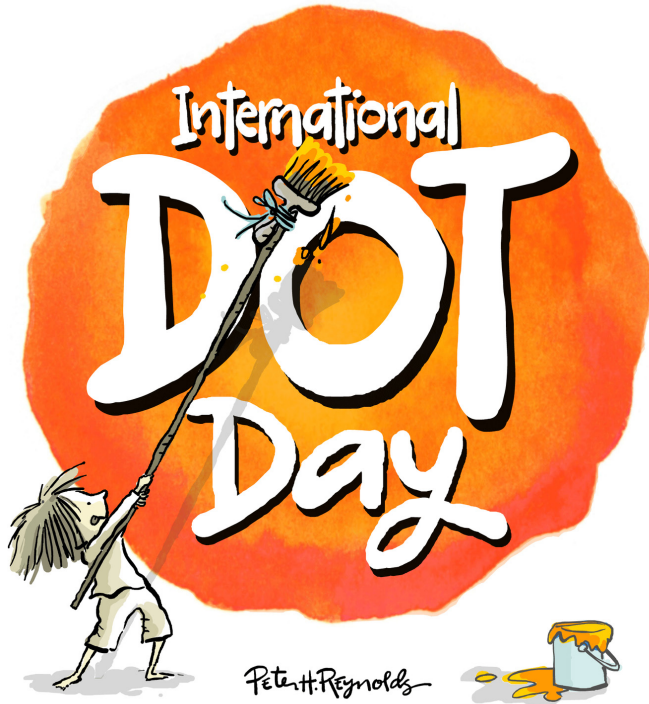




Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

September 2026



Baby Storytime change!

Beginning this September, Friday Baby Storytime at the Main Library moves to Wednesday morning at 10AM. We continue to meet in the Costin Room with the same fun and games you expect! Tuesday Baby Storytime at the McAuliffe Branch remains unchanged. We hope to see on Wednesdays, starting September 2.

Main Library Children's Programs

DIY Stickers

September 8, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7–12

Learn how to create your own unique stickers using tape and parchment paper!

International DOT Day LIVE Showing

September 15, 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.”

“Good to Be Me” Interactive Gratitude Workshop with Author Rachel Cook

September 19, 12–1:30PM | Children's Room | Ages 5–12

Join Artservatorey in this interactive literary, art, and drama workshop featuring Springfield's children's book author Rachel Cook!

Family Fishing Clinic with MassWildlife

September 30, 5–7PM | Lake Cochituate State Park | All Ages

Have you ever wanted to learn how to fish? Now's your chance! Learn the basics from casting to baiting up, then give fishing a try. No matter what, you're guaranteed to catch some fun! All fishing materials provided, no license needed.

[Registration is required and opens on September 1.](#)

Use this space to make your mark!

Main Library

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

McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday & Saturday 9:30–5
*Closed Sunday

* Both libraries are closed on Sundays in July and August.

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McAuliffe Children's Programs

Little Innovators, Big Dreams:

Chromatography Flowers

September 12, 2PM | Community Room | Grades 2-5

Join local high school students to explore STEM through fun, hands-on experiments. Students learn about the science behind chromatography and use that knowledge to create chromatography flowers!

Professor Bugman Storytime: *Together*

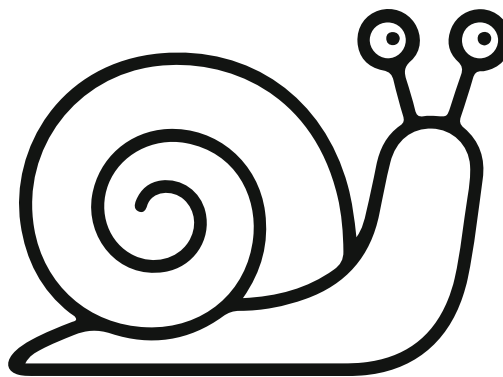
September 26, 11AM | Community Room | All Ages

Join Professor Bugman (Bryan Man) as he reads his self-published book *Together*! His book is about Ember, an ant, who sets off to scout for food for her colony and ends up learning an important lesson about sharing and changing one's mindset. After the story, we'll make our own ant companions!

