



Saturday Drop-In Cat Crafts

Did you know that National Cat Day is October 29th? To celebrate, join us every Saturday in October at the McAuliffe Branch for a different drop-in cat-themed craft. You're sure to make something a-meow-zing!



Haunted House Decorating Contest at McAuliffe Branch

Show off your spooky decorating skills! We provide the base, you decorate it. Register at tinyurl.com/fplhousedecorating. Pick up your base from the McAuliffe Branch starting September 30 and return it by October 18 to be included in the contest.

Decorate at home or come to a drop-in decorating session at McAuliffe on October 6 from 12–4PM or October 9 from 5–8PM.

Voting takes place from October 21–27. All ages welcome. Supplies limited.



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The Art of Good Nutrition

October 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

What constitutes a healthful diet? Join registered dietitian Judy Palken as she discusses the problems with highly-processed foods and teaches a better, healthier way of eating. Learn about great eating behaviors that will set you up for healthy success.

Sunday Concert: Leonardo Ciampa with Jennifer Feaster, Soprano

October 20, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The Performing Arts Center of Metrowest presents piano faculty Leonardo Ciampa playing an all-Chopin program commemorating the 175th anniversary of Frédéric Chopin's death.

Friday Night Film: *Rocky Horror Picture Show*

October 25, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | R, 1975, 1h 40m | 21+

Dig out your Dr. Frank-N-Furter costume and join us for a 21+ interactive *Rocky Horror Picture Show* sing-a-long! Part campy musical, part horror film, this movie details the travails of a squeaky-clean couple stranded at a creepy castle full of mayhem.



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Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, October 13 and Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.

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!

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





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Adult Hemming Workshop

October 12, 10AM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn to hem in a small group, hands-on workshop for adults. Bring your own garments for simple repairs, such as hemming and buttonholes! Space is limited. [Registration required.](#)



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How to Put Your Garden to Bed

October 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

As the vegetable growing season comes to an end, it's helpful to clean and put your garden to bed for the winter. Learn how to address some basic maintenance steps, maintain your frost hardy vegetables, and get a good start on next year's garden.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Paper Strip Pumpkins

October 16, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies for an Adult Crafting night! Cut scrapbook paper, old books, and maps into strips then fashion them into decorative pumpkins. Supplies and space are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/FPL-paper.



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Mike the Tarot Guy:

All Ages Tarot & Oracle Readings

October 17, 6–8PM (Children 6–7PM, Teens & Adults 7–8PM) | Main Library, J Program Room

The Maine Made Magic Man is making his way to Massachusetts, offering oracle cards and intuitive tarot readings. Stop by to see what energy guides you!



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Sample Voting Ballot Breakdown

October 17, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Examine a sample Framingham voting ballot for the November election, and learn about the national, state, and local election races and the ballot questions to be voted on this year. This program is given at an intermediate English level with Spanish and Portuguese interpreters.



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McA Satellite Spark Lab:

Cheesecloth Ghosts

October 22, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Join the McA Spark Lab to create a cute and spooky ghost to brighten up any room. Whether you're gearing up for Halloween or just want a little ghost friend, this easy DIY project brings some supernatural cheer to any space.

Halloween Night Outdoor Movie:

House on Haunted Hill

October 31, 6:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove | NR, 1h 15m

The weather may be getting a little chillier, but that's perfect for a spooky classic. Enjoy some treats for a taste of fall before the movie. Bring your own lawn chair and/or blankets to get nice and cozy!

SUPPORTERS

Save the Date! Mini-golf Fundraiser

November 23 (21+) and 24 (All ages)

Mark your calendars! Come out to the Main Library this November to show off your mini-golf skills. Tickets available soon!

Friends Monthly Book Sale

October 19, 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.

Bulbs for Fall Planting

The Friends have again partnered with Flower Power Fundraising to offer you more than 30 varieties of bulbs and sprouts. [Visit their website](#) to see what's offered and to place your orders.

Want to join the Friends?

It's always the right time to join the Friends. Go to bit.ly/Join-FPL-Friends to join today!

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group:

Misery by Stephen King

October 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“The number one *New York Times* best seller about a famous novelist held hostage in a remote location by his ‘number one fan.’”

Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group:

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead

October 8, 7PM | Online via Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys*, this gloriously entertaining novel is ‘fast-paced, keen-eyed and very funny... about race, power and the history of Harlem all disguised as a thrill-ride crime novel.’”

