



MARCH



YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

2ND ANNUAL 6-WORD STORY CHALLENGE!

The Franklin Public Library is challenging YOU to write your own 6 word story! Open to students in grades K-12! All entries must be received by Sunday, March 15th! Email entries to bcomeau@minlib.net or bring in person to children's desk!

MARCH MADNESS CHARACTER TOURNAMENT!

Let's see who will be crowned Franklin's Favorite Character! Be sure to check back each week to cast your vote! Who will be our 2020 winner? Only YOU can decide!

YOU DECIDE STORYTIME! TUESDAY MAR 3RD @2:30PM

Storytime Participants will get to vote on which stories we read, songs we sing, and crafts we do WHILE storytime is happening! Come make your voice heard in the most adorable way!

DOG MAN PARTY! SATURDAY MAR 7TH @10:30AM

Join us for games, crafts, snacks and more as we celebrate everyone's favorite crime-biting canine!

TEEN PASTA PARTY! SATURDAY MAR 7TH 3:00-4:00PM

Teens! Bring along a bowl of your favorite cooked pasta as we celebrate one of our favorite ways to eat carbs! We'll have a topping bar to enjoy, and maybe some pasta related surprises!

BABY-WEARING DANCE PARTY! FRIDAY MAR 13TH @9:00AM

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

LEPRECHAUN SCAVENGER HUNT! MAR 13TH-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!

SUPER POWER CELEBRATION! SATURDAY MAR 21ST @9:00AM

Celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Day with a fun celebration of the way our differences are our superpowers!

STORYTIME S.T.E.A.M.!! SATURDAY MAR 21ST @2:00PM

Join us for a special reading of "How to Catch a Leprechaun" by Adam Wallace followed by a lucky gold challenge!!

TEEN SPRING CLEANING SWAP! SATURDAY MAR 21ST @3:00PM

Teens! Are you in spring cleaning mode? Bring along clean, gently used clothes, accessories, or decor that no longer "spark joy", and swap with your friends! Discover new treasures and help your old ones find a new home!

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR KIDS (WEEKLY & MONTHLY)

BABIES

Baby Tummy Time! Thursdays @9:30AM (For pre-walkers ages 0-12 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!

Cool Cruisers! Tuesdays @9:30AM (For crawlers and early walkers!)

Babies who have graduated from tummy time and are scooting all over the place are welcome to this playgroup just for them! We recognize that fun age of exploring is very different from their first few months, so join us for a special playgroup just for this exciting time!

Baby Sensory! First Saturday of the Month @10:30AM

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!)

FOR PARENTS

Bump and Beyond: A Group for Expecting Parents! **On hiatus, will return in April!**

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!

*****Coming Soon: Parenting Speaker Series!***
Stay Tuned!**

LITTLES

Move Along! Mondays @10:30AM (0-5)

This thirty minute program features music, movement, stories, and other interactive activities to encourage social skills and promote early literacy! Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to participate. No registration required! Join us immediately after for an informal playgroup!

Get Ready for Kindergarten! Tuesdays @10:30AM (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 required!

Toe-Tapping Tuesdays! @4:00PM (2-4)

Let's play some music and get those little toes grooving! Join us for an introductory class into creative movement using basic ballet moves and props. From tip toeing, twirling and skipping to jumping and tapping, we will have fun learning to move to the music while building coordination and confidence.

Terrific Toddlers! Wednesdays @10:30AM (18 mos-3yrs)

Enjoy thirty minutes of interactive stories, songs, and activities for families and children from birth to age 3. No registration required! Join us immediately after for an informal playgroup!

StoryXplorers! Thursdays @10:30AM (0-5)

Join us for 30 minutes of themed stories, songs, and movement followed by 30 minutes of craft and sensory play. For children ages 0-5!

Bookworm Bounce! Thursdays @4:00PM (0-5)

Kids ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for an afternoon storytime full of music, movement, stories, and other interactive activities to encourage social skills and promote early literacy! Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to participate! No registration required!

Happy Feet! 2 Fridays each Month, 10:30AM (2-4)

Jump in and join us as we get those feet moving! Join us for an introductory class into creative movement using very basic ballet moves. We will have fun learning to move to the music while building coordination and confidence. Laughter and giggles are definitely expected!

