

PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES



# FALL

MID-AUGUST - DECEMBER 2021  
PROGRAM GUIDE

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## Weekly & Monthly Calendar

### Little Ones (0-5 Years)

#### LITTLE ONES LAPSIT (0-16 months)

A child's first few months can be the most important. Simple books, rhymes and poems, bounces, tickles, and movement games will have lasting impact on their development.

**JJGL & HALL: Mondays; 10:15 a.m.**

#### BILINGUAL STORYTIME (3-5 years)

Bilingual skills are integral to early literacy and promote language acquisition. Children will listen to books and sing songs in both English and Spanish.

**HALL: Mondays; 11:15 a.m.**

#### TODDLER TIME (16 months-3 years)

Encourage early literacy, social development and imagination through interactive read-alouds, songs and rhymes.

**HALL: Tuesdays; 10:15 a.m.**

**JJGL: Thursdays; Two sessions: 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.**

#### WOBLERS AND WALKERS (10-16 months)

If your little one is already walking or starting to walk, this is the program for you! Join us for short rhymes and songs for the more mobile babies to enjoy.

**JJGL: Tuesdays; 10:15 a.m.**

**HALL: Wednesdays; 10:15 a.m.**

#### LITTLE EXPLORERS (3-5 years)

Explore the world around us with a STEAM storytime. Children will increase their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through stories, songs and hands-on elements.

**JJGL: Tuesdays; 11:15 a.m.**

#### MULTILINGUAL STORYTIME (3-5 years)

Read stories and sing songs in Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, German and more. Celebrate other cultures, enhance literacy skills and work together on a take-home craft.

**JJGL: Wednesdays; 10:15 a.m.**

#### PRE-K STORYTIME: ALPHABET ADVENTURE (3-5 years)

Learn about letters and letter sounds through read-alouds, songs, activities and crafts.

**HALL: Thursdays; 10:15 a.m.**

### School Age (K-5th Grade)

#### SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DRAW?

Develop your creative side! Learn techniques to draw animals, characters, nature and anything in-between. All skill levels welcome.

**JJGL: Mondays; 4:30 p.m.**

#### STUFF IT!

Impress your friends and family this Thanksgiving with your holiday cooking skills! Learn new recipes and watch cooking demonstrations by our library staff just in time for Thanksgiving.

**JJGL: Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 23; 4:30 p.m.**

#### MAD SCIENCE

Have fun exploring STEAM elements from Astronomy to Weather and everything in between!

**JJGL: Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.**

#### WORLD EXPLORERS (K-3rd Grade)

Explore the history of the world through picture books and hands-on projects. This program is perfect for older children who enjoyed our Little Explorers program.

**HALL: Fridays; 4:30 p.m.**

## Teens (6th-12th Grade)

### DIY MUSICIAN

If Gorillaz recorded an album on an iPad, and Billie Eilish made her first songs on a home computer, why can't you? Learn the basics of electronic music production and mixing, and create your own beats!

**JJGL:** Mondays; 4:30 p.m.

### YA BOOK CLUB

Can't get enough of Young Adult (YA) literature? Connect with fellow teens as we discuss a wide range of YA books. Visit our web calendar for upcoming titles.

**JJGL:** Third Monday of the month; 6 p.m.

### ANIME CLUB

Hang out with other anime fans! We will watch an episode or two and show off our latest crafts. Wear your cosplay for everyone to see!

**JJGL:** Tuesdays; 5 p.m.

**HALL & ZOOM:** Thursdays; 5 p.m.

### DIGITAL ART 101

Explore the basics of digital illustration with the Procreate app for the iPad. Build your digital art skills week by week. All skill levels welcome. Register in advance to reserve an iPad or bring your own!

**JJGL:** Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.

### SNACK ATTACK

Tired of the same boring snacks? Chow down on this bite-sized challenge and learn to spice up your snacks!

**JJGL:** Third Thursday of the month beginning Sept. 16; 4:30 p.m.

### CODING CARNIVAL

Learn introductory computer programming skills while creating fun projects that use drag and drop programming workspaces as well as introductory web and graphic design. No coding experience necessary! Offered by local nonprofit, Briidge The Gap.

