

PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES



**Summer Reading
starts June 3!**

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SUMMER

JUNE-AUGUST 2021
PROGRAM GUIDE

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Weekly & Monthly Calendar

Little Ones (0-5 Years)

M 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.

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

TU LITTLE EXPLORERS (3-5 years)

Explore our world through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math! Children will increase their understanding of STEAM principles through stories, songs and hands-on elements.

JJGL: Tuesdays; 11:15 a.m.

TU W TODDLER TIME (16 months-3 years)

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

HALL: Tuesdays; 2 sessions: 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

JJGL: Wednesdays; 2 sessions: 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

W 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: Wednesdays; 11:15 a.m.

W PRE-K STORYTIME: BEING THE BEST ME (3-5 years)

Promote personal development through books read aloud, songs, sign language and activities! This class helps children learn and practice social and emotional skills.

HALL: Wednesdays; 10:15 a.m.

ZOOM: Wednesdays; 11:15 a.m.

School Age (K-5th Grade)

TU 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 & ZOOM: Tuesdays; 4 p.m.

SA CHESS FOR KIDS

An introduction to chess through stories and games!

HALL: Saturdays in June; 10:15 a.m.

Teens (6th-12th Grade)

M TH 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: Mondays; 5 p.m.

HALL & ZOOM: Thursdays; 5 p.m.

F THE WILD BRUNCH

Each week a different host will take us on a culinary adventure! Discover the skills we need to master that most prized of mealtime experiences: BRUNCH!

HALL & ZOOM: Fridays beginning June 11; 11 a.m.

third TU DIY MUSICIAN

Billie Eilish made her first songs on a computer from home, so why can't you? Learn the basics of electronic music production and mixing and create your own beats!

JJGL & ZOOM: Third Tuesday of the month; 5 p.m.

second SU TEEN CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Bounce your ideas for poetry, stories, plays, novel excerpts and writing off fellow creative writers! This is a great place to get constructive feedback and support for your writing.

ZOOM: Second Sunday of the month; 1 p.m.

TH NAILED IT!

Test your creative skills in this new series! Use the library's new equipment to complete different challenges based on a theme.

JJGL: Thursdays; 4 p.m.

June 17: Blend It.

Will you taste victory or defeat in our first challenge? Show off your culinary prowess in a team smoothie showdown. Please inform library staff of any food allergies prior to the event.

July 15: Sew It.

Think you're crafty enough to win? Teams will need nerves of steel and an eye for detail to win this fast-paced challenge.

July 29: Dye It.

Unleash your creativity in our most colorful session yet. Learn Shibori dyeing techniques with bandanas (provided) or bring an old item to upcycle with a splash of color (t-shirts, bags, etc.).

second W RELUCTANT COOK

Hate the idea of cooking, but don't want to eat takeout all the time? Learn simple techniques using common ingredients to make a great meal with the least amount of hassle.

JJGL: Second Wednesday of the month; 4 p.m.

second W TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Explore the best books of this genre! We 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.

SA FANDOM DEBATES

Fandoms are everywhere in young adult literature! Show off your knowledge by joining our friendly debate club. Our first meeting will focus on Harry Potter, and we'll dive into Percy Jackson for the second meeting. You'll learn real debate skills in addition to discussing your favorite characters. We'll explore other fandoms if time allows!

JJGL: Saturdays, June 19 and July 17; 4 p.m.

All Ages

SA SATURDAY CHESS MEETUP

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

HALL: Saturdays; 11 a.m.

Adult

M VIRTUAL 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 in our Virtual Book Talks.

ZOOM: Mondays, June 7, July 12, Aug. 9, Aug. 23; 7 p.m.

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M YARNIGANS

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

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

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W ADULT BOOK CLUB

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

ZOOM: First Wednesday of the month; 12 p.m.

W RECYCLED BOOK CRAFTING

Turn old books into beautiful works of art! Supplies are provided.

HALL: Wednesday, June 16 and Aug. 18; 6:30 p.m.

second TH GENEALOGY MONTHLY MEETUP

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

ZOOM: Second Thursday of the month; 6:30 p.m.

third SU ADULT 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. Please check our web calendar for book selections.

ZOOM: Third Sunday of the month; 2 p.m.

fourth SU WRITERS' EXCHANGE

Looking for ideas to develop and promote your writing projects? Join this monthly forum to discuss issues of interest, offer mutual support and exchange ideas and marketing tips. Writers (and aspiring writers!) of all types are welcome.

ZOOM: Fourth Sunday of the month; 1 p.m.

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ZOOM: Virtual Class on Zoom

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SUMMER READING

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF: WILD ADVENTURES THROUGH TIME

Travel back in time! Join us for a day of fun activities, performances, and food trucks. Step outside of our library time machine to celebrate unique histories with interactive performances by traditional Chinese Lion Dancers, dueling pirates, Hula and Tahitian dancers and more..

