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News & Events for March 2019



Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song!

Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.

Celebrating Ireland is an all Irish program which embraces Irish history and culture in story and song. The Celtic soul is alive and well in the stories and songs you will hear, and your ears and eyes will smile! All ages are welcome to attend. For more information, please visit <https://marykingharpist.com/celebrating-ireland/>.

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.

Myths and Miracles of Victorian Medicine, Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

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Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens: Companion Plants, Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

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March Programs

Children's Programs

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, March 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.

Wreck-It Ralph Interactive Movie Screening! Friday, March 1st, 2:00 p.m.

It's a half day for the public schools, so join us this afternoon for a special interactive viewing of Disney's Wreck-It Ralph!

Baby Sensory! Saturday, March 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!)

Mighty Girl Storytime! Saturday March 2nd, 1:00 p.m.

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

March Madness Character Challenge! Monday, March 4th - Saturday, March 30th

You told us who your favorite characters were, now let's see which one will be crowned Franklin's Favorite Character! We'll start with 16 and each week the characters with the most votes will advance to the next round until there is only 1 standing. Be sure to check back

each week to cast your vote! Harry Potter was our 2018 winner, who will be our 2019 winner? Only YOU can decide!

Sing with Your Baby! Saturday March 9th, 10:30 a.m.

Join the wonderful Julie Stepanek for a morning of music and engagement with your little one!

French Storytime! Tuesday, March 12th, 3:30 p.m.

Rejoignez-nous! (That means "join us!") Come enjoy a special storytime celebrating the French language!

Doggie Tales. Second Tuesday of the Month, March 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.

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt! Friday March 15th through Sunday March 17th

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!

Chess Club for Kids! Friday, March 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.

Family Yoga Adventure! Saturday, March 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!

Book Bites, Third TUESDAY of the Month, March 19th, 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Are you between the ages of 8-11? Do you love to read AND eat? Join us 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!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Day! Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for crafts and fun as we celebrate the start of Spring with everyone's favorite caterpillar!

Bump and Beyond: A Group for Expecting Parents! Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30-7:30 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! This month's theme: Packing your hospital bag and hospital stay information



Programs Continued...

Happy Feet! Friday, March 29th, 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.

KidsArt! Saturday, March 30th, 10:30 a.m.

Join local artist and art teacher, Robin Bellinger! With over 15 years of making art and teaching art to all children, art is her passion! Creating art brings all children together, typical and special needs, to learn, grow, and have fun together!

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 Volunteen today! Join us Thursday nights for snacks and a volunteer project. Projects may include: shelf reading, adopt a shelf program, "Volunteen 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, March 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 *Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray! Pick up a copy from the display in the Teen Room!

MindStorm Mechie Mayhem: Friday March 8th, 3:30 p.m., for kids 5th grade and up

Part A in our build and code monthly challenge series. Mechie Mayhem is the build phase. Team up to build a bot according to this month's challenge. Look out for Part B on the 22nd (6 spaces available. To sign up e-mail: mgousie@minlib.net)

Teen Board Game Café! Saturday March 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.

Teen Advisory Board, Thursday, March 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Join us 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!

Intro to Knit, Saturday March 16th, 4:00 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!

MindStorm Techie Takeover March 22nd, 3:30 p.m., for kids 5th grade and up

Part B in our build and code monthly challenge series. Techie Takeover is the code phase. With the bot now built and tested. As a team, Analyze,

trouble shoot, and create code using the MindStorm program to take your bot from a nice LEGO sculpture to a real machine! (6 spaces available. To sign up e-mail: mgousie@minlib.net)

College Preparation for Parents and Juniors, Saturday, March 30th, 2:00 p.m.

Get tips, tricks, and starting points from Hannah Sieber of Tritutoring for supporting high school juniors through the hoops of: SATs/ACTs, Essays, the application process, and more.

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

Get involved and learn how you can help the Library become an even better place!

Jenny Baby's Doll Hospital Presents The World of Dolls, Saturday, March 9, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a presentation on the history of dolls with a display of collectable/antique dolls from the late 1800's through modern day.

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Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

The book for discussion is *Educated*, by Tara Westover. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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

The topic for March will be Eastern European Genealogy with speaker Nancy Levin.

Chess Group, Sundays, March 10 & 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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, March 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All books are just one dollar!

Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Saturday, March 16, from 1:00-4:00

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