**Montgomery**

**Infant/Toddler Story Time & Playgroup:** Thursday from 9:00-10:30 am at the Montgomery Town Library.

**Tumble Time:** Friday from 10-11am at the Montgomery School Gym.

Please contact Greta Quintin at (802) 347-1780 montgomerybbf@gmail.com for more info.

**Richford**

Please contact Elyse Perambo richfordbbf@gmail.com for more information.

**Playgroup**: NEW! Mondays at 9:30-10:30 am the Richford Elementary School Gym.

**Story hour:** Wednesdays at 9:30 am at the Arvin A. Brown Library Main St. in Richford. [www.aabrown.org](http://www.aabrown.org) or call 848-3313

**Sheldon**

NEW PROGRAM! Please contact Amanda Webster Perry at sheldonbbf@gmail.com for more information.

Check our website for new location & times:

[www.building](http://www.building)brightfutures.org

**St. Albans**

**Playgroup:** *Building Better Families Playgroup!* Wednesday 9:00-10:30 am at the Family Center at Northwestern Counseling Support Services. Please contact Margaret Maley at

(802) 393-6591 margaret.maley@ncssinc.org for more information.

**St. Albans**

**Waterbabies:** NEW! Once a week you may join our FREE Waterbabies program. CHOOSE ONE DAY, EITHER: Mondays at 6 pm OR Wednesdays at 5:15pm. You may not attend twice a week. Open to infants up to 2 years old only. One child to one adult required for safety reasons. If you have two infants and/or 2 yr. old, you must have another adult to attend with the other child. Swim diapers required.

**NEW! SWIMTOTS! Starts Thursdays, Jan. 22nd from 6-6:45 pm.**Open to toddlers 3 to 4 years old with one child to one adult required.

Pre-registration and proof of residency required for Franklin Grand Isle County Residents only. Branon’s Pool, Route 7, St.Albans. Call Branon’s for more info: 527-7957.

**Swanton**

**Story Time**: Wednesday at 10 – 11:00am and Saturdays at 10:30 am at the Swanton Public Library.

**Playgroup:** **Mondays** 9:30- 11:00 am at the Babcock Swanton Elementary School. Follows school calendar. **Fridays** 9:00-10:30 am @ Holy Trinity Church.

**Tumble Time:**  Starts Jan.10th –April 11th. Saturday 9-10 am at Babcock Swanton Elementary School Gym. Check website for times [www.buildingbrightfutures.org](http://www.buildingbrightfutures.org) or call.

**Special events: RSVP!** Stay tuned! Pre-register for all events at the Swanton Library.Please contact Diana Fackler at (802) 868-3033 swantonbbf@gmail.com for more information.

**“Play Is The Work of the Child” ~Maria Montessori** *Play activities are essential to healthy development for children and adolescents. Research shows that 75% of brain development occurs after birth. The activities engaged in by children both stimulate and influence the pattern of the connections made between the nerve cells. This process influences the development of fine and gross motor skills, language, socialization, personal awareness, emotional well-being, creativity, problem solving and learning ability. The most important role that play can have is to help children to be active, make choices and practice actions to mastery. They should have experience with a wide variety of content (art, music, language, science, math, social relations) because each is important for the development of a complex and integrated brain. Play that links sensori-motor, cognitive, and social-emotional experiences provides an ideal setting from brain development.
Read more:*[*http://childdevelopmentinfo.com/child-development/play-work-of-children/#ixzz3D736Lp3F*](http://childdevelopmentinfo.com/child-development/play-work-of-children/#ixzz3D736Lp3F)*Follow us: [@ParentingWeb on Twitter](http://ec.tynt.com/b/rw?id=b8sxbmEWKr44tvacwqm_6r&u=ParentingWeb" \t "_blank) | [ParentingTodayCDI on Facebook](http://ec.tynt.com/b/rf?id=b8sxbmEWKr44tvacwqm_6r&u=ParentingTodayCDI" \t "_blank)*



**Spring 2015**

**FREE & Open to ALL families and caregivers with children ages 0 – 8 yrs.**

***All Playgroups follow guidelines to include a Welcome Circle, Free Time, Story, Snack & Craft!***

 **Registration not required (unless indicated)**

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**Alburgh**

**Storytime:** Alburgh Public Library,16So.Main St. every Tuesday 10:30 am.

**Playgroup**:Alburgh Public Library,16So.Main St. every Thursday 9:30-11:00 am.

Please contact Margaret Maley at

(802) 393-6591 margaret.maley@ncssinc.org for more information.

