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## City Annual Tree Lighting

December 1, 5PM

Join our Bookmobile and the rest of Framingham for this year's annual tree lighting on Friday, December 1 from 5–7:30PM at City Hall Plaza, 150 Concord Street.



## Homework Center Tutors Wanted!

Earlier this fall, the Homework Center reopened in its new location—the Technology Learning Center at the Main Library.

Students K–12 can stop by Monday–Thursday from 3–6PM for free tutoring help and snacks. But we need your help!

Become a tutor and help a student find success in school and after school!

**What do you get as a tutor?** You make a difference in your community. But you also gain leadership, tutoring, and mentorship skills.

**Who can tutor?** Adults and teens, including students in grades 9–12, can really make a difference.

**Ready to become a tutor?** Contact Dawn Dellasanta at [ddellasanta@minlib.net](mailto:ddellasanta@minlib.net) or call 508-532-5570 x4640.



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## The Heist: Has Anyone Seen \$500 million in Art Lying Around Boston?

**With Bob Ainsworth**

December 6, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

You're familiar with the Gardner Heist committed more than 30 years ago and still unsolved. Now come learn actual details of the theft, the suspects, and the trail of the paintings afterward from local author Bob Ainsworth.

## All Ages Talent Show

December 11, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Show us your skills! Join us to show off your most impressive talent. All ages and skills are welcome! Or, stop by to see all of these amazing talents! Space is limited. Register your talent at [bit.ly/FPL-Talent](https://bit.ly/FPL-Talent).

## Happy Birth-Tay!

December 13, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a fun and fabulous Birth-Tay Extravaganza! Come dressed in your Eras Tour best to make and trade friendship bracelets, decorate Polaroids, and try your luck at 'Bejeweled' Bingo. Snacks will be provided. All ages welcome!

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch close at noon on Saturday, December 23 and remain closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Both libraries are also closed Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday.

### Main Library

49 Lexington Street  
508-532-5570  
Monday–Thursday 9–9  
Friday–Saturday 9–5  
Sunday 1–5

### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street  
508-532-5636  
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9  
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5  
Sunday 12–4

Sign up for email updates of Library news and events at [framinghamlibrary.org](http://framinghamlibrary.org)!

Funding for Library programs is provided in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library.



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### Lunchtime Learning Series: Downtown Framingham

December 1, 12PM | Main Library,  
Costin Room

Let's take a deep dive into the  
central business district that  
makes up our beautiful city.

### It's Your Story - Tell It!

December 2, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room

Join master storyteller, Rona Leventhal,  
in this adult, 2-hour workshop to find  
and grow the seeds of your story.

### Author Talk: "Emma Redux" by Dr. Helen Heineman

December 4, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room

Join Dr. Helen Heineman as she  
discusses her recently-published new  
novel! Signed books available for sale.

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### Victorian: Yuletide Cards

December 6, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room

Create your very own Victorian  
Yuletide card to hang in your living  
room or send out to friends and  
family. Drop-ins welcome!

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### Friday Night Film: *The Last Laugh* with pianist Richard Hughes

December 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin  
Room

Join Richard Hughes as he provides  
a musical score to F. W. Murnau's  
classic silent film *The Last Laugh*.

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### Spark Lab Satellite: Sewing Gift Bags

December 7, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room

Learn how to make a reusable gift  
bag. All materials provided for you.  
Registration required at [tinyurl.com/SatelliteSewing](http://tinyurl.com/SatelliteSewing). Ages 15+.

### Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Zefira Trio

December 10, 3PM | Main Library, Costin  
Room & YouTube Live

Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday  
Concert! No registration required!

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### Sustainability Series: Bicycling in Framingham

December 14, 7PM | Main Library,  
Costin Room & YouTube Live

Join FPL and the Framingham  
Sustainability Committee, turning  
Framingham into a major biking  
hub. Bring your questions and  
hear plans for the city!