SCHOOL-AGE

Dungeons and Dragons Club for Kids! Mondays, 3:30-5:30PM (7-13)

Kids ages 7-13 are invited to join us for a weekly Dungeons and Dragons Club! The library will supply dice, rule books, and blank character sheets! We will be using the 5th edition books and rules. (Dungeon Masters must be ages 10 and up) Email mgousie@minlib.net to sign up!

Code IT! 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 4:00- (4th grade +)

Come on in for an Hour of Code! Kids will explore programming with projects making videos and games with a splash of robot fun! Recommended for 4th grade and up. To sign up contact mgousie@minlib.net.

Creation Station! Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30PM (4+)

Join us each Wednesday for an afternoon of crafting, building, and flexing our creative muscles! We'll have themed crafts and building challenges each week in this special drop-in program that combines arts and crafts, Legos, and other fun surprises! There's sure to be something for everyone!

RAD Storytellers Club! 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6:00-7:00PM

A book club + storytelling class for kids! The hit program from Friendly Neighborhood Comics comes to the Franklin Public Library! Hosted by local author James Rad!

Tales for Tails! 2nd Thursday of the Month @6:30 PM (2nd grade +)

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 bcomeau@minlib.net to sign up!

Chess Club for Kids! 2 Fridays each Month, 3:30PM (8-13)

A fun and educational program for kids? What more could you ask for? Whether you are new to the game or are a more seasoned player, we invite all kids ages 8-13 to join us!

**BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON
FACEBOOK AND CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!**

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS! (12+)

Artist Amigos! 1st Wednesday of the Month, 6:00-7:00PM

Join us for a monthly artsy meetup in the teen room! Bring your own art projects to work on, or get inspired by fun prompts devised by our youth services librarians! Materials and snacks will be provided!

Teen Advisory Board, 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30PM

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!

Volunteens! 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month, 6:00-7:00PM (6th-12th Grade)

Calling all Tweens and Teens! Are you looking to build your resume? Have you ever been interested in volunteering at the library? Well now's your chance. Join us Thursday nights twice a month for volunteer projects! Attendance to at least one meeting a month is required. For more information please contact Bree at bcomeau@minlib.net.

Girls Who Code! 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month 1:00-3:00PM (6th-8th Grade!)

Club curriculum focuses on a culminating Girls Who Code Project, where girls work in teams to use their coding skills and bravery to solve a real world problem they care about by engaging in fun and simple self-guided coding tutorials that range from beginner to advanced in Scratch, Python, JavaScript, and Thinkable. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please email mgousie@minlib.net to join!

SPOTLIGHT ON: NEXTREADS NEWSLETTERS!

The library is so excited to share a wonderful new way to stay in the loop about great books coming out! Sign up for NextReads email newsletters to get recommendations, from kids to teens, to your next favorite grown-up read! The newsletter comes on a monthly basis, and you can choose which lists you want to receive, from picture books to

Tween reads, to Teen Scene, and fun grown-up centric lists like "Armchair Travel" "Thrillers and Suspense" and "Healthy Wealthy and wise!" Signing up for NextReads is totally free, super easy, and bound to be exciting for your TBR (to be read) list! You can sign up on the

homepage of the library website:

<https://www.franklinma.gov/franklin-public-library>



DID YOU KNOW?

We have the best families here in Franklin! A dedicated group of parents has started a Mandarin storytime for toddlers! You can catch them on alternating Saturdays at 3:00PM in the program room near the children's room!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH! WHOSE BIO ARE YOUR LIBRARIANS RECOMMENDING?

Miss Caleigh recommends *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre* by Anika A. Denise and *Fancy Party Gowns: The Story of Fashion Designer Ann Cole Lowe* by Deborah Blumenthal! She also loves Mackenzi Lee's YA offering: *Bygone Badass Broads: 52 Forgotten Women Who Changed the World*.

Miss Bree recommends Misty Copeland's biographies, from the picture book *Firebird : Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird*, to the middle grade biography *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*, both were written by Misty herself!

Miss Mitzi recommends *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik!