



# FEBRUARY



## YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**STORYTIME S.T.E.A.M.!**  
FRIDAY FEB 7TH  
@1:30PM

Join us for a special reading of "Hugo & Miles in I've Painted Everything" by Scott Magoon followed by a science-infused paint challenge! IDEAL FOR GRADES K-5!

**"TAPE TOWN!"**  
SATURDAY FEB 8TH  
@10:30AM

Families! Spend an imaginative morning at the library! Bring along a small toy vehicle and cruise along our "roads" made of tape all through our big meeting room, and enjoy a series of interactive pretend play stations!

**BABY-WEARING DANCE PARTY!**  
FRIDAY FEB 14TH  
@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!

**TEEN SINGLE PRINGLE PARTY!**  
FRIDAY FEB 14TH  
3:30-4:30PM

Our famous teen event from last year is back! Enjoy snacks, an epic Pringles taste test, games, and a few surprises!

**FAMOUS FRIENDS SCAVENGER HUNT!**  
FEB 14TH - FEB 16TH

This Valentine's weekend, we're celebrating friendship with book character pairs! How many famous literary pairs can you find hiding in the Children's and Teen Room?

**THE AMAZING RACE: LIBRARY EDITION!**  
FEB 18TH-21ST

Spend the week "traveling" the world with us! Each day you will have to navigate Detours and Road Blocks as you visit all 7 continents! Drop in anytime each day to complete the challenges!

**ANIMAL WORLD EXPERIENCE!**  
WEDNESDAY  
FEB 19TH @10:30AM

Animal World Experience provides a fun, interactive, and educational animal presentation to audiences of all ages! Come meet some fascinating creatures and learn their stories!

**READ AND DRAW WITH MISS MAC!**  
THURSDAY FEB 20TH  
@1:00PM

Meet Miss Mac! A local author specializing in creating children's books with whimsy and rhyme. Her stories and illustrations make reading fun!

**WINTER BEACH PARTY!**  
SATURDAY FEB 22ND  
@10:30AM

Families! Let's bring a little summer warmth to this cold month! Join us as we turn our big program room into an indoor summer oasis! Grab a cold drink and hit the play sand, enjoy beach balls, sand castles, snacks, and groovy tunes!

**LEAP FROG SCAVENGER HUNT!**  
FEB 28TH - MARCH 1ST

The leap frogs have gotten loose and are hiding in the Children's and Teen room! Can you help us find them all?

**LEAP DAY FAMILY FUN!**  
SATURDAY FEB 29TH  
@10:30AM

We've got an extra day in the year, so let's make the most of it! Join us for leap-tastic games, crafts, and more!!

**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](mailto:bcomeau@minlib.net) or bring in person to children's desk!

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						<b>1</b> Baby Sensory! 10:30 AM  Mandarin Storytime for Toddlers! 3:00PM
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Move Along! 10:30AM  Dungeons and Dragons 3:30-5:30	<b>4</b> Cool Cruisers! 9:30AM Get Ready for Kindergarten 10:30AM Toe-Tapping Tuesdays! 4:00PM	<b>5</b> Terrific Toddlers 10:30AM Creation Station! 3:30PM Artist Amigos! 6PM	<b>6</b> Tummy Time! 9:30AM Story Xplorers! 10:30AM Bookworm Bounce! 4:00PM Volunteens 6:00PM	<b>7</b> Happy Feet 10:30AM  Storytime STEAM 1:30PM Kids Chess Club 3:30PM	<b>8</b> "Tape Town!" 10:30 AM  Girls Who Code 1:00-3:00PM
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<b>16</b> ----->	<b>17</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY!</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED!</b>	<b>18</b> <b>The Amazing Race:</b> Cool Cruisers! 9:30AM  Toe-Tapping Tuesdays! 4:00PM	<b>19</b> <b>Library Edition!</b> -----> Animal World Experience! 10:30AM Creation Station! 3:30PM RAD Storytellers Club! 6:00PM	<b>20</b> Tummy Time! 9:30AM Miss Mac Visit! 1:00PM Bookworm Bounce! 4PM Volunteens 6:00PM	<b>21</b> -----> Happy Feet 10:30AM  Kids Chess Club 3:30PM	<b>22</b> Winter Beach Party! 10:30AM  Girls Who Code 1:00-3:00PM
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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!)

## BABY ON THE WAY

### **Bump and Beyond: A Group for Expecting Parents! \*\*ON HIATUS, WILL RETURN IN THE SPRING: STAY TUNED!\*\***

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!

## 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! \*\*ON HIATUS, WILL RETURN IN THE SPRING: STAY TUNED!\*\* (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!

### **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!

### **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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net) to join!

# SPOTLIGHT ON: LOVE AT FIRST LINE!

Are you willing to check a book out based only on the first line?

Every February, the children's and teen rooms have a special display of wrapped books, with only the first line of the book visible! Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to decide if the first line of the book is interesting enough to make you want to read more, without knowing the title, cover, or any other details! These wrapped books are available for all ages, and will be labeled to make it easier to find the right reading level for the right audience!

This is one of our favorite annual traditions, and we are continuing to rely on our awesome teen volunteers for help putting this project together (picking books, typing up the first lines, wrapping, etc). If you'd like to get involved behind the scenes, email [ckeating@minlib.net](mailto:ckeating@minlib.net).

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can use your hoopla app to listen to music! Don't buy the latest album, and don't worry about not having a CD player! Hoopla has you covered!



# WE SHIP IT! WHAT ARE YOUR LIBRARIANS' FAVORITE BOOK FRIENDSHIPS?

Miss Caleigh loves the sweet friendship between Bear and his woodland friends in the Bear series by Karma Wilson, especially "Bear feels Sick!" Her favorite chapter book friendship is between Joe and Ravi in "Save Me a Seat" by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan, and her favorite YA friendship is between Gemma Doyle and her girl gang in "A Great and Terrible Beauty" and its sequels!

Miss Bree's favorite picture book friendship is between Patience and Fortitude in Josh Funk's "Lost in the Library!" Her favorite chapter book friendship is the kids in Aam Gidwitz's "The Inquisitor's Tale, " and her favorite YA friendship is between Cinder, Scarlet, Cress, and Winter from the Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer!

Miss Mitzi is on a leave of absence! She can't wait to see everyone when she returns in March!