

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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News & Events for February 2018



New Additions to the Children's Room!

The Children's Department recently added a Grocery Store/ Lemonade Stand and a new Kitchen to the play area. As you can see, the kids are loving the new additions!

February Vacation at the Franklin Public Library

Our Youth Services Librarian, Caleigh, has so much fun planned for February vacation! Here is a list of what will be happening:

Superhero Training Camp!

Calling all Superheroes! Drop by the FPL each day for a series of superhero training activities! Come in at any time each day for a new activity where you'll build your skill set and learn what it takes to save the world! Once you have completed all of the activities, receive your special hero prize on Friday!

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Superhero Slime! Thursday, February 22nd, 1:00 p.m.

Awesome Robb Superhero Magic Show! Friday February 23rd, 10:30 a.m.



Baby Wearing Dance Party! Saturday, February 24th 9:30 a.m.

**Lego Robotics Club: REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
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Superhero Party! Saturday, February 24th, 2:00 p.m.

Urban Sketching Group

Starting February 8, 2018!

Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Meet in the Ben Franklin Reading Gallery on the Second Floor.

This new sketching group is inspired by Urban Sketchers, a global community of artists who practice on-

location drawing. Led by an experienced art teacher, the goal is to record the artist's experiences in the world around them. All that is needed is a pen or pencil, a 5 x 8 sketchbook, and a willing attitude! No prior art experience is necessary, and all adults are welcome. No registration is required.

Participants will meet in the Ben Franklin Reading Room and Gallery, and then disperse to draw. After a period of time, they will regroup and share their artwork in a supportive, noncompetitive environment. For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net.

February Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19 for President'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.



February 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.

Toddler Playgroup. 11:15 a.m.

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.

Toddler Playgroup. 11:00 a.m.

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.

Toddler Playgroup. 11:15 a.m.

Special Programs

Groundhog Day Storytime! Friday, February 2nd, 3:30 p.m.

Shadow sighting or not, we're going to celebrate our favorite season predictor with a Groundhog themed storytime! Along with the Meadowlands Initiative, we are co-sponsoring a reading of meteorologist Mish Michael's book, *Ms. G. and Her Shadowy Road to Fame* -- a children's book loosely based on the state's real life "official" Groundhog!

Discovery Workshop: Thursday, February 8th, 3:30-4:40 p.m.

Kids K-4th grade! Join our special guest Ms. Marsha for an hour of exploring! This month we'll learn about some amazing real life social justice heroes!

Family Yoga Adventure! Saturday, February 10th, 9:30 a.m.

Put on some comfy clothes, grab the whole family and your yoga mats and join us in the program room for our FIRST Family Yoga Adventure! We'll follow along with a fabulous story, doing different moves to keep the story going!

Movie Screening: Wednesday, February 14th, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of a family friendly film in celebration of Valentine's Day! What should we show? Cast your vote at the Circulation Desk starting February 1st!

Preschool Play Play N' Learn! Wednesday February 14th, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Play N' Learn is a monthly theme based group for parents and children, facilitated by Ms Marsha Wright, CFCE Parent Child Educational Specialist!

February Vacation at the Library!

Arts and Crafts Event! Brought to you by Dean College students! Saturday, February 17th, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for Arts and Crafts Day at the newly renovated Franklin Library. Mark your calendar to help paint, glue, and color with the Dean College's Arts and Entertainment Management Club!

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The Greg & Axel show is a totally unique entertainment experience that provides magic, comedy, audience participation and one hilarious dog. Your audience will fall in love with Axel as he helps Greg the Magician amaze the audience...he might even cause a little bit of trouble!

Book Bites, Third Wednesday of the Month, February 21st, 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!



Programs Continued...

Doggie Tales. Third Wednesday of the Month, Wednesday, February 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a therapy dog! Bring your favorite book or pick out one of ours to read. The dogs and their handlers are from *Pawsitive Touch* and are trained for one-on-one sessions. *For students in grades 2 and up.* REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Call 508-520-4941!

Superhero Slime! Thursday, February 22nd, 1:00 p.m.

It's slime time again here at the library! Join us and make your very own slime to take home!

Awesome Robb Superhero Magic Show! Friday February 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

Awesome Robb becomes Captain Awesome for this one of a kind performance. Captain Awesome will show off his super powers by juggling Clubs, Balls and Rings! He will test his mental Powers by Reading someone's Mind! He will perform other amazing feats of Super Human Magic!

Baby Wearing Dance Party! Saturday, February 24th 9:30 a.m.

Strap your little one in and join us for music and movement together! Bond with your baby in a fun, active way for this half-hour program!

Lego Robotics Club: REGISTRATION REQUIRED! February 24th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Superhero Party! Saturday, February 24th, 2:00 p.m.

Holy celebration, Batman! Let's celebrate the end of Superhero Training Camp with an epic party! Snacks, games, crafts, and photo opportunities!! See you there!

Parent Discussion Group, Wednesday, January 28th, 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!

Teen Programs

YA Dystopian Book Club, February 7th, 6:30 p.m.

Teens under 18, join us on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a different YA Dystopian novel! This month's pick is *All Rights Reserved* by Gregory Scott Katsoulis! Pick up a copy from the display in the Teen Room!

Career Chats: Medical Professionals, Sunday, February 11th, 1:30 p.m.

Teens! Join us for our new monthly series of informal conversations and Q&A with a series of professionals in a variety of fields! Ask the pros how they built and shaped their careers, get advice, and also get a little bit of

practice networking! Refreshments and snacks will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own lunch! This month we'll be joined by: professionals in the medical field!

Teen Advisory Board, February 14th, 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!

Adult Programs

Marc Berger and RIDE, Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

Marc's life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating and recording his American roots songs, and exploring remote areas of the desert and mountain West. After signing his first publishing contract while in law school, he fronted rock bands and performed regularly in New York City clubs like CBGB, Wetlands, and The Knitting Factory. All through this period, he'd find ways to get into the West, picking up details from fellow wilderness junkies about off the beaten path locales and filing them away for future reference. On one of these trips, he became intrigued by the cover of *THE BIG IT*, a book of short stories by A.B. Guthrie he found on a revolving paperback rack in a Navajo reservation trading post. It got him thinking about using his travels to create a set of songs in the cultural tradition of writers like Guthrie and visual artists like John Ford and Frederick Remington. Marc and CoProducer Mike Ricciardi now present *RIDE*, ten cinematic recordings reflecting his romantic connection to the American West and exploring the value of its myths to contemporary culture. Visit Marc's website at <http://marcbergermusic.com/>.

This performance is free and open to the public.

Knitting Group, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Love to knit or crochet? Join our new group of fiber artists who will be meeting in the Friends of the Franklin Community Room on Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Genealogy Club Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Using 3rd party DNA tools (Gedmatch, etc.) to further your research with Teri Grey of GreyMatterDNA.

Chess Group, Sundays February 11 & 25, 2:00 p.m.

Test your skills and improve your knowledge of the game!

Library Book Sale - Buck A Book!

Saturday, February 17, from 9 - 3.

Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Sunday, February 18, from 9-12. Come fill a brown bag with all the books you can!

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