



# Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

May 2026

## Main Library Children's Programs

### Water Safety for Kids!

May 2, 10:30AM | Costin Room | Ages 0–12

Join British Swim School for a workshop on swim safety to help children learn how to stay safe in and around water year-round.

### Cherry Blossom Windsocks

May 2, 3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

Learn about the significance of cherry blossoms in Asia and the U.S. while creating a windsock.

### Bubble Art

May 15, 2:30-3:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–9

Make bubble art with water, dish soap, and fun colors.

### Pet Rocks

May 16, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 4–12

Have you been looking for a pet that's loyal, friendly, quiet, and low-maintenance? Adopt your own one-of-a-kind companion: a pet rock! Dress up your new best friend with craft supplies and decorate a carrying case to take home.

## May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

From May 1–31, we celebrate the important contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to our culture, history, and society.

Often referred to as AAPI Month, it began in 1977 when Congressional representatives introduced a resolution to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week.

They chose May for two reasons. First, on May 7, 1843, Nakahama Manjirō became the first Japanese immigrant to the United States. Second, on May 10, 1869, Chinese laborers drove a golden spike into the first transcontinental railroad to complete this massive project.

Eventually, Asian-Pacific Heritage Week became Asian American & Pacific Islander Month.

## Check out these Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature (APAAL) award-winning books



### 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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## Butterfly Feeders & Monarch Release Day

May 22, 3–4PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 5–12

Release the monarch butterflies and make sugar water feeders.

## Storytime with Danforth Art Museum

May 28, 10–10:30AM | Costin Room | Ages 3–5

Join us for a special storytime featuring guests from the Danforth Art Museum as we do a surprise craft and read about art!

## McAuliffe Children's Programs

### Star Wars™—May the Fourth Be With You

May 4, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Celebrate Star Wars™ Day with these special themed crafts and coloring pages.



### Mother's Day Cards

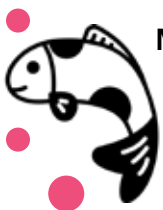
May 7, 10:30AM | Community Room | All Ages

Celebrate Mother's Day by making a card!

### Japanese Folktales & Origami for Families

May 9, 11AM | Community Room | Ages 5+

Parents' Choice Award winner Motoko regales families with delightful folktales from her native Japan, combined with hands-on origami activities. Motoko's step-by-step instructions make the ancient Japanese art fun and accessible. Learn focus, imagination, and precision while creating pieces of art.



### Mini Koinobori Craft

May 16, 10:30AM | Craft Room | Ages 5–12

To celebrate AAPI Month, we're making Koinobori! Koinobori, meaning 'carp streamer', are carp-shaped windsocks traditionally flown in Japan. They celebrate Tango no sekku, a traditional event which is now Children's Day, a national holiday in Japan.

### Storytime with Danforth Art Museum

May 18, 10-10:30AM | Community Room | Ages 3–5

Join us for a special storytime featuring guests from the Danforth Art Museum as we do a surprise craft and read about art!

### Finger Painting

May 27, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–5

Get creative with washable paint!

### Water Safety for Kids!

May 30, 10:30AM | Community Room | Ages 0–12

Join British Swim School for a workshop on swim safety to help children learn how to stay safe in and around water year-round.

## 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

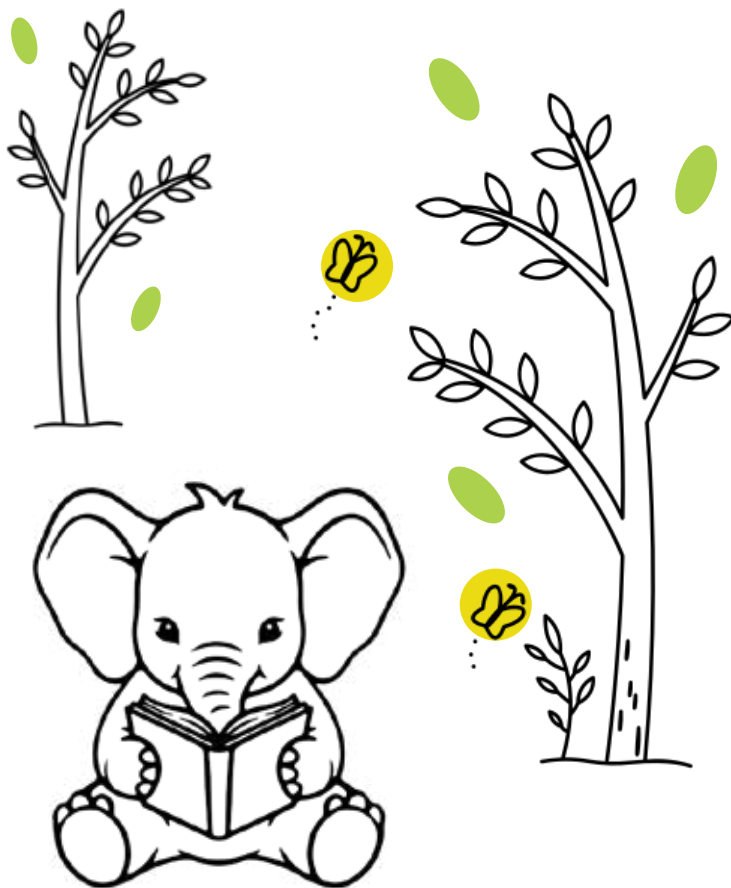
Fridays, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

### Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

May 9, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!