**HALL:** First Saturday of the month; 1:30 p.m.

## All Ages

### NIGHTTIME EXPLORERS

Calling all explorers! Discover the mysteries of the night as we learn about nocturnal creatures, stars and things that glow in the dark.

**JJGL:** Tuesdays; 7:30 p.m.

### LIBRARY TOURS FOR KIDS

Grab your fanny pack and camera and join us on an exciting journey of the Roy & Helen Hall Library! Scenic stops include storytime in the children's area, a behind-the-scenes look at our facility, a scavenger hunt and a souvenir. Children must be accompanied by a guardian at all times. Tours available for school groups with advance reservations.

**HALL:** Third Saturday of the month; 10:15 a.m.

### SATURDAY CHESS MEETUP

Are you ready to hone your skills with new friends in a fun environment? All skill levels welcome.

**HALL & JJGL:** Saturdays; 11 a.m.

### GAME ON!

We are turning the library into an arcade! We'll have multiplayer video games, retro games and board games throughout the library. Invite your friends and bring your family for some friendly competition and fun!

**JJGL:** First Sunday of the month; 1-4 p.m.

## Adult

### GAME MASTER 101

(Ages 14 and up)

Learn to run your own roleplaying game like Dungeons and Dragons™ in this six-week workshop. Carpe Diem Comics will help us discover what it takes to run your game with game master tools, tips, theory and techniques. Visit our web calendar for detailed descriptions of each week's workshop.

**HALL:** Mondays beginning Sept. 13; 5 p.m.

### BOOK TALKS

(Ages 14 and up)

See what authors are up to behind the scenes, find your next favorite book, collect some writing advice, and ask the bookish experts your most burning questions. Join us for an in-person watch party or log on to watch virtually. Visit our web calendar for author details.

**JJGL & ZOOM:** Mondays, Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 25 and Nov. 8; 7 p.m.



## VolunTEENS

(6th-12th grades)

The McKinney Public Library strives to impact lives and build a sense of community. We understand the power of service and the impact working on a community service project can have on the lives of people, especially our youth. We are excited to share our passion for service by providing an avenue for those opportunities. Fulfills MISD Green Cord community service requirement.

**HALL:** Tuesdays; 4-8 p.m.

**JJGL:** Thursdays; 4-8 p.m.

## YARNIGANS

Relax, express your creativity and meet others with similar interests. Charitable and personal projects are welcome; some materials are supplied. Informal setting and all skill levels welcome.

**JJGL & ZOOM:** First and third Monday of the month; 7 p.m.

## INSIDE SPORTS MATH

What is W.A.R.? Is Matt Ryan a better quarterback than Dak Prescott? How does Luka's Player Efficiency Rating compare to Steph Curry? Each month we examine the statistics and analytics used in each major professional sport.

**JJGL:** Second Tuesday of the month; 6 p.m.

## GAME-O-RAMA

Have some fun with a rotating slate of games, including trivia, board games and video games. Visit our web calendar to see what type of game is on for that week.

**JJGL:** Wednesdays; 7 p.m.

## ADULT BOOK CLUB

Join us for a lively conversation about our current book! Visit our web calendar for book selections.

**ZOOM:** Sept. 1; 12 p.m.

**HALL:** Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1; 12 p.m.

## TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Explore the best books of this genre! Discuss books that acknowledge victims and loved ones while blending skillful reporting to create a rapid-fire narrative. If you love a good thrill while adding some nonfiction to your routine, join us!

**JJGL & ZOOM:** Second Wednesday of the month; 7 p.m.

## LIBRARY TV

(Ages 13 and up)

Have you always wanted to learn how to create video content? Work with library staff to plan, edit, film and schedule video content for the library's internal television network. All skill levels welcome.

**JJGL:** Third Wednesday of the month beginning Sept. 15; 6 p.m.

## TECH HELP FOR SENIORS

Need help using your laptop, phone or tablet? Library staff is available to assist with basic tech help, including eReaders, email, laptops, tablets, cell phones and other electronic gadgets. Bring your usernames and passwords and make sure your device is fully charged. In partnership with the Senior Recreation Center.

**JJGL:** Second and Fourth Thursday of the month beginning Sept. 9; 10:15 a.m.

## GENEALOGY UNCOVERED

Enjoy genealogy presentations with our partners at the North Collin County Genealogical Society. Subjects are varied for different genealogy research levels.

