

Youth Programs April 2024

Connect With The Nevins Library







GROWING COMMUNITY					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6 pm Tales & Scales Book Club: The Coldfire Curse (Ages 9-13)	2 6 pm Ten to Teen: Murder Mystery (Ages 10-13)	6 pm Create, Explore & More: Magnets (Ages 9-12)	4 9:30 am On the Move! (Ages 18 mos5) 7 pm Book Babble: The Magic Fish (Ages 12-18)	9:30 am Baby Sign Language: Basic Signs (Ages infant-18 mos.)	6 1 pm Rainbow Club (Ages 12-18)
8 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.) 1 pm Sprouting Scientists: Things That Fly (Ages 3-5)	9 1:30 pm Homeschool Hub: Slime (Ages 5-10) 4 pm Teen Anime Club (Ages 13-18)	9:30 am On the Move! (Ages 18 mos5) 3 pm Teen Arts & Crafts Club (Ages 12-18)	7 pm Teen Gaming Club (Ages 12-18)	12 9:30 am Baby Sign Language: Playtime Signs (Ages infant-18 mos.) 1 pm One Up Games (Ages 8 and up)	13 10 am Donuts with Grown-Ups: Gardening (Ages 3-8) Swifty Saturday 1 pm: Family-friendly/all ages 2:30 pm: Ages 18 and up
LIBRARY CLOSED	16 4 pm Teen Movie Club (Ages 13-18)	17 9:30 am On the Move! (Ages 18 mos5) 10:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.) 3:30 pm Messy Art (Ages 3-6)	10 am Grooversity: Brazilian Beats (All ages)	9:30 am Baby Sign Language: Bathtime Signs (Ages infant-18 mos.)	Sensory Saturday 10 am: Ages infant-18 mos. 11 am: Ages 18 mos5
6 pm Graphic Novel Book Club: Rapunzel's Revenge (Ages 8-12)	23 1 pm Bilingual Storytime with GLAC (Ages 3-6) 4 pm Read to Murphy the Dog (Ages 5-18)	6 pm Crafty Kids (Ages 6-8)	25 10 am Imagine That! (Ages 3-5) 5:30 pm Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)	9:30 am Baby Sign Language: Sleepytime Signs (Ages infant-18 mos.)	2 pm Boredom Busters: Paper Airplanes (Ages 6-9)
29 6 pm First Chapters Book Club: Dodging Dinosaurs (Ages 7-9)	30 6:30 pm Family Storytime: Tomorrow Is May Day! (Ages 3-8)	Special Series This Month! Baby Sign Language Join us to learn about the benefits of using sign language to help build communication skills, reduce frustration, and enhance connections. This program is part of our "Growing Readers" initiative, generously supported by the Castle Fund of Methuen.		Grooversity is Back with "Brazilian Beats"! This high-energy survey of Brazilian drumming styles invites the audience to join the fun with call-and-response chants and dancing — volunteers can even get on stage and help make some music! This program is funded by The Methuen Cultural Council (a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council).	

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Registration required for most programs.

Program Descriptions

Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.)

This language-enrichment program features songs, fingerplays, stories, and everyone's favorite finale: bubbles! **No registration** required.

Baby Sign Language (Ages infant-18 mos.) Come learn about using sign language to build communication, reduce frustration, and enhance connections. This 4-part series features a different theme each week, and you can register for any or all of the sessions. You'll learn signs and enjoy a song and story; please bring a blanket to sit on and toys for your little ones to play with. This program is part of our "Growing Readers" initiative, generously supported by the Castle Fund of Methuen.

Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5) This new program gives families an evening programming option for their young children. Come join us for stories, music, and fun! No registration required.

Sensory Saturday (Ages infant-18 mos. and Ages 18 mos.-5) This program gives our young patrons various fun ways to explore their tactile world. (We offer two sessions, to accommodate different age groups; if you have kids in both age ranges, please register for just one session to bring them all to, even if some of your kids don't fit that range.)

On the Move! (Ages 18 mos.-5) Not quite a story-time, not quite a dance party – but the best of both! Bring your active little ones to listen to stories and then dance, hop, spin, and shake off some energy! No registration required.

Imagine That! (Ages 3-5) Bring your kids to enjoy stories and lots of imaginative play — a fun program to that fosters creativity and collaboration!

Sprouting Scientists (Ages 3-5) Young children will enjoy stories and hands-on activities that show them how fun and intriguing science can be.

Bilingual Storytime (Ages 3-6) Kids will enjoy this storytime in Spanish and English, plus a craft. The program is funded by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Greater Lawrence Community Action by the Dept. of Early Education and Care.

Messy Art (Ages 3-6) Your kids will have fun doing art without worrying about making a mess at this program! (Be sure to dress them in 'stainable' clothes.)

Donuts with Grown-ups (Ages 3-8) Children and their adult caregivers (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, mentors) are invited to this tasty storytime to listen to stories and make a craft, and to enjoy donuts!

Family Storytime (Ages 3-8) Wrap up your day with your children at this evening storytime, where they will listen to stories and make a craft.

Homeschool Hub (Ages 5-10) Come to the library to connect with other homeschoolers and explore a different topic each month.

Read to Murphy the Dog! (Ages 5-18) Sign up your child for a 15-minute session reading to a dog, and build their enjoyment and confidence in reading!

Crafty Kids (Ages 6-8) We provide the materials, while kids bring their imagination and creativity —and have fun making different types of crafts!

Boredom Busters (Ages 6-9) Kids can't complain about having "nothing to do" on the Saturdays when we offer this program — just sign them up to enjoy a different activity each month!

One Up Games (Ages 8 and up) Join us for our video game free play event, hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch!

Create, Explore & More! (Ages 9-12) Every month this program will offer a different activity to engage kids in fun learning and creativity — so many ways to enjoy science, art, self-expression, and more!

First Chapters Book Club (Ages 7-9) This book group is for kids who are just embarking on early chapter books and features fun book selections for them to enjoy reading and discussing.

Graphic Novel Book Club (Ages 8-12) The graphic novel genre is full of great stories and art – and at this book club kids can enjoy reading and discussing them.

Tales & Scales Book Club (Ages 9-13) If your kid enjoys fantasy fiction that features dragons, they'll enjoy this book club featuring dragon-themed books.

Ten to Teen (Ages 10-13) This monthly program, aimed at kids who might not be quite old enough for some YA programs, will feature a different topic or activity each time – lots of fun, and lots of variety.

Rainbow Club (Ages 12-18) LGBTQIA+ teens hang out and have fun at this inclusive gathering. We welcome all who identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. No registration required.

Book Babble (Ages 12-18) If your teens are fans of books and just can't stop talking about the last one they read, then this is the group for them!

Teen Arts & Crafts Club (Ages 12-18) Teens can bring their friends and drop in to see what they can create with our crafting materials.

Teen Gaming Club (Ages 12-18) At this fun program teens can learn some new board and card games, or play familiar favorites, or use our Nintendo Switch!

Teen Anime Club (Ages 13-18) If your teens are fans of anime or just curious about it, this is the club for them – where they watch and discuss their favorite anime, draw manga, or just hang out!

Teen Movie Club (Ages 13-18) Do your teens love movies? They should come to this program to watch and talk about films – and even help choose them.

SPECIAL PROGRAM Swifty Saturday

(Two sessions: for families and for ages 18 and up) Swifties, come prepared for a fun time in anticipation of Taylor's new album, "Tortured Poets Department" – we're having a dance party to celebrate all things Taylor! Dress in your favorite Taylor Swift Era, and we'll have glitter and friendship bracelets to add to your style!

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