

Library Summer 2022 Guide - Weekly & Monthly Calendar

Little Ones (0-5) Years

Little Ones Lapsit

(0-16 months)

Encourage early literacy and motor skills with simple books, rhymes, bounces, tickles, and movement games.

JJGL & HALL: Mondays; 10:30 a.m.

Wobblers 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 & HALL: Tuesdays; 10:30 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; 11:30 a.m.

Pre-K Storytime

(3-5 years)

Promote personal development through books read aloud, songs, sign language and engaging activities! This class focuses on age-appropriate skills encouraging social, emotional, and educational development.

HALL: Wednesdays; 10:30 a.m.

LEGOs & Friends

(3-5 years)

Find your inspiration with a weekly LEGO challenge! Let your creativity run wild as we build critical thinking and engineering skills through play.

HALL: Wednesdays; 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Time

(16 months-3 years)

Spark your toddler's imagination and encourage early literacy and social development with read-alouds, songs, and rhymes.

JJGL: Fridays; Two sessions: 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

HALL: Fridays; 10:30 a.m.

School Age (K-5th Grade)

The LEGO Challenge

Show-off your building skills with our weekly LEGO challenge.

JJGL: Tuesdays; 4:30 p.m.

Fairy Tales Unraveled

Calling all adventurers! Discover the origins behind some of your favorite fairy tales, legends, and creatures of myth.

JJGL: Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.

Let's Play Music

Develop your child's love of music, while we explore rhythms, patterns, and real musical instruments!

HALL: Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.

All Ages

Choose Your Own Adventure: Downtown Storywalk

You choose what happens in this interactive story. Your adventure starts at the Roy and Helen Hall Library and takes you around the Downtown Square to different shops where you get the next piece of the story.

HALL: Month of June

Nighttime Explorers

Join us for an evening family storytime exploring a variety of fairy tales, mythology, and folklore.

JJGL: Thursdays; 6:30 p.m.

Family Storytime

Start your weekend at the library with stories, songs, fun facts, and hands-on activities. Family story times are perfect for encouraging literacy and socialization at all ages.

HALL: Saturdays; 10:30 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.

Concerts in the Library

See why the City of McKinney has a reputation as a hub for culture, arts, and music. This mini concert series is a performance opportunity for musicians from all genres to display their abilities. The library's intimate setting provides unique opportunities to see local talent.

JJGL: Saturdays (check website for dates); 1 p.m.

All Ages Special Programs [these are all come and go programs]

[Note to C&M: except for the last program, School on, Game on, these are our special Summer Reading programs. The Summer Reading theme is Once Upon an Adventure.]

Once Upon a Faire

Hear ye! Hear ye! A Renaissance Faire there will be at the library. Don thine apparel and prithee enjoy the festivities. Huzzah!

JJGL: Saturday, Jun. 4; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Once Upon a Legend

Welcome to the land of myths! Explore legendary stories of monsters, deities, and champions from across the world and see if you can find your way through our labyrinth.

HALL: Thursday, Jun. 16; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Once Upon a Quest

You shall not pass...without solving the riddle. So, undertake our quest for the most precious of treasures and learn about the world's greatest adventurers along the way.

JJGL: Thursday, Jun. 30; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Once Upon a Hero

Heroes are made by the paths they chose, not by their powers. So have fun learning about people, real and fictional, and discover the hero inside of yourself along the way.

HALL: Thursday, Jul. 14; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Once Upon an Enchantment

The world is full of magic if only you look for it – from the delightful land of fairytales to the fascinating realm of science. Whether you like to escape to Hogwarts or the science lab, come with us and explore a world of pure imagination.

JJGL: Thursday, Jul. 28; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Once Upon a Kingdom

You've met knights and royalty on your journey through summer, but now it's time to meet the rest of the kingdom. The animal kingdom! So, hop, jump, or stride on over to the library to meet some fuzzy favorites.

HALL: Saturday, Aug. 6; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

School On, Game On

Enjoy some fun before school starts with some games at the library! We'll have multiplayer video games, retro games, board games, and more. Invite your friends and bring your family for some friendly competition.

JJGL: Sunday, Aug 21; 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th Grade)

YA Book Club

Our aim is on diversity and inclusion as we learn how to connect with our peers and share our unique thoughts and experiences through the lens of popular Young Adult Titles.

JJGL: Second Monday of the month, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8; 6 p.m.

Anime Club

Teen fans of anime, manga, and Japanese culture join for discussion and fun. We'll mix things up by showing off our latest crafts and cosplay!

JJGL: Tuesdays; 5 p.m.

HALL & ZOOM: Saturdays; 4 p.m.

VolunTeens

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 project can have on the lives of those involved, especially our youth. We are excited to share our passion for service by providing an avenue for those opportunities.

JJGL & HALL: By Appointment Through Voly

Teen Special Programs

Painting with a Digital Twist

Follow along step by step to paint a digital masterpiece on the iPad. Register in advance to reserve an iPad or bring your own if you have the Procreate app!

JJGL: Thursday, Jun. 9; 4:30 p.m.

Once Upon a Craft

Ever wonder what crafts were popular once upon a time? Now is your chance to enjoy retro style crafting.

JJGL: Thursday, Jun. 16, Jul. 14, Aug. 4; 4:30 p.m.

HALL: Thursday, Jun. 23, Jul. 21, Aug. 11; 4:30 p.m.

College Q&A

College Q&A will utilize a panel of individuals to respond to teens most burning questions about college and all that it entails.

JJGL: Thursday, Jun. 23, Jul. 21; 6:00 p.m.

Animation Education

Follow along Frame by Frame to create a simple looping animation. Register in advance to reserve an iPad or bring your own if you have the Procreate app!

JJGL: Thursday, Jul. 7; 4:30 p.m.

