



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

September 2025

Bilingual Storytelling & Craft Time

September 2, 5PM | Main Library,
Children's Room | Ages 3+

Discover the wildlife of the Brazilian Amazon through *The Boy and the Jaguar*, told in Portuguese and English using Kamishibai—traditional Japanese paper theater. Story presented by Yumi, a second-generation Japanese Brazilian. After the story, kids can make their own jaguar masks!

Contaço de Histórias Bilíngue e Oficina de Arte

2 de setembro, 17h | Main Library,
Children's Room | Idades 3+

Venha conhecer os animais da floresta Amazônica com a história *O Menino e a Onça*, contada em português e inglês no formato Kamishibai—o tradicional teatro de papel japonês. A história será contada por Yumi, brasileira filha de japoneses. Após a contaço, as crianças poderão criar suas próprias máscaras de onça! Para crianças a partir de 3 anos.

Spooktastic Storytime!

September 13, 11:15AM | Main
Library, J Program Room

Join Christy Mandin, author of *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden*; Anastasia Garcia, author of *Creepy Campfire Stories*; and Nick Eliopoulos, author of *Minecraft Zombies!* at our Spooktastic author-led storytime!

Main Library Children's Programs

Summer Reading Ice Cream & Dance Party!

September 6, 2–4PM | Main Library | All ages

Celebrate Summer Reading with Bachata, crafts, teen video game hangout, and ice cream served up by our very own Representative Jack Patrick Lewis. Dairy-free options available. Summer Reading raffles to be drawn at 3:30PM. That's a wrap!

Fall Suncatchers

September 9, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Leaves are changing, it's time for apple picking, and maybe even acorn hunting. Capture it all with these fall-themed suncatchers!

Mask Workshop with Ira Marcks

September 13, 11:15AM–4:45PM |

Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

As part of our Spooktastic Book Fair™, cartoonist Ira Marcks, author of *Spirit Week* and Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominee *Shark Summer*, hosts a drop-in mask making workshop for kids and teens—all day in the Spark Lab!

Author & cartoonist
Ira Marcks

Meet him at the
Spooktastic Book Fair
on September 13.
See page 4 for more!



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

Circle Art

September 15, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Get creative with various geometric art techniques.

Lego Build

September 18, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation to display at the Library.

Spark Lab Saturday: Suminagashi Bookmarks

September 20, 2–4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8 through adult!

Learn the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese marbling technique, meaning “floating ink,” where ink is dropped onto the surface of water to create swirling patterns and then transferred to paper or fabric. Space is limited.

No School Day Movie: Minecraft (2025)

September 16, 6PM | Costin Room | PG, 101 mins., CC

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Library Card Day

September 25, 5–7PM | Costin Room

Join us in a celebration of getting your library card, learn what your library has to offer. There'll be crafts, snacks, and more!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

September 27, 3PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3–5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

McAuliffe Children's Programs

Open Color

September 3, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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



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September 17, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

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Fall Tree Mason Jars

September 19, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Use tissue paper and Mod Podge to create your own fall design on a glass jar!



LEGO Build

September 25, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Library Card Day

September 27, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch

Join us in a celebration of getting your library card. Whether you're a new library user or just curious about what else your library card provides, come learn about all the fantastic things your library has to offer. There'll be crafts, snacks, and more!

Tree Finger Painting

September 30, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 0–4

Create your own fall tree!

Ongoing Programs

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!

Kids' Chess Club

September 2, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

September 16, 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.

Baby Sensory Series

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

Lava lamps

September 9, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Scented Clay

September 25, 10:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Fall-Themed Sensory Play

September 26, 11:30AM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 1–4

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

September 4, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Ajax)

September 6, 12PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

September 6, 2PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Ajax)

September 13, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

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.

September 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Chess Club 5:00pm @ Main	Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe			Summer Reading Ice Cream & Dance Party! 2:00pm @ Main
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		Tree Finger Painting 11:00am @ 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: Open Spark Lab

September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 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 get to decide.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

September 4, 6–7PM | Main Library, Teen Room

September 18, 6–7 PM | McAuliffe Branch, 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.

End of Summer Ice Cream Party

September 6, 2–4 PM | Main Library

Join us for games and ice cream, and learn who won the Summer Reading raffle prizes!

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Spooktastic Book Fair™

September 13, 11–5PM | Main Library | All ages

Author and Spooktastic creator Alyssa Alessi (@pagesinthegraveyard) brings the third annual Spooktastic Book Fair to haunt the Framingham Public Library! Join 60+ authors ranging from creepy kidlit to adult horror, six publishers, several vendors of interesting and mysterious items, food trucks, and more for a haunting experience! For more information, check out the [Spooktastic Instagram page](#) or our [event web page](#).

DIY Fidgets!

September 24, 3–6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Our monthly McAuliffe Library craft series starts up again with an afterschool drop-in where you can make your own fidgets. We'll have a few to make. Take a few minutes to make one fidget or hang out for a bit and make them all! [Sign up now to get monthly teen craft program reminders](#).