

PJ Library

is an international award-winning program designed to strengthen Jewish identity by sending Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to children from age **newborn through 8 years**.



PJ Library families **celebrated Jewish holidays all year round** with events such as Havdalah in Space, Hamantaschen Make & Bake, Shabbat in the Park, Jewish Art for the New Year, Create & Celebrate Family Chanukah Celebration, and more!

PJ Library Minneapolis in 2025

- distributed **14,035 books** to **1,584 Jewish children** from birth to age 12
- hosted **46 events** for local families to engage with other families raising Jewish children



New and exciting programming included a **Jewish Pregnancy Support Circle**, a festive **Pride Tot Shabbat**, and a Ready, Set, **Rosh Hashanah** event where families enjoyed holiday crafts and made Rosh Hashanah Classroom Kits.



PJ Library has been a beautiful gift to me and my family - it has given us a sense of community, lifelong friends, and continued support as first-time parents. Through its stories and programs, we've also learned so much about Jewish traditions and beliefs, deepening our connection to our heritage in the most meaningful way.

PJ Parent Connector

met with new parents to help them build a Jewish community as they transitioned into parenthood, and helped families new to Mpls connect with local families and Jewish institutions.

- Held **28** small & large group **gatherings for 283 families** with young children to get to know each other.
- Met one-on-one with **69 new parents and/or families** to welcome them to PJ Library through coffee dates, walks, playground meet-ups, home visits, etc.



- Young families with 0–2-year-olds gathered monthly with our PJ Library Parent Connector for **ShabTOT Shalom Circle Time and PJ Walking Club**, as well as for special holiday celebrations, park playdates, and **PJ Mom meetups** such as a Rosh Chodesh Circle and a Tu B'Av "Favorite Things" Party.
- Families with new babies received a warm welcome at the annual **Shalom Baby Shower** and had the opportunity to connect with other families and local Jewish and community organizations serving young families.

PJ Our Way enrollment increased by 35% from last year. Event highlights included Jump into Lag B'Omer at a trampoline park and Glow Crazy Havdalah, featuring glow-in-the-dark splatter painting and slime!



PJ Our Way

is the next chapter of PJ Library for **tweens ages 9-12**, who can visit pjourway.org each month to choose their own books.



Thank you!

"The monthly books are something we truly look forward to, and the programs have become a special way for us to connect with other Jewish families - we always leave feeling inspired and supported."

**-Rebecca Silberfarb,
PJ Parent**



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