

# January 2019

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## News & Events for January 2019

### Franklin Public Library to Update Strategic Plan in 2019

A lot has been accomplished since our last Strategic Plan five years ago culminating in a magnificent renovation/addition, the perfect mix of spaces and the restoration of the library's budget.

Now, we need your help in charting the future of library services. Over the coming months, we will offer a range of opportunities for you to provide feedback. We'll use your input to craft a new 5 year Strategic Plan that will be used to set priorities and guide our decisions about library services to the community.

#### 1. Strategic Planning Launch:

Stop in and talk face to face with library staff. January 5-19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. Meet with Library Staff to discuss specific areas of the Library's services:

##### **Adult programming: January 19, 10-12**

##### **Adult collections and technology: January 26, 10-12**

##### **Children's and Teen's collections: February 2, 10-12**

##### **Children's and Teen's programming: February 9, 10-12**

#### 3. Can't join us for in-person conversations? Write on the Idea Wall: Physically & Virtually!

We will be posting a literal idea wall in our lobby, inviting our community members to post and share ideas about their vision for the library! Need inspiration? Look out for targeted questions each week, as we seek to address all aspects of our library services! These questions will also be posted on our social media, so that you can share your ideas virtually! Be sure to check the Library Facebook and Twitter pages to weigh in!

#### 4. Take One of Our Surveys:

Three different surveys will be offered, as follows:

##### **Adult Collections & Technology – January**

##### **Youth Services – February**

##### **Adult Programming – March**

#### 5. Open bucket

OR - Drop us a line at your convenience at: [kshipala@minlib.net](mailto:kshipala@minlib.net)

Thank you.

Felicia Oti  
Library Director

## January Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 21 for Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 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.



# January 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! Monday Afternoons, 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.

### Special Programs

**Happy Feet! Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Baby Sensory! Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Mindstorm Mechie Mayhem! Saturday, January 5, 1:00 p.m.**

Can your group build a bot that meets specifications? Using a Lego Mindstorm build and test a robot that can pass the test. (6 spaces available contact [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net))

**Intro to Knit, Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.**

Come into the teen room and sit for a stitch! Learn to knit making swatches of larger projects to learn the patterns and stitches required. This session we will practice making the "Baker Street Scarf" using cast on, knit, purl, bind off, and decorative fringe!

**GDQ Viewing Party, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.**

Games Done Quick is a televised marathon of Awesome gamers beating Awesome games at AMAZING speeds for charity! Come

watch a selection of games get destroyed with your fellow gamers! Gotta go fast and save the frames!

**Play Stem Programs January 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Book Bites, Third Wednesday of the Month, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Discovery Workshop! Second Thursday of the Month, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

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

**Chess Club for Kids! Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

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

**Family Yoga Adventure! Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Saturday Morning Cartoons! Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**

Grab a bowl of cereal and chill with some Saturday morning cartoons! Classic and contemporary adventures to start the weekend off right! Pajamas encouraged.

**Mindstorm Techie Takeover! Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

We've built the bot, as a group, code the solution to complete the challenge! (6 spaces available contact [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net))

**Preschool Play N' Learn! Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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!

**BYO Baby! Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Play Stem Programs January 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**

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### **Teen Programs**

**6-Word Story Challenge! All Month Long**

"For Sale: Baby Shoes, Never Worn." - Ernest Hemingway  
Inspired by Ernest Hemingway, the Franklin Public Library is challenging you to write your own 6-Word Story. The contest is open to all students in grades 6-12. Entries must be received by Friday, February 1st. Submit your story in person to Bree at the Children's Room Reference Desk or email it to [bcomeau@minlib.net](mailto:bcomeau@minlib.net). Please be sure to include your name, grade, and email address/phone number so we can contact you if you win! Top three stories will win an awesome literary prize! Good Luck!



# Programs Continued...

**Woke: a YA Book Club, Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz! Pick up a copy from the display in the Teen Room!

**Maker Break, Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Advisory Board, Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

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!

**Teen Board Game Café! Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Light refreshments, befitting a true café, will be served.

**Volunteers! Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Are you in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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! For more information please contact Bree at [bcomeau@minlib.net](mailto:bcomeau@minlib.net).

### **Adult Programs**

**Don Wilding's Rum Running and Prohibition on Cape Cod, Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.**

During the era of Prohibition (1920-1933), rum running was big business on Cape Cod. Farmers and fishermen of the Cape took to the seas, heading offshore to "Rum Row" to bring the criminal yet coveted alcohol to the mainland under cover of darkness, while the possibility of being caught by the Coast Guard was always present. Busy harbors and remote estuaries, many of which are now popular tourist destinations, were all game for bringing the contraband ashore, while local law enforcement officials often turned a blind eye. Join Don for this comprehensive look at how rum running turned into a profitable and potentially dangerous undertaking for many of the Cape's residents.

**Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardening, Indoor Seed Starting, Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Now is the perfect time to start planning your vegetable garden! The gardeners from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardening will show you how to start your own plants from seed. There are many more varieties of vegetables available than what the garden centers offer. Make some delicious discoveries and learn how to customize the perfect garden for your needs.

**Ben Franklin's Birthday Readathon, Thursday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

In honor of the 313th birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the namesake of our town and founder of our library, the Franklin Public Library will be holding a "readathon" – a marathon reading of the full text of the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, first published in 1791. The book is considered a classic of American literature.

According to the Library of Congress, "It was not only the first autobiography to achieve widespread popularity, but after two hundred years remains one of the most enduringly popular examples of the genre ever written." Like other readathons, this one invites the public to participate! Readers are encouraged to sign up in advance for one or more 15-minute segments.

Beginning when the library opens at 9 AM on January 17, readers will share the words of Ben Franklin with anyone interested in dropping by for all or part of the event. It is expected that the reading will be completed by the time the library closes at 8 PM. Water and other refreshments will be available for readers and audience alike.

**Classics V Jazz Quintet, Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.**

The Classics V Jazz Quintet features the trumpet and flugelhorn, lead jazz guitar, bass, drums and jazz vocalists. Classics V do the American song book, do-wop, light rock and country, specializing on the American classics done stylistically with jazz improv.

**Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.**

The book for discussion will be *The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

**Bump and Beyond, Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.**

No matter what stage you're at 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!

**Genealogy Club, Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.**

This month's topic will be Rhode Island Genealogy, with speaker Shellee Moorehead.

**Friends of the Franklin Library Meeting, First Monday of the Month, January 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Curious about how you can help the Library? Join our group of Friends who are dedicated to making the Franklin Public Library an even better place!

**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 - Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

All books are just one dollar!

Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Sunday, January 20, from 9-12.

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