Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

November 2026

Main Library Children's Programs

Storywalk™ "We Are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom

All Month Long | Children's Room | All Ages

The story of an Ojibwe girl who fights against an oil pipeline in an effort to protect the water supply of her people.

Mini Clay Magnets

November 9, 5:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Get creative and mold a magnet for your locker or fridge!

Decorate a Community Cardboard Cake for Fred

November 14, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 4–9

Use your creativity to make a community cardboard cake for Fred's 25th birthday this month.

Fall Suncatchers

November 19, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

Create a fall-themed suncatcher to hang up in your window.

Tea-Rex Party

November 20, 11AM | Children's Room | Ages 2–6

Celebrate DINOvember with a dinosaur themed snack and activities!

Squishy Turtle Fidgets

November 23, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6–12

Use cardboard and stuffing to create a simple turtle-shaped fidget toy. Younger children are welcome with adult assistance.

Fred's 25th Birthday Bash

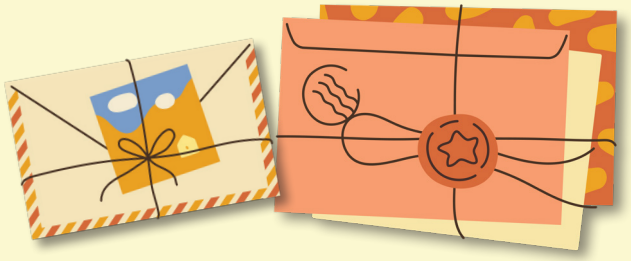
November 24, 6–7PM | Children's Room | All Ages

You're invited to a celebration of Fred the Turtle's 25th birthday! Join us for a night of cake, card making, and lots of fun. We'll sing to Fred at 6:15!

November is Fred's birthday month!

All Month Long | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch | All Ages

November is Fred's birthday month, so celebrate with us all month long! Drop by the Children's Room in either the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch—or both—to decorate a birthday card for Fred.



Send Fred best wishes for the year ahead. Tell her how happy you are to see her each time you visit the library. Let her know how much she means to you. All supplies are provided. No postage needed—we'll make sure Fred gets every card you write.

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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The Joys of Nature presents: Terrific Turtles!

November 30, 6:30PM | Costin Room | All Ages

What is the difference between a turtle and a tortoise? How big can a sea turtle grow? Are all turtle shells the same? Find out for yourself! Learn more about our wonderful shelled friends and meet some real turtles up close!

What do turtles do on their birthdays? They have a shell-ebration!

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Turtle Sand Painting

November 12, 3:30–5PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Navajo sand painting has its roots in traditional Navajo medicine and ceremonies. Join us in learning about the practice and history while making your own turtle paintings in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Paper Plate Turkey Tearing

November 18, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–5

Practice our tearing skills to make the fluffy plumage of a turkey!

Little Innovators, Big Dreams: Eggshell Chalk

November 21, 2PM | Community Room | Grades 2–5

Join local high school students to explore STEM through fun, hands-on experiments. Students create eggshell chalk and explore concepts involving transforming waste into sustainable materials. No registration required!

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.

** No storytimes on November 5, 16, and 26*

*Baby Storytime (Ages 0–2)

Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Wednesdays, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

**No storytime on November 11*

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

November 14, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

November 28, 3PM | McAuliffe Community & Craft Rooms

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Ongoing Programs

Kids' Chess Club

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

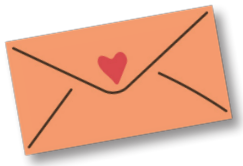
November 17, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

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

November 4, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5–12

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



Fuse Bead Social

November 5, 1:30–3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Room | Ages 7–12

Create your own fuse bead designs!

LEGO® Build (Ages 5–12)

November 12, 3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

November 19, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

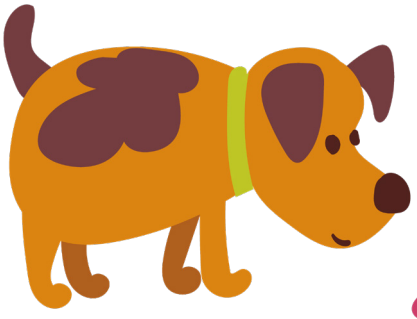
Build with LEGO bricks and display your creation at the library!

Fred loves to get letters from her friends.

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

November 4, 4PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Balto)
November 10, 4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)
November 14, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)
November 14, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Cosmo)
November 17, 4PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Gifford)
November 21, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program 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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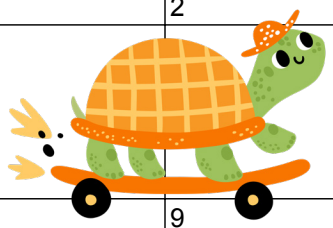
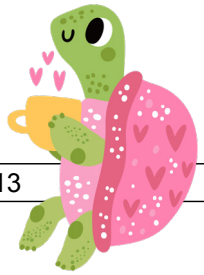
		**Kids' Chess Club** 5pm @ Main	**Open Color** 3:30pm @ McAuliffe **Book Buddies: Balto** 4pm @ Main	**Fuse Bead Social** 1:30pm @ Main		
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	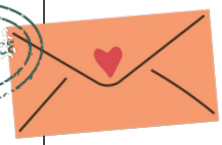	**Book Buddies: Gifford** 4pm @ Main **Kids' Chess Club** 5pm @ McAuliffe	**Paper Plate Turkey Tearing** 11am @ McAuliffe	**LEGO Build** 3:30pm @ McAuliffe **Fall Suncatchers** 6pm @ Main	**Tea-Rex Party** 11am @ Main	**Book Buddies: Arden** 10am @ Main **Little Innovators, Big Dreams: Eggshell Chalk** 2pm @ McAuliffe
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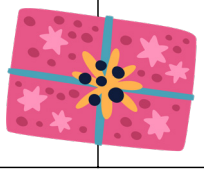
	Squishy Turtle Fidgets 6pm @ Main	**Fred's 25th Birthday Bash** 6pm @ Main	**Both Libraries Close @ 5pm**			
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中文读书会
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November 28, 3:00pm @ McAuliffe

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: Cross Stitch

November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Design your own cross stitch design and make it a reality using our supplies! Or use our other equipment to make something else in the Spark Lab.