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group:

Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie

October 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

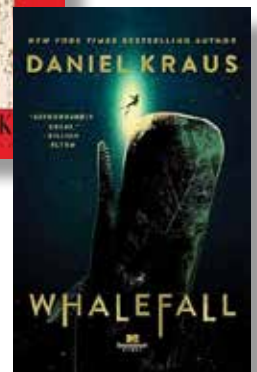
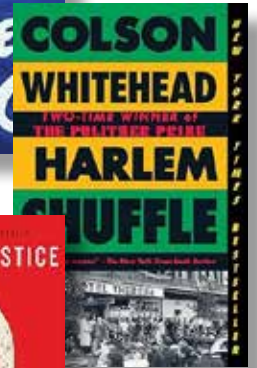
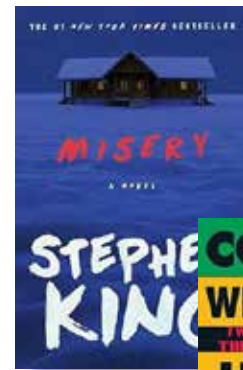
“The only novel ever to win the Hugo, Nebula, and Arthur C. Clarke awards and the first audiobook in Ann Leckie’s *New York Times* best-selling trilogy.”

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group:

Whalefall by Daniel Kraus

October 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“*The Martian* meets *127 Hours* in this ‘astoundingly great’...and scientifically accurate thriller about a scuba diver who’s been swallowed by an eighty-foot, sixty-ton sperm whale and has only one hour to escape before his oxygen runs out.”



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Julie & Julia*

October 9, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2009, 2h 3m

“Julie Powell, a young blogger, is determined to emulate Julia Child’s cooking techniques. Though separated by time, the two women share a common passion for food that intertwines their lives.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Labyrinth*

October 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 1986, 1h 41m

“Sixteen-year-old Sarah must solve a labyrinth to rescue her baby brother when he is taken by the Goblin King.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Enchanted*

October 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2007, 1h 47m

“A young maiden in a land called Andalasia, who is prepared to be wed, is sent away to New York City by an evil Queen, where she falls in love with a lawyer.”

Monday Matinee: *Practical Magic*

October 28, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 1998, 1h 44m

“Two witch sisters, raised by their eccentric aunts in a small town, face closed-minded prejudice and a curse which threatens to prevent them ever finding lasting love.”

ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

**No class Monday, October 14.*

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

October 9, 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

October 17, 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

October 18, 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

October 28, 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.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

October 3, 6:30PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

October 17, 6:30PM | 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, meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Maker Mondays:

Paper Mache Pumpkins

October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Make a paper mache pumpkin for spooky season. Come one week to make a small simple one, or come back several weeks in a row to make an elaborate painted masterpiece!

Creating Zine Comics:

Autobiographical Comics

October 8, 4PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6+

In the third of four Creating Zine Comics programs with cartoonist Jonathan Todd (Timid), he shares his approach to creating them, asking students to reflect upon personally meaningful moments in their lives and thinking of precise ways to express these memories—and their significance—in comics form.

Early Release Day Scary Movie

October 10, 12:30PM | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

It's an October early release day, and we have a stack of scary movies.

You get to pick what we watch!

Creating Zine Comics:

Informational Comics

October 22, 4PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6+

In the final Creating Zine Comics program with cartoonist Jonathan Todd (Timid), practice breaking up information and translating it into a fun, comics form—whether it's a comic about Australian animals or the invention of the telephone.

Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!

October 25, 5:30PM | Grades 6–12

Try to survive the annual zombie invasion of Framingham! Gather supplies in the library after it closes and make sure to avoid getting eaten. Registration strongly recommended.

Introduction to Jiu Jitsu

October 27, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Learn the basics of Jiu Jitsu with an introduction to this popular martial art from a Framingham peer!

LITERACY UNLIMITED

U.S. Citizenship Seminar

Literacy Unlimited provides a free 11-week seminar to help students prepare for the Naturalization Interview for US Citizenship.

The seminar is held Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30PM, from October 9 to December 18, 2024 at the Main Library. Registration is required. Space is limited.

For more information, call Literacy Unlimited at 508.532.5574 or email fplmail4@minlib.net. Our office is open Monday–Friday, 9AM to 5PM.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Huichol Yarn Painting

October 3, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Aprende sobre el arte huichol mexicano usando pegamento e hilo para crear arte.

