



**\*CANCELLED\* FPL Foundation's  
Mini-golf Fundraiser**

The Framingham Public Library Foundation's Mini Golf Event has been postponed until spring 2025. Stay tuned for more information!



**Literacy Unlimited Annual Report**

Literacy Unlimited has been working with adult English and literacy students in the Framingham Public Library since 1986. This past year alone, Literacy Unlimited has worked with over 300 students through one-to-one tutoring program and group conversation classes.

Read this year's [Annual Report](#) to learn more about their program's work and how you can support it!



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**Diwali Craft: Learn the Art of Rangoli**

November 7, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, by learning the traditional art of rangoli. Collaborate and work on traditional designs brought to life with colored sand (for adults) and mandala paint kits (for kids ages 8+). Limited spots available!

**Bachata: Learn & Dance**

November 9, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn Bachata, a style of dance that originated in the Dominican Republic, at the library! This program is beginner friendly and inclusive—no partner necessary. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy a lesson followed by a social dance party.

**Bigfoot & UFOs**

November 14, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join Ronny LeBlanc from Discovery Channel's Expedition Bigfoot and Travel Channel's Paranormal Caught on Camera for a talk on Bigfoot and UFOs.



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Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, November 10 and Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day. Both libraries close at 5PM on Wednesday, November 27 and are closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving 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.





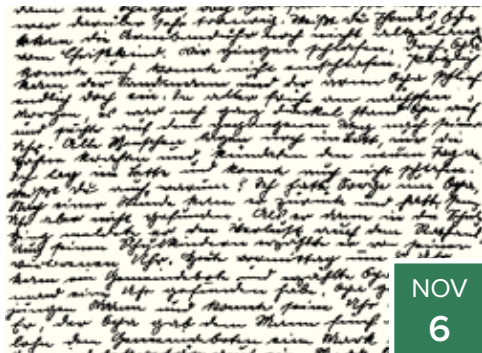
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### Virtual Reality Experience:

#### The Dawn of Art

November 4 & 5, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Explore the Chauvet Cave 36,000 years ago and discover humanity's first masterpieces on the walls. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, call 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).



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### Writing Together on Wednesdays

November 6 & 20, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Bring your writing tools and join us as we build a local community of writers. No experience required—only a will to write and connect!

### Introduction to 3D Printing

November 9, 11AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Get an introduction to 3D printing with ToysInBox. See an interactive 3D printing exhibit and a short presentation with a 3D printed flute performance!



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### Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series:

#### David Eure & Alexei Tsiganov

November 17, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy local jazz duo violinist David Eure and pianist Alexei Tsiganov for another energizing performance! Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.



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### Art Journal Jam for Adults

November 19, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Join us for a casual, unstructured session exploring the possibilities of art journals. No experience required. Bring your own journal or sketchbook. Other supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. [Registration required](#).



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### Wildlife Habitats in the Pollinator Garden

November 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us as we assess our McAuliffe Pollinator Garden, explore how to maintain and prepare for the winter, and discuss weeds, invasive plants, and natives.

### Dementia Friends

November 19, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join Dementia Friends for a free information session to learn the 5 key messages about how dementia affects people. Sesión en Ingles, materiales disponibles en Español.

### McAuliffe Craft Ladies:

#### DIY Stamped Wrapping Paper

November 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Come make wrapping paper using kraft paper, markers, rubber stamps, and a variety of ink pads. Cardstock is available for matching gift tags. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration required](#).

### Spark Lab Satellite: Fall Leaf Decor

November 26, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Cozy up your fall decor with this fun yarn leaf craft! Pick your favorite yarn colors and let your creativity flow as you create beautiful, textured leaves.

### Lifelong Learning Lectures

#### Open Pages, Open Minds:

#### Countering Book Bans Through Dialogues

November 7, 7PM | [Zoom only](#)

Explore the history and impact of book bans and censorship in education with Jerome Burke, Director of Centre for Inclusive Excellence at FSU.

#### The 2024 Election: What the Results Tell Us About the Future of American Politics

November 14, 7PM | [Zoom only](#)

Join Dr. David Smailes as we discuss the outcome of this year's election and what it may reveal about our political future.

