



The Franklin File

Monthly Newsletter of the
Franklin Township Library



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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 4:30pm
Sunday: Closed

Library Closings:

Friday, June 20
Juneteenth observed

Friday, July 4
Independence Day



Summer Library BINGO sheets will be available starting June 19th. You can pick yours up at the Circulation Desk. One completed BINGO can be turned in each week to be entered into an end-of-summer raffle.



What's your summer reading goal?

COLOR OUR WORLD

Donations for the Friends' book sale can be brought to the back of the Library (Veteran's Way) and put into the book donation bin.



Summertime! Mostly we look forward to the few months with long hours of sunlight and an overall more relaxed schedule. Dining al fresco at 8pm? Yes, please. More daylight also means more time to fill with activities. So, if you aren't on vacation or making your beeline to one of the NJ beaches for the day, look to the Library (hey, there is even a beach across the street from us!) We have books and movies, sure, but we also have an expanding Library of Things, which includes MUSEUM PASSES, MOBILE HOTSPOTS, RECORD PLAYERS, & POCKET MICROSCOPES. We plan to add many other items for you to take home or on-the-road with you to enjoy. This is your hometown library - explore what we have to offer beyond what you see on the shelves.

NJ SNAP Info Table

1st Monday of the Month (6/2, 7/7, 8/4)
10am-12pm
Reps will be available to answer your questions about NJ's food assistance program & may help you with applications.

Spin Me a Yarn

Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm
Learn basic stitches or byop (bring your own project). *Meeting Room.*

Library Board Meeting

Wednesdays, June 18, July 16, Aug 20
7pm. Open to all.
Meeting Room.



Mah Jongg*

Fridays from 1pm - 4pm
All levels of experience welcome.
Meeting Room.

Page Turners*

Thursdays from 4pm - 5pm
June 19, July 17, August 21
Check the online calendar for the month's title.
Meeting Room.



Friends of the Library Meeting

Saturdays, June 28, July 26, August 23
9:30am - 10:30am
Learn how you can support the library. New members always welcome. *Meeting Room.*

Adult Crafternoon*

Thursdays June 26, July 24, Aug 21
3pm - 4pm
June's craft is a summer flip flop door sign. Check the online Event Calendar for July and August crafts. Each month we make something amazing out of simple household supplies.
Registration Required. *Meeting Room.*



For Adults



Recycled Paper and Painting Workshop*
Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm

Local artist, Cassidy Colgan, will inspire and guide participants in creating colorful and unique art using items such as recycled magazines!
Space is limited. **Registration Required.**
Community Center.

Predator/Prey
Tuesday, July 29 at 6:00pm



Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will be here to present on the everyday struggle for survival in the forests of New Jersey. Discover who is eating whom and how each animal fits perfectly within the food chain.
Registration Requested.
Community Center.



(Museum Pass for Woodford is available for Franklin Township Library cardholders to check out year-round)

**Over the Rainbow:
Celebrating Music of The Wizard of Oz**
Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30pm



On August 12, 1939, *The Wizard of Oz* had its world premiere in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. 86 years later, we invite you to follow the Yellow Brick Road as pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels takes listeners on a journey of musical discovery with treasured songs from this beloved movie. You may want to sing along.
Registration Requested.
Community Center

For Ages 0 - 5

Early Literacy Take and Make

Early Literacy Take and Makes are designed to highlight early literacy skills and develop fine motor skills. Put out on the first of the month, pick them up in the Youth Section while they last.

Story Time*

Wednesdays ◊ 10:30am - 11am

June 11, 18, 25

July 9, 16, 23

August 6, 13, 20

We'll read books, sing songs, and do finger plays. *Best for ages 3 - 5. Activity Room.*



Rhyme Time*

Thursdays ◊ 10:30am - 11am

June 12, 19, 26

July 10, 17, 24

August 7, 14, 21

Develop baby's motor, sensory, and social skills through exploration of short books, rhymes, songs, and more! *Ages 0 - 2. Siblings are welcome. Activity Room.*



Explore on the Floor

Fridays ◊ 10:30am - 12:30pm

June 6

July 18

August 1, 15

Open play at the library. Bring a friend or meet one here. *Ages 0-5. Activity Room.*



Night Owls*

Tuesdays ◊ 6pm - 6:30pm

June 10

July 8

August 12

If you missed our day time story time, join us in the evening! *Best for ages 3-5. Activity Room.*



Busy, Busy Bees*

Thursday, June 26 ◊ 2:30pm - 3pm

Come and explore the amazing world of bees! Discover the importance of bees in our environment and hear a story read by the Queen Bee herself. Enjoy garden activities, bee crafts, snacks, games, and prizes. Sponsored by the Country Garden Club. *For ages 3 - 8. Community Center.*



Mosaic Flower Story & Craft*

Wednesday, July 30 ◊ 10:30am - 11am

We'll read a story about flowers and then create a mosaic flower to take home. *Ages 0-5. Activity Room.*



For Grades K - 5

Kid Take & Make

Kid Take & Makes provide all the materials needed to make a craft at home. Put out on the first of the month, pick them up in the Youth Section while they last.

Blocks & Building

Saturdays ◊ 11am - 12pm

June 7

July 5

August 2

Do you love to build? We've got many different kinds of blocks and building toys available! Play with LEGO, Magna Tiles, Mega Blocks and more! *Activity Room.*



Barking Book Buddies*

Mondays ◊ 6:30pm - 7:30pm

June 16

July 21

August 18

Read to a dog! Each participant will get fifteen minutes to read to a therapy dog. Be ready with a preselected book. *Presented in partnership with Tri-State K9 Response Team. Kindergarteners and up. Activity Room.*



LEGO Challenge*

Tuesdays ◊ 6pm - 7pