUST HELP!

How To Build A Better World  
Written by Sonia Sotomayor  
Illustrated by Angela Dominguez  
Philomel Books, An Imprint of Penguin Random House, LLC, Publishers

thing that they did helped the world in a positive way. Whether some small or big, just helping made a difference.

Told from a child's perspective, this book gives excellent examples of wonderful ways to contribute even a small amount of time to help your community. Illustrations are simple, but help convey a very positive message.

Terry Teddy and I give this book -- --four paws up



#### THE THREE QUESTIONS

Written and Illustrated by  
Jon J. Muth  
Scholastic Press, An Imprint of Scholastic

Nikolai, a young boy, walks along a beach and asks his friends three important questions that are on his mind. He wants to be a good person, but he isn't certain exactly how to accomplish it. One question is "Who is the most important one?" Sonya, the heron, Gogol, the monkey and Pushkin, the dog, all gave him helpful and thoughtful answers. After braving the elements and saving a mother Panda and her baby, the mother panda was very grateful

and gave Nikolai some insight into the person he was and the caring things that he did.

This is an enchanting story about a young boy and his special friends, who help answer his questions and give him guidance to answer his three important questions.

Terry Teddy and I give this book -- --four paws up



These books were generously provided by  
**Jabberwocky Bookshop, Newburyport**  
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Raising Positive, Happy Children

By Maria Luisa Salcines

When my daughter was a child, she wanted to do everything by herself. Her determination led to daily mishaps. When she spilled her juice or knocked over her glass during dinner, she would immediately look at me with a worried expression.

I always reassured her by saying, "It's okay. It was an accident." Her little face would light up, and you could see how relieved she was that I was not upset with her.

Sometimes, I'd suggest she help me clean up the mess, which she would happily do.

Robert Shuller, the author of *The Be-Happy Attitude*, said, "It's not what happens to me that matters most; it's how I react to what happens to me."

The way a parent reacts in different circumstances teaches a child a lesson. When your child spills their drink, your reaction gives them a clear message. The lesson has nothing to do with spilled apple juice or a stained tablecloth. However, it has a lot to do with not breaking the child's spirit.

Today, your child is spilling juice, but he will soon be learning to accept not getting a part in a school play or making a B instead of the A your child thought she deserved.

A parent's goal is for their children to get through all the difficult moments in life with the strength that a positive attitude gives them. When something difficult happens, you want your child to tell himself, "It's okay. I can handle this."

Whenever I think of my mother, I always picture her smiling-laughing. My mother taught me to view life through a scope of positivity. Laughter in our home was a way to deal with things. Now that I'm an adult, I realize that not everyone knows how to let go and laugh.

Laughter saw us through many difficult moments and pulled us out of painful situations.

My mother's positive attitude nurtured my self-image. My positive self-image evolved through my relationship with her.

Self-image affects every part of a child's life. The image he has of himself and how he thinks you view him will determine how he feels about himself. Negative attitudes are not inborn.

Your child will mirror your attitude and will learn to solve his problems by watching you. He learns to respond to different situations by the display of your emotions. Every reaction you

have will have an equal response from your child.

If you fall apart when facing a difficult situation or react with anger. Your child will more than likely react the same way.

When you accept negative consequences and calmly seek ways to overcome the situation with a positive attitude. You are teaching your children they have choices when handling problems.

Our society today is raising a generation of broken spirits. Many young people today don't know how to find joy in life. More than ever, negative attitudes prevail in our youth.

When children are not happy, they seek drugs, alcohol, and their peers for acceptance. Their self-image is fragile. Children of this generation have more than ever, but not what they need most, which is a strong connection within the family.

We can share many beautiful things in life and joyous moments with our children. And yet, we are living in a time of disconnect and alarming statistics showing children with anxiety and depression.

Today, more than ever, parents have to be aware of their child's mental health.

They need to connect with their child in the old-fashioned way, the natural way, not through entertaining them with gadgets.

For your children to grow up to be positive adults, they must learn to navigate life and believe they can overcome any obstacle.

The only way to learn this is by experiencing life, making mistakes, and connecting with others.

Children who view life through a scope of hope acceptance and see problems as steppingstones will grow up to be happy adults.