#### The Crisis of Authority in Revolutionary Massachusetts

November 21, 7PM | [Zoom only](#)

Hear Dr. Joseph M. Adelman explain how town meetings, local committees, and an unauthorized provincial congress claimed the right for colonists to govern themselves in the fall of 1774.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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For Zoom links, register at [bit.ly/FPL-Events](https://bit.ly/FPL-Events).

### Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group:

*Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

November 5, 7PM | Zoom only

December 3rd book group pick: *Long Island* by Colm Tóibín

### McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group:

*Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* by Kate Beaton

November 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom

December 10th book group: Book swap—come swap your books with others!

### Science Fiction Book Discussion Group:

*Super Sad True Love Story* by Gary Shteyngart

November 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom

December 11th book group pick: *White Mountains* by John Christopher

### NEW! Queer Reads Book Discussion Group:

*Carmilla* by J. Sheridan Le Fanu

November 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

### McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group:

*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

November 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom

December 19th book group pick: *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia P. Manansala



## FILMS

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### McAuliffe Matinee: *Fried Green Tomatoes*

November 13, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 1991, 2h 10m

“Evelyn, an ordinary housewife, visits a nursing home and befriends the old lady Ninny. Together, they bond over stories from the past about two intrepid women of Whistle Stop Cafe.”

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Remember the Titans*

November 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2000, 1h 53m

“In 1971 Virginia high school football was everything to the people of Alexandria. But when the school board was forced to integrate an all-black school with an all-white one, the very foundation of football’s tradition was put to the test.”

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *Beauty and the Beast*

November 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2017, 2h 9m

“A selfish Prince is cursed to become a monster for the rest of his life, unless he learns to fall in love with a beautiful young woman he keeps prisoner.”

### Monday Matinee: *Knives Out*

November 25, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 2019, 2h 10m

“When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc is mysteriously enlisted to investigate.”



## ONGOING EVENTS

### Tone & Stretch

\*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

**\*No class Monday, November 11**

### Stretch & Relax

\*Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

**\*No class Wednesday, November 27**

### 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.

**\*No appointments on November 28**

### Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

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

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

### Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

November 21, 10AM | Online via Zoom

Enjoy a half-hour meditation session with Leslie Gabriele. [Join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders.

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

November 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join local veterans for free coffee and refreshments.

### Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library

Wednesdays, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Puzzle Swap

November 25, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Tuesdays, 1–3PM | 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

### Maker Mondays: Hand Sewing

November 4, 18 & 25, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Make a bag, stuffed animal, or whatever else you come up with! Come one week to make something simple, or come back several weeks in a row to make an elaborate masterpiece!

### Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

November 7, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

November 21, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts crafts. On the first Thursday, we meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, we meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

### Early Release Day Movie:

#### *Twisters vs. Trap*

November 14, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

It's the battle of the new releases! We make popcorn, and you decide which movie to watch.

### Video Game Hangout

November 22, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks!

### Music Bingo

November 23, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Join us at the Main Library for an afternoon of Music Bingo! Test your knowledge of music from a variety of genres.

## SUPPORTERS

### Gathering Space in Main Library

The Framingham Libraries are gathering places for the community—Third Places that are not home, school, or work. Please help us create a gathering place in the Main Library outfitted with comfortable seating, workspaces, and digital connectivity. For information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com).

To donate, go to [framlibfoundation.org](http://framlibfoundation.org) or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

### Friends Monthly Book Sale

November 16, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Mark your calendar for this month's sale. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM. You can purchase books in the Friends Bookstore and Lobby from 9AM onward.

### Want to join the Friends?

Please consider joining or renewing your membership this month. Together we can make a difference. Go to [bit.ly/Join-FPL-Friends](http://bit.ly/Join-FPL-Friends) to join today!



# MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

## Kids Paint Afternoon

November 1, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Hang out and paint a chosen fall scene on canvas. Juice and snacks provided! Get a raffle ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.

## Instrument Petting Zoo with Bach to Rock

November 2, 11AM | Costin Room | All ages

Stop by the instrument petting zoo hosted by Bach to Rock Music School of Wellesley—a free play activity for all ages to try out different instruments and ask our staff musical questions!



## Mother Goose on the Loose

November 4 & 18, 5:30PM | Children's Program 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! Stay after to chat and connect with other caregivers. Registration required online; space is limited.

## Diwali Lanterns & Window Cling Crafts

November 6, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Color in mandala window clings or create a beautiful paper lantern!

