Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

Main Library Children's Programs

Paper Plate Jellyfish
July 1, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Lace multi colored stingers onto your own mixed materials jellyfish!

Puzzle Competition
July 9, 3PM | 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. Space is limited. Registration required.

Lego Build
July 10, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Minecraft Thrill Rides: Physics & Roller Coaster Engineering!
July 14, 4PM | Costin Room | Grades 2–5

Team up to design and build an epic roller coaster that loops back to its starting point while adhering to the exciting principles of physics! Your mission is to create a coaster with a single start and stop point, ensuring it follows real-world physics. This Minecraft STEM Workshops is presented by Arrayscape Gaming. **Registration is required**.

Summer Reading is here!

Summer reading is here! 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.

Bibiloteca Principal:
Segundas, Quartas e Sextas, das 12h às 13h

Biblioteca McAuliffe:
Terças e Quintas das 12h às 13h

Main Library Programs continued...

Paper Plate Seagulls
July 15, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Make a seagull who is ready to fly off to the beach!

Movie: Dog Man (2024)
July 16, 1PM | Costin Room

Dog Man, half dog and half man, he is sworn to protect and serve as he doggedly pursues the feline supervillain Petey the Cat. Rated PG; Runtime 99 mins; Closed Captions will be provided in English.

Dungeons & Dragons-themed Mash-Up Madness
July 17, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

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

Paper Bag Kites
July 21, 10AM | Spark Lab | All ages

Make a unique kite to fly outside with your friends!

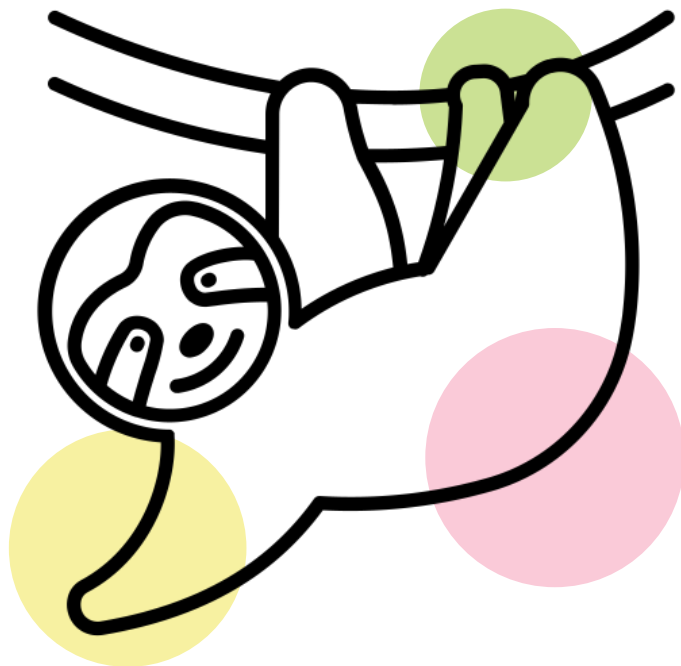### The Joys of Nature Presents: Animals of the Rainforest
July 29, 11AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Which animals live on the ground or under the ground? Which animals live in trees? Learn about the levels of different habitats and survival strategies of the animals that live there!

Beginner Origami Workshop
July 30, 7PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn the basic folds of origami. This date will include learning the dog and the fish.

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Open Color
July 2, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Family Paint Night
July 7, 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.

Buildwave: A Supercharged Building Experience!
July 12, 2PM | Community Room | Grades K–6

Everyone is creative. Everyone can be resilient. Buildwave participants prove this to themselves, building with wave after wave of materials, guided by a high-energy audiovisual spectacle!

Bubble Dance Party
July 22, 11AM | Astronaut Grove | Ages 0–4

Start your day with some bubbles, music and dancing!

Lego Build
July 24, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

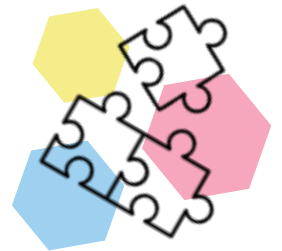### OUT Metrowest Board Game Hangout
July 26, 10:30AM-12:30PM | Community Room | All Ages

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

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July 30, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

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Puzzle Competition
July 30, 10:30AM | Community Room | Ages 7+ & 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.

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.

Cool Whip Ice Cream Painting

July 1, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 0–4

Wooden Block Play

July 2, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Ages 2–4

Fizzy Ice Cubes

July 29, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronauts Grove | Ages 2–4

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

July 16, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)

July 23, 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.