**HALL & ZOOM:** Thursdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11; 6:30 p.m.

## GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE

Need advice or tips on researching your family history? Our friends at the North Collin County Genealogy Society hold interesting and helpful presentations on different topics.

**HALL & ZOOM:** First Sunday of the month; 1 p.m.

## PAINTING WITH A DIGITAL TWIST

Follow along step-by-step as we create a digital painting using the Procreate app. No prior painting or digital art experience necessary – all skill levels welcome.

**JJGL:** Second Thursday of the month; 7 p.m.

## CRAFTY ADULTS

Join other adults interested in arts and crafting and make a unique new craft every week!

**JJGL:** Fourth Thursday of the month; 7 p.m.

## MEDITATIVE MANDALA

Meditate and create colorful mandalas. Join us for this joyful art therapy in partnership with the Senior Recreation Center. No drawing skills required.

**JJGL:** Fridays; 10:15 a.m.

## SCI-FI REVIEW

(Ages 13 and up)

Explore the nature of science fiction in our culture. What Sci-Fi books are you currently reading? What are your television or movie favorites? Discuss interesting authors, different genres, and more. Share discoveries and recommendations with other Sci-Fi fans.

**JJGL:** First and third Sunday of the month; 1 p.m.

## CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

Like the idea of reading the classics, but need some inspiration? Each month is an informal but informed discussion with a focus on fun. Visit our web calendar for book selections.

**ZOOM:** Sunday, Sept. 19; 2 p.m.

**JJGL:** Sundays, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21; 2 p.m.

## WRITER'S EXCHANGE

(Ages 13 and up)

Bounce ideas off fellow writers for all kinds of writing, including poetry, stories, plays, novel excerpts, memoirs and nonfiction. Receive constructive feedback and support for your writing, and discuss issues such as editing, publishing and marketing. Independent, published, and aspiring authors are welcome.

**JJGL:** Second and fourth Sunday of the month; 1 p.m.

## Online Resources



### BEANSTACK

Go to Beanstack for other reading and activity challenges:  
[www.mckinneytexas.beanstack.com](http://www.mckinneytexas.beanstack.com)



### FACEBOOK

Check out our Facebook page for DIY videos, links to all events, and other fun activities:

[www.facebook.com/McKinneyLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/McKinneyLibrary)

## Location key:

**JJGL:** John & Judy Gay Library

**HALL:** Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library

**ZOOM:** Virtual Class on Zoom





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Teens (6th-12th grade)

**sept. 21 ANIME MOVIE NIGHT**  
Watch a movie, munch on some snacks and hang out with other anime fans. Wear your cosplay for everyone to see!

**JJGL: Tuesday, Sept. 21; 6 p.m.**

**oct. 12 ARE YOU A GENEALOGY DETECTIVE?**  
Do you know who your ancestors are? Were they pioneers, soldiers, royalty or bank robbers? This program helps you get started as a genealogy detective by learning what research aids to use and how to interview family members.

**HALL: Tuesday, Oct. 12, 4 p.m.**

**oct. 16 DIY SUCCULENT GARDEN**  
Learn about plants while giving back to the planet! Paint a flowerpot and take home a succulent!

**HALL: Saturday, Oct. 16; 4 p.m.**

**oct. 30 FANDOM DEBATES: HALLOWEEN MADNESS**  
We are selecting the Ultimate Monster who will rule over all others! Test your debate skills and help your favorite monster get to the top rank.

**JJGL: Saturday, Oct. 30; 4 p.m.**

**dec. 9 TIKTOK MADE ME DO IT**  
Discover the viral sensations TikTok and other social media platforms have created. From dance-offs to cooking, we'll compete to recreate some of the top challenges and post them online!

**JJGL: Thursday, Dec. 9; 4:30 p.m.**

## Family events for all ages

**sept. 18 THE RHYTHM OF LATIN AMERICA**  
Explore our rich Texas history and the amazing ways in which Hispanic culture inspires our community. Listen to live music, make some crafts and dance the day away!

**HALL: Saturday, Sept. 18; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**sept. 25 NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY**  
Comic book fans assemble! Show your love for comics, graphic novels, manga and more with exciting activities for comic fans of all ages. Costumes encouraged.

