



FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



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News & Events for February 2019

Library of Things Now Available at the Franklin Public Library!

You may have heard about the latest craze in libraries, the Library of Things! A Library of Things is a collection of nontraditional Library materials loaned out to the public. They can include board games, tools, kitchen appliances, cake pans, electronics, toys, and musical instruments. The Franklin Public Library has just started lending its own Library of Things. So far, we have board games, wifi hotspots, telescope, ukuleles, stud finders, an Instant Pot, a large coffee urn, VHS to DVD converters, and a carpet cleaner. If you have ideas for items you would like to see in the new Library of Things, send them to Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net !

New Genealogy Database!

The Franklin Public Library is now subscribing to MyHeritage Library Edition! MyHeritage Library Edition is one of the largest, most internationally diverse genealogy databases of its kind, with access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos and other resources in thousands of databases that span the past five centuries. Follow the link on the Databases/Research Resources page of our website to get started!

February Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents 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.

Attention Franklin Crafters!

Franklin Public Library and Creativebug present Creativebug online video classes! Creativebug.com has more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. This service is available exclusively to Franklin residents. Try Creativebug today at <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/franklinma>

Strategic Plan Surveys

There is still time to complete our Strategic Plan Surveys! Please give us the feedback we need to help improve the Library! Surveys can be found at the Circulation Desk, or completed online. Surveys will be accepted until the end of March.

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February Programs

Programs for Children and Teens

Mondays

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

Toddler Playgroup. 11:00 a.m.

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

Dungeons and Dragons Club for Kids!, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Cool Cruisers: a Playgroup for crawlers and early walkers!

9:30 a.m.

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

Wednesdays

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

Toddler Playgroup. 11:00 a.m.

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

Thursdays

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

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

Fandom Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. For ages 8 and up.

Special Programs

Happy Feet! Friday, February 1st, 10:30 a.m.

Let's play some music and get those little toes moving! Join us for an introductory class into creative movement using very basic ballet moves. From stretching our arms and legs, to skipping, pointing our toes, twirling in place and gentle jumps, we will have fun learning to move to the music while building coordination and confidence.

Laughter and giggles are definitely expected! Parents are welcome to accompany their child or just watch as our classes progress.

Baby Sensory! Saturday, February 2nd, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a 45 minute baby sensory program! Watch your little one interact and engage with a variety of sensory items! Sensory play is a fantastic way to help babies explore their worlds, stimulate the senses, and create little inquisitive explorers! Babies under 2 are welcome and encouraged! (Got older siblings? They can bring along a stuffed toy or baby and play along!)

"Drive in" Movie! Saturday, February 2nd, 1:00 p.m.

Families! Join us for a "Drive-In" movie (indoors of course!) in our big program room! First we'll decorate our "cars" (aka boxes we've been saving up for the event) then we'll relax and enjoy a movie and some popcorn in our spiffy new rides! You're welcome to bring your own box to decorate, or use one of ours! Family-friendly film, TBA! Stay tuned!

Doggie Tales. Second Tuesday of the Month, February 12th, 6:30 p.m.

Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a trained therapy dog! Bring your favorite book or pick out one of ours to read. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

Email mgousie@minlib.net to sign up! For students in grades 2 and up.

Discovery Workshop! Second Thursday of the Month, February 14th, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Kids K-4th grade! Join our special guest Ms. Marsha for an hour of exploring! Explore an awesome new theme every month!

Play Stem Programs February 12th & 26th, 3:00 p.m.

An intro to S.T.E.M. through puzzles, algorithmic creation, and play!

Chess Club for Kids! Friday, February 15th, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

A fun *and* educational program for kids? What more could you ask for?

Chess is a mental game that promotes creative thinking and problem-

solving. By playing chess kids learn to think ahead, evaluate multiple

alternatives, anticipate consequences, and of course, the value of good

sportsmanship. Whether you are new to the game or are a more seasoned

player, this exciting new program is open to all kids ages 8-13.

FEBRUARY VACATION AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Family Yoga Adventure! Saturday, February 16th, 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 Family Yoga Adventure! We'll follow along with a fabulous story, doing different moves to keep the story going!

Galentine's Day! Saturday, February 16th, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in and spend some time crafting with your favorite gals! We'll have a few different crafts on offer, as well as lemonade to enjoy with the special ladies in your life!

Spy Training Camp! Tuesday- Friday, February 19th-22nd (All Day, Drop-In!)

This February Vacation, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to drop by the library each day for a series of spy training activities! Come in at any time each day for a new activity where you'll build your skill set and learn to be a master spy! Once you have completed all of the activities, receive your special spy prize on Friday!

Tuesday: Code Names; Wednesday: Disguises; Thursday: Secret Messages; Friday: "Laser" Maze!

Rockabye Beats with Marcos Valles! Tues., Feb. 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Hands on learning through music, dancing, Spanish, and fun! No matter your age, this original music program is enjoyable for the whole family!

