



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

August 2026

Main Library Children's Programs

History of Nintendo with One Up Games

August 5, 4PM | Costin Room | All Ages

Learn how Nintendo started and see how the iconic console evolved to where it is today. All Nintendo systems from NES to Switch are available to play along with the OG Nintendo games on Switch emulators.

Special Guest Storytime: Keep Framingham Beautiful

August 6, 10AM | Costin Room | Ages 2–5

Join us for a special storytime with Keep Framingham Beautiful!

KiwiCo presents: Drip Irrigation

August 7, 3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

Engineer a drip irrigation system and sprout a love of botany and physics! Construct a water tower and trellis, set up planter pots, then grow your own bean, wheatgrass, and watermelon plants. Supplies are limited.

Dark Summer Author-led Storytime

August 8, 11:15AM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3–6

Join authors Alexis Powell, Josh Funk, Karina Iceberg, and Phaea Crede for an author-led kids storytime!

Comic Book Worldbuilding

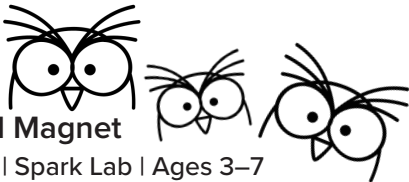
August 8, 2–3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–14

Join Adventure Time and Making Scents artists Shelli Paroline and Braden Lamb for a kids comic world building workshop!

Library Book CSI

August 10, 6PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 5–10

Bring your inner detective and inspect damaged library books.



Silly Fruit Bird Magnet

August 11, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3–7

Shaped like apples and oranges, create a bird to transform it into a cute magnet. Materials are limited.

Summer Reading Wrap Up Party



August 21, 2–4PM | Cushing Park

Let's celebrate the end of summer and Summer Reading with a party at Cushing Park. Join us and our friends from Framingham Parks & Recreation and Fire Department for an unforgettable afternoon. Stop by to enjoy fun, games, and refreshments for all ages!

Movie: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

August 12, 2PM | Costin Room | PG, 98m, CC (English)

Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.

Dinosaur Safari Magic Show

August 13, 11AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Join local storyteller Jonah Knight for a magical archeological adventure about dinosaurs connected to New England.

Beaded Keychains

August 19, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

Get your backpacks ready for school! Create cute keychains with colorful beads.

Ice Cream Playdough

August 20, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–9

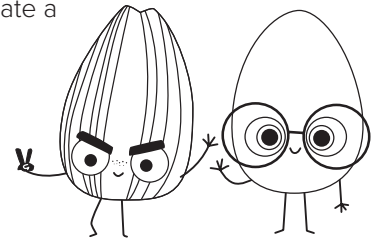
Create and play with food safe playdough.

Recycled Paper Art

August 24, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2–12

Repurpose paper scraps! Spread paint-dyed paper pulp across paper to create a colorful textured scene.

Summer Reading will
be over soon. Don't
be a bad seed—read!



Main Library

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

McAuliffe Branch Library

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

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

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McAuliffe Children's Programs

Learn to Play Pokemon the Card Game with One Up Games

August 4, 5–8PM | Craft Room | Ages 6–12

Learn to play Pokémon the Card Game with One Up Games and take home a free deck! Space is limited. [Registration required.](#)

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Plantmobile: Natural Dyes & Fabrics

August 12, 3PM | Astronaut Grove | Ages 5–12

Explore North America's natural dye heritage, crafting art from indigenous plants and creating your own colorful masterpieces. Space and supplies are limited.

DIY Bee Bath

August 18, 4PM | Craft Room | Ages 8–12

We're making DIY bee baths! They're a simple and pollinator-friendly craft to help our local pollinators. Supplies are limited.

OUT Metrowest: Mini Pot Decorating

August 20, 6PM | Community Room | Ages 2–12

Join the Framingham Library and OUT Metrowest for mini flower pot decorating! Don't forget to grab some seeds from the Library's Seed Lending Library!

Paper Bag Jellyfish

August 26, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–5

Take a plain paper bag, paint it, then practice your cutting skills to make a cute jellyfish!