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## March



**Saturday, March 1**  
**RAMADAN STORYTIME**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 1 2:00—3:00 PM  
 Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99  
 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Come join us for Ramadan Storytime  
 presented by the Islamic Society of Greater  
 Haverhill. We'll listen to fun and exciting  
 stories about kindness, sharing, and help-  
 ing others during the special month of  
 Ramadan. It's the perfect way for kids and  
 families to celebrate Ramadan together!  
 No Registration Required

**BOREDOM BUSTERS: FLOAM (AGES 6-9)**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 1 2:00—3:00 PM  
 Garden Room Nevins Library 305 Broad-  
 way, Methuen, MA, 01844  
 Boredom Busters: Floam (Ages 6-9)  
 Kids can't complain about having "noth-  
 ing to do" on the Saturdays when we  
 offer this program — just sign them up  
 to enjoy a different activity each month!  
 In March we'll make floam, also known as  
 fluffy slime, which can be rolled, flattened,  
 shaped, and sculpted!  
 If your plans change after you register and  
 you won't be able to come to the program,  
 please have the courtesy to cancel your  
 registration so that children on the waiting  
 list can take your place. You can find a link  
 to cancel your plans on your registration  
 confirmation email, or you can call us at  
 978-686-4080 x26.

**Monday, March 3**  
**WINTER READING!**  
 MONDAY, MARCH 3 ALL DAY  
 Amesbury Public Library Amesbury Public  
 Library 149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913  
 Winter Reading Badge  
 Ages Pre-K to 5th Grade  
 Winter Reading in collaboration with  
 Amesbury Public Schools!  
 Pick up a Bingo Sheet or sign up for the  
 virtual program through the Beanstack  
 App (free to download)  
 Do six activities or reading on the sheet or  
 online to earn your badges and then pick  
 out a free book!  
 If you do the virtual program, you'll also be  
 entered into fun raffles as you complete  
 badges for amazing building prizes!  
 For more information, visit <https://amesburylibrary.org/252/Winter-Reading-Program>  
 or contact Youth Services at [ys@amesburylibrary.org](mailto:ys@amesburylibrary.org)  
**FREE** No Registration Required

**HOMEWORK HELP**  
 MONDAY, MARCH 3 4:00—6:00 PM  
 Children's Room Haverhill Public Library 99  
 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Homework Help  
 Do you need help with your homework?  
 Math problems getting the best of you?  
 Need help reading? Drop in to get help  
 from one our high school student volun-  
 teers! First come, first served.  
 Recommended for children in grades 3-6.  
 No Registration Required

**Tuesday, March 4**  
**TABLETOP CLUB**  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 4 3:30—5:00 PM  
 Program Room Newburyport Public Li-  
 brary, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA  
 Grades 5-12.  
 For grades 5-12. Registration is requested  
 but not required.  
 Are you a fan of... Board games? Dungeons  
 and Dragons? Magic the Gathering? Then  
 the Tabletop Club is for you! Once a month  
 we set up a space for you to get your game  
 on! Make sure to bring any gaming sup-  
 plies you'd like to use.  
 Tabletop Club meets on the first Tuesday  
 of each month (unless there is a holiday).  
 Once you are registered for the club, you  
 are registered for the whole series. This  
 series goes from January through June.

**LEGO LINK-UP**  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 4 4:00—5:00 PM  
 Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99  
 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 LEGO Link-Up  
 "Link-up" with other LEGO lovers and let  
 your creativity flow! Spend the hour creat-  
 ing a LEGO masterpiece!  
 Recommended for ages 4-11.  
 No Registration Required!

**THE THEFT OF DIGNITY: AN ANTI-BUL-  
 LYING PRESENTATION WITH AUTHOR  
 DENNIS WISE**  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 4 7:00—8:00 PM  
 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Li-  
 brary 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Join Us for a Free Anti-Bullying Presenta-  
 tion  
 Presented by young adult novelist Dennis  
 Wise, The Theft of Dignity is an engaging  
 in-person presentation that raises aware-  
 ness of the challenges teens face with peer  
 bullying.  
 Dennis draws on examples from popular

