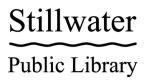
# **MAKING AN IMPACT** 2024



## **Growing Early Learners**

At Stillwater Public Library, we provide early learning opportunities that lay the foundation for lifelong success. Our Youth Services team fosters language, literacy, and social-emotional development through storytimes, activities, and curated books, helping children build essential skills and a love for reading. These resources support school readiness while creating a welcoming space for families to engage in their child's learning.

## **Storytimes**

Storytimes at Stillwater Public Library are immersive, engaging experiences that spark imagination, foster learning, and build a love for books. Each session is carefully designed to create a nurturing environment for young minds.



#### **Patron Story:**

Janelle cares for her 4 1/2-year-old great-niece, Olivia, once a week. Noticing Olivia hadn't yet learned her alphabet, Janelle made library storytime a regular part of their routine. At first, Olivia struggled to engage, but after just six weeks, she's now fully participating—singing, doing the motions, recognizing letters, and making friends.

"It's been an amazing experience for Olivia, helping her socially and academically as she prepares for school." - Janelle, 2024

### **Books for Young Learners**



## **Discovery Room**

Open during library hours, the Discovery Room offers a space for kids and caregivers to play, imagine, and learn together. Created by staff, the Discovery Room is made possible through the generosity of the Stillwater Public Library Foundation.



"My son loves the 'store' with the cash registers! The wind tunnel is always a favorite, and we can't wait to visit and see what theme is next! The effort and details in this room are incredible, and the entire children's area at the Stillwater library has been an amazing resource for our family."

- Megan, 2024

"Love the hands-on applications of learning. It's like a mini children's/please touch museum. Love that it brings the kids to the library and builds a foundation to loving the library."

- Anna, 2024

"My children ALWAYS enjoy everything in the Discovery Room. It's hard to get them to leave :) Thank you for making it so enjoyable."

- Kristin, 2024