Coqui Craft

October 5, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | All Ages

Ven a celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Hispana haciendo coquís, una rana originaria y símbolo nacional de Puerto Rico.

Película En Español: Scooby-Doo (2002)

October 23, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

¡Zoinks! Dos años después de que un choque de egos obligara a Mystery Inc. a cerrar sus puertas, Scooby-Doo y sus inteligentes amigos que resuelven crímenes son convocados a Spooky Island para investigar una serie de incidentes paranormales en el ultramoderno lugar de Spring Break. Clasificación: PG, Duración: 86 Minutos. Subtitulada en inglés.

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Costume Swap

All October | J Program Room | All Ages

Bring gently used and clean children costumes or accessories to donate between October 1–30! Stop by to choose a costume to keep or to swap an old costume.

Huichol Yarn Painting

October 3, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Learn about Mexican Huichol art using glue and yarn.

Mother Goose on the Loose

October 7, 21, & 28, 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.

Girls Who Code Club

October 7, 21, & 28, 6PM | Spark Lab | Grades 3–5

Join our club and meet weekly (9 sessions) to learn to code! Using the curriculum from [girlswhocode.com](https://www.girlswhocode.com), gain an understanding of computer science concepts through reading discussions and coding activities. Space is limited; registration required at tinyurl.com/FPLCode2024.

Paper Leaf Garland

October 8, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Make a pretty paper leaf garland for fall!

Spooky Bones & Creepy Crawlies

October 12, 11AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Professor Bugman presents a Halloween bug event! What better way to combine the SPOOKY and the SCIENTIFIC than exploring real bones and skeletons from endemic Massachusetts animals or hold some of the biggest bugs you've ever seen!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

October 12 & 26, 3PM | Children's Program Room & Spark Lab | Ages 3–5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Shrunken Head Stress Balls

October 16, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Being stuck in the Neitherworld Waiting Room is stressful, but no need to lose your HEAD. Make Beetlejuice™ inspired stress balls to help while reading your Handbook for the Recently Deceased.

Book Page Art

October 19, 2:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Create art with old book pages, watercolors, pens, and more!

Lego Build

October 21, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

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

Paper Witches

October 22, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Have some spooky fun making cute, friendly paper witches!

Película En Español: Scooby-Doo (2002)

October 23, 6PM | Costin Room | PG, 86m, English subtitles

Zoinks! Two years after a clash of egos forced Mystery Inc. to close its doors, Scooby-Doo and his cunning crime-solving accomplices Fred, Daphne, Shaggy and Velma are summoned to Spooky Island to investigate a series of paranormal incidents.

Fizzy Slime

October 30, 4:00PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Make bubbling, gooey slime just like a witch's brew or goblin snot.

Halloween Storytime and Parade

October 31, 10AM | J Program Room | Ages 2–5

Come dressed in costume to listen to Halloween stories, create a Halloween craft, and participate in a costume parade around the library!



MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

October 5 & 19, 3PM | Community Room | Ages 3–5
Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Open Color

October 2, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages
Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Leaf Hedgehogs

October 3, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+
Use autumn leaves to make the quills of a cute little hedgehog!



Coqui Craft

October 5, 11AM | Craft Room | All Ages
Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making coquís, a frog native to and a national symbol of Puerto Rico.

Worry Monster Rocks

October 7, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 8+
The object of worry stones is to rub the thumbprint back and forth as a way to calm the mind. Make yours a monster to eat the worries away!

Shrunken Head Stress Balls

October 16, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Being stuck in the Neitherworld Waiting Room is stressful, but no need to lose your HEAD. Make Beetlejuice™ inspired stress balls to help while reading your Handbook for the Recently Deceased.

Baby Pumpkin Painting

October 22, 11:15AM | Craft Room | Ages 1+
Instead of carving pumpkins, bring your babies to paint miniature pumpkins that stay year round!

Toddler Craft: Cotton Ball Ghosts

October 23, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+
Use cotton balls to make cute little spooky companions. These soft little ghosts are nothing but friendly!

Lego Build

October 24, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

Pumpkin Painting

October 26, 11AM | Craft Room | All Ages
Don't have the time to buy and carve a pumpkin? Come join us to paint some fake mini pumpkins to keep year round!

Spooky Bubble Dance

October 29, 11:15AM | Astronauts Grove | Ages 0+
Fall into the Halloween vibes with some bubbles, Halloween music, and dancing! In case of inclement weather, the program moves to the Children's Room.