### Storytime in the Parks (Ages 3–5)

May 6, 10AM | Cushing Memorial Park, Academy Building

May 20, 10AM | Roosevelt Park (Fay & Seminole Ave.)

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 Framingham 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.

### Light Board Play

May 12, 10AM | Main Library, Children’s Program Room

### Bubble Painting

May 19, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

## Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

May 9, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

May 30, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)

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

## Ongoing Early Childhood Alliance Events

### Play, Learn, and Grow Together (Tuesday Group)

Tuesdays, 10AM | Early Childhood Alliance Room

### Play, Learn, and Grow Together (Wednesday Group)

Wednesdays, 11AM | Early Childhood Alliance Room

### Play, Learn, and Grow Together (Thursday Group)

Thursdays, 11AM | Early Childhood Alliance Room

| May 2026   |   |  |  |   |   |  |
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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
| <b>Book Buddies</b><br>May 9, 11AM @ McAuliffe (Arden)<br>May 30, 11AM @ McAuliffe (Cosmo) |   | <b>Storytime in the Parks</b><br>May 6, 10AM<br>@ Cushing Memorial Park, Academy Building<br>May 20, 10AM<br>@ Roosevelt Park (Fay & Seminole Ave) |  |   | 1   | 2  |
|  |   |  |  |   |    | <b>Water Safety for Kids!</b><br>10:30am @ Main<br><b>Cherry Blossom Windsocks</b><br>3pm @ Main           |
| 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8   | 9  |
|  | <b>Star Wars™ Day</b><br>3:30pm @ McAuliffe   | <b>Kids' Chess Club</b><br>5pm @ Main  | <b>Open Color</b><br>3:30pm @ McAuliffe    | <b>Mother's Day Cards</b><br>10:30am @ McAuliffe  |   | <b>Japanese Folktales &amp; Origami</b><br>11am @ McAuliffe<br><br><b>Mandarin Storytime</b><br>3pm @ Main |
| 10   | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14  | 15  | 16   |
|          |   | <b>Light Board Play</b><br>10am @ Main   |  | <b>Fuse Bead Social</b><br>2pm @ Main   | <b>Bubble Art</b><br>2:30pm @ Main  | <b>Pet Rocks</b><br>10am @ Main<br><br><b>Mini Koinobori Craft</b><br>10:30am @ McAuliffe                  |
| 17   | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22  | 23   |
|  | <b>Storytime with Danforth Art Museum</b><br>10am @ McAuliffe                       | <b>Bubble Painting</b><br>11am @ McAuliffe<br><br><b>Kids' Chess Club</b><br>5pm @ McAuliffe   |  | <b>LEGO Build</b><br>4pm @ Main   | <b>Butterfly Feeders &amp; Monarch Release</b><br>3pm @ Main                          |                       |
| 24   | 25  | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29  | 30   |
|          |  |  | <b>Finger Painting</b><br>11am @ McAuliffe | <b>Storytime with Danforth Art Museum</b><br>10am @ Main<br><b>LEGO Build</b><br>3:30pm @ McAuliffe |  | <b>Water Safety for Kids!</b><br>10:30am @ McAuliffe   |

## Ongoing Programs

### Kids' Chess Club

May 5, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

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

### Open Color

May 6, 3:30PM | 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

May 14, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Create your own fuse bead designs!

### LEGO Build

May 21, 4–5:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

May 28, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5–12

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

## 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

### Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

May 4, 11, & 18, 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 decide.

### DIY Prom Flowers

May 9, 12–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Learn how to make your own prom flowers for yourself and/or your date, then take some supplies home with you to create your own for your upcoming prom!

### Early Release Day Retro Movie

May 14, 12:30–2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

We bring a few movies made from before you were born. Pick one and then eat popcorn!

### BattleTech: Alpha Strike

May 18, 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.

### Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

May 21, 6–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

A (usually) twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts and crafts. Alphabet Soup is at the McAuliffe Branch in May. We'll see you again at both libraries in June!

### Anime Club

May 30, 2–4PM | Main Library, Trustees Room

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

## Dark Summer Is Coming

August 8 | Main Library

A new book festival is coming to Framingham this summer! 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 you like crime, horror, fantasy, paranormal romance, or any number of other genres! [Register to join our Dark Summer mailing list](#). Visit the [Dark Summer Book Fest web page](#) to find out more.



\* Unless otherwise noted