**HALL: Saturday, Sept. 25; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**oct. 30 HALLOWEEN HAUNT**  
Things are getting spooky at the library! Explore our haunted house, make some eerie crafts and compete in our candy monster scavenger hunt.

**HALL: Saturday, Oct. 30; 2-5 p.m.**

**nov. 6 DIWALI**  
Celebrate Diwali (Deepavali), the Hindu "Festival of Lights." Diwali is one of the oldest and most important festivals in India. Join in celebration with crafts, music and dance.

**JJGL: Saturday, Nov. 6; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**nov. 13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY**  
Celebrate those making a difference in our community and learn how you can do your part to create a kinder McKinney.

**JJGL: Saturday, Nov. 13; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

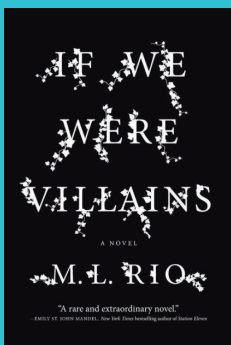
Check out the  
**McKinney  
Story Trail**  
AT FINCH PARK



Each month we will feature a new book to read as you walk the trail.



*Read Across McKinney*  
**Oct. 1-31**



Read Across McKinney is a month-long initiative in October to bring people together over a great book. Connect with your community as we read *If We Were Villains* by M. L. Rio and watch the story come to life at the library this month. Check our web calendar for information about special author talks, book discussions, themed events and programs for this year's Read Across McKinney.

**nov. 20** **EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE WITH NASA**  
The library has partnered with NASA as an official host for the Webb Space Telescope launch! Celebrate its launch by exploring the universe, create out of this world space activities and crafts, and hear from a NASA subject matter expert.  
**HALL & ZOOM:** **Saturday, Nov. 20; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**nov. 23** **THANKS & GIVING**  
Share your thanks, drop off a canned good item for the North Texas Food Bank, and enjoy family-friendly turkey crafts and activities.  
**HALL & JJGL:** **Tuesday, Nov. 23; 2-5 p.m.**

**dec. 18** **HOLIDAY BOOGIE**  
Travel back in time to the 1940s and experience a vintage holiday! Make your own retro holiday card and ornament while listening to radio broadcasts from a past era, dance to live jazz carols, and enjoy a fireside story time.  
**HALL:** **Saturday, Dec. 18; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

*Adults*

**2** **FASFA HOW-TO**  
Filling out the yearly Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) can feel overwhelming. Join staff as we explain all about FASFA and the application process. College students of all ages are welcome to attend!  
**7**  
**4** **JJGL:** **Thursdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4; 7 p.m.**

**11** **GATEWAY TO CITIZENSHIP**  
Need help maneuvering the complexities and challenges of the United States immigration system? Immigration attorney Tanille Royston will share how immigrants can become US citizens. Learn the benefits of becoming a citizen, requirements & disqualifications when applying and citizenship by naturalization.  
**HALL:** **Saturday, Sept. 11; 2 p.m.**

**14** **LIVE HEALTHY! BE INSPIRED! FIND NUTRITION YOU CAN TRUST!**  
Cindy Kleckner, registered dietitian and co-author of DASH Diet for Dummies, will share practical tips on what foods to eat and how to prepare them to keep your heart healthy and blood pressure under control.  
**HALL:** **Tuesday, Sept. 14; 7 p.m.**

**18** **THE MCKINNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: READY TO REACT (Ages 12 and up)**  
If an emergency happens right in front of you, would you know how to react? Heart attacks and mass casualty events can happen anytime, anywhere. Knowing how to stop the bleed and give hands-only CPR could help you make a lifesaving difference.  
**2**  
**JJGL:** **Saturday, Sept. 18; Two sessions: 10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m.**  
**HALL:** **Saturday, Oct. 2; Two sessions: 10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m.**



oct. **9** **GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS**  
 Interested in researching your family history but not sure where to start? Join our guest speaker Susan Kusterbeck as she explains how to get started researching your family tree.  
**HALL & ZOOM:** Saturday, Oct. 9; 10:30 a.m.