Halloween Storytime and Parade

October 31, 10AM | Children's Room | Ages 2–5
Come dressed in costume to listen to Halloween stories, create a Halloween craft, and participate in a costume parade around the library!

TWEEN EVENTS

Kids' Chess Club

1st Wednesday of the month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center
3rd Tuesday of the month, 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.

Satellite Spark Lab: 3BOodler Pens

October 4, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 4+

We're bringing back the 3Doodler Pens, but this time THEY'RE HAUNTED! Come make bats, ghosts, jack-o-lanterns and much more for a spooktacular time!

Fuse Bead Social

October 5, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8
Come design fuse bead keychains, magnets, and earrings.

Ada Lovelace Day: Binary Bracelets

October 10, 1:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 4–8
Learn about the mother of computer programming, Ada Lovelace, while also learning the language of computers: binary! Turn your name into a binary bracelet!

Owl Pellet Exploration

October 12, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 2–8
Bring your curiosity and find out what's inside owl pellets! Register at bit.ly/MCAOwlPellets.

Kids Yarn Social Hour

October 24, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

Book Discussion: *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste

October 26, 1:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Grades 4–8

Celebrate the spooky season with a book discussion of *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste, the start of an exciting series filled with Caribbean folklore and daring adventure. Limited copies available to check out from the children's desk beginning October 2.



October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Halloween Costume Swap All October Main Library All Ages		Soft Block Play 11:15am @ McAuliffe	Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe Kids Chess Club 5pm @ Main	Leaf Hedgehogs 11am @ McAuliffe Huichol Yarn Painting 6pm @ Main	Light Board Play 11:30am @ Main Satellite Spark Lab: 3BOODler Pens 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main Coqui Leaf Painting 11am @ McAuliffe
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	Worry Monster Rocks 3:30pm @ McAuliffe Girls Who Code 6pm @ Main	Paper Leaf Garland 11:30am @ Main		Ada Lovelace Day: Binary Bracelets 1:30pm @ McAuliffe		Spooky Bones and Creepy Crawlies 11am @ Main Owl Pellet Exploration 2pm @ McAuliffe
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Kids Chess Club 5pm @ McAuliffe	Fall Scent Jars 10am @ Main Shrunken Head Stress Balls 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Witch's Potion 11am @ McAuliffe		Pie Cards 11am @ McAuliffe 2:30pm @ Main
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Lego Build 4pm @ Main Girls Who Code 6pm @ Main	Baby Pumpkin Painting 11:15am @ McAuliffe Paper Witches 11:30am @ Main	Cotton Ball Ghosts 11am @ McAuliffe Pelicula En Español: Scooby-Do 6pm @ Main	Lego Build 3:30pm @ McAuliffe Kids Yarn Social Hour 6pm @ Main		Pumpkin Painting 11am @ McAuliffe Book Club: The Jumbies 1:30pm @ Main
27	28	29	30	31	Baby Storytime and Storytime weekly at both Libraries! Check our website for dates/times.	
	Trick-Or-Treat Bucket Decorating 5pm @ McAuliffe Girls Who Code 6pm @ Main		Fizzy Slime 4pm @ Main	Mask Decorating 3:30pm @ McAuliffe		
Mandarin Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Saturday 5 & 19 @ 3pm Main: Saturday 12 & 26 @ 3pm		Halloween Storytime + Parade Th. Oct. 31, 10am @ Both Libraries! Show off your costume to your library friends before going out to Trick or Treat!		Book Buddies Sat. Oct. 5, 10AM @ Main (Daisy) Wed. Oct. 9, 3:45PM @ McAuliffe (Berry) Fri. Oct. 18, 3:30PM @ Main (Cosmo) Wed. Oct. 30, 4:30PM @ McAuliffe (Daisy)		

Ongoing Events

Weekly Storytime 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 a craft.

Baby Storytime for Ages 0–2

Tuesdays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Fridays 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.

Soft Block Play

October 1, 11:15AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 0–4

Witch's Potion

October 17, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 0–4

Light Board Play

October 4, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Ages 1–4

Fall Scent Jars

October 16, 10AM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 2–4

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

October 5, 10AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Daisy)
October 9, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Berry)
October 18, 3:30PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Cosmo)
October 30, 4:30PM | 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.

My name is Daisy.
Will you read to me?

