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## Stories with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Every child loves a story, especially Christmas stories which stimulate their imagination and keeps alive the wonderful thoughts of the coming holiday season, leading up to the big day—Christmas! This is that special time of the year for children and stories help add to the magic of the season. They enjoy listening to everything from the great classics including Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol” to newer stories such as the Dr. Seuss tale, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” to the famous Chris Van Allsburg book, “The Polar Express” and “A Charlie Brown Christmas” by Charles M. Schulz”. Very few people remember “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” was first a story written by Robert L. May, right here in Chicago for Montgomery Ward in 1939—ten years before the song came out. And of course, who can forget everyone's all-time favorite, Clement Clarke Moore’s “The Night Before Christmas”.

Listed are events in the Chicago area that have Stories with Santa and Mrs. Claus or in some cases just Stories with Mrs. Claus. These are places where kids can enjoy the books they love the most.

**Dates, times & cost for all events listed are subject to change.**

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Story Time with Santa is a favorite for children

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## Barrington

### **Holiday Bedtime Stories with Mrs. Claus and Santa Tuesday, December 3rd & Thursday, December 5th, 2019**

Sponsor: Barrington Park District

Event at: Fitness & RecCenter John Sullivan Room

235 Lions Drive

Barrington, IL 60010

[www.barringtonparkdistrict.org](http://www.barringtonparkdistrict.org)

([http://www.barringtonparkdistrict.org/html/park\\_info/](http://www.barringtonparkdistrict.org/html/park_info/)) For  
information: (847) 304-5291

email:

[jkrause@barringtonparkdistrict.org](mailto:jkrause@barringtonparkdistrict.org)

(<mailto:jkrause@barringtonparkdistrict.org>)

Pre-registration required

Times: Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:45pm and 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Thursday, 5:30pm - 6:45pm

**Cost:** \$14 residents - \$16 non-residents, parents are free

For children ages 1-7 with parent

The little ones can wear their pajamas and enjoy a night they won't soon forget. Mrs. Claus will be reading some of your favorite Christmas stories. There will be Christmas songs and milk and cookies—don't be too surprised if old Santa Claus shows up with a little present. Remember to bring a camera.



Mrs. Claus in Barrington - photo courtesy Barrington Park District

## Chicago

### Tea with Mrs. Claus at The Peninsula Chicago Saturday, November 30th, Sunday, December 1st, & Friday, December 20th, 2019

Event at: The Peninsula  
108 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

[www.peninsula.com/chicago/](http://www.peninsula.com/chicago/)

(<http://chicago.peninsula.com/en/default>)

For additional information or reservations: (312) 573-6620

E-mail: [pch@peninsula.com](mailto:pch@peninsula.com) (<mailto:pch@peninsula.com>)

(<mailto:E-mail%3A%20pch@peninsula.com%20>)

Times: check with the Peninsula

**Cost:** \$125 adults and \$110 children.

Our young guests will delight in a magical event created just for them. The fun begins with Mrs. Claus' Christmas storytelling, cookie decorating and an irresistible menu just for children, plus a special appearance from Santa Claus. Adults can enjoy a Champagne Afternoon Tea.

## Crystal Lake

### Story Time Fun with Mrs. Claus

**Saturday, December 14th, 2019**

Sponsor: Crystal Lake Park District

Event at: The Rotary Building

431 Walkup Road

Crystal Lake, IL 60012

[www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org) (<http://www.crystallakeparks.org/>)

reservations required

For information: (815) 459-0680, ext 218

**Times: 4pm to 5pm and 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

**Cost:** \$15 residents - \$20 non-residents

Note: For children ages 3-10 only.

Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and stuffed animal for a night of Christmas songs and stories with Mrs. Claus.

Refreshments will be served.

