

PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES



# FALL



mckinney public  
library system

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PROGRAM GUIDE

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## Weekly & Monthly Calendar

### Little Ones (0-5) Years

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#### **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.**

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#### **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; 10:30 a.m.**

**HALL:**

**Wednesdays; 10:30 a.m.**

**TU**

#### **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.**

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

Celebrate the cultures of McKinney with storytime in many languages! Enhance literacy skills and work together on a take-home activity.

**JJGL:**

**Wednesdays; 10:30 a.m.**

**TH**

#### **PRE-K STORYTIME (3-5 years)**

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

**HALL:**

**Thursdays; 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 read-alouds, songs, and rhymes.

**JJGL:**

**Thursdays; Two sessions:  
10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.**

**HALL:**

**Fridays; 10:30 a.m.**

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

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#### **LET'S PLAY MUSIC**

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

**HALL:**

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

**TU**

#### **MAD SCIENCE**

It's more than just science! We'll have fun exploring STEAM elements from astronomy to weather and everything in between.

**JJGL:**

**Tuesdays; 4:30 p.m.**

**W**

#### **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DRAW**

Learn how to draw animals, characters, nature, and anything in-between! All skill levels welcome.

**JJGL:**

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



## Teens (6th-12th Grade)

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### YA BOOK CLUB

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

**JJGL:** Mondays; Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12; 6 p.m.

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### 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:** Thursdays; 5 p.m.

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### VOLUNTEERS

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.

**HALL:** Wednesdays; 5-8 p.m.  
**JJGL:** Thursdays; 5-8 p.m.

**W**

### DIGITAL ART 101

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

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

**TH**

### CRAFTS FROM THE PAST

Ever wonder what crafts were popular throughout the decades? Now is your chance to have a blast from the past with crafts from the past!

**JJGL:** Thursdays; Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15; 5 p.m.

**SA**

### ROBOTICS!

A mentor-based robotics program that inspires innovation. New topics, demonstrations, and hands-on opportunities are covered every month. Sponsored by McKinney Mercenaries Robotics and coordinated with FIRST.

**JJGL:** Saturdays; Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10; 1 p.m.

**SU**

### 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; Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4; 1 p.m.

## All Ages

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### TREAT YO' SHELF CRAFTS

Love books and crafting? Combine your two loves as we create bookish crafts!

**HALL:** Tuesdays; Sept. 27, Oct. 25; 6:30 p.m.

**TH**

### LEGOS & FRIENDS

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

**HALL:** Thursdays; 11:30 a.m.

**TH**

### JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Enjoy the sounds of jazz with live performances and listening sessions of influential jazz artists as we discover the unique music that shaped American culture.

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

**SA**

### 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.

**SA**

### INTRODUCTION TO CHESS

Learn to play chess and make friends while you're at it!

**JJGL:** Saturdays; 10:15-11 a.m.

**SA**

### SATURDAY CHESS MEETUP

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

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

**SU**

### PEN AND PAPER RPG CLUB

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

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

## Concerts at 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.



## Adults (14 and up)

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### 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:** Wednesdays; Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7; 12 p.m.

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### 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:** Wednesdays; Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14; 7 p.m.

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### 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; Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16; 7 p.m.

TH

### 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 pro, you'll enjoy this monthly presentation.

**HALL & ZOOM:** Thursdays; Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10; 6:30 p.m.

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### PAINT TO MUSIC

Create an aesthetic of sound in painting. We'll provide the music and supplies.

**HALL:** Thursdays; Sept. 22, Oct. 27; 7 p.m.

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### MEDITATIVE MANDALA

Meditate and create colorful mandalas. Explore and experience art in a different way. No drawing skills required.

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

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### 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.

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### 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:** Sundays; Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4; 1 p.m.

SU

### WRITERS' 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:** Sundays; Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11; 1 p.m.

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### 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:** Sundays; Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20; 2 p.m.

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### SQL BASICS

Trying to get the most out of your database? SQL is a powerful programming tool used to query and manipulate data, and is fairly easy to master once you know the basics. Each week will build upon the previous week. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours!

**JJGL:** Sundays, Sept 11-Oct. 9; 2 p.m.

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### HTML/CSS BASICS

HTML and CSS are cornerstone technologies for the web, and this hands-on series will introduce you to the basics of webpage programming. Each week will build upon the previous week. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours!

**JJGL:** Sundays, Oct. 16-Nov. 13; 2 p.m.

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### INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON

Python is a programming language used in everything from artificial intelligence to data analytics and visualization, to task automation, to web development. You'll get hands-on experience in this series of five sessions that you can use for work and fun. Sessions are independent of one another, so you can register for just one or all five. This program is a partnership with YouTube and TEDx presenter Rishab Kattimani.

**JJGL:** Sundays, Nov. 20-Dec. 18; 2 p.m.

## Location key:

**JJGL:** John & Judy Gay Library  
**HALL:** Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library  
**ZOOM:** Virtual Class on Zoom



## Beanstack

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





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## All Ages

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### IT'S FALL Y'ALL

Leaves are falling, apples are calling... you to the library for an early Autumn adventure. We will have fall crafts and games for the whole family!

**JJGL:** Saturday, Aug. 27; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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### MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

Celebrate with sample mooncakes, paper crafts, and a storyteller performance of The Legend of Chang E.

