

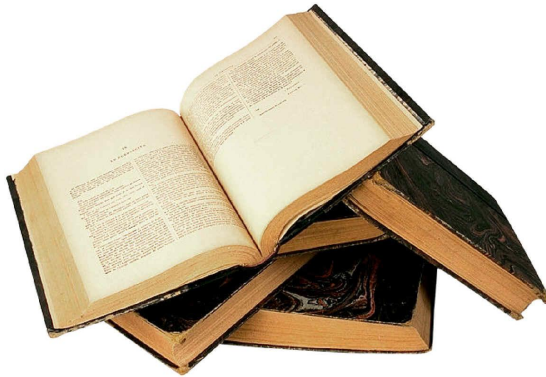
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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December 2017

News & Events for December 2017



What treasures will you find at this month's Book Sale?

The Franklin Public Library Book Sale is back! The Book Sale makes its return Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Books are \$1.00 each. The Bag Sale is Sunday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fill a brown paper bag with books for \$5.00! Bags will be provided. For more information, please call the Library at 508-520-4941.

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December Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed Sunday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day, Sunday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day. The Library's regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



December Programs

Children's Programs

Mondays

Move Along. 10:30 a.m. For ages 0 – 5 years

This thirty minute program features music, movement, stories, instruments, and other interactive activities to encourage social skills and promote early literacy! Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to participate. No registration is required.

Toddler Playgroup. 11:00 a.m.

Take a break and enjoy some playtime at this informal morning playgroup. The library will provide toys, music, and books for children who are accompanied by an adult. Connect with other parents and let little ones interact with one another. No registration is required.

Monday Crafternoons. 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Children's Room every Monday afternoon for a drop-in craft session! Be sure to bring your creativity!

Tuesdays

Get Ready for Kindergarten. 10:30 a.m. For ages 3 – 5.

This 45 minute program featuring stories, songs, activities, and crafts will help prepare your children for preschool and kindergarten. Parents and caregivers can attend with their child if they wish. No registration is required.

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Wednesdays

Terrific Toddlers. 10:30 a.m. For ages 18 months to 3 years.

Enjoy thirty minutes of interactive stories, songs, and activities for families and children from birth to age 3. No registration is required.

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Construction Junction. 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday afternoon we'll hang out and build all sorts of things using all our favorite building toys from Legos to Lincoln Logs!

Thursdays

Baby Tummy Time! 9:30 a.m. (For pre-walkers ages 0-18 months)

Babies and caregivers: join us each Thursday morning for Tummy

Time! Nurture your baby's development with gentle music, movement, and sensory play at the library! Please bring a small blanket or towel for your baby's comfort!

Story and Craft. 10:30 a.m. For ages 3—6 years of age.

Stories, activities, and a craft for children ages 3, 4, 5, and 6 who are able to attend "on their own." This program lasts around 45 minutes. No registration is required.

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Lego Robotics Club: REGISTRATION REQUIRED!, 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Dec. 7, 14, 21)

Kids Ages 8 and up are welcome to join our new robotics club! On Thursday afternoons from 3-5PM We will assemble, program, and play with the Lego Mindstorm robotics kit! Each event has a limited number of spots, so REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! Call the library to register: 508-520-4941!

Special Programs

Book Bites, Third Wednesday of the Month, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Are you between the ages of 8-11? Do you love to read AND eat? Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for snacks and a casual conversation about your favorite reads! Share what books you're loving lately, and get great book recommendations from others! This is a low key (and delicious) way to find your next favorite book or series!

Dean College Fairy Tale Event! Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00 a.m.

Pancakes and Pajamas Party, Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

What better way to celebrate winter and all the cozy holidays than with our comfiest jammies and breakfast food? Keep your jammies on and join us for snacks, some fun crafts, a few stories, and possibly an exciting surprise visit by a special holiday friend! (hint: he wears a red suit, but he's not Santa) This fun event will focus on all the cozy goodness and kindness that the holidays inspire! See you there!

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Programs Continued...

New! Parent Discussion Group, Wednesday December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Parents and caregivers of children of any age are welcome to join in on a series of engaging conversations centered on different topics that today's parents and kids face. This group is designed for grownups only, to share concerns, ideas, and come together over shared interest in raising vibrant, kind, successful kids! This month's topic: Raising thoughtful givers and grateful receivers around the holidays!

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Teen Programs

YA Dystopian Book Club, Wednesday, December 6, 6:30

Teens under 18, join us on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a different YA Dystopian novel! This month's pick is *Hungry* by H.A. Swain! Pick up a copy at the Youth Services reference desk!

Teen Advisory Board, Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

It's back! Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for Teen Advisory Board! The Teen Advisory Board is a GREAT opportunity to get involved

here at the library! You'll help plan events and programs, create displays and decorate the teen space, and help drive decisions around the kinds of materials we bring to the YA collection, from books and beyond, all while eating snacks and getting volunteer hours! It's a win-win-win!

Craft N' Wrap for Teens, Saturday, December 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Teens are welcome to drop in as we hang out, and make and wrap gifts for our loved ones and ourselves! We'll have a fun variety of materials to get creative with, and you're encouraged to bring your own projects to work on and wrap as well!

Teen Book Brunch, Thursday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.

Teens are welcome to join us for breakfast food and a conversation about your favorite reads! Share what books you're loving lately, and get great book recommendations from others! This is a low key (and delicious) way to find your next favorite book or series!

Adult Programs

Book Club, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

Copies are now available to the first ten who register. Please email Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net for more information.

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the stunningly beautiful instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Chess Group, Sunday, December 10th 2 PM

Have you ever thought about getting together and playing some chess? If so, come to the Franklin Public and join the Chess Group for some chess, laughs and fun. An understanding of how to play is all that is needed. Free and open to all.

Library Book Sale - Buck A Book!

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