HALL: Thursday, June 3

- **11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Search for clues to fix your time machine and get back to the present in our entertaining scavenger hunt! Explore booths from local businesses and organizations, check out crafts and hands on activities from the past, and snap a selfie at a photo booth station.
- **11 a.m. - Jiu Long Lion Dance Troupe**
Start your summer off with a unique and enchanting lion dance by the Jiu Long Lion Dance Troupe. Travel through time with an interactive performance of this traditional Chinese dance.
- **12:15 p.m. - Pirates: History vs. Hollywood**
Do you have what it takes to make it on a pirate ship? Come meet some pirates, learn about pirate history and myths, and watch a sword fighting demonstration. Presented by theatrical company A Play on Swords.
- **2:30 p.m. – Grace Hula**
Join us as we watch all kinds of hula dance, from ancient to modern and “Hollywood” to Tahitian, then try it yourself!

WILD ADVENTURES: JURASSIC TOUR

Are you ready for some dino-mite fun at the library? Join us for a hands-on exploration of fossils and dinosaurs with our friends at the Heard Museum. Embrace your inner paleontologist at a dinosaur dig, identify mysterious tracks and put your scientific skills to the test at our STEAM stations. Aspiring scientists will be roaring for more!

JJGL: Thursday, June 10

- **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
Join in on a fossil dig, identify tracks on the Dinosaur Trail and create some Dino Slime to take home! There will be plenty of dinosaur-themed crafts and a special appearance by the library’s very own pet dinosaur, Theresa Rex!
- **11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m. – The Heard Science Museum**
Listen to a presentation about Texas fossils and dinosaurs. Find out what the environment was like back then and which Texas regions the dinosaurs called home.
- **12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – Fossil Touch Tables**
Examine fossils like ammonites, mammoth teeth and mosasaur bones at the Heard Museum’s Fossil Touch Tables.

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*Remember to **LOG** your minutes!*

WILD ADVENTURES ON THE FARM

Yee-haw, we've turned the parking lot into a farm! Round up the family to learn about (and pet!) real farm animals, hear from experts about farming past and present, and discover ways in which people are growing food using sustainable farming methods. We guarantee an a-maize-ing time!

HALL: Thursday, June 24

- **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Join in on a farm animal scavenger hunt, plant your own seeds, try out the farm sensory bin, and add to the chalk flower garden. Come see our farm science displays and historical farming items provided by the Heritage Farmstead Museum.

Oba Farms Petting Zoo and Cathy's Critters

Meet, pet and feed rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and more. Take a pony ride, meet a mini-horse and say hello to a llama!

Collin College Agricultural Department

Join Christina from the Collin College Agricultural Department to learn about different types of seeds and then create art with them!

- **11 a.m. - Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association**

Beekeeping is an inexpensive hobby that helps to replenish and sustain our great pollinator, the honey bee. Learn how to get started from Master Beekeeper Shannon LaGrave while you peer into a bee observation hive with live bees!

- **1 p.m. - D&L Farm and Home**

You can raise chickens in your own backyard! Find out how from the experts at McKinney's own hometown feed and supply store.

WILD ADVENTURES THROUGH MYTHIC LANDS

Dragons, fairies, and mermaids, oh my! Discover legends and mythological creatures from all over the world, meet some "real" ones in the Mermaid Lagoon and enjoy a storytime in the Fairy Forest!

JJGL: Thursday, July 8

- **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Take pictures and make crafts with the fairies in the Fairy Forest and the mermaids in the Mermaid Lagoon, use the bubble wands at our outdoor station and go on a mythical creature scavenger hunt!

- **11:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m. - MerFriends of DFW**

The MerFriends, a troupe of mermaids, mermen, and pirates, will be appearing in a dry environment (no water this time!) for this special storytime.

- **12:30 p.m. - Fae Follies**

The Fae Follies, a group of professional fairies, will be sharing their passion for fairy magic in this enchanted storytime.

WILD ADVENTURES UNDER THE SEA

Go underwater in our virtual aquarium! We'll take a Discovery Dive with our friends at the Texas State Aquarium to learn about sharks, have fin-tastic games and activities, and Bernadette the Bubble Lady will make bubbles like you've never seen!

HALL: Thursday, July 22

- **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The library has come alive with all sorts of sea creatures! Help us find those that have gotten lost in our Go Fish scavenger hunt. While you're searching, check out our live underwater cameras with seascapes from all over the world, discover seashells on our courtyard beach, feed the shark in our bean bag toss, and create some amazing sea creatures of your own!

- **11 a.m. – Bernadette the Bubble Lady**

Prepare to be wowed by bubbles that begin tiny and get progressively bigger and bigger. Watch an audience volunteer get a new "bubble hairdo" and see who will be put inside a GIANT bubble at the end of the show!

