



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

July 2026



Summer Eats (Free Lunch Program)

Summer Eats is a program that provides FREE meals to kids 18 years and under! Summer Eats runs from June 29 to August 20.

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. Summer Eats tiene lugar del 29 de junio al 20 de agosto.

Biblioteca Principal:

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 12 a 13 h.

Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Martes y Jueves de 12 a 13 h.



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Bibiloteca Principal:

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

Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Terças e Quintas das 12h às 13h

Main Library Children's Programs

Popsicle Scrape Painting

July 2, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2–5

Scrape and swirl paint across paper to create a sweet summer decoration!



Virtual Reality for Kids

July 9, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

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

Movie: Hoppers

July 13, 6PM | Costin Room | 2026, PG, 1h 44m, CC

A teenage animal lover uses technology that places her consciousness into a robotic beaver to uncover mysteries within the animal world beyond her imagination.

Berry Basket Weaving

July 14, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2–5

Practice your weaving skills using recycled materials, like berry baskets!

Cork Boats

July 16, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–9

Use corks to make little boats that float in the pool or tub!

MHS Plantmobile—Farm Fresh

July 17, 2PM | The Learning Yard | Ages 4–10

Join the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and explore the many facets of agriculture and the food we eat every day! Make connections to plant parts and inherited traits and tinker with ways to improve our agricultural systems and make connections to the history of New England farming.



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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Professor Bugman

July 20, 10AM | Costin Room | Ages 3–12

Kids learn all about arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet, during this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program! Learn, see, hear, touch, and even smell the incredible adaptations these creatures have that help them survive in the wild world.



Cardboard Cactus Creation

July 21, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 4–12

Paint leaf and flower-shaped cardboard pieces and connect them to form a unique cactus sculpture!

Who Would Win? Author Visit with Jerry Pallotta

July 28, 10AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Join us for a visit with Jerry Pallotta, the award-winning author of more than 90 books, including the popular *Who Would Win?* series. Learn about the creative process of how Jerry takes an idea or creature and turns it into a book. Afterwards, Jerry will be available to sell and sign his books. The *Who Would Win?* series is recommended for summer reading in the Framingham Public Schools!

Create Your Own Projector

July 30, 11AM | Costin Room | Ages 4–8

Make a homemade projector with cardboard rolls, foam, and markers.

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Fairy Tales & Fairy Homes

July 11, 10:30AM | Astronaut Grove | Ages 2–7

Join the Nature School of Sudbury for a cozy group story time featuring “Child of Faerie, Child of Earth” by Jane Yolen, followed by an outdoor fairy house building workshop using woodland treasures. Depending on weather, this program will move indoors to the Community Room.

KiwiCo presents: Drip Irrigation

July 15, 3PM | Craft Room | Ages 8–12

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

OUT Metrowest: Rock Painting

July 16, 6PM | Community Room | Ages 2–12

Join the Framingham Library and OUT Metrowest for rock painting! Use your rocks to decorate your own garden or use them to brighten up your space!



Special Guest Storytime:

Keep Framingham Beautiful

July 20, 10AM | Community & Craft Rooms | Ages 2–5

Come join us for a special storytime with our friends from Keep Framingham Beautiful!



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Firework Stamp Painting

July 29, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–5

Use different materials like forks and cut up cardboard rolls to stamp colorful fireworks.



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)

July 1, 10AM | Butterworth Park

July 8, 10AM | Danforth Park (Danforth St.)

July 15, 10AM | Anna Murphy Park (Cove St. & Lake Ave.)

July 22, 10AM | Reardon Park (Vanderverter Ave.)

July 29, 10AM | Farm Pond Park Woodland Playground

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!

Baby Sensory Series

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

Block Play

July 8, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

July 17, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Marvel)

July 28, 4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)

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

July 2026						
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 @ McAuliffe			1	2	3	4
			Open Color 3pm @ McAuliffe	Popsicle Scrape Painting 10:30am @ Main		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	LEGO Build 4pm @ Main	Chess Club 5pm @ Main	Block Play 10am @ Main	Virtual Reality for Kids 6pm @ Main		Fairy Tales & Fairy Homes 11am @ McAuliffe
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Movie: Hoppers (2026) 6pm @ Main	Berry Basket Weaving 10am @ Main	KiwiCo: Drip Irrigation 3pm @ McAuliffe	Cork Boats 11am @ Main Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main OUT Metrowest: Rock Painting 6pm @ McAuliffe	MHS Plantmobile: Farm Fresh 2pm @ Main	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
	Professor Bugman 10am @ Main Storytime w/ Keep Framingham Beautiful 10am @ McAuliffe Professor Bugman 2pm @ McAuliffe LEGO Build 4pm @ Main	Chess Club 5pm @ McAuliffe Cardboard Cactus Creation 6pm @ Main		LEGO Build 3:30pm @ McAuliffe		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Who Would Win? Author Visit with Jerry Pallota 10am @ Main	Firework Stamp Painting 11am @ McAuliffe	Create Your Own Projector 11am @ Main		
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Ongoing Programs

Open Color

July 1, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5–12

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

LEGO Build

July 6, 4–5:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

July 20, 4–5:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

July 23, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5–12

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Kids' Chess Club

July 7, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

July 21, 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

July 16, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Hang out and make fuse bead designs!

Teen Programs (*Grades 6–12)

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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

July 16, 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.

BattleTech: Alpha Strike

July 20, 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.

VR Among Us with One Up Games

July 15, 4–7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Put on a VR headset and prepare to root out a traitor on the ship! One Up Games provides the equipment, and we play as many matches as we can in the time we have. Registration strongly recommended.

Teen Boxing Class (& Smoothies!)

with Trybe Fyttness

July 21, 11–12:15PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Local boxing gym Trybe Fyttness brings their equipment to the library for a high-energy session introducing the fundamentals of non-contact boxing through bag work, technique drills, and conditioning. After the class, make smoothies to cool down. Registration strongly recommended.

Felted Carnivorous Plant with Pop Up Art School

July 28, 2–3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Ages 13+

Using colorful wool and a special barbed needle, sculpt a fun green carnivorous plant complete with fangs and a bright red tongue, all rooted in a real terracotta pot! Registration strongly recommended.



Henna Workshop with Henna Cafe

July 30, 6–7:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Manisha from Henna Cafe shares the history, culture, and science of henna tattooing, along with the fundamentals of Indian, African, and Moroccan designs. There's plenty of time to practice and draw on your own henna/mehndi! Registration required.



Anime Club

July 31, 2–4PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Dark Summer Is Coming

August 8 | 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, whether your particular interest is crime fiction, horror, fantasy, paranormal romance, sci-fi, literary fiction, or any number of other things! [Register to join our Dark Summer mailing list](#). Visit the [Dark Summer Book Fest web page](#) to find out more.



Dark Summer Ira Marcks Workshops

August 8 | Main Library, Spark Lab

Character Design from 12:30–1:30PM

Creating Graphic Novels from 3:30–4:30PM

Two workshops from award-winning cartoonist Ira Marcks for teens. In the first, design your own expressive cartoon characters. In the second, learn how Ira plans, writes, and draws his books using the three essential elements of storytelling—characters, setting, and theme.

* Unless otherwise noted