**JJGL:** Saturday, Sept. 3; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

oct 08

### DIWALI

Come celebrate Diwali (Deepavali), the Hindu "Festival of Lights," with a rangoli demonstration, henna, and a look at the Diwali Marketplace.

**JJGL:** Saturday, Oct 8; 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

oct 15

### FIESTA: A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE

Explore the histories, traditional stories, food, and cultures of the many nationalities that are a part of this culture! Enjoy a variety of crafts, food, dancing, and live music!

**HALL:** Saturday, Oct. 15; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

oct 29

### HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Things are getting even spookier at the library! Come explore our haunted house, participate in ghoulish games, and create creepy crafts. Costumes are encouraged.

**JJGL:** Saturday, Oct. 29; 2-5 p.m.

nov 22

### THANKS & GIVING

Share your thanks, drop off a canned good item for a great cause, and enjoy family-friendly turkey crafts and activities.

**HALL & JJGL:** Tuesday, Nov. 22; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

dec 03

### DECK THE HALL

Deck the Hall Library with boughs of holiday cheer! Create decorations for the holiday season that will be displayed all month long.

**HALL:** Saturday, Dec. 3; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



## Adults (14 and up)

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### DIY FALL DRINKS

Learn how to make delicious, ethnic, non-alcoholic drinks that are refreshing and perfect for fall!

JJGL:

Tuesdays; Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1;  
6:30-8 p.m.

sept 12

### INTRODUCTION TO SCORE

Most startups fail due to lack of business planning as one of the critical factors. A SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Mentor's support will be invaluable to your success. Join us to learn the many ways a SCORE Mentor can support you as a small business owner.

HALL:

Monday, Sept. 12; 7 p.m.

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### 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, Sept. 13; 6:30 p.m.

HALL:

Tuesday, Sept. 20; 6:30 p.m.

## Book Talks (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.

CHECK WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES



sept 20

### FAFSA HOW TO

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!

JJGL:

Tuesday, Sept. 20; 7 p.m.

sept 21

### MCKINNEY HISTORIC MARKERS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

Do you live in an old McKinney home with interesting story to tell? Would maintenance or repairs help depict that story? Would economic incentives help? Learn from our Historic Preservation Staff how researching the history of your older McKinney house could help you receive economic incentives for major home repairs.

HALL:

Wednesday, Sept. 21; 6:30 p.m.

sept 22

### PROTECTING AGAINST SENIOR IDENTITY THEFT

Learn about identity theft and scams targeting seniors and ways to avoid them.

JJGL:

Thursday, Sept. 22; 4 p.m.

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oct 11

### SOCIAL SECURITY BASICS

This informative workshop covers the basics of Social Security and reveals innovative strategies for maximizing your benefits. This includes primary filing strategies, taxation of benefits and coordination with other sources of retirement income.

HALL:

Saturday, Oct. 1; 10:30 a.m.

JJGL:

Tuesday, Oct. 11; 7 p.m.

oct 10

### WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN

We'll introduce all the components to help you create a plan to profitably grow your business. If you enjoyed "Introduction to SCORE," this is a great next step.

HALL:

Monday, Oct. 10; 7 p.m.

oct 18

### BUYING A HOME

Navigating today's housing market to buy a home is no easy task. We'll show you the basics.

JJGL:

Tuesday, Oct. 18; 3 p.m.

oct 28

### MURDER MYSTERY

Oops, we did it again! Please join us for our second annual murder mystery event as we sift through clues, listen to first-hand accounts from our suspects, and put our heads together to solve an unfortunate crime.

HALL:

Friday, Oct. 28; 6:30-8 p.m.





# Read Across McKinney

Nov. 1-30



Read Across McKinney is a month-long initiative in November to bring people together over a great book. Connect with your community and watch the story come to life at the library. Check the web calendar for information about special author talks, book discussions, themed events, and programs for this year's Read Across McKinney.

## Caroling on the Square



Let's spread holiday cheer in Downtown McKinney! Meet us at the Hall Library for peppermint sticks and hot chocolate before walking down to the Square to sing carols. We'll have the songbooks ready, and holiday attire is encouraged. We'll finish in time so you can enjoy the McKinney Rotary Christmas Parade of Lights, which begins at 6:30 pm!

**HALL:** Saturday, Dec. 10; 5:00 p.m.

## LIKE US!

We are on Facebook!

@McKinneyLibrary

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

### Location key:

**JJGL:** John & Judy Gay Library

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**ZOOM:** Virtual Class on Zoom

## Family History Week

Oct 17-21

A week-long event to celebrate  
Family History Month:



### MONDAY

Oral Histories presented by Dr. Kyle Wilkison, Dr. Betsy Brody and Ed Veal

### TUESDAY

FamilySearch Wiki presented by  
Lynell Moss

### WEDNESDAY

McKinney's Architecture History  
presented by Paula Nasta

### THURSDAY

Family Scrapbooking presented by  
Alayna Herod

### FRIDAY

Genealogy Lock-in presented by  
Waco Library

**HALL & ZOOM:**

Oct 17-21; time varies, see website for details

[www.mckinneypubliclibrary.org](http://www.mckinneypubliclibrary.org)

# *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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