



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

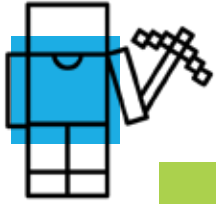
August 2025

Main Library Children's Programs

Watercolor Painting

August 4, 9AM | Spark Lab | All ages

Drop in for some open watercolor painting. Imagination has no limit with art!



Minecraft City Builders: A Civil Engineering Challenge!

August 11, 4PM | Costin Room | Grades 2–5

Join forces to design and build bridges and roads that connect every part of the city while exploring key concepts in planning, zoning, infrastructure, and architectural design.

Collaborate and construct essential elements for a thriving urban environment, including suburbs, a bustling port, and a vibrant downtown. [Registration required](#). This Minecraft STEM Workshops is presented by Arrayscape Gaming.

Learning Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2

August 12, 6PM | Costin Room | Grades 3–8

Using Super Mario Maker 2, learn to design levels and talk about the basics of game design with themes for Mario games. Afterwards, learn about what goes into making a great level/game.

Puzzle Competition

August 13, 1PM | Costin Room | Ages 7+ and Families

Can your team build a puzzle the fastest? Competition guidelines, rules, and registration form are available on our website event page. Registration required; space limited.

Still time to register for Summer Reading!

If you haven't already, register to get your summer reading t-shirt. For each book you read or audiobook you listen to, enter our raffle for a great summer reading prize.

Stop in the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to register or go to tinyurl.com/FPL-SR-2025.



Summer Eats (Free Lunch Program)



Summer Eats is a program that provides FREE meals to kids 18 years and under!

Main Library:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 12–1PM

McAuliffe Branch:

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12–1PM

Summer Eats es un programa que provee comida GRATIS a todos los niños de 18 años y menores.

Biblioteca Principal:

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 12 a 13 h.

Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Martes y Jueves de 12 a 13 h.

O Summer Eats é um programa que oferece refeições GRATUITAS para todas as crianças e adolescentes de até 18 anos.

Biblioteca Principal:

Segundas, Quartas e Sextas, das 12h às 13h

Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Terças e Quintas das 12h às 13h



Main Library

49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday & Saturday 9–5
*Sunday 1–5

McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday & Saturday 9:30–5
*Sunday 12–4

* Both libraries are closed on Sundays in July and August.

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Main Library Programs continued

Friendship Bracelet Making

August 13, 6PM | Spark Lab | Grades 2–5

Make your own friendship bracelets just in time for back to school!



Movie: Paddington in Peru (2024)

August 19, 10AM | Costin Room | PG, 106m, CC (English)

Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

Escape from the Wizard's Tower

August 20, 12PM and 1:30PM | Costin Room | Grades 2–5

Can you escape this magical themed room? Gather ingredients, cast spells, and assemble a wizard's staff to ultimately teleport (and escape) out of the tower. [Register for the 12PM session](#) or [register for the 1:30PM session](#).

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Open Color

August 6, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Iconic Arts Presents GoobnBalloonsDX

August 9, 2PM | Community Room | All ages

Join indie developer Iconic Arts as they take us behind the screens for their game GoobnBalloonsDX! Learn about how to make video games, and even get a chance to demo their game!

Family Paint Night

August 11, 6PM | Craft Room | All ages

Hang out and paint a chosen 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.

Dungeons & Dragons®-themed Mash-Up Madness

August 14, 5PM | Craft Room | Ages 7+

Use your imagination and add a splash of randomness by rolling dice to craft your own hybrid fantasy creatures!

Shell Pendants

August 20, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Using salt dough as a base, inlay a shell and create a summer pendant.



OUT Metrowest Board Game Hangout

August 23, 10:30AM–12:30PM | Community Room | All ages

Come hang out and play board games with our friends from OUT Metrowest.

Puzzle Competition

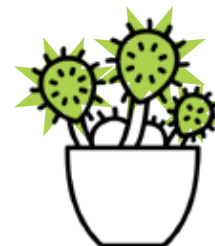
August 23, 2PM | Community Room | Ages 7+ and Families

Can your team build a puzzle the fastest? Competition guidelines, rules, and registration form are available on our website event page. Registration required; space limited.

Cactus Handprint

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

Trace and cut out your hand print, then turn it into a prickly cactus in a pot.



Lego® Build

August 28, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Ongoing Programs

Weekly Storytimes Ages 3–5

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

Drop in every week for themed stories and a craft.

Baby Storytime Ages 0–2

Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Bookworms and Popcorn

Thursdays, 4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 2–5

Love to read? Love popcorn? Come hang out with other kids who do too! Share your book suggestions or ask for recommendations. No assigned books, just great ideas and great snacks!

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your baby explore. All programs for ages 0–4.