Book Bedazzling

November 3, 3–4:30 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the trend and bedazzle a book cover! Bring your own, or grab one of ours to work on.

Early Release Day Video Games

November 5, 12:30–2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Let's eat some snacks and play video games in the Community Room.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

November 5, 6–7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

November 19, 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.

Monthly Dungeons & Dragons Campaign

November 9, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Our monthly Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) group has a spot open for anyone who wants to join and thinks they can commit to a second Monday of every month meetup! **Registration required.**

Anime Club

November 21, 2–4 PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

BattleTech: Alpha Strike

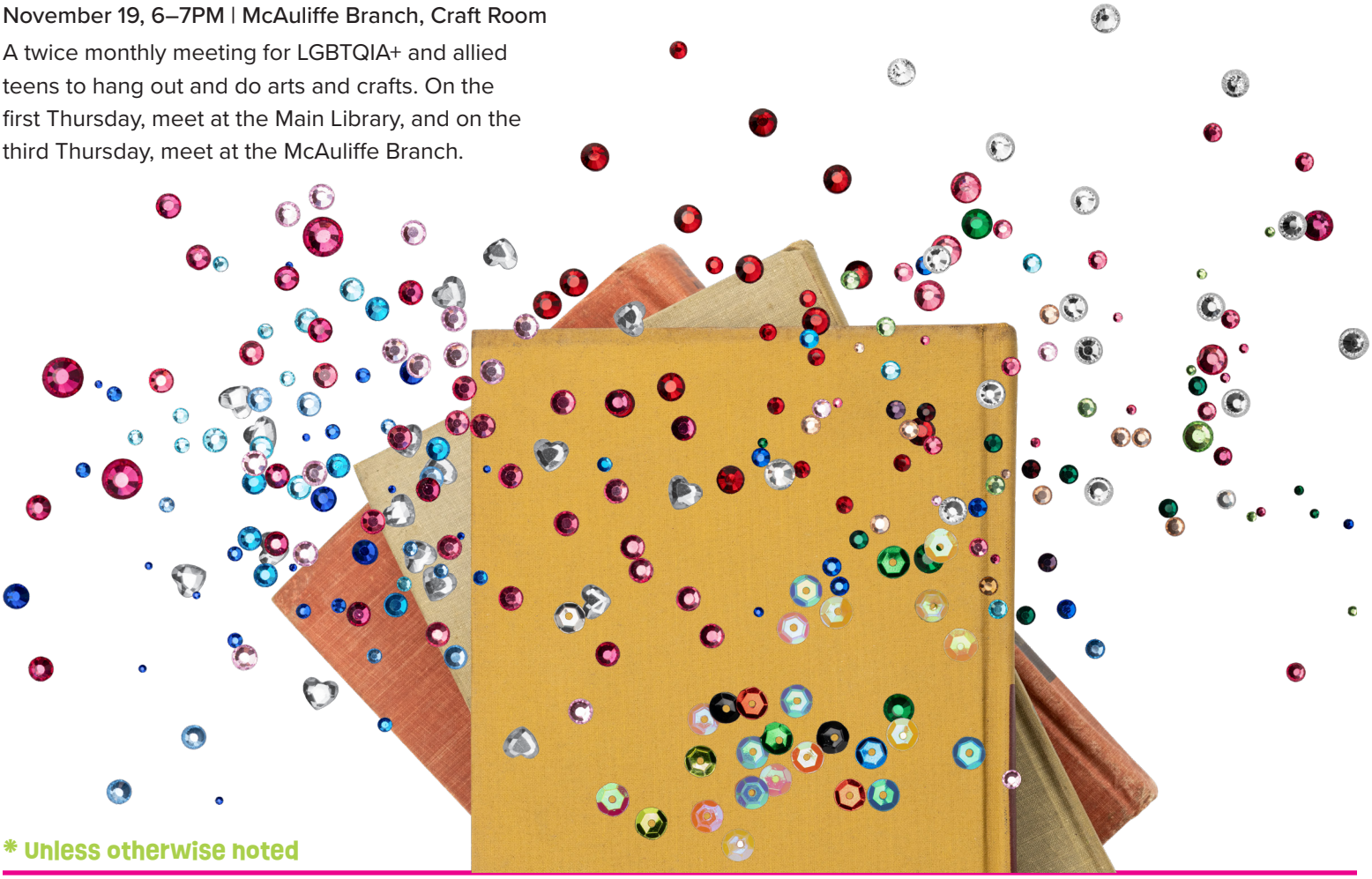
November 23, 4:30–7:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

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.

McAuliffe Branch Craft: DIY Geometric Picture Holders

November 24, 3–4:30 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Using only paint, wooden blocks, and a clothes peg, make your own adorable picture holder to display your favorite images.



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