

Youth Programs

January 2026

Connect With The Nevins Library



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Parent Meet-Up Are you a new (or new-ish) parent? Join us with your little ones for a relaxed weekly meet-up designed for parents and caregivers of youngsters up to 18 months old – connect with others in the community, share experiences, and build your support network in a friendly, welcoming space. <i>This program is part of our Growing Readers initiative, funded by the Edwin J. Castle Fund.</i>			1 LIBRARY CLOSED	2	3 10 am SPECIAL EVENT Local Children's Book Authors Fair (All ages)
5 6:30 pm Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime (Ages 3-8)	6 3 pm Letters About Literature Teen Drop-In (Ages 12-18) 4:30 pm Story Solvers (Ages 8-11)	7 10 am Read & Play (Ages 18 mos.-4) 4 pm Book Babble: ¡Ay, Mija! (Ages 12-18) 4 pm Letters About Literature (Ages 9-11)	8 10 am New Parent Meet-Up 4 pm Read to Murphy the Dog (Ages 5-18) 4 pm Teen Anime Club (Ages 13-18)	9 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.)	10 10 am Adaptive Storytime (Ages 5 and up)
12 10 am Homeschool Hub: Sharks (Ages 7-11) 6 pm Felting Shapes (Ages 7 and up)	13	14 10 am Sprouting Scientists Ages 3-5) 4 pm Teen Arts & Crafts Club (Ages 12-18)	15 10 am New Parent Meet-Up 4 pm Teen Gaming Club (Ages 12-18)	16 2 pm Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.) 5:30 pm Dinner & a Movie: <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (All ages)	17 10 am Donuts with Grown-Ups: Hats & More Hats (Ages 3-8) 2 pm Beads & Baubles (Ages 10-13)
19 LIBRARY CLOSED	20 5:30 pm History Unlocked: Victorian England (Ages 8-11)	21 10 am Read & Play (Ages 18 mos.-4) 4 pm Teen Movie Club (Ages 13-18) 4:30 pm French/English Bilingual Storytime	22 10 am New Parent Meet-Up 4 pm DIY Designs (Ages 10-13) 4:30 pm Book Bonding: Caretaker/Child Book Group (Ages 5-7)	23 9:30 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.)	24 10 am Books & Bubbles (Ages infant-18 mos.)
26 4 pm Page Turners Book Group (Ages 8-11) 5:30 pm Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)	27 6:30 pm Family Storytime: Bubble Wrap Day (Ages 3-8)	28 10 am Tales for Toddlers (Ages 2-3) 5:30 pm LEGO Block Party (All ages)	29 10 am New Parent Meet-Up 4 pm Slime of the Month (Ages 9-11)	30	31 2 pm Craft of the Month (Ages 7-9)

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Registration required for most programs.

Visit our website to register at 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, stories, and everyone's favorite finale: bubbles! After the stories and bubbles, patrons are welcome to stay and enjoy a sensory playtime with their little ones. Registration requested but not required.

Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5) This entertaining evening option for young children includes stories, music, and fun! Registration requested but not required. *Copresented with the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council.*

Read & Play (Ages 18 mos.-4) Bring your kids to enjoy stories, music, and a free-play session using an array of costume, toys, and building materials.

Tales for Toddlers (Ages 2-3) Here's a program for youngsters who are "aging out of" Books & Bubbles, so you can experience the fun and structure of storytimes together (including crafts)!

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

Donuts with Grown-Ups (Ages 3-8) Children and their adult caregivers are invited to this tasty storytime to enjoy stories, crafts, and donuts!

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.

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime (Ages 3-8) Kids enjoy this bilingual storytime and craft. *Copresented with the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council.*

French/English Bilingual Storytime (Ages 3-8) Bring your kids to this storytime in French and English, which includes making a craft!

Book Bonding: Caretaker/Child Book Group (Ages 5-7) In this relaxed program you and your child will read a book of your choice together, then come to the meeting to tell other participants about the book and hear about what they have read!

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

Adaptive Storytime (Ages 5 and up) This welcoming program for neurodivergent children uses stories, movement, music, sensory activities, and play in a leisurely paced, small-group environment.

Craft of the Month (Ages 7-9) This program invites kids to enjoy making different crafts each month.

Felting Shapes (Ages 7 and up) At this unique craft program, we'll use carded wool and cookie cutters to make one-of-a-kind decorative objects.

Homeschool Hub (Ages 7-11) Come to the library to connect with other homeschoolers and explore a different topic each month, including a hands-on activity.

Story Solvers (Ages 8-11) In this unique STEM program, kids create concrete solutions to storybook predicaments.

History Unlocked (Ages 8-11) This series takes a deep dive into interesting topics each month.

Page Turners Book Group (Ages 8-11) Are your kids reading great books on their own but are too young for our YA book groups? Try out this program, where they'll help choose the books they'll read, enjoy snacks, and earn incentives from Texas Roadhouse!

Slime of the Month (Ages 9-11) Who knew there were so many kinds of slime you can make? Kids will enjoy producing a different variety each month!

Beads & Baubles (Ages 10-13) Kids can use our huge supply of beads to craft a different item each month.

DIY Designs (Ages 10-13) Every month we'll make another unique craft together!

Teen Arts & Crafts Club (Ages 12-18) Teens can drop in to create what they like with our craft materials.

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

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 the movie!

Teen Anime Club (Ages 13-18) If your teens are fans of anime or just curious about it, then they'll enjoy this club where they watch and discuss their favorite anime, draw manga, or just hang out.

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

Dinner & a Movie: *The Wizard of Oz* (All ages) Join us for a special screening of this film classic – and bring your dinner to eat while you enjoy the show!

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)!

Special Event Local Children's Book Authors Fair (All ages) Come meet four local children's book authors, who will read aloud from their books, talk about how they work, and answer kids' questions – and maybe inspire some budding writers in the audience! Books will be available for purchase to be signed by the authors.

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Letters about Literature Contest (Ages 9-11 & 12-18)

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, this statewide contest invites students in Grades 4-12 to read a book of their choice, reflect on it, and write a personal letter to its author that explains the impact this work had on them.

The contest is divided into two ages groups (9-11 & 12-18); monetary prizes will be awarded to three winners in each group, along with Honorable Mentions – and they'll all be recognized at an awards ceremony at the Massachusetts State House! The teen program is a drop-in event, where they can ask for a librarian's advice about writing their letter or just have the space and time to write independently; we do require registration for the session for ages 9-11.