

# FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## News & Events for March 2018



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## March Library Hours

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.



## March Programs

### Programs for Children and Teens

#### 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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#### Special Programs

**Mighty Girl Storytime! Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Women's History Month with a story time all about strong, smart, fearless females! After our stories, join us for crafts!

**Discovery Workshop: Eric Carle's Art! Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:40 p.m.**

Kids K-4<sup>th</sup> grade! Join our special guest Ms. Marsha for an hour of exploring! This month we'll learn about one of our favorite artists, and make some artwork of our own in Eric Carle's style!

**Family Yoga Adventure! Saturday, March 10<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!

**Baby Sensory! Saturday, March 10<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! (Got older siblings? They can bring along a stuffed toy or baby and play along!)

**"Drive-In" Movie! Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## Programs Continued...

### **Preschool Play N' Learn! Wednesday March 14<sup>th</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! This month we're exploring Dinosaurs!

### **Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt, Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Can you find the mischievous leprechaun hiding in the library? Drop in to the library at any point St. Patrick's Day weekend and follow the clues to win your share of the treasure!

### **New! Parent Discussion Group, Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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: Sibling stress!

### **Storytime Fiesta! Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

Join the members of the High School's Spanish Honor Society as they lead a bilingual storytime featuring songs, stories, snacks, and crafts celebrating latinx language and culture!

### **Teen Programs**

#### **YA Dystopian Book Club, Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 *Breathe* by Sarah Crossan! Pick up a copy from the display in the Teen Room!

#### **Teen Advisory Board, Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!

#### **Mini College Fair, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Teen Advisory Board is thrilled to present our 2<sup>nd</sup> ever mini college fair! Hear from students and alums from a variety of schools, learn about colleges and universities from all across the country, and get ready for the next chapter!

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### **Chess Group**

**Sundays, March 11 & 25, 2:00 p.m.**

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.

**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 Library Community Room on Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Genealogy Club, Thursday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.**

**Library Book Sale - Buck A Book!**

**Saturday, March 17, from 9 – 3.** One dollar per book!

**Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Sunday, March 18, from 9-12.** Come fill a brown bag with all the books you can! Bags will be provided.



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