

PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES



SUMMER

JUNE-AUGUST 2023
PROGRAM GUIDE

McKinney Public
Library System

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Little Ones (0-5) Years

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LITTLE ONES LAPSIT (0-10 months)

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

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

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WOBBLERS AND WALKERS (10-16 months)

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

JJGL: Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m.

HALL: Wednesdays; 10:30 a.m.

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LITTLE EXPLORERS (3-5 years)

Explore the world around us with 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.

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PRE-K STORYTIME (3-5 years)

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

HALL: Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m.

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PICTURE BOOK STORYTIME (3-5 years)

Celebrate the magic of storytelling as we read picture books that promote active learning and strengthen emergent reading skills.

JJGL: Wednesdays; 10:30 a.m.

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TODDLER TIME (16 months-3 years)

Spark your toddler's imagination and encourage early literacy and social development with story time, songs, and rhymes.

JJGL: Fridays; 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

HALL: Fridays; 10:30 a.m.

School Age (K-5th Grade)

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LEGO CHALLENGE

Show off your building skills as we design a new LEGO creation each week. Bricks will be provided.

JJGL: Mondays; 4:30 p.m.

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LET'S PLAY MUSIC

Develop your child's love of music as we use instruments to explore different rhythms and musical patterns.

HALL: Mondays; 4:30 p.m.

TU

MAD SCIENCE: THROUGH TIME

Explore STEAM elements and discover how science has evolved throughout history. This engaging and hands-on program provides fun and creative problem-solving skills.

JJGL: Tuesdays; 4:30 p.m.

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ROBOTICS! (PRE-K-6TH GRADE)

Build your STEM skills in this globally recognized program, as seen on Disney+. Discover new monthly topics, demonstrations, and hands-on robotics opportunities sponsored by McKinney Mercenaries Robotics and coordinated with FIRST.

JJGL: Saturdays, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12; 1 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th Grade)

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CROCHET CLUB

Get hooked on this hobby and learn to crochet. All skill levels are welcome. Crochet materials provided.

JJGL: Mondays; 6 p.m.

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ANIME CLUB

Connect with other teens and share your love of anime and manga. We will watch some favorite shows and discover new ones as we get creative with coloring and crafts.

JJGL: Tuesdays; 5 p.m.

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Zoom: Thursdays; 5 p.m.

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HALL: Saturdays; 4 p.m.

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PIXICADE

Curious about how video games are made? Now is your chance to learn basic coding skills with Pixicade. Dream it! Draw it! Play it!

HALL: Tuesdays; June 20, July 18 Aug. 22; 5 p.m.

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NATURE-INSPIRED CRAFTS

Participants will follow instructions to create a craft inspired by nature. Chosen crafts include Kool-Aid dyed yarn, pour paint rocks, and seed paper.

HALL: Tuesdays; Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8; 5 p.m.

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PRINT MAKING

Experiment with different forms of printmaking and make your own stamps.

JJGL: Wednesday, June 28; 5 p.m.

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STICKER ART

Use digital art to design and create a custom sticker to take home. Bring your iPad or use one of ours!

HALL: Wednesday, July 26; 5 p.m.

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ANIME MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your friends, eat some popcorn, and watch some of your favorite Anime characters on the big screen!

JJGL: Wednesdays; June 7, July 5, Aug. 2; 6 p.m.

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BUDGET BOSS

Use real-life scenarios as we test your money management skills and challenge your friends to see who the ultimate Budget Boss is.

JJGL: Thursdays; June 8, July 6, Aug. 3; 5 p.m.

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GROSSOLOGY: ANIMAL EDITION (5th-8th grade)

Get ready to explore the world of Grossology: Animal Edition! Discover the animal kingdom's fascinating and often gross details, from examining animal poop to learning about how flies feed.

JJGL: Thursdays; Jun. 15, Jul. 13, Aug. 10; 4:30 p.m.

SA

TEEN ROBOTICS!

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JJGL: Saturdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19; 1 p.m.

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TEEN CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Bounce poetry, stories, plays, novel excerpts, or writing ideas off fellow creative writers and get feedback and support for your writing.

JJGL: Sundays, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6; 1 p.m.

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SPHERO MAZES (5th-8th grade)

Work as a team to create challenging mazes using Spheros to navigate through your very own masterpiece.

JJGL: Sundays; June 25, July 23, Aug. 27; 2 p.m.



Check out our Facebook page for links to all events, and other fun activities! Don't forget to share your photos with us!

@McKinneyLibrary

Location key:

JJGL: John & Judy Gay Library

HALL: Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library

ZOOM: Virtual Class on Zoom

Volunteer Opportunities

Ages 13 yrs. and up

Interested in volunteering at the library? Attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations. All volunteers must attend orientation and be registered through McKinney.Voly.org.



Book Talks

All ages

Meet and chat with award-winning authors and book industry professionals.

Dates and times vary.

Check our website for more information:
McKinneyTexas.org/Programs



All Ages

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LEGO® & FRIENDS

Let your creativity run wild as we build critical thinking and engineering skills through play. Bricks are provided.

HALL: Mondays; 11:30 a.m.

TU

BEDTIME STORIES

Put on your PJs and connect with your little one through bedtime stories.