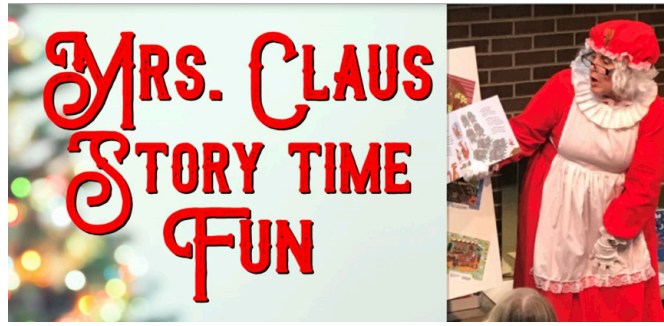


Photo Courtesy Crystal Lake Park District

### **Stories with Mrs. Claus at the Crystal Lake Public Library Sunday December 8th, Monday December 9th & Tuesday**

#### **December 10th, 2019**

Sponsor: Crystal Lake Public Library

Event at: 126 W. Paddock Street - Ames ii Room

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

[www.crystallakelibrary.org](http://www.crystallakelibrary.org) (<http://www.crystallakelibrary.org/>)

For information: (815) 459-1687

Registration required For children 18 months up to 6 years old

**Times:** Check with the library for times

#### **Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Come to the library and meet Mrs. Claus who will be reading Christmas stories and enjoy a holiday party. There will be songs and treats for everyone **Note: This event is available for Crystal Lake Public Library card holders only.**

## **Deer Park**

### **Storytime with Mrs. Claus in Deer Park**

**Saturday, December 14th, 2019**

Sponsor: Barnes & Noble

Event at: Childrens Department, Barnes & Noble

Deer Park Town Center - 20600 N. Rand Rd.

Deer Park, IL 60010

<https://shopdeerparktowncenter.com/event/Storytime-with-Mrs-Claus/2145533837/>

(<https://shopdeerparktowncenter.com/event/Storytime-with-Mrs-Claus/2145533837/>)

(847) 438-7444

Time: 11:30pm

#### **Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Bring the little ones for an hour of storytelling on December 14.

Join Mrs. Claus at Barnes & Noble Deer Park in the children's department at as she reads stories and spreads holiday cheer.

## **Elk Grove Village**

### **Storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Elk Grove Village**

**Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019**

Sponsor: Elk Grove Park District

Event at: Garden Terrace Room  
1000 Wellington Avenue  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
[www.elkgroveparks.org](http://www.elkgroveparks.org) (<http://www.elkgroveparks.org/>)  
reservations required  
(847) 437-9494

**Time: 6pm - 7:30pm**

**Cost:** \$6 per person, if purchased in advance Note: tickets on Dec. 3rd are \$7 per person

An exciting evening has been put together by the Elk Grove Park District. Mrs. Claus will be reading some of her favorite holiday stories, all the children get to make a craft and have some hot chocolate and everyone gets to talk to and have a picture with Santa Claus.



Graphic courtesy Elk Grove Park District

## Highwood

### Stories & Pictures with Santa in Highwood

**Thursday, December 12th 2019**

Sponsor: Highwood Public Library

102 Highwood Avenue

Highwood, IL 60040

<http://highwoodlibrary.org> (<http://highwoodlibrary.org/>)

registration required

For information: (847) 432-5404

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Stories will be read to the children and then they will meet with Santa for pictures and to tell him what they would like for Christmas. Don't forget your cameras.



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## Joliet

### Stories with Santa in Joliet

**Tuesday, December 10th & Wednesday, December 11th, 2019**

Sponsor: Joliet Public Library

3395 Black Road

Joliet, IL 60431

[www.joliet.lib.il.us](http://www.joliet.lib.il.us) (<http://www.joliet.lib.il.us/>)

For information: (815) 740-2660

For pre-schoolers -registration is not required

**Times:** Both days - 10am - 11:30am

#### **Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Come and listen to holiday stories, enjoy activities and then it's time for the kids have a chat with Santa and for you to get pictures of them with the old guy. Don't forget to bring a camera.