July 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		**1** Paper Plate Jellyfish 11:00am @ Main **Cool Whip Ice Cream Painting** 11:00am @ McAuliffe **Chess Club** 5:00pm @ Main	**2** **Wooden Block Play** 10:00am @ Main **Open Color** 11:00am @ McAuliffe	**3**	**4** CLOSED	**5**
6 CLOSED	**7** **Family Paint Night** 6:00pm @ McAuliffe	**8**	**9**	**10** **Lego Build** 2:00pm @ Main	**11** **Beginner 3D Print Workshop** 2:45pm @ Main	**12** **Buildwave: A Supercharged Building Experience!** 2:00pm @ McAuliffe
13 CLOSED	**14** **Minecraft STEM Workshop: Thrill Rides** 4:00pm @ Main	**15** **Paper Plate Seagulls** 11:00am @ Main **Chess Club** 5:00pm @ McAuliffe	**16** **Book Buddies (Cosmo)** 11:00am @ McAuliffe **MOVIE: Dog Man** 1:00pm @ Main	**17** **D&D-themed Mash-Up Madness** 2:00pm @ Main	**18**	**19** **Puzzle Competition** 2:00pm @ Main
20 CLOSED	**21** **Paper Bag Kites** 10:00am @ Main	**22** **Bubble Dance Party** 11:00am @ McAuliffe	**23** **Book Buddies (Daisy)** 4:30pm @ McAuliffe	**24** **Lego Build** 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	**25**	**26** **OUT Metrowest Board Game Hangout** 10:30am @ McAuliffe
27 CLOSED	**28**	**29** **Fizzy Ice Cubes** 11:00am @ McAuliffe **The Joys of Nature: Animals of the Rainforest** 11:00am @ Main	**30** **Puzzle Competition** 10:30am @ McAuliffe **Paper Plate Jellyfish** 11:00am @ McAuliffe **Beginner Origami Workshop** 7:00pm @ Main	**31**	**Summer Board Game Workshop** July 10, 17, 24, 31 6:00-8:00pm @ McAuliffe	**Bookworms and Popcorn** July 10, 17, 24, 31 4:00pm @ Main

Tween Programs

Kids' Chess Club
July 1, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center
July 15, 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+

Learn basic game design principles to create your own playable board games! This weekly program runs from July 10 to August 28. Space and supplies are limited. **Registration required.**

Beginner 3D Print Workshop
July 11, 2:45–4:15PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8

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.**

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
July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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 for All Levels
July 7 & 21, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch

Two D&D workshops for beginner and experiences players! First, on July 7, **Heroes Begin Here: Crafting Your First D&D Character**. Then on July 21, **Behind the Screen: A Beginner's Guide to Being a Dungeon Master**. **Registration recommended.**

Level Up Craft: D20 Pendant Necklace
July 10, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Craft your very own pendant necklace using a D20 that can be easily removed whenever you need to start a game! **Registration recommended.**

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout
July 10, 6–7PM | Main Library, Teen Room
July 17, 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.

Introduction to 3D Printing
July 11, 12:30–2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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.**

Dungeons & Dragons Campaign: The Quest
July 14 & 28, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Welcome to Tor, a land of ancient magic, sleepy towns, and whispered legends. Life has always been simple—until now. "The Quest" is a Dungeons & Dragons jump-in adventure perfect for new players and veterans alike. Space is limited. **Registration required.**

Level Up Craft: Tetris Magnets
July 22, 2-4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Make your own portable Tetris game to take with you wherever you go! Registration recommended.

EA FC 25 Tournament
July 24, 5–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The library and Game Underground team up once again to run gaming tournaments this summer! First up is EA FC 25—pick your team and take them to victory. **Registration recommended.**

Animals of the Rainforest
July 29, 1–2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come learn about special adaptations that rainforest animals need to survive and meet some animals up close while you learn more about their wild relatives. **Registration recommended.**

LEGO Design
July 30, 3–5PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Use Studio 2.0 to learn how to design your own custom LEGO sets. Space is limited. **Registration highly recommended.**

Battlebots
July 31, 1–2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Level up your skills in the MobileQuest arena. Modify Dash Robots with balloons, skewers, plastic straws, and more, and prepare for battle! Control your battlebot until the last balloon is popped! Space is limited. **Registration required.**

* Unless otherwise noted