Jungle Jim Manning Minecraft Madness, Wed., Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Join Jungle Jim as he leads participants through the magical world of Minecraft! Combining balloon artistry, magic, and improv, Jim creates an amazing experience for children. Activities include giant dragon creation, the building block madness tournament, a riveting zombie chase, and the balloon firework rocket extravaganza!

Book Bites, Third Wed. of the Month, Feb. 20th, 5:00-5:30 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!

Spy Kids Movie Screening! Wednesday, February 20th, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a special screening of Spy Kids!

Ukulele Storytime! Thursday, February 21st, 10:30 a.m.

Come sing and shake along with Julie Stepanek at a special Ukulele Storytime!



Programs Continued...

Local Hero Storytime! Friday, February 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Join the library and Officer David from the Franklin Police department for a special storytime celebrating local heroes!

BYO Baby! Saturday, February 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

Calling all Dads! Bring your kiddo along for a fun, casual Saturday morning of playing, exploring, and meeting other dads!

Spy Training Graduation Party! Sat., Feb. 23rd, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

You've worked hard all week training to be a spy, now it's time to celebrate your accomplishments! Enjoy games, crafts, and yummy treats as you put all your new spy skills to the test!

Play Stem Programs February 12th & 26th, 3:00 p.m.

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Teen Programs

Volunteens! Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Are you in 6th-12th Grade? Are you looking to build your resume? Or maybe fulfill community service hours? Have you ever been interested in volunteering at the library? Well now's your chance. Become a Volunteer today! Join us Thursday nights for snacks and a volunteer project. Projects may include: shelf reading, adopt a shelf program, "Volunteer Picks" book recommendations, and preparation for upcoming library programs and events. Your volunteer hours are not limited to just our Thursday night meetings, however attendance to at least one meeting a month is required. For more information please contact Bree at bcomeau@minlib.net.

Woke: a YA Book Club, Wednesday, February 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Teens under 18, join us on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a different socially-conscious YA novel! This month's pick is *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone! Pick up a copy from the display in the Teen Room!

Maker Break, Tuesday February 5th & 19th, 3:00 p.m.

Drop in to create, network, and workshop! Take some time with the Lego MindStorm. Get another set of eyes on your code. Share a craft you love with others. Welcome to an hour of making in the teen room!

Teen Board Game Café! Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Teen Board Game Café! Open to students in grades 6-12. Come alone or bring your friends. Play a new game or an old-time favorite. Bring our own games or play one of ours. The options are endless! Light refreshments, befitting a true café, will be served.

Hamilton Throwdown Event! Wed., Feb. 13th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the library and the Franklin High School Library as we celebrate one of our favorite fandoms with an epic night of trivia, lyric challenges, and General Hamilton appreciation! Grab your team (or come meet new friends!) and join us for tea and scones, then battle it out to prove your Hamilton-love, followed by an epic sing-along with the High School Chamber Chorus!

Single Pringles Mingle! Thurs., Feb. 14th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board invites you to a Single Pringles Mingle this Valentine's Day! Just because you happen to be single this Valentine's Day doesn't mean you have to spend it alone. Come mingle with other singles as we play games and eat Pringles! (There will be other food available too!)

Movie Screening: Hidden Figures, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month AND Galentine's Day with a special screening of Hidden Figures!

Murder Mystery at the 1980s Prom! Thurs. Feb. 21st, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tweens and teens, you are invited to join us for a totally awesome evening as you try to solve the "Murder at the 1980s Prom". Enjoy snacks, refreshments and music as you mingle with other guests and question the suspects. Come dressed to impress, it is prom after all!

Adult Programs

Remembering The Blizzard of '78, Tue., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.

The great blizzard of 1978 is an event seared in the memory of anyone who lived through it. Most of Greater Boston was quickly overwhelmed by the storm, which shut down all forms of transit, stranded thousands of cars and motorists along Route 128, and virtually shut down most of the state for a week. But for many coastal communities, the impact of the storm, which brought record high tides and pounding surf, was pure devastation. The common thread shared by almost everyone in the region was positive memories of neighbors and strangers helping each other and finding new bonds of community. Join local author, Alan Earls, as he brings alive the fading experiences of February 1978 for those who were there and those who can only imagine.

FPL Book Club, Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

The selection for February is *Less*, by Andrew Sean Greer. A limited number of copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Bump and Beyond: A Group for Expecting Parents!

Wednesday, February 27th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

No matter what stage you're in your (or your partner's) pregnancy, you probably have questions. (Is this normal? What should we expect? How will we handle feeding and sleeping issues?) You're not alone! Join us at the library to share your questions, get answers, meet other expecting parents and build your parent tribe! We will be joined each month by lactation specialists, Nurse Practitioners, and parents Katie and Kim of Northeast Moms and Babies, who will be on hand to answer all your questions! This month's theme: Creating a registry and Pregnancy myth busters!

Friends of the Franklin Library Meeting, Monday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.

Genealogy Club, Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

The topic for February will be Armenian Genealogy with speaker George Ahgajian.

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

Love to knit or crochet? Join our group of local 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.

Library Book Sale *New Times* Friday, February 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All books are just one dollar!

Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Saturday, February 16, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Come fill a brown bag with all the books you can!

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