### Resume Help Workshop

December 16, 10AM–3PM | Main Library,  
Technology Learning Center

Get assistance building the perfect  
resume or finding the right job  
with Ed Lawrence Registration  
required at [bit.ly/fpl-resume](http://bit.ly/fpl-resume).

### A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading with Helen Heineman

December 18, 7PM | Online via Zoom

Join Dr. Helen Heineman for this annual  
holiday tradition. Hear a dramatized  
reading of this version, accompanied  
by a slideshow of over 250 illustrations!  
Register at [bit.ly/FPL-Events](http://bit.ly/FPL-Events).

### McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Winter Votive Holders

December 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies for an Adult craft  
night and create a Mason jar votive  
holder, decorated for winter. Supplies  
and space are limited. Registration  
required at [tinyurl.com/FPL-votives](http://tinyurl.com/FPL-votives).

### Literacy Unlimited

Join our volunteer community! We help  
adult learners interested in improving  
their spoken English or reading ability.  
The next new tutor info session is on  
January 4 at 1PM in the Costin Room.

This month, help us reach our Annual  
Appeal goal. Donate online at  
[framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/appeal](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/appeal).

Visit our student recognition event  
on December 12 at 6PM in the Costin  
Room. Learn more at [framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/news-a](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/news-a).

Contact us at 508-532-5574 or via  
email at [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).



## BOOK CLUBS

### Club de Lectores

*El juego del ángel* de Carlos Ruiz Zafon, pgs. 1–336

4 de diciembre, 8PM | Zoom | [Regístrese: bit.ly/FPL-Events](https://bit.ly/FPL-Events).

### Main Library Adult Book Club

*The Woman with the Cure* by Lynn Cullen

December 5, 7PM | Zoom | [Register here](#).

### McAuliffe Evening Book Club

*Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin

December 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here](#).

### Science Fiction Book Club

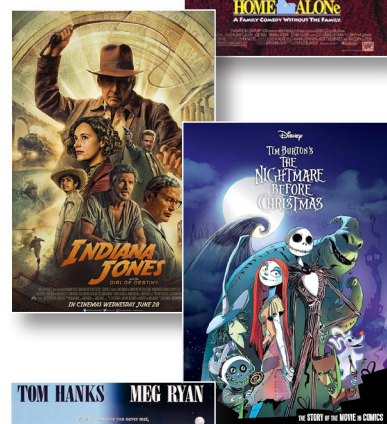
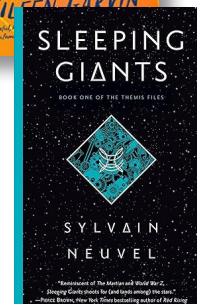
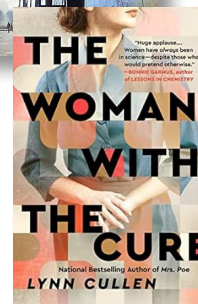
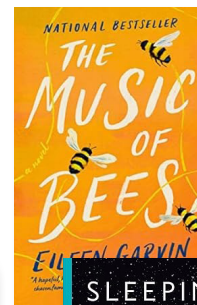
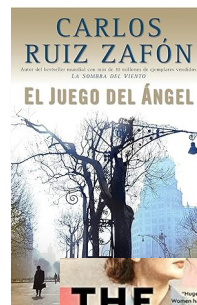
*Sleeping Giants* by Sylvia Neuval

December 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register here](#).

### McAuliffe Morning Book Club

No Homework Book Club (Open discussion of any book you choose!)

December 14, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room



## FILMS

### Friday Night Film: *The Last Laugh* with Richard Hughes

NR, 1924, 1h 30m

December 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Home Alone*

PG, 1990, 1h 43m

December 13, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Monday Matinee: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*

PG-13, 2023, 2h 22m

December 18, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

### McAuliffe Animatinee: *Nightmare Before Christmas*

PG, 1993, 1h 16m

December 19, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Sleepless in Seattle*

PG, 1993, 1h 45m

December 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *White Christmas*

NR, 1954, 2hr

December 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

## ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING:

### The Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: The Birth of the Modern World

Join us for an integrated study of political history, art, and literature during the early twentieth century, a time when the United States takes the stage, as the British Empire begins to lose its dominance in global affairs.