McAuliffe Tuesday & Thursday Take and Makes

August 4: Take and Make Bird Feeder

August 6: Take and Make Wind Chime Kit

August 11: Take and Make Cyanotype Sun Print Paper

August 13: Take and Make Animal Air Dry Clay Kit

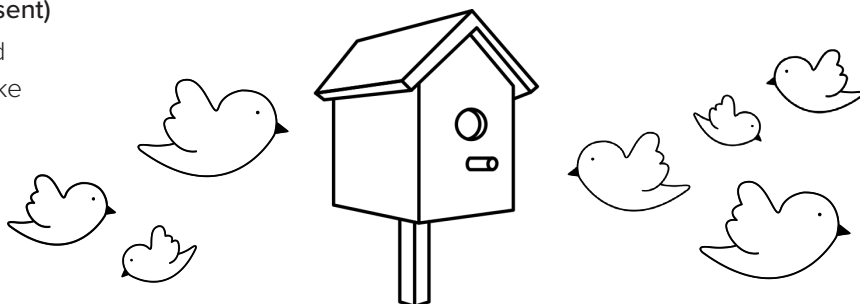
August 18: Take and Make Sticker Bug Jars

August 20: Take and Make DIY Birdhouse

Children's Room | All Ages (under 5 need an adult present)

Come to the McAuliffe Branch anytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays this August to snag a variety of Take and Make kits. Supplies are limited—first come, first served.

**What color is
your birdhouse?**



Storytimes

Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3–5)

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Thursdays, 10AM | Main Library, Costin 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!

Storytime in the Parks (Ages 3–5)

August 5, 10AM | Bates Road Park (off Hollis St.)

August 12, 10AM | Apple Street Park (Bethany Rd.)

August 19, 10AM | Arlington Street Park

We're taking storytime on the go this summer in Framingham! Join us for a themed storytime and craft, a visit on the Bookmobile, and the occasional activity brought to you by Parks & Recreation!

Ongoing Programs

Kids' Chess Club

August 4, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

August 18, 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, but you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

Open Color

August 5, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5–12

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

Fuse Bead Social

August 6, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Hang out and make fuse bead designs!

LEGO Build (Ages 5–12)

August 3, 17, & 31, 4–5:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

August 27, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help your baby explore. All programs for ages 1–4 unless otherwise noted.

Save the Picnic!

August 25, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Help save the picnic food from bugs! Learn to use tweezers and other tools to practice your little one's hand strength and hand-eye coordination.

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

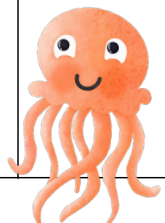
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August 13, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Ajax)

August 19, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Ajax)

August 29, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

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30	31	Summer Reading Wrap Up Party August 21, 2–4PM @ Cushing Park Wrap up Summer and Summer Reading! Don't forget to enter your books for the Summer Reading Raffle Prizes! Drawings will happen after Monday, September 7!				
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Teen Programs (*Grades 6–12)

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 3–4:30PM | 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 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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 decide.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

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

August 20, 6–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied

teens to hang out and do arts and crafts. On the

first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the

third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Dark Summer Is Here

August 8, 11–5PM | Main Library

The first annual Dark Summer Book Fest invades the

Framingham Public Library on Saturday, August 8. This

one's for all the dark fiction lovers from crime, horror, and

sci-fi to fantasy, paranormal romance, and more. Visit the

[Dark Summer Book Fest web page](#) to find out more.

Character Design with Ira Marcks

August 8, 12:30–1:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

In this first of two workshops for teens from award-winning

cartoonist Ira Marcks, design your own expressive cartoon

characters. [Registration strongly recommended.](#)

Creating Graphic Novels with Ira Marcks

August 8, 3:30–4:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

In this second workshop, learn how Ira plans, writes,

and draws his books using the three essential

elements of storytelling—characters, setting, and

theme. [Registration strongly recommended.](#)

Making Personal Zines with Robin Gow

August 8, 2–3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Learn about the history of science fiction and horror zines and

then make our own! [Registration strongly recommended.](#)

Clover Terrariums

August 11, 1–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Create your very own terrarium with live clover in it!

Create a garden scene using props and craft materials,

or just plant clover for a pop of color wherever you

choose to place it. [Registration recommended.](#)

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament with One Up Games

August 13, 4–7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

One Up Games returns, this time bringing a Smash Tournament

to the library! Pick your fighter and see who becomes

champion. [Registration is strongly recommended.](#)

BattleTech: Alpha Strike

August 17, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Learn to play a fast-paced, miniatures-based role playing game!

Whether you're new to table top role playing games (TTRPGs),

or you've played a ton of them, BattleTech: Alpha Strike is a fun

time. Program is first come, first served. Once it fills up, that's that.



* Unless otherwise noted