culture—including movies, TV shows, and  
 novels such as his own book, On Your Side.  
 The goal is to encourage a more respectful  
 community and offer solutions for those  
 experiencing bullying.  
 This free presentation is open to teens,  
 educators, parents, and any others who  
 wish to gain a deeper understanding of the  
 challenges teens face with peer bullying  
 in their everyday lives while also gaining  
 practical tools to foster positive change.  
 This program is funded in part by a grant  
 from the Haverhill Cultural Council, a local  
 agency which is supported by the Mass  
 Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Wednesday, March 5**  
**WEDNESDAY ALL AGES STORY TIME WITH  
 MISS ISA**  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 11:00—11:30 AM  
 Children's Activity Room Newburyport  
 Public Library, 94 State Street,  
 Newburyport, MA  
 Join us for a fun morning of stories, songs,  
 and rhymes for kids ages 0-6!  
 We have limited space, so we require reg-  
 istration to prevent overcrowding and to  
 improve the quality of our programming.  
 Please register your entire party so we have  
 an accurate headcount. You are welcome  
 to call us the morning of a program to ask  
 whether there are any spaces remaining.  
 Our goal is to provide access for as many  
 people as possible. Please choose only one  
 story time to attend per week.  
 Please take note of whether you are regis-  
 tering for the WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY all  
 ages story time session!  
 Registration for this event opens Thursday,  
 February 27 at 9:00 AM.

**MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH MISS ASHLEY  
 (AGES 2-6)**  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 11:00 AM—12:00  
 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Li-  
 brary 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Music & Movement with Miss Ashley (ages  
 2-6)  
 Join Miss Ashley from Family Connections  
 for a morning of dance, music, and fun! Be  
 sure to bring your singing voice and dance  
 moves!  
 For families with children ages 2-6, older  
 and younger siblings welcome!  
 Registration Required. Registration will be  
 available one week prior to the program  
 date.

**Thursday, March 6**  
**D&D: ROAMING REALMS (GRADES 7-12)**  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 6 3:30—5:00 PM  
 Program Room Newburyport Public Li-  
 brary, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA  
 For Grades 7-12. This program is registra-  
 tion only. Space is limited so register right  
 away!  
 Join the adventure guild and explore the  
 Roaming Realms! All you need is your wit  
 and a level 5 character sheet. Premade  
 character sheets will be provided as well.  
 This D&D club is for new players as well as  
 experienced ones.  
 D&D will be held in person in the program-  
 ming room on the first floor of the library.  
 When registering, please use an email ad-  
 dress you check frequently. Emails cannot  
 be sent to school email addresses as they  
 will not receive outside emails.  
 If you cannot attend this game but would  
 like to know about all future D&D pro-  
 grams at the library, you can sign up for our  
 mailing list. Click here to sign up for our  
 mailing list.  
 Registration for this event opens Sunday,  
 February 23 at 9:00 AM.

**Friday, March 7**  
**CREATION STATION**  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 7 11:00 AM—12:00 PM  
 Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99  
 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Creation Station  
 Experiment with some new types of art,  
 materials, and styles.  
 Wear old clothes--sometimes we get  
 messy!  
 Recommended for ages 3-5  
 Registration Required

**Saturday, March 8**  
**CRAFT BUFFET**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 8 1:00—4:00 PM  
 Children's Activity Room Newburyport  
 Public Library 94 State Street,  
 Newburyport, MA, 01950  
 Craft Buffet  
 Stop by our Activity Room, have a snack,  
 and enjoy a variety of simple, no-mess  
 crafts!  
 Drop in any time between 1:00 and 4:00  
 p.m. This program is open to kids of all  
 ages and abilities.  
 No Registration Required

**TUMMY TIME PAINTING**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 8 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99  
 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 Come experience a fun and creative way to  
 introduce your little one to art! Using can-  
 vases in sealed baggies, babies can squish  
 and move around on it during tummy time  
 creating their own colorful keepsake. This  
 program is geared toward children who are  
 0 - 12 months old. Registration required.  
 Registration for this event opens Saturday,  
 February 22 at 8:30 AM.

**HOME ALONE STAYING SAFE  
 (GRADES 4-6)**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 8 10:00 AM—12:30 PM  
 Garden Room Nevins Library 305 Broad-  
 way, Methuen, MA, 01844  
 The Methuen Recreation Department  
 is once again offering this this popular  
 program! If you're wondering whether  
 your child is ready to be left home alone,  
 this course will be the answer you need: It  
 prepares kids to handle most home-alone  
 situations, including information on basic  
 safety and self-defense, food and kitchen  
 safety, first aid, and handling emergencies.  
 For more information on price and registra-  
 tion, please visit the Rec Department's  
 website