Online registration for the 2024 John L. Heineman Intersession opens on December 4 at 11AM. Online courses run January 5, 12, 19, and 26.

For more information, visit the [Adventures in Lifelong Learning page](#) on the Framingham State University website.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Tone & Stretch

Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members register at [bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes](https://bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes).

### Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, 7:30PM | Zoom

This class welcomes serious, experienced poets. Registration required for new members.

### Stretch & Relax

\* Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members register at [bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes](https://bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes).

\*No class December 27

### Meditation with Leslie

December 21, 11AM | Zoom

New members register for the Zoom link at [bit.ly/FPL-Events](https://bit.ly/FPL-Events).

### One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule an appointment.

### Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

December 13, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in to our monthly practice interview group led Ed Lawrence.

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

December 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join local veterans for free coffee and refreshments.

### Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays and 2nd & 4th

Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library

Wednesdays, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Puzzle Swaps

December 13, 7PM | Main Library

December 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Dungeons & Dragons Night

December 18, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch  
Registration required at [bit.ly/McA-DD](https://bit.ly/McA-DD).

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Weekly Minecraft

#### Collaborative Build

Every Wednesday, 2:30PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate. For more info, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft](https://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

### Maker Mondays: 3D Modeling

December 4, 11, & 18 | 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

New weekly drop-in program! Come once to test out that month's activity, or come every week to work on a big project!

### Girls Who Code

December 4 & 18, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Learn to code with hands-on projects and self-guided tutorials. Aimed at girls, non-binary students, and any student who supports the Girls Who Code mission. [Registration required](#). Enter code MA51696.

## SUPPORTERS

### FPL Foundation news

Wouldn't it be nice to relax at the Main Library over a magazine or book? The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create a Third Space, an inviting library living room at the Main Library. It will feature the periodical collection, comfortable seating, tables, and charging stations as well as a coffee machine.

We need your help! To donate, go to [framlibfoundation.org](https://framlibfoundation.org) or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com).

### Order your Amaryllis and Paperwhites by December 15

To see what's on offer and to place your order, go to [FriendsoftheFraminghamLibrary.fpfundraising.com](https://FriendsoftheFraminghamLibrary.fpfundraising.com).

### Early Release Day: Nail Art

December 7, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch

It's an early release day, so join us at the McAuliffe Branch to learn nail art! We'll have some nail polishes available, but feel free to bring your own!

### No-Sew Gnomes

December 12, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

December 14, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

These were such a hit last year, that they're making a comeback! Join us to make your own decorative gnome with no sewing required.

### Zine Club

December 16, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Come learn about the history of zines and create your own!

### Video Game Hangout

December 21, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6-12

Play video games and eat snacks!

### Tag Sale at Friends Book Sale, December 16, 10AM–3PM

Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM. Friends Bookstore and lobby books may be purchased from 9AM onward.

### Join the Friends

Many thanks to our Renewing Corporate Members: Charlene Frary Realtor, Market Basket, Megan H. Sullivan, Esq., Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Murphy's Automotive, and Shillman House Residents' Association. And we are grateful to our new corporate members: Coldwell Banker Realty Natick/ Framingham & Periodontal Associates.

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Join or renew now!](#)

## MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

### Mother Goose on the Loose

Mondays, January 8–March 11, 5:30PM |  
Children's Room | Ages 0–2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book in 30 minutes filled with fun, learning, and bonding for you and your baby!

[Registration begins December 4](#)—space is limited.

### Baby Fitness

December 2, 9:30AM | Costin Room | Ages 0-3

Join Jessica from Emotions in Motion for a workout with you and your baby! Best suited for pre-walkers and all fitness levels are encouraged. Please bring a mat.

