

# Youth Programs

## July 2025

Connect With The Nevins Library



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 am Read & Play (Ages 2-5) 6:30 pm Family Storytime: Red, White & Blue (Ages 3-8)	2 1 pm Paint Our Bookends! (Ages 6-11)	3 2 pm LEGO Block Party (All ages)	4 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	5 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>
7 6:30 pm Bilingual Storytime with GLCAC (Ages 3-8)	8 10 am Tales for 2s (Age 2)	9 10 am <b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Rockabye Beats (Ages infant-6) 6:30 pm Story & Craft (Ages 6-8)	10 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.) 2 pm Create, Explore & More! Owl Pellets (Ages 9-11)	11 11 am <b>OFFSITE</b> Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages) 1 pm One Up Games: Video Gaming and Mini-Golf (Ages 8 and up)	12 <i>Summer Saturday: the Library is open 9am-1pm.</i>
14 2 pm Sensory Monday (Ages 18 mos.-3)	15 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.) 4 pm Pop Up Art School: Dungeons & Dragons Paintings (Ages 12-18)	16 11 am <b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> A Visit with Blades! (All ages) 6:30 pm Interactive Mov- ie: "Shrek" (Ages 6 & up)	17 1:30 pm Rock Painting (Ages 8-13)	18 11 am <b>OFFSITE</b> Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages) 2 pm Outside Art (Ages 6-8)	19 <i>Summer Saturday: the Library is open 9am-1pm.</i>
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28 5:30 pm Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)	29 <b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Science Heroes: Adven- ture of the Missing Color 9:30 am Preschool Edition (Ages 2-5) 10:15 am School-Age Edition (Ages 6-12)	30 3 pm Jigsaw Puzzle Race for Families (All ages) 4 pm Read to Murphy the Dog! (Ages 5-18)	31 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.)	<b>Summer Eats is back!</b> <i>This summer, the Nevins Library is again a site for the Methuen Public Schools "Summer Eats" van (in partnership with Project Bread/DESE), which provides FREE lunch to kids and teens M-F 11 am-noon.</i>	

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Registration required for most programs.

Visit our website to register at [www.nevinslibrary.org](http://www.nevinslibrary.org), or call us at 978-686-4080 x26.

## 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.

**Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)** This is an entertaining evening option for families with young children – join us for stories, music, and fun! **No registration** required.

**SPECIAL EVENT Rockabye Beats (Ages infant-6)** Young kids love this immersive music experience where they can sing, dance, play instruments, and learn a little Spanish.

**On the Move! (Ages 18 mos.-3)** Not quite a storytime, 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.

**Sensory Monday (Ages 18 mos.-3)** This program gives young patrons fun ways to engage their senses with various tactile experiences.

**Tales for 2s (Age 2)** Here's a new program for our young patrons who are "aging out of" Books & Bubbles" – so you can experience the fun and structure of storytimes together, including making a craft!

**Read & Play (Ages 2-5)** Bring your little kids to this outdoor storytime, where they can breathe the fresh air and enjoy stories and activities on the library's beautiful grounds. **No registration** required.

**Messy Art (Ages 3-5)** Kids enjoy this art program where they can have fun creating without worrying about making a mess!

**Bilingual Storytime (Ages 3-8)** Kids enjoy this storytime in Spanish and English, plus a craft. *The program is co-presented with the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council.*

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

**Read to Murphy the Dog! (Ages 5-18)** Sign up your children for a 10-minute session reading to Murphy the Dog, and build their enjoyment and confidence in reading.

### **SPECIAL EVENT Jungle Jim (Ages 6 and up)**

Jungle Jim is back, and he'll lead kids through a high-energy, interactive mix of magic, storytelling, and mind-blowing balloon artistry! *Funded by the Methuen Cultural Council (a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council).*

**Story & Craft (Ages 6-8)** Here's an evening option for your 6-8 year-olds – join us for read-alouds and a craft!

**Outside Art (Ages 6-8)** We'll try out different mediums and themes in this art program – just be sure your kids wear clothes that they don't mind getting paint and glue on as they create their masterpieces!

**Paint Our Bookends! (Ages 6-11)** Would your kids like to see their artwork put to good use when they come to the library? Register them for this program, where they'll paint bookends that we'll use on the bookshelves in the Children's Room!

**Summer Science (Ages 6-11)** Elementary school-aged kids will enjoy hands-on science activities in this engaging program.

**SPECIAL EVENT One Up Games: Video Gaming and Mini-Golf (Ages 8 and up)** Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games, is back – and not only will they hold their usual video game free-play event, but they'll also set up a 9-hole mini-golf course!

**History Unlocked (Ages 8-11)** Our "Unlocked" series takes a deep dive into a variety of interesting topics, including hands-on experiences.

**Rock Painting (Ages 8-13)** Have your kids seen our Kindness Rocks Garden? Would they like to contribute beautiful art and meaningful messages to this special spot? Register them for this program, where we'll provide paint and rocks for them to decorate.

**Create, Explore & More! (Ages 9-11)** Each month this program offers activities that engage kids in fun learning and creativity – so many ways to enjoy science, art & self-expression!

**Escape the Room: Secret of Dr. Gravely's Retreat (Ages 12-17)** Join us to help uncover the dark secret of Dr. Gravely's Retreat – find clues, solve puzzles, and escape before time runs out!

**Pop Up Art School: Dungeons & Dragons Paintings (Ages 12-18)** Learn acrylic painting techniques and paint a Dungeons & Dragons-inspired scene with majestic mountains, vibrant landscapes, and a soaring dragon, all set within the geometric shape of a D20 dice!

**LEGO Block Party (All ages)** This program is open to all ages, and we encourage families to come build and create together (using our huge supply of LEGOs)!

**Interactive Movie: Shrek (All ages)** We'll supply the props, you supply the enthusiasm! Join us for an interactive movie viewing of *Shrek*, where audience members get to help tell and experience the story!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Race for Families (All ages)** Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Have you ever been in a Jigsaw Puzzle Race? Now's your chance! Sign up your team of up to 4 players; every team will get the same puzzle from Ravensburger Puzzles and race to finish it first.

**OFFSITE Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages)** Bring your young animal lovers to the Nevins Farm MSPCA, where they will listen to stories and meet animal friends. **No registration** is required.

**SPECIAL EVENT A Visit with Blades! (All ages)** Bruins mascot Blades will join us for a story, some game day fun, and crafts, and special library poster featuring Bruins player Jeremey Swayman will also be available. *Sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Boston Bruins.*

### **STAR WARS SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Lightsaber Training (Ages 6-10 and 11-18)** Kids and teens can learn the basics of using the Force and how to handle a lightsaber in this fun program, where they'll receive instruction from a true Jedi Master!

**Star Wars Character Meet & Greet (All ages)** This is a great chance for kids and teens to meet some favorite Star Wars characters and take photos with a Jedi Master!

**SPECIAL EVENT Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color (Ages 2-5 & 6-12)** Join Science Heroes on their mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, we'll celebrate the scientists who color our world with art!