



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

October 2026

Halloween Costume Swap

All October | 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, or stop by the Main Library to choose a costume to keep!

Drop-off locations include the Main Library, Children's Room and McAuliffe Branch, Circulation Desk. Costume pick-up location is at the Main Library, Children's Room.



Main Library Children's Programs

First Library Card Night

October 6, 5:30-7PM | Costin Room | All Ages

Don't have a library card yet? Join us in a celebration of getting your first library card, enjoy snacks, and crafts!

Splatter Monsters

October 9, 10AM | Costin Room | Ages 2-5

Use a spoon to splatter paint across paper and glue googly eyes to the shapes you create!

Película En Español: Spy Kids (2001)

Octubre 10, 2PM | Costin Room | Todas las edades

Dos niños se convierten en espías en un intento por salvar a sus padres—exespías—de una mente maestra malvada. Runtime: 88 mins. Rated: PG. Closed Captions provided in English.

LEGO® Robotics Workshop

October 10, 9:30AM–12PM or 1–3:30PM |

Children's Room | Grades 4–8

Join the FIRST Tech Challenge team, CTRL+Z, for a 150 minute, hands-on building and programming LEGO robot challenge. All materials provided. Space is limited.

Registration required. Please register for either session 1 from 9:30–12PM or session 2 from 1–3:30PM.

Spooky Clay Ghosts

October 19, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

Decoupage cute clay ghosts and take home a tea light to illuminate for extra spook. Registration is required. Please call 508.532.5570 or sign-up in person at the children's desk!

Metal Stamping Workshop

October 24, 2PM | Costin Room | Ages 8 through Adult

Stamp letters, numbers, rhinestones, and more!

Limited items available. Drop-ins are welcome.

Don't forget Banned Boooks Week—October 4–10! Read a banned book if you dare!



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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Paper Pulp Potions

October 27, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5–12

Mix paint with recycled paper pulp to create a colorful potion on a cardboard cauldron backdrop! Younger children are welcome with adult assistance.



Halloween Movie Marathon!

October 31 | Costin Room | All Ages

Come celebrate Halloween with freaky films for children, teens, and adults! Costumes welcome!

10AM: Happy Halloween, Scooby Doo! (2020 | NR | 1hr 20m)

12PM: Arachnophobia (1990 | PG-13 | 1hr 45m)

McAuliffe Children's Programs

First Library Card Night

October 6, 5:30–7PM | Community Room | All Ages

Don't have a library card yet? Join us in a celebration of getting your first library card, enjoy snacks, and crafts!

Professor Bugman Presents:

Spooky Bones and Creepy Crawlies

October 15, 6PM | Community Room | All Ages

Combine the SPOOKY and the SCIENTIFIC in this awesome Halloween learning event. Explore real bones and skeletons from endemic Massachusetts animals, or hold and pet some of the biggest bugs you've ever seen!



100 Years in the 100 Acre Wood:

Winnie-the-Pooh 100th Anniversary

October 17, 12–4PM | McAuliffe Branch | All Ages

Celebrate a century of everyone's favorite silly old bear! Drop by for a honey-sweet celebration the whole family can enjoy with hands-on crafts, photo-ops, fun games and prizes, and sweet snacks for story-lovers of all ages.

Little Innovators, Big Dreams: Robotic Hand

October 24, 2PM | Craft Room | Grades 2–5

Join local high school students to explore STEM through fun, hands-on experiments. Students will build a robotic-style hand and learn about physics and human anatomy.

Color Mixing Pumpkin Painting

October 28, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2–5

Learn what colors make orange while smushing paint in a Ziploc bag on a pumpkin print-out!



Haunted Library Escape Room

October 31, 11AM–2PM | Community Room | Ages 3–5

Something scary is going on. Are you brave enough to venture through a dark and spooky chamber? Warning: beware of cobwebs, ghosts, and the books themselves.

Storytimes

Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3–5)

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft 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, Craft Room

Wednesdays, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

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

October 10, 3PM | McAuliffe Community & Craft Rooms

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Scary Stories in the Park

October 7, 6:30–8:30PM | Academy Building, Cushing Park

Join the Framingham Library and Parks & Rec for a night of spooky storytelling by the fire.

Bring your own chairs and blankets. We'll bring the s'mores! All ages Welcome!



Ongoing Programs

Kids' Chess Club

October 6, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

October 20, 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

October 7, 3PM | 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

October 15, 2–4PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Ages 7–12

Create your own fuse bead designs!

LEGO® Build (Ages 5–12)

October 22, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

October 29, 3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

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

Baby Sensory Series

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

Feel & Find

October 23, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Use your hands, spoons, and other tools to search for toys hiding under a variety of different textured materials!

**I wish someone
would read to me.**



Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

October 6, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daphne)

October 6, 5:30PM | Main Library,
Children's Program Room (Gifford)

October 14, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Marvel)

October 17, 10AM | Main Library, Children's
Program Room (Cosmo)

October 21, 4PM | Main Library, Children's
Program Room (Balto)

October 27, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daphne)

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

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am		Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Wednesdays, 10-10:30am		1	2	3
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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 1, 6–7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

October 15, 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.

Maker Mondays: Spooky String Art

October 5, 19, & 26, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Use nothing but wood, nails, and string to make a spooky piece of wall art perfect for the season! Or use our other equipment to make something else in the Spark Lab.

McAuliffe Branch Craft: Framed Ghosties

October 8, 3–4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Trap a ghost in a frame for all eternity! Or at least use tissue paper and gold paint to make one.

Early Release Day Scary Movie

October 15, 12:30–2:30 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

We'll have a few options, and we'll pick a fun pre-Halloween spooky movie to watch with some fresh popcorn.

Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!

October 23, 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.

Anime Club

October 24, 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

October 26, 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.

Early Release Day Slime

October 29, 12:30–2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room & Astronaut Grove

Stop by the McAuliffe Branch backyard to make some early release day slime.

COMING SOON! 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.

* Unless otherwise noted