Adult

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 as we chat with award winning authors and book industry professionals.

JJGL: Mondays (check website for dates); 7 p.m.

Music Lab

Whether you want to explore new ideas and gear or just noodle around, the Music Lab is the place to go! Bring your own instrument or experiment with one of ours. We'll discuss recording, effects, songwriting, and everything in between. Beginners encouraged!

JJGL: Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m.

Adult Book Club

Need some motivation or just looking for something new to read? Join us for a lively conversation about our current book!

HALL: First Wednesday of the month, Jun. 1, Jul. 6, Aug. 3; 12 p.m.

Game Mastery 101

(Ages 14 and up)

Learn about running your own Dungeons and Dragons™ or other Roleplaying Game in this six-week workshop. Join us as we cover Game Master tools, tips, techniques, theory, and everything you need in order to run the game.

HALL: Wednesdays, Jun. 8-Jul. 13; 6 p.m.

True Crime Book Club

Explore the best books in True Crime! 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, Jun. 8, Jul. 13, Aug. 10; 7 p.m.

Trivia Night

Let's get quizzical! Test your knowledge against your friends and other trivia buffs. Players are encouraged to play in teams.

JJGL: Third Wednesday of the month, Jun. 15, Jul. 20, Aug. 17; 7 p.m.

Tech Help

Struggling with your new laptop, phone, or tablet? Let us help!

JJGL: Thursdays; 10:00 a.m.

Genealogy Uncovered

Our friends at North Collin County Genealogical Society take a deep dive on a specific topic. Whether you're new to genealogy or a seasoned a pro, you'll enjoy this monthly presentation.

HALL & ZOOM: Thursdays, Jun. 9, Jul. 14, Aug. 11; 6:30 p.m.

Domino Meetup

An old but fascinating game! Matador, Texas 42, and All Fives are just a few of the simple to complex games we'll play. Bring a Friend!

JJGL: Fridays; 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Pen and Paper RPG Club

(14 and up)

Enjoy discussions about tools, tips, and strategies with other players about your favorite tabletop roleplaying games!

HALL: Sundays; 3 p.m.

Genealogy Office Hours

Need advice or tips on researching your family history? Our friends at the North Collin County Genealogy Society are available to assist you with your genealogy research.

HALL: First Sunday of the month, Jun. 5, Jul. 3, Aug. 7; 1:00 p.m.

Science Fiction Review

(Ages 13 and up)

Explore the nature of science fiction in our culture. What Science Fiction 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 Science Fiction fans.

JJGL: First Sunday of the month, Jun. 5, Jul. 3, Aug. 7; 1 p.m.

Writer's Exchange

(Ages 13 and up)

Develop your writing skills by joining our friendly group! Enjoy helping each other with all parts of the writing process, including editing, publishing, and marketing.

JJGL: Second Sunday of the month, Jun. 12, Jul. 10, Aug. 14; 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.

JJGL: Third Sunday of the month, Jun. 19, Jul. 17, Aug. 21; 2 p.m.

Adult Special Events

Chef Troy Gardner's Veganize It!

Learn how to prepare delicious vegan dishes each week with Chef Troy Gardner.

JJGL & ZOOM: Sunday, May 29, Jun. 5, Jun. 12, and Jun. 26; 1:15 p.m.

FAFSA How To

(Ages 13 and up)

Filling out the yearly Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can feel overwhelming. We'll explain FAFSA and cover the application process. College students of all ages are welcome to attend!

HALL: Tuesday, Jun. 7, Aug. 23; 7:00 p.m.

JJGL: Tuesday, Jul. 12; 7:00 p.m.

Medicare Information Seminar

Medicare is complicated, and what you don't know can cost you. Gain a better understanding of eligibility requirements, election periods, enrollment penalties, and other issues in this educational program.

JJGL: Tuesday, Jun. 14; 6:30 p.m.

HALL: Tuesday, Jun. 21; 6:30 p.m.

Social Security Basics

Learn how to maximize your benefits in these two educational seminars at the Hall library. Social Security benefits account for more than 30% of the income of US Citizens age 65 or older. Making the wrong choices regarding your benefits can cost you thousands of dollars during your retirement years.

Saturday, Jun. 25:

Learn how Social Security benefits are calculated, primary filing strategies and timing implications for Social Security benefits.

Saturday Jul. 16:

Learn how to coordinate Social Security with retirement planning, Social Security taxation and less common situations you should be aware of.

HALL: Saturday, Jun. 25, Jul. 16; 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists

David B. Appleton (B.S. degree in History) has been researching and teaching about heraldry for more than thirty-five years and speaking about genealogy for nearly twenty-five. Join Mr. Appleton and the McKinney Public Library as we briefly review the history of heraldry from its earliest days until now, learn the various parts of an heraldic "achievement" and what clues they may hold for genealogists, discover ways to identify coats of arms, and find ways to use heraldry yourself.

ZOOM: Monday, July 11; 2:00 p.m.

A Scrap in Time

Step back into the past and preserve your family's history within a scrapbook page! Library staff will provide scrapbook paper, decorations, and a wide variety of supplies. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own photos, or clippings.

HALL: Tuesday, July 18; 7:00 p.m.

Coats of Arms: Meanings and Myths

David B. Appleton (B.S. degree in History) has been researching and teaching about heraldry for more than thirty-five years and speaking about genealogy for nearly twenty-five. Heraldry has been called "the genealogist's most colorful tool." But what do the colors and figures in heraldry actually mean? Is red really "the blood of a martyr"? Does a unicorn truly stand for "purity"? Join Mr. Appleton and the McKinney Public Library for a presentation that will help you to discover the truth about what the colors, lines of division, and charges or symbols on a shield may mean.

ZOOM: Monday, July 18; 2:00 p.m.