Beach Ball Play

August 5, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Finger Painting

August 12, 10AM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Oil and Water Play



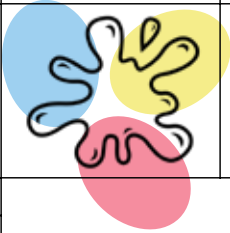
August 26, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

August 13, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)

August 20, 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.

August 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer Eats: Free Meals for Ages 0-18 Mon/Wed/Fri. 12-1pm @ Main Tue/Thu. 12-1pm @ MCA Ends August 21		Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs August 13, 11AM @ McAuliffe (Cosmo) August 20, 4:30PM @ McAuliffe (Daisy)			1	2
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	Watercolor Painting 9:00am @ Main	Crafts & Community Workers 11:00am @ Main Beach Ball Play 11:00am @ McAuliffe Chess Club 5:00pm @ Main	Open Color 11:00am @ McAuliffe			Iconic Arts Presents GoobnBalloonsDX 2:00pm @ McAuliffe
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	Minecraft City Builders 4:00pm @ Main Family Paint Night 6:00pm @ McAuliffe	Finger Painting 10:00am @ Main Learning Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 6:00pm @ Main	Puzzle Competition 10:30am @ Main Friendship Bracelet Making 6:00pm @ Main	Virtual Reality for Kids & Teens 5:00pm @ Main D&D-themed Mash-Up Madness 5:00pm @ McAuliffe		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Movie: Paddington in Peru 10:00am @ Main Chess Club 5:00pm @ McAuliffe	Shell Pendants 11:00am @ McAuliffe Escape from the Wizard's Tower 12:00pm & 1:30pm @ Main	Metal Stamp Workshop 6:00pm @ Main		OUT Metrowest Board Game Hangout 10:30am @ McAuliffe Puzzle Competition 2:00pm @ McAuliffe
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Oil and Water Play 11:00am @ McAuliffe	Cactus Handprint 11:00am @ McAuliffe	Lego Build 3:30pm @ McAuliffe		
31	Weekly Storytime (Ages 2-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am		Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am		Summer Board Game Workshop Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 6:00-8:00pm @ McAuliffe	Bookworms and Popcorn Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 4:00pm @ Main

Tween Programs

Kids' Chess Club

August 5, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

August 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 bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

Summer Board Game Workshop

Thursdays, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 10+

This is a weekly program that runs from July 10 to August 28. In it, participants learn basic Game Design principles and then apply those to create our own playable board games! For registered participants only. Registration is closed.

Virtual Reality for Kids & Teens

August 14, 5PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 3–5

Build your own cardboard virtual reality goggles and turn your drawings into VR. Limited space and materials.



Metal Stamp Workshop

August 21, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 10+

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

Teen Programs (*Grades 6–12)

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 1–3PM | FPL Minecraft Server | Grades 4–12

Every Wednesday, work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft Server to participate. For more information, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30–3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Use anything in the Spark Lab to work on your projects! Design something to be 3D printed! Needle felt something! Make some stickers! You get to decide.

Dungeons & Dragons How-To's

August 4 & 18, 4:30–7:30 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Join us and Endangered Dungeons for two more D&D workshops for both beginners and experienced adventurers. First, we have **Voices & Visions: Breathing Life Into Your D&D Character** on August 4, and then **Worlds & Wonders: Building Memorable D&D Campaigns** on August 18. [Registration recommended.](#)

CAD Design

August 5, 7, & 8, 2:30–4:30PM | Main Library, J Program Room

Learn to use onshape for CAD. Design your own 3D printable parts and/or 3D designs. Explore the fundamentals of digital modeling and engineering. [Registration required.](#)

Nailed It!

August 6, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Test your baked good decorating skills! Try to recreate a beautifully decorated cupcake, cookie, or other baked good in a limited amount of time. Not all will be good, but they'll all be entertaining! [Registration highly recommended.](#)



Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

August 7, 6–7PM | Main Library, Teen Room

August 21, 6–7 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room

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.

D&D Campaign: The Quest

August 11 & 25, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

"The Quest" is a Dungeons & Dragons jump-in adventure perfect for new players and experienced adventurers alike. Dive into an epic story full of mystery, magic, monsters, and more! [Registration required.](#) Space is limited.

Level Up Craft: Miniatures Painting

August 12, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Every table top role playing game is better with miniatures, so come paint your own! [Registration recommended.](#)

Fortnite Tournament

August 13, 5–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The library is teaming up with Game Underground to bring you a Fortnite tournament! May a Victory Royale be in your future. [Registration strongly recommended.](#)



DIY VR

August 14, 6–7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Make your own VR headset with cardboard and your phone! Then test it out. Space is limited. [Register now.](#)

Escape Room: Escape From the Wizard's Tower

August 20, 3–5:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Follow the journal entries, gather ingredients, and cast spells to Escape from the Wizard's Tower! There are two Escape Room sessions: 3PM and 4:30 PM. Sign up for the one that works best for you. [Registration required.](#) Space is limited.

*** Unless otherwise noted**