JJGL: Tuesdays; 6:30 p.m.

SA

FAMILY STORYTIME

Start your weekend at the library every Saturday with stories, songs, and hands-on activities that encourage socialization and early literacy.

HALL: Saturdays; 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL STORY THEMES:

- **Pride Storytime - June 17**
Celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride at this week's Family Storytime.
- **Independence Day Storytime - July 1**
Celebrate Independence Day with books and patriotic-themed crafts at this week's Family Storytime.

Adult Programs (13 and up)

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OPEN-SOURCE MEETUP

Join a community of like-minded individuals for discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences with the latest open-source technologies.

HALL: Tuesdays; 7 p.m.

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ADULT BOOK CLUB

Book clubs enhance your reading experience by providing new book recommendations, conversation, and engagement with fellow book lovers. View our current book selections here: McKinneyTexas.org/Bookclubs.

HALL: Wednesdays; June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6; 12 p.m.

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TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Join us for a thoughtful discussion on thrilling true crime books. View our current book selections here: McKinneyTexas.org/Bookclubs.

JJGL & Zoom: Wednesdays; June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13; 7 p.m.

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ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

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

JJGL: Wednesdays; June 21, July 19, Aug. 16; 7 p.m.

W**GAME MASTERY 101**

In this six-week workshop, learn to run your Dungeons and Dragons and other roleplaying games. Explore topics like Game Master tools, tips, techniques, theory, and everything you need to run the game with friends and fellow roleplaying fans.

HALL: **Wednesdays; June 7-July 12; 6 p.m.**

TH**TAX PLANNING THROUGHOUT YOUR RETIREMENT***

Learn new ways to boost your retirement savings and achieve your financial goals with expert guidance from our community partner, Certified Financial Planner at Blake Wealth Management, Eric Blake.

HALL: **Thursday, July 20; 7 p.m.**

TH**GENEALOGY UNCOVERED**

Take a deep dive into genealogy topics with our friends at North Collin County Genealogical Society. Whether a novice or a pro, you will learn something at our monthly presentation.

HALL: **Thursdays; June 22, July 27, Aug. 24; 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Office Hours: Sundays; June 4, July 2, Aug. 6; 1-3 p.m.

F**IT MIGHT GET LOUD**

We've turned the library into a music studio! All skill levels and instruments are welcome, but please bring your own gear. We'll have the whole building to ourselves, so we can turn the volume UP!

JJGL: **Fridays; June 2, July 7, August 4; 6:30 p.m.**

SU**PEN & PAPER RPG CLUB**

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

HALL: **Free play: Sundays; 1-4:30 p.m.**

HALL: **Open discussion: Sundays; 3 p.m.**

SU**CLASSICS BOOK CLUB**

Enjoy discussion with fellow book lovers as we read a timeless book each month. View our current book selections here: McKinneyTexas.org/Bookclubs.

JJGL: **Sundays; June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17; 2 p.m.**

SU**WRITERS EXCHANGE**

Develop your writing skills by joining our friendly group. Collaborate with other writers on all parts of the writing process, including editing, publishing, and marketing.

JJGL: **Sundays; June 11, July 9, Aug. 13; 1 p.m.**

Location key:

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Concerts

AT THE LIBRARY

Enjoy this free mini-concert series featuring local talent from all genres performing in a unique and intimate setting.

Dates and times vary.

Check our website for more information:
McKinneyTexas.org/Programs



SPECIAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM



HIGHLAND GAMES

KICK OFF SUMMER with games and performances that celebrate Celtic traditions. Fun for the whole family.

JJGL: Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

WILD WEST

Journey to the wild west as we celebrate McKinney's 175th birthday. Experience frontier life and learn how McKinney has always been a hub of growth and prosperity.

HALL: Thursday, June 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

ICE AGE

Travel back to the Ice Age and discover the fascinating world of mammoths, saber-toothed cats, and early humans as we explore earth's coolest geological period.

JJGL: Thursday, June 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

RETRO PARTY

Enjoy the nostalgia of the 80s and 90s with activities that will transport you back to the days of neon clothes, Tamagotchi's, and classic arcade games. Trendy 80s and 90s clothes are encouraged!

Hall: Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

ANCIENT MYSTERIES

Explore ancient civilizations lost cities and discover how the power of modern science is illuminating the past.

JJGL: Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

TIME FOR TOMORROW

The Future is Now! Discover how the latest advancements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics shape our future, and share your dreams for tomorrow in our community time capsule.

HALL: Thursday, August 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



*Remember to LOG
your minutes!*

Our Summer Reading Program is for all ages!

For activity challenges and to track your reading online, visit mckinneytexas.beanstack.com or download the Beanstack Tracker app.

Summer Reading Program begins June 3. Final day to complete your reading challenges is August 6.



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COMIC-CON

Saturday, June 10
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hall Library

Connect with fellow comic enthusiasts to celebrate all things art, cosplay, and fantasy. From cosplay contests to art workshops, this is the ultimate event for fans of all ages.

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SCHOOL'S ON, GAME ON

SUNDAY AT JJGL
AUGUST 6, 1:00 - 4:30

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

Don't miss out! Register in advance.



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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