**Monday, March 10**  
**MANGA CLUB!**  
 MONDAY, MARCH 10 6:30—7:30 PM  
 Amesbury Room Amesbury Public Li-  
 brary 149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913  
 Manga Club!  
 Ages 13 - 18  
 Our monthly Manga Club will intro-  
 duce you to some new reads, discuss  
 manga, watch anime, draw, create.  
 This program will change depending  
 on the interests of the attendees. If  
 you're an avid reader of manga or are  
 just curious, come by! This program  
 will be lead by Cassandra.  
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 No Registration Required

**CREATE, EXPLORE & MORE! MARDI  
 GRAS MASKS (AGES 9-11)**  
 MONDAY, MARCH 10 6:30—7:15 PM  
 Garden Room Nevins Library 305  
 Broadway, Methuen, MA, 01844  
 Create, Explore & More! Mardi Gras  
 Masks (Ages 9-11)  
 This monthly program offers various  
 activities to keep kids thinking, creat-  
 ing, and having fun!  
 If your plans change after you  
 register and you won't be able to  
 come to the program, please have  
 the courtesy to cancel your registra-  
 tion so that children on the waiting  
 list can take your place. You can find  
 a link to cancel your plans on your

registration confirmation email, or you can  
 call us at 978-686-4080 x26.

**Thursday, March 13**  
**MIDDLE GRADE BOOK CLUB (AGES 8-12)**  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 13 3:30—4:30 PM  
 Children's Activity Room Newburyport  
 Public Library, 94 State Street,  
 Newburyport, MA, 01950  
 Middle Grade Book Club (Ages 8-12)  
 Not sure what to read next? Looking for  
 a fun after-school activity? Check out our  
 new Middle Grade Book Club (Ages 8-12)!  
 Each month we'll meet to discuss a differ-  
 ent book, play games, and eat snacks.  
 On March 13th we'll meet to discuss "The  
 Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow"  
 by Elaine Dimopoulos. Call the library or  
 log in to your MVL account to request a  
 copy of the book today!  
 Book cover of "The Remarkable Rescue at  
 Milkweed Meadow"  
 "Butternut lives in the burrows of Milkweed  
 Meadow with her nine rabbit brothers and  
 sisters. Together they practice strategies  
 for survival and tell stories. With disastrous  
 scenarios blooming in her mind, Butternut  
 embraces the lesson of her families' stories:  
 stick to your own rabbit-kind. But after  
 befriending an incorrigible robin and a  
 wounded deer, Butternut begins to ques-  
 tion what she has been taught.  
 When the three friends discover other  
 animals in crisis, Butternut must decide  
 whether she can help, rally her friends and

family, and be as brave as the heroes in the  
 stories she tells."  
 Registration is requested (so we can plan  
 snacks accordingly!) but drop-ins are also  
 welcome. Caregivers are not required to  
 stay for this program but kids should know  
 how to get in touch with an adult should  
 the need arise.

**READ TO A DOG**  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 13 3:30—3:45 PM  
 Teen Loft Amesbury Public Library 149  
 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913  
 Read to a Dog  
 Read to a dog to help improve reading  
 skills and get comfortable with reading  
 aloud with only a very cuddly dog to hear  
 you! This program will have Gus, a certi-  
 fied reading dog, and his caretaker at the  
 library in our Teen Loft! Sign up for a 15  
 minute slot.  
 This is great for reluctant readers, readers  
 just learning, dog lovers, hesitant readers...  
 Please register for a time slot and arrive in  
 advance of the time. You can bring a book  
 or we will have some to choose from.  
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 ONE CHILD FOR A TIME BUT UP TO THREE  
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 YOU'D LIKE**  
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 388-8148x4

**Monday, March 17**  
**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
**ON SCREEN: THE SCORCH TRIALS**  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 18 5:00—7:15 PM  
 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Li-  
 brary 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
 After having escaped the Maze, the Gladers  
 now face a new set of challenges on the  
 open roads of a desolate landscape filled  
 with unimaginable obstacles.  
 Rated PG-13  
 No Registration Required

**Wednesday, March 19**  
**Dungeons and Dragons for 10 - 14 year  
 olds**  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 4:00—6:00 PM  
 Amesbury Room Amesbury Public Li-  
 brary 149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913  
 Dungeons and Dragons for 10 - 14 year  
 olds  
 Ages 10 - 14 years old  
 Come play in a Dungeons and Dragons  
 ongoing campaign! You'll create your own  
 characters and build the story session to  
 session. Come if you're a beginner or if you  
 know the rules. All are welcome!  
 Registration is required and is for all 7  
 weeks. The sessions take place every other  
 Wednesday for 2 hours.  
 This is Session 0 and will involve creating  
 characters, setting up rules of play, etc

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### Saturday, March 22

#### SLIME TIME

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 2:00—3:00 PM  
Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
Get ready for a spectacular slime experience! For ages 6-11  
Registration required  
Registration for this event opens Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 AM.

