



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

October 2025

Main Library Children's Programs

Flip-Book Animation Workshop

October 4, 10–11AM & 11AM–12PM | Costin Room | Ages 8–12

Come to a session with animation teacher Eben Taylor. Learn how to create animations using flip-books and bring your spooky art to life. Materials are provided—but don't forget your imagination! Space is limited, so choose either session one from 10–11AM or session two from 11AM–12PM. Register in person or call 508.532.5570 x4.



International DOT Day LIVE Showing

October 6, 10AM | Costin Room | All ages

Join us for this live streaming global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration from the historic Shubert Theatre in Boston! Peter H. Reynolds—

New York Times best-selling author and illustrator of

The Dot—and his twin brother Paul A. Reynolds will challenge everyone to be creative and find the courage to “make their mark.”

Monster-Mash-Up Madness

October 6, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Roll the dice to bring your very own MONSTROUS CREATIONS to LIFE!

Hispanic Heritage Month:

Colorful Papel Picado

October 8, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Join us for a Mexican fold art paper craft to make decorative banners often used for celebrations and festivals.

Papel Picado colorido

8 de octubre, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Haz una manualidad mexicana de papel para hacer banderines decorativos que suelen usarse para celebraciones y festivales.



Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed on October 13 for Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day, but we're open on Halloween!

Halloween Costume Swap

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

All month long, donate your gently used and clean costumes or accessories for ages 0–100 to either the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch, and stop by the Main Library, Children's Room to choose a costume to keep!

DIY Halloween Costume Drop-In

October 18, 10–12PM | October 20, 6–8PM | October 30, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

Planning to make your own Halloween costume this year? Come to any of our DIY drop-in sessions on October 18, 20, or 30 to use our makerspace equipment, including sewing machines, hot glue guns, and 3Doodler pens, and various materials, such as cardboard, duct tape, fabric, and glitter.



Main Library

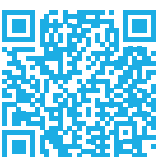
49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday & Saturday 9–5
*Sunday 1–5

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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Main Library Programs continued

LEGO Build

October 16, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Spark Lab Saturday: Beginner Haunted Embroidery Workshop

October 18, 2–4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 10 through Adult!

Learn a few basic hand stitches to create spooky and haunted patterns. All materials provided. Registration required; Space is limited. Please register in person or call 508.532.5570 x4.

Halloween Storytime

October 30, 10AM | Costin Room | Ages 3–5

It may be during storytime hours, but this storytime is anything but usual. Come dressed in costume to listen to Halloween stories, a Halloween craft, and participate in a bubble dance costume party!



Halloween Baby Storytime

October 31, 10:30AM | Costin Room | Ages 0–2

It may be during baby storytime hours, but this storytime is anything but usual. Come dressed in costume to listen to Halloween stories, a Halloween craft, and participate in a bubble dance costume party!

Película en español: Book of Life

30 de octubre, 6PM | Costin Room | PG, 95m, CC (English)

Manolo embarks on an adventure where he must face his greatest fears on the Day of the Dead.

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Open Color

October 1, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Hispanic Heritage Month: Coquí Craft

October 11, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making coquis, a frog native to and a national symbol of Puerto Rico.

Monster-Mash-Up Madness

October 14, 6PM | Craft Room | Ages 7+

Roll the dice to bring your very own MONSTROUS CREATIONS to LIFE!



Ghost Portraits

October 18, 3PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Use cardboard scraps to make a ghostly portrait!

LEGO Build

October 23, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Construction Paper Monster Montage

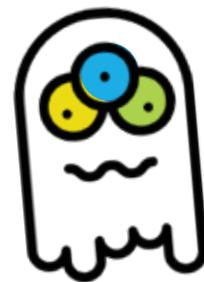
October 29, 11:00AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

With shapes create your own wild and wacky monsters!

Halloween Storytime

October 31, 10AM | Community Room | Ages 3–5

It may be during storytime hours, but this storytime is anything but usual. Come dressed in costume to listen to Halloween stories, a Halloween craft, and participate in a bubble dance costume party!



Ongoing Programs

Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3–5)

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe 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 Community Room

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

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Mandarin Storytime & Craft (Ages 3–5)

October 11, 3PM | McAuliffe Community & Craft Rooms

October 25, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Storywalk™ at Cushing Memorial Park:

Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds

All October | Cushing Memorial Park Children's Grove | All ages

In this Caldecott Honor–winning picture book, The Twilight Zone comes to the carrot patch as a rabbit fears his favorite treats are out to get him!

Storytime! Arts & Drama with Artservatorey

October 4, 18, & 25, 12PM | Children's Program Room

Discover the world of art and theatre through books! Enjoy a lively read-aloud, and hands-on activities that bring the story to life. Create an art project inspired by the story, such as a puppet, and then dive into drama by acting out your new creation.

Baby Sensory Series

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

Leaves and Salt Dough (Ages 2–4)

October 9, 10:30AM | McAuliffe Craft Room

Shadows and Light (Ages 0–4)

October 15, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Pumpkin Painting (Ages 0–4)

October 28, 11AM | McAuliffe Craft Room

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

October 18, 11AM | McAuliffe Craft Room (Daisy)

October 18, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

October 22, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Craft Room (Duncan)

October 25, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

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.

October 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe			Flip-Book Animation Workshop Time-Slot A: 10a-11a Time-Slot B: 11a-12p @ Main
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Monster-Mash-Up Madness 6:00pm @ McAuliffe	Shadows and Light 10:00am @ Main	LEGO Build 4:00pm @ Main		Halloween Costume DIY 10-12pm @ Main Spark Lab Saturday 2-4pm @ Main Ghost Portraits 3:00pm @ McAuliffe
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Tween Programs

Kids' Chess Club

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

October 21, 5PM | McAuliffe 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

October 11, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Skeleton STEM

October 28, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Use straws and string to engineer a moving hand model!

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.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

October 2, 6–7PM | Main Library, Teen Room

October 16, 6–7 PM | McAuliffe Teen 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 fourth Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Intro to Bullet Journaling

October 4, 2–3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Discover the art of Bullet Journaling in this fun and hands-on workshop! Learn how to organize your schedule, track goals, and explore your creative side through layouts, doodles, and calligraphy. Perfect for anyone curious about turning planning into a personal expression. Led by Navya M. Space is limited; registration strongly recommended.

* Unless otherwise noted

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

October 6, 20, & 27, 3-4:30 PM | 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.

McAuliffe Craft: Mini Monster Pumpkins

October 9, 2:30-4:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Spooky Season is here, so you need your very own Mini Monster Pumpkin to watch scary movies with.

Early Release Day Scary Movie!

October 23, 1–3 PM | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

It's an October early release day, so that means that we'll have a stack of scary movies, and you'll get to pick what we watch!

Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!

October 24, 5:30-8PM | Main Library

Try and survive the annual zombie invasion of Framingham! Gather supplies in the library after it closes, and make sure to avoid getting eaten. Registration strongly recommended