### DIY Catnip Toys

December 6, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Make one, Give one! Make your own catnip toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

### Fuse Bead Ornaments

December 9, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Use fuse beads to make an ornament, gift, or keychain!

### Finger Painting Fun!

December 12, 9:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Have some fun finger painting! Be sure to wear an old shirt.

### Lego Build

December 13 & 18, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

### Winter Solstice Craft

December 21, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Come make some Pine Cone Bird Feeders to celebrate the Winter Solstice! These feeders help birds in your backyard find food during the winter. This program is peanut butter free.

### Polar Bear Handprints

December 22, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Join us in making our handprints into a wintry Polar Bear scene!

### Winter Vacation Movie: Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (2023)

December 26, 11AM | Costin Room | All ages

A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined. Run time 92 min., Rated PG. Closed captions provided.

### Pony Bead Animal Keychains

December 26, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Create a keychain animal using Pony Beads.

### Toto the Tornado Kitten

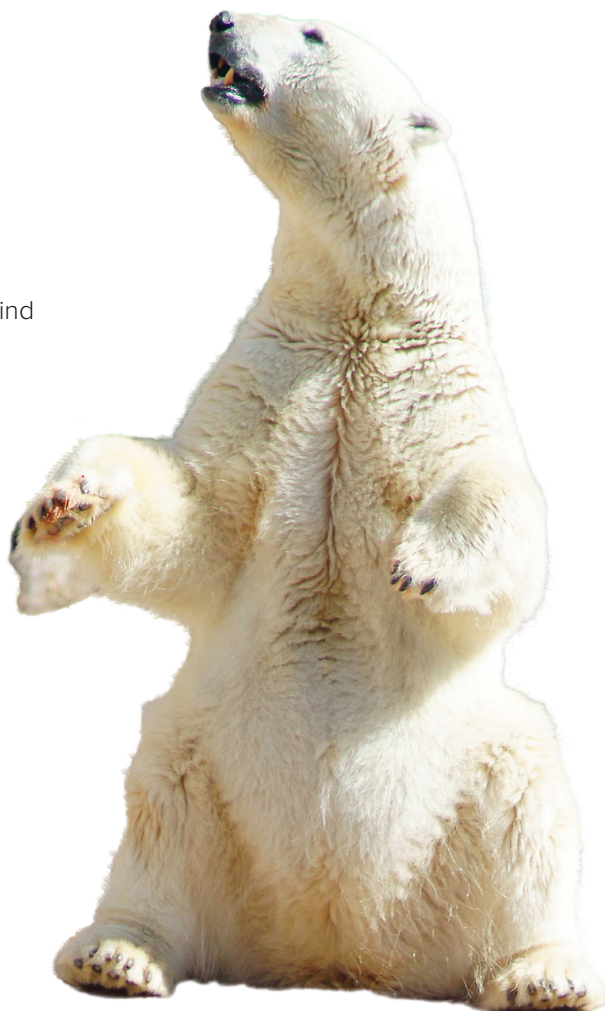
December 27, 11:30AM | Costin Room | All Ages

The remarkable story of a kitten who changed a town. Join Toto for a reading of their picture book, ask questions, and meet Toto!

### Kids' Paint Afternoon

December 29, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Hang out and paint a winter snowman scene. Juice and snacks provided! [Registration required](#); space is limited.





## MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

### Neuroscience Magic Show

December 2, 11AM | Community Room | Ages 8+

Join us as Sabrina Welch shares her knowledge on brain function using magic tricks to illustrate neuroscience concepts!

### OUT Metrowest String Art

December 3, 1PM | Community Room | All ages

In Partnership with OUT METROWEST - Join us in creating beautiful pieces of string art.

### Early Release Movie: Detective Pikachu

December 7, 1:30PM | Community Room

In a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu who seeks to be a detective. Runtime: 104m; Rated PG; Closed Captions Provided.