## All Ages Diwali Craft: Learn the Art of Rangoli

November 7, 6PM | Costin Room | All ages

Celebrate Diwali and learn to make beautiful drawings and geometric patterns with colorful sand.

## Introduction to 3D Printing

November 9, 11AM | Costin Room | Ages 6+

Join ToysInBox for an interactive 3D printing exhibit and a short presentation with a 3D printed flute performance! Try hands-on activities, including coloring a 3D printed tag and making a bookmark using 3D printed stamps that you can take home.

## Veterans Day Card Making

November 9, 10AM | Spark Lab | All ages

Celebrate a veteran by creating a card for a local veteran that we'll give to our "Veterans at Ease Coffee Hour" monthly group and veterans hospital.

## Mandarin Storytime and Craft

November 9 & 23, 3PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3–5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

## Fossil Dig

November 12, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Become a paleontologist and dig up your very own fossils! Can you identify the different types and get them out of their compacted dirt in one piece? Supplies limited.



## Dino Mash-Up Madness

November 14, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Drop in to our Dinosaur Design Lab. Use your imagination and add a splash of randomness by rolling dice to craft your own hybrid dinosaur!

## Sand Painting

November 14, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Navajo sand painting has its roots in traditional Navajo medicine and ceremonies. Learn about the practice and history while making your own images in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

## LEGO Build

November 18, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation each month, using our spinning wheel of ideas or using your imagination!

## Movie: Brother Bear (2003)

November 26, 6PM | Costin Room | All ages

When a young Inuit hunter needlessly kills a bear, he is magically changed into a bear himself as punishment with a talkative cub being his only guide to changing back. Rated G; 85 mins; Closed captions provided.



## Turtle Ornament Painting

November 27, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Decorate your own wooden turtle to celebrate Fred's Birthday!

Happy birthday,  
Fred!



## MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

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### Storywalk™ “We Are Water Protectors”

by Carole Lindstrom

All Month Long | Children’s Room | All ages

The story of an Ojibwe girl who fights against an oil pipeline in an effort to protect the water supply of her people.

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### Veterans Day Card Making

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### Open Color

November 13, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

### Garden Rock Painting Drop-In

November 14, 1PM | Craft Room | All ages

Join us as we unveil our Garden Rock Snake, destined to watch over our pollinator garden! We invite you to take part by painting rocks with us or bringing your own creations from home. Together let’s infuse our garden with vibrant colors and creativity.

### Peek-A-Boo Dinos

November 16, 11AM | Craft Room | All ages

Create your own moving dinosaur!



### Wooden Dinosaur Painting

November 20, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Paint wooden ornaments to create your own dinosaurs!

### LEGO Build

November 21, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

### Sing and Dance with Stacey Peasley

November 23, 11AM | Community Room | All ages

Join artist Stacey Peasley as we fall into Fall with some festive songs for the season! Sing, dance, and join in on the fun!

### Dance-a-long Unicorn Story Hour

November 26, 11:30AM | Community Room | Ages 1+

Join Maggie Crowley from Mass Ballet as she shares a story woven together with movement activities and music.

### Sand Painting

November 26, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Navajo sand painting has its roots in traditional Navajo medicine and ceremonies. Learn about the practice and history while making your own images in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

### Toddler Craft: Chalk Dinosaurs

November 27, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Bring to life extinct dinosaurs with a pop of color on black paper!

### Movie: The Good Dinosaur (2015)

November 30, 10AM | Community Room

Luckily for young Arlo, his parents and his two siblings, the mighty dinosaurs were not wiped out 65 million years ago. When a rainstorm washes poor Arlo downriver, he ends up bruised, battered and miles away from home. Good fortune shines on the frightened dino when he meets Spot, a Neanderthal boy who offers his help and friendship. Together, the unlikely duo embark on an epic adventure to reunite Arlo with his beloved family. Rated: PG; Runtime: 93 mins. Closed Captions provided.



## TWEEN EVENTS

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### Kids’ Chess Club

November 6, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

November 19, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided, or you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

### Dino Slime

November 2, 3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Create some prehistoric slime with squishy dinos!

