



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

February 2026

Lunar New Year Community Celebration

February 7, 11AM–1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | All ages

Lunar New Year begins February 17, 2026. This holiday is celebrated widely across East and Southeast Asia from China, South Korea, and Vietnam to many other countries. In some of these countries, Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday of the year.

This holiday marks the beginning of the new year based on the lunar calendar. The lunar calendar begins with the new moon and usually lasts 12 months.

In some countries, the Lunar New Year is associated with one of 12 animals from the Chinese zodiac. This year's animal is the horse, so you may hear 2026 referred to as Year of the Horse.

Join us in a community celebration of Lunar New Year at the Main Library with activities, crafts, performances, and more! For a full list of events, organizations present, and performance times, [see our event page](#).



Main Library Children's Programs

Go for Gold! Winter Olympic Reading Challenge

January 2–February 28 | Main Library and McAuliffe Branch, Children's Rooms

Ready, Set. Go! Visit the Children's Room at either library and ask for the Winter Olympic Reading Challenge! Read certain books related to the Olympics to qualify for bronze, silver, or gold paper medals to display on the wall of the Children's Rooms.

Mini Pipe Cleaner Tacos

February 3, 5:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

Come make mini pipe cleaner tacos for Taco Tuesday!

Winter Games: Ski STEM Challenge

February 9, 6PM | Spark Lab | Grades K–5

Design and build a skier out of aluminum foil and wooden craft sticks that can balance and slide down a ski slope!

Kindness Cards

February 13, 9AM–12PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Drop-in all morning to color a card for kids and adults in hospitals, senior housing, and veterans' centers.



Framingham
Public Library

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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Kids Afternoon Painting Workshop with Julie Harrold

February 18, 2PM | Costin Room | Ages 8–12

Join Art Educator Julie Harrold in an instructional step-by-step painting of a bee! Learn to see shapes and use blending and layering techniques. No painting experience necessary, dress for mess! Get a ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.



Beginner 3D Print Workshop

February 19, 2:30–4PM | Costin Room | Grades 2–5

Learn 3D modeling with Tinkercad from the staff of ToysInBox. Create a keychain of your name, watch it print onsite, and take it home that day! Space is limited. **Registration required.**

LEGO Build

February 19, 4–5:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.



Borax Crystal Hearts

February 20, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

Create a supersaturated solution using borax and hot water, then suspend a heart shape within it to grow sparkling crystals overnight.

Coloring, Crafts, and Puzzles—Oh My!

February 21, 10AM–1PM | Children's Room | Ages 3–12

Drop in to the library for a morning of coloring pages, assorted crafts, and jigsaw puzzles.

Pokémon Party

February 28, 11AM | Children's Room | Ages 4–12

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Celebrate World Pokémon Day with a morning of themed crafts and activities (while supplies last).

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Go for Gold! Winter Olympic Reading Challenge

January 2–February 28 | Main Library and

McAuliffe Branch, Children's Rooms

Ready. Set. Go! Visit the Children's Room and ask for the Winter Olympic Reading Challenge! Read certain books related to the Olympics to qualify for bronze, silver, or gold paper medals to display on the wall of the Children's Rooms.

Open Color

February 4, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5–12

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

Winter Scene Craft

February 7, 11AM | Craft Room | All ages

Create your own pop-up winter scene!

Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller Clay Sculptures

February 9, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

In honor of Black History Month, we are creating our own sculptures in memory of Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller, Framingham native and an African-American artist who participated in the Harlem Renaissance. With air dry clay, let your imagination fly!

Celebrating 100 Years of Black History Month

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

Celebrate 100 years of Black History Month with three mini crafts honoring the diverse contributions of black artists, scientists, and historical figures!

Little Innovators Big Dreams: Lemon Volcanoes

February 21, 11AM | Community Room | Ages 8–12

Learn about acidic reactions and the science behind it through engaging, hands-on experiments. Get a ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.

Love Bug Craft

February 25, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–12

Practice your cutting skills by making little hearts, and then glue them together to make a little love bug!



LEGO Build

February 26, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5–12

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Ongoing Programs

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!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

February 21, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community & Craft Rooms

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help your baby explore. All programs for ages 0–4 unless otherwise noted.

Winter Wonderland

February 6, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Melted Snowman Oobleck

February 24, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

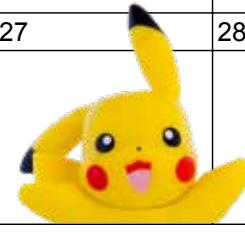
Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

February 14, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)

February 28, 11:30AM | 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.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7 Lunar New Year Community Celebration 11am @ Main Winter Scene Craft 11am @ McAuliffe
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Tween Programs

Kids' Chess Club

February 3, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

February 17, 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.

Fuse Bead Social

February 17, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Create your own fuse bead designs!

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

February 2, 9, & 23, 3–4:30PM | 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.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

February 5, 6–7 PM | Main Library, Teen Room

February 19, 6–7 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room

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

Vacation Week Craft: Mosaic Tiles

February 17, 1–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

February 19, 1–3 PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Create a colorful mosaic tile that can be displayed or used as a coaster!

Vacation Week Video Game Hangout

February 20, 1–3PM | Main Library, J

Program Room (downstairs)

Play video games and eat snacks.

Anime Club

February 21, 1–3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Watch anime, do crafts, eat snacks, and meet other anime and manga lovers.

Board Game Afternoon

February 28, 2–4PM | Main Library

Hang out and play board games with friends!