## Lisle

### Story Time and Cookies with Mrs. Claus in Lisle

**Saturday, December 7th, 2019**

Sponsor: Lisle Park District

Lisle Recreation Center

Multipurpose Room 1

1925 Ohio Street

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 964-3410

[www.lisleparkdistrict.org](http://www.lisleparkdistrict.org) (<http://www.lisleparkdistrict.org/>)

Registration required

For children ages 3 to 7

**Time:** 11am to 12:30pm

**Cost:** Residents: \$35; non-residents: \$50

The little ones will love this event—Mrs. Claus is going to read



the Night Before Christmas, then the kids are going to help her decorate and eat cookies and drink cocoa. They will also make a Christmas ornament to take home and put on the tree and sing Christmas songs.



Photo courtesy Lisle Park District

## Mundelein

### **Breakfast 'N' Story with Santa in Mundelein**

**Saturday, December 14th, 2019**

Sponsor: Mundelein Park & Recreation District

Event at: Regent Center

1200 Regent Drive

Mundelein, IL 60060

[www.mundeleinparks.org](http://www.mundeleinparks.org) (<http://www.mundeleinparks.org/>)

For information: (847) 388-5447

Pre-registration required

**Time: 9am to 11am**

**Cost:** \$15 residents - \$20 non-residents

For children ages 1–8 with parent or supervision

No need to wait in line at a mall—bring the kids in for breakfast and a story with Santa. Santa will read one of his favorites, “The Night Before Christmas”. There will be plenty of time to get your holiday photos so remember to bring your camera



Photo courtesy Mundelein Park District

## Shorewood

**Santa's coming to Town in Shorewood****Tuesday, December 10th, 2019**

Sponsor: Shorewood-Troy Public Library

650 Deerwood Drive

Shorewood, IL 60404

<http://www.shorewood.lib.il.us/> (<http://www.shorewood.lib.il.us/>)

registration required

For information: (815) 725-4368

Time: 6:30pm to 8pm

**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Note: Event is for children ages nine and under

Be sure to bring the children out for a great evening when Santa makes his annual visit to Shorewood. The kids will meet with Santa Claus who will hear what the little ones would like for Christmas. There will be a holiday story, craft making and treats plus time for picture taking, so don't forget your cameras.



Stories with Santa in Shorewood

**Stickney****Stories with Santa at the Stickney-Forest View Library****Thursday, December 12th, 2019**

Sponsor: Stickney-Forest View Library

6800 West 43rd Street

Stickney, IL 60402

[www.sfvpld.org/stickney](http://www.sfvpld.org/stickney) (<http://www.sfvpld.org/stickney>)

reservations required

For information: (708) 749-1050 ext. 131

**Time: 6pm to 7:30pm****Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

This is an evening all children are sure to love. There will be craft making and holiday treats, Santa will be listening to what the kids hope to receive. Remember to bring a camera to get those holiday photos.

**Winfield**



**Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus in Winfield  
Saturday, December 14th, 2019**

Winfield Public Library  
0S291 Winfield Road  
Winfield, IL 60190

[www.winfield.lib.il.us](http://www.winfield.lib.il.us) (<http://www.winfield.lib.il.us/>)

Additional information: (630) 653-7599

To book: Tickets at circulation desk in Library starting Nov. 30th

**Time: 10am - 11:30am**

**Cost: FREE SANTA EVENT**

Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Come and listen to wonderful holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus and have your picture taken with Santa Claus.



Photo courtesy Winfield Public Library

## Woodridge

**Santa's Bedtime Stories in Woodridge**

**Sunday, December 15th, 2019**

Sponsor: Woodridge Park District

Event at: Community Center

2600 Center Drive (Hickory-Oak)

Woodridge, IL 60501

[www.woodridgeparks.org/](http://www.woodridgeparks.org/) (<http://www.woodridgeparks.org/>)

reservations required

To book: (630) 353-3300

Age: 1 - 8 years old

**Times: 6pm to 6:45pm and 7:15pm to 8pm**

**Cost: \$10 residents \$14 non-residents**

It's ok to wear your pajamas, when you come to Santa's Bedtime Stories. There will be a candy cane hunt and the kid's will listen to their favorite Christmas stories, plus there will be a snack of milk and cookies. Every child gets to tell Santa his Christmas wishes and then has a picture taken with the jolly old elf.



Photo courtesy Woodridge Park District

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