oct. **11** **LEGACY KEEPERS: DIA DE LOS MUERTOS**  
 The Legacy Keepers will discuss Dia De Los Muertos and its impact on family history and preserving memories.  
**HALL:** Monday, Oct. 11; 7 p.m.

oct. **12** **NATIVE PLANTS, BORN IN TEXAS**  
 By using native plants, you can have a landscape that gives back to the environment and to your bottom line. Learn how to plan your time and resources to enjoy Texas' glorious outdoors. Presented by Collin County Master Gardeners.  
**HALL:** Tuesday, Oct. 12; 7 p.m.

oct. **13** **THE FAMILY ARCHIVIST**  
 Interested in preserving and digitizing treasured family documents and photos? We'll get you on the right track with a discussion of best practices, supplies and resources.  
**HALL:** Wednesday, Oct. 13; 1 p.m.

oct. **15** **DISCOVERING THE PAST, TODAY!**  
 In coordination with libraries around the state, we will be streaming six different presentations to aid you in your family and local history research. Members of the North Collin County Genealogy Society will be available to help answer your research questions. All research levels welcome.  
**HALL:** Friday, Oct. 15; 10 a.m.

oct. **24** **URBAN WILDLIFE**  
 Urban wildlife touches our lives every day. The ways in which humans interact with nature is fascinating, but they can be complex and controversial. Discover the types of wildlife that live in urban ecosystems and what we can do to coexist with our wildlife neighbors. Presented by Jeff Witt from the Texas Master Naturalists Blackland Prairie Chapter.  
**JJGL:** Sunday, Oct. 24; 3 pm

nov. **9** **GROWING BEAUTIFUL HOUSEPLANTS**  
 Houseplants have become cool again. We'll introduce you to 24 easy-to-grow houseplants and share in-depth information to help you choose the perfect plant for different areas in your home. Presented by Collin County Master Gardeners.  
**HALL:** Tuesday, Nov. 9; 7 p.m.

nov. **18** **AUTHOR TALK: SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH**  
 Uncover Austin's early history before it became the cosmopolitan metropolis it is today and meet characters prominent in a long-forgotten crime spree that gripped the city. Author of *The Midnight Assassin*.  
**JJGL:** Thursday, Nov. 18; 7 p.m.

nov. **20** **MEDICARE INFORMATION WORKSHOP**  
 Trying to navigate Medicare, but feeling lost? This educational workshop covers the four types of Medicare, and you'll leave with a better understanding of Medicare eligibility, election periods and enrollment penalties. Differences between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage (Part C), prescription Drug (Part D), and the "donut hole" will be covered.  
**JJGL:** Saturday, Nov. 20; 10:30 a.m.

nov. **22** **INTRODUCTORY INTENTIONAL MINDFUL MEDITATION**  
 The benefits of a mindfulness practice can be experienced by nearly anyone and can help one live life more peacefully and resourcefully. Find out how to ease stress, improve focus and cultivate kindness towards yourself and others in this introductory class. Presented by Rick Barber of FinestCoaching.  
**JJGL:** Monday, Nov. 22; 7 p.m.

## Concerts at the Library

Find out why McKinney is a growing hub for music as local musicians perform short sets at John & Judy Gay Library. Visit our web calendar for dates and performers.



## Homecoming: A McKinney Tradition

Explore McKinney's homecoming history with a display of images from yearbooks and newspaper articles. Available Nov. 1  
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# Don't miss out! Register in advance.



REGISTER

The McKinney Public Library System's programs and events are free but space is limited. To register or to check for event updates, visit our website below. Free tickets are available one week in advance on a first-come-first-serve basis. For groups larger than ten, please call 972-547-2045 for special arrangements.

Due to high demand, ticketholders who arrive five minutes or more late will forfeit their tickets. Forfeited tickets will be given to patrons on standby. At the presenter's discretion, latecomers may not be allowed entrance to the program. **To ensure you do not lose your reservation, please arrive early!**

## McKinney Library Locations

### ROY & HELEN HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

IN DOWNTOWN MCKINNEY

101 E. Hunt St.  
McKinney, Texas 75069

### JOHN & JUDY GAY LIBRARY

IN GABE NESBITT COMMUNITY PARK

6861 W. Eldorado Pkwy.  
McKinney, Texas 75070



### MCKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM HOURS:

Monday–Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

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