**Berkshire**

**PJ Story Time:** Third Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:00 at the Berkshire Elementary School in the Kindergarten Classroom.

**Tumble Time:** Winter/Spring One time special event**.** Please contact Jessica Neill at (802) 793-6545 berkshirebbf@gmail.com for more information.

**Enosburg**

**Playgroup**: Wednesdays from 9-10:30 am at the American Legion on Depot St. (just off of Main St.).

**Tumble Time**: First Saturday of the month from 9-10am at the Enosburg Elementary School.

**Story Hour**: Friday and Saturday 9-10 at the Enosburg Library.  Fri. is for infants to 3 & Sat. is for 4-8 yrs.

Please contact Judy Rogers (802) 933-7456 enosburgbbf@gmail.com for more information

**Fairfax**

**Preschool Story Time:** Tuesday at 9:30 - 10:30am at the Fairfax Community Library.

**PJ Story Hour:** First Thursday of every month. From 6-7 pm at the Fairfax Community Library.

**Community Playgroup:**Every other Friday following the school calendar. From 9-10:30 am at BFA Fairfax Elementary School in the Preschool classroom.This is a “nut free” zone. Please stop in school office to sign in.

**Open Tot Gym:** Saurdays 10-11:30 am. Jan.10,17,24,31;Feb.14&21;Mar.7,14,21. BFA Fairfax Elementary School Gym. Please contact us Jenn Foster at (802) 849-7031 fairfaxsx6@gmail.com or access our website [https://sites.google.com/site/fairfaxsx6/](https://sites.google.com/site/fairfaxsx6/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for more information.

**Fairfield**

**Playgroup:** NEW TIME!Wednesday 9:30- 11:00 am at the Bent Northrup Library. Follows school calendar. **Tumble Time:\*\*\***

Please contact Sarah Montgomery at (802) 827-3945 bnmllibrarian@gmail.com or fairfieldbbf@gmail.com

**Fletcher**

**Playgroup**: NEW! Tuesdays at 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Fletcher Elementary School Gym.

**Tumble Time:** \*\*\*

Please contact Nancy Hurt at (802) 849-6251 fletcherbbf@gmail.com or nhurt@fwsu.org

**Franklin**

**Tumble Time/Playgroup** 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00-11:15 am at the Franklin Central School **Exceptions**:There will be no group held in March.

**Special Events:** Follow Franklin on Facebook at *Franklin Building Bright Futures*

Please contact Jen Dewing at (802) 285-6678 franklinbbf@gmail.com for more information

**Georgia**

**Playgroup**: Tuesday from 9-11am at Georgia Elementary Middle School.

**Tumble Time**: October-May. Every other Friday 1:35-2:40 pm at GEMS Little Gym.

Every other Saturday 10:00-11:00 am at GEMS Little Gym.

***Events on hold until filled: Story Hour, Yoga for Tots and Zumba for Kids.***

We follow the school calendar and will cancel playgroup on school vacations and if there is a delay for whatever reason.

Please contact Diana Cribby at (802) 528-5470 georgiabbf@gmail.com or grnmtngurl@yahoo.com for more information.

**Grand Isle County (South Hero, Grand Isle, Isle LaMotte, North Hero, Alburgh)**

**Alburgh:** Alburgh Public Library,16So.Main St. every Thursday 9:30-11:00 am.

Please contact Margaret Maley at

(802) 393-6591 margaret.maley@ncssinc.org for more information.

**South Hero Playgroup:** Fridays 9:30-11am South Hero Congregational Church. FIRST FRIDAY of every month meets at the SH Library at Folsom School for Toddler Music Time.

**Isle LaMotte:** Fridays 8:30-11:00am ILM Elementary School.

**Highgate**

**Story time:** Tuesday & Wednesdays at

10:00 – 11am at the Highgate Public Library.

Please contact Liza Comiskey at (802) 868-3970 highgatebbf@gmail.com or visit [www.highgatelibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.highgatelibrary.wordpress.com) for more information special programs and presenters!

**Building Bright Futures is looking for community volunteers to assist with activities! If you would like to learn more please email** **fgibbfdirectservice@gmail.com** **or call (802) 370-0838.**

Loli Berard, Regional Coordinator

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***\*\*\*Most of our programs follow the school calendars. If school is cancelled, our programs are.\*\*\****

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

**BIG RIG DAY & MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

**April 11, 2015 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Highgate Elementary School, Gore Rd. Highgate Center, VT 05479. A FREE Family fun event, check out big rigs, play, free book give aways & snacks! Call 868-5077 or email** **fgibookmobile@yahoo.com**

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