- **12 p.m. – Virtual Discovery Dive: Sharks**

Join a SCUBA diver live from inside the Caribbean Sea exhibit as they swim with sharks, rays, and a variety of fish. Discover the adaptations of sharks and rays and how we care for the animals that call this habitat home. Our diver will answer your questions live as sharks swim by, and you'll enjoy a unique view that few ever experience!

BACK TO SCHOOL: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Enjoy one last summer adventure before heading back to school! Follow our adventure map through the library – if you choose wisely, you might meet some favorite characters along the way, become a superhero, and even be rewarded by a medieval knight!

JJGL: Thursday, Aug. 5

- **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Visit the Superhero Scene to design your own superhero mask and test your skills on our obstacle course. Move on to the Mystery Zone where you'll use your puzzle solving skills to follow the clues and figure out whodunit! Stop by and say hello to your favorite Italian plumbers in our Character Corner, enjoy some balloon art and face painting with Shimmy Giggles and finish your adventure with a reward from Troy, our Knight in Shining Armor!

- **11:30 a.m. Author Talk**

Curious what it takes to become an author? Attend our prerecorded author talk to learn the ins and outs of writing, publishing and everything in between.

- **1:30 - Illustrator Talk**

Learn how to create your own characters with tips and tricks from a professional illustrator. Session is prerecorded.

Our Summer Reading Program is for both children and adults! For activity challenges and to log your minutes online, visit mckinneytexas.beanstack.com or download the Beanstack Tracker app.

- Win chances for prizes donated by the Friends of the McKinney Public Library System
- Receive a certificate of completion for the 2021 Summer Reading Program

Check out our Beanstack Reading Challenges for more chances to win prizes and other reading suggestions!

- Online registration begins June 3. Final day to log minutes is August 14.

OLIVE

in the Park

SATURDAYS • 10 AM
BONNIE WENK PARK



The library's mobile outreach vehicle, Olive, is supporting McKinney Parks and Recreation during their outdoor exercise class series at Bonnie Wenk Park! Get a workout, library card, and fitness-related books and DVDs all at the same place. Check our web calendar for specific dates!



SPECIAL

Teens (6th-12th grade)

June 3

DIGITAL ART 101

Explore the basics of digital illustration with the Procreate app for iPad and create your very first digital artwork! No prior experience necessary. Please see our web calendar for details.

JJGL: Thursday, June 3; 4 p.m.

June 24

PAINTING WITH A DIGITAL TWIST

Follow along step by step as we create a digital painting in the Procreate app. No prior painting or digital art experience necessary, this program is beginner friendly!

JJGL: Thursday, June 24; 4 p.m.

July 1

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A LIBRARIAN?

Are you smarter than the average librarian? Test your knowledge with a round of trivia to learn once and for all if you are smarter than a librarian.

JJGL: Thursday, July 1; 4 p.m.

Family events for all ages

May 27

SUMMER GAME-A-THON

Kick off the summer with a game day at the library! From classic board games to multiplayer video games, we have something for the whole family!

JJGL: Thursday, May 27; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

July 1-31

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE STORYWALK

McKinney's downtown merchants have partnered with the library to create an interactive storywalk! This adventure will require all your talents and imagination, but we guarantee you'll have fun!

HALL: July 1-31

EVENTS

Adults

June 9 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.

ZOOM: Wednesday, June 9; 6:30 p.m.

July 20 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 & ZOOM: Tuesday, July 20; 7 p.m.

July 21 REFERENCE SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP

Learn what the free Reference Solutions database can do for you and your business. Learn how to find business opportunities, locate companies nationwide, research business executives, perform white pages searches and look for job listings.

ZOOM: Wednesday, July 21; 7 p.m.

Aug. 11 ADULT TRIVIA

Do you love trivia? Players are encouraged to play as teams, so bring some friends!

JJGL: Wednesday, Aug. 11; 7 p.m.

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Concerts

AT THE LIBRARY

June, July, August

John & Judy Gay Library

Find out why McKinney is a growing hub for music! Local musicians perform short sets at the library. Please see our web calendar for dates and performers. All ages welcome!



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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. Due to high demand:

- Ticketed events are intended for individuals and families only. Limit of five attendees per registration on ticketed events.
- Organized groups and businesses must first email libraryprograms@mckinneytexas.org or call 972-547-7323 about the possibility of special arrangements. The library will cancel reservations that have not been approved under these guidelines. Organized groups and businesses are welcome to attend non-ticketed events without prior approval.
- Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the program. If you have not checked in by the time the event begins, your ticket may be given to someone on the standby list. At the presenter's discretion, latecomers may not be allowed entrance to the program.

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



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Monday–Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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