#### FRIENDS' SPRING BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 9:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Great Hall Nevins Library 305 Broadway, Methuen, MA, 01844  
Come see all the great books and more that we have!  
No Registration Required

### Monday, March 24

HISTORY UNLOCKED: MYTHICAL CREATURES OF IRELAND (AGES 8-11)  
MONDAY, MARCH 24 6:00—7:00 PM  
Garden Room Nevins Library 305 Broadway, Methuen, MA, 01844  
Our "Unlocked" series takes a deep dive into a variety of fascinating topics and includes fun hands-on experiences. This month we'll explore an amazing array of mythical creatures of Ireland – it's not all about leprechauns!  
If your plans change after you register and you won't be able to come to the program, please have the courtesy to cancel your registration so that children on the waiting

list can take your place. You can find a link to cancel your plans on your registration confirmation email, or you can call us at 978-686-4080 x26.

### Wednesday, March 26

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: MOANA 2  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 6:00—8:00 PM  
Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
Join us for a family movie!  
This month we will be showing "Moana 2."  
No Registration Required

### Thursday, March 27

GREAT OLD BOOK SALE IS HERE!  
(IN-PERSON)  
THURSDAY, MARCH 27 9:30 AM—7:30 PM  
Program Room Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA  
Book Sale Donations  
Saturday, March 22: 9:30 am-4:30 pm  
Monday, March 24: 9:30 am-7:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 25: 9:30 am-2:30 pm  
All donations must be brought in through the front door.  
Hardcover, paperback, and audio books only.  
No other media, textbooks or magazines will be accepted.  
No donations will be accepted after 2:30 pm Tuesday.  
Please, 8 box limit.  
Friends of the Library Members' Sale  
Wednesday, March 26: 2:00 pm-8:00 pm  
FOL Members Only. Membership can be purchased at the library.  
Entry numbers are available in the lobby starting at 12:00 pm Wednesday.

#### General Sale

Thursday, March 27, 9:30 am-7:30 pm  
Friday, March 28, 9:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday, March 29, 9:30 am-2:30 pm  
Volunteers are always welcome. A volunteer sign-up book can be found in the library lobby or you can sign up online using Signup Genius HERE.  
This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Newburyport Public Library. Proceeds will benefit the Newburyport Public Library collections and programs.  
No Registration Required

#### ONCE UPON A PICTURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 10:00—11:00 AM  
Cavallaro Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
Book with castles and other things coming out of it.  
Celebrate creativity with us in this fun and interactive storytime where YOU become the storyteller! We'll "read" a wordless picture book together. Using the illustrations as our guide, you and your child will have the chance to create and tell your own unique story. For ages 3 – 6, but siblings are welcome. Registration required.  
Registration for this event opens Thursday, March 13 at 8:00 AM

### Saturday, March 29

MAKE AND TAKE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 29 ALL DAY  
Pick-Up in Library Amesbury Public Library 149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913  
Bag kits sitting on table  
Come by the library for a craft activity kit! You'll find instructions and supplies to

make whatever is inside.

These last as long as supplies last! First come, first pick up!  
We'll update with specifics of ages and topic!  
For more information, contact Youth Service Department at [ys@amesburylibrary.org](mailto:ys@amesburylibrary.org) or 978-388-8148 x4  
No Registration Required

### Monday, March 31

HOMEWORK HELP  
MONDAY, MARCH 31 4:00—6:00 PM  
Children's Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830  
Homework Help  
Do you need help with your homework? Math problems getting the best of you? Need help reading? Drop in to get help from one of our high school student volunteers! First come, first served.  
Recommended for children in grades 3-6.  
No Registration Required

STORIES & SONGS (AGES INFANT-5)  
MONDAY, MARCH 31 5:30—6:00 PM  
Garden Room Nevins Library 305 Broadway, Methuen, MA, 01844  
Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)  
Here's an entertaining program that gives families an evening option for their young children -- come join us for stories, music, and fun! No registration is required.  
No Registration Required

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