### Fuse Bead Social

November 16, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8





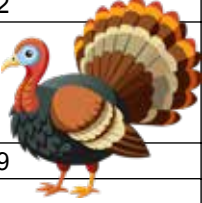


Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

### Kids Yarn Social Hour

November 21, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

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

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Veteran's Day Card Making Drop In</b> Saturday, November 9th 10AM - 2PM @ BOTH Libraries		<b>Book Buddies @ McAuliffe</b> Wed. Nov. 6, 3:45PM (Duncan) Fri. Nov. 15, 3:45PM (Cosmo)	<b>Book Buddies @ Main</b> Sat. Nov. 2, 10AM (Ruthie) Sat. Nov. 16, 11AM (Duncan) Wed. Nov. 20, 5PM (Duncan) Sat. Nov. 30, 11AM (Cosmo)		1 <b>Kids Paint Afternoon</b> 2PM @ Main	2 <b>Instrument Petting Zoo</b> 11AM @ Main <b>Dino Slime</b> 3:30PM @ Main <b>Movie: Brother Bear</b> 2PM @ McAuliffe
3	4 <b>Girls Who Code</b> 6pm @ Main	5 <b>Wooden Block Play</b> 10AM @ Main <b>Diwali Crafts</b> 2PM @ McAuliffe	6 <b>Chess Club</b> 5PM @ Main <b>Diwali Crafts</b> 6PM @ Main	7 <b>All Ages Diwali Craft: Learn the Art of Rangoli</b> 6PM @ Main	8 	9 <b>Introduction to 3D Printing</b> 11AM @ Main
10 	11 	12 <b>Dino Sand Play</b> 11:15 @ McAuliffe <b>Fossil Dig</b> 6PM @ Main	13 <b>Open Color</b> 3:30PM @ McAuliffe	14 <b>Garden Rock Painting</b> 1PM-4PM @ McAuliffe <b>Dino Mash-Up Madness</b> 2PM @ Main <b>Sand Painting</b> 6PM @ Main	15	16 <b>Peek-A-Boo Dinos</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe <b>Fuse Bead Social</b> 2PM @ Main
17 	18 <b>Lego Build</b> 4PM @ Main <b>Girls Who Code</b> 6pm @ Main	19 <b>Chess Club</b> 5PM @ McAuliffe	20 <b>Wooden Dinosaur Painting</b> 3:30PM @ McAuliffe	21 <b>Lego Build</b> 3:30pm @ McAuliffe <b>Kids Yarn Social Hour</b> 6PM @ Main	22 	23 <b>Sing and Dance with Stacey Peasley</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe
24 	25 <b>Dino Eggs</b> 5:30PM @ McAuliffe <b>Girls Who Code</b> 6pm @ Main	26 <b>Dance-a-long Unicorn Story Hour</b> 11:30AM @ McAuliffe <b>Sand Painting</b> 3:30pm @ McAuliffe <b>Movie: Brother Bear</b> 6PM @ Main	27 <b>Turtle Ornament Painting</b> 10:30AM @ Main <b>Toddler Craft: Chalk Dinosaurs</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe	28 	29 <b>Satellite Spark: Dino Mash-Up Madness</b> 3:30PM @ McAuliffe	30 <b>Movie: The Good Dinosaur (2015)</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe
<b>Baby Storytime and Storytime</b> weekly at both Libraries! Check our website for dates/times.		<b>Mandarin Storytime (Ages 3-5)</b> McAuliffe: Saturday 16 & 30 @ 3pm Main: Saturday 9 & 23 @ 3pm		<b>Mother Goose on the Loose</b> NOV. 4, 18, 25 5:30PM @ Main	<b>Storywalk™</b> "We Are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom All month @ McAuliffe	

## Ongoing Events

### Weekly Storytime for Ages 3–5

Mondays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room  
Thursdays at 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room  
Drop in every week for age-appropriate stories and a craft.

### Baby Storytime for Ages 0–2

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

## Sensory Series

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your child explore.

### Wooden Block Play Ages 2–4

November 5, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Dino Sand Play Ages 0–4

November 12, 11:15AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

### Dino Eggs Ages 0–4

November 25, 5:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

## Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

November 2, 10AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Ruthie)  
November 6, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)  
November 15, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)  
November 16, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)  
November 20, 5PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)  
November 30, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Cosmo)  
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required. Call or drop by to register.

## Ongoing Early Childhood Alliance Events

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together

Tuesdays at 9:30AM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Let's Go to Kindergarten, Nap No More

Wednesdays at 1PM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together (Bilingual Spanish/English)

Thursdays at 11AM | [Sign up here!](#)