### Studio Ghibli Movie & Craft: Whisper of the Heart

December 12, 3:30PM | Community & Craft Rooms

Runtime; 111m Rated; G. Closed Captions Provided.

Shizuku, an inquisitive young girl and a voracious reader, who longs to be a writer when she grows up. One day she notices that all of her library books have previously been taken out by one Seiji Amasawa. Amid chasing after a large cat, befriending an eccentric antiques dealer and writing her first novel, Shizuku aims to find this mysterious boy who may well be her soul mate.

### Pokemon™ Trivia: Who's That Pokemon?™

December 16, 10AM | Community Room | All ages

Test your Pokemon™ knowledge by guessing who the Pokemon™ is based on their silhouette!

### Toddler Craft: Cotton Ball Snowmen

December 20, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Join us in a winter wonderland and build your very own (cottonball) snowman!

### Winter Solstice Craft

December 21, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Come make some Pine Cone Bird Feeders to celebrate the Winter Solstice! These feeders will help birds that live in your backyard find food during the winter.

### Pokemon™ Craft

December 22, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 4+

Come make a Pokeball™ Suncatcher or a paper plate Pokeball™ with your own Pokemon™ to go inside!



### DIY Snow Globes

December 26, 2PM | Craft Room | Ages 8+

Kick back this winter break and make your own themed snow globes! With glitter, figurines, and a ton of imagination, you're bound to have fun making and shaking these snow globes!

### Lego Build

December 28, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

### Giant 3D Paper Snowflakes

December 30, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Fold, Cut, Decorate, and Staple together your own Giant Snowflakes.

## TWEEN EVENTS

### DIY Catnip Toys

December 6, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

Make one, Give one! Make your own catnip toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

### Metal Stamping Workshop

December 14, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 5–8

Learn to metal stamp and create jewelry to take home. Space and materials are limited.

### Garageband Beats

December 28, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Come and learn how to use Garageband to create unique music. Registration required if you would like to borrow an iPad. To sign up to borrow an iPad, go to [tinyurl.com/DecGarageband23](https://tinyurl.com/DecGarageband23).



Those snowflakes  
better have  
catnip in them.



## ONGOING EVENTS

### Weekly Storytimes for ages 3-5

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Thursdays, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in every week for age appropriate stories and craft with your favorite Children's Librarian.

### Baby Storytime for ages 0-2 and their caregivers

Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

### Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

December 2, 11:30AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Arden)

December 4, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

December 16, 10AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

December 16, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

December 20, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

December 27, 4:30M | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required.

Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

### Winter Cookie Reading Club Ages 0-12

December 1 - February 24 | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

For every book you read, fill out a "cookie" and fill up the glasses of milk in the Children's Rooms! Sign up anytime during December 1–February 24th, and we'll have a cookies and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

### Kids' Chess Club

1st Tuesday of every month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

2nd Tuesday of every month, 5pm | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! For Elementary and Middle School Students.

### Kids Yarn Social Hour

December 28, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

## SENSORY SERIES

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help your baby explore.

### Shaving Cream Art for ages 2–4

December 9, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Calm Down Jars for ages 2–4

December 13, 6:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE EVENTS

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together

Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30AM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Let's Go to Kindergarten (Bilingual)

Wednesdays, 3PM and Thursdays, 11AM | [Sign up here!](#)



**I'm Arden. Will you read to me?**

## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Winter Cookie Reading Club</b> Fri. Dec. 1 - Sat. Feb. 24 @ Main and MCA Come track your reading during the winter months with paper cookies!		<b>Kids' Chess Club</b> 1st Tue. of every Month, 5pm @ Main 2nd Tue. of every Month, 5pm @ MCA <b>Kids' Yarn Social Hour</b> Thu. Dec. 28, 7pm @ Main		<b>Winter Vacation Movie:</b> Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken Dec. 26, 11am @ Main	1 	2  Baby Fitness 9:30am @ Main Neuroscience Magic Show 11am @ MCA
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