Beaded Apples Craft

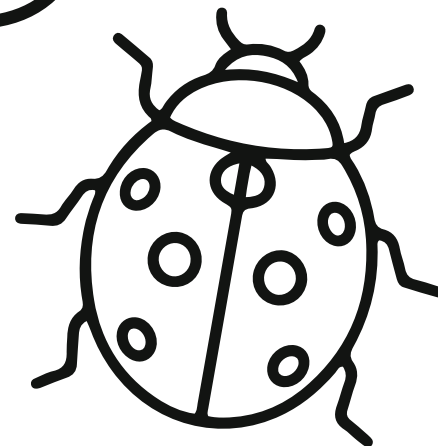
September 30, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2-5

With pipe cleaners and beads, make a cute 3D apple!



**Take out
your crayons!**

**Let's color
some bugs!**



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

(NEW DAY!) Wednesdays, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!



**What color is
your butterfly?**

Ongoing Programs

Kids' Chess Club

September 1, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

September 15, 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

September 2, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5-12

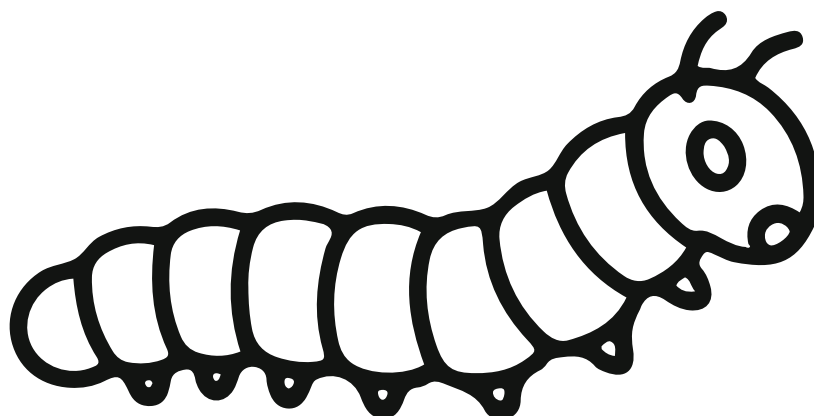
Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

LEGO Build (Ages 5-12)

September 17, 3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

September 24, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Make a LEGO creation to display 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.

Barnyard Bath

September 25, 10:30AM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Build fine motor skills by scrubbing, rinsing, and drying toy farm animals using soapy water and sponges!

Light Board Play

September 29, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Build, spell, and create with blocks and shapes on a light table!

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

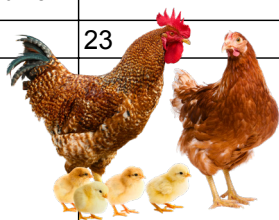
September 10, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Gifford)

September 23, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Ajax)

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



What's your favorite story?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs September 10, 3:30pm @ McAuliffe (Gifford) September 23, 3:30pm @ McAuliffe (Ajax)		1	2	3	4	5
		Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ Main	Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe			
6	7	8	9	10	12	
		DIY Stickers 6pm @ Main			Little Innovators, Big Dreams 2pm @ McAuliffe	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		DOT Day LIVE Showing 10am @ Main Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ McAuliffe		LEGO Build 3:30pm @ Main	Bubble Art 3pm @ Main	"Good to be Me" Interactive Gratitude Workshop 12pm @ Main
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				LEGO Build 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Barnyard Bath 10:30am @ Main	Professor Bugman Storytime 11am @ McAuliffe
		29	30	Family Fishing Clinic with MassWildlife Wednesday, September 30 5:00-7:00pm @ Lake Cochituate State Park		
	Light Board Play 11am @ McAuliffe	Beaded Apple Craft 11am @ McAuliffe				
Weekly Storytime (Ages 2-5) 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			

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

September 3, 6–7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

September 17, 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.

Book Bedazzling

September 10, 3–4:30 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the trend and bedazzle a book cover!

Bring your own, or grab one of ours.

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

September 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Anime Club

September 26, 2–4 PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Let's Sew Some Zines!

September 24, 6–7:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn to sew a simple, three-hole pamphlet stitch zine using upcycled materials you may already have. Get an introduction to the tools and supplies needed to create a zine longer than eight pages. Space and supplies are limited.

[Registration is required and opens on September 1.](#)

BattleTech: Alpha Strike

September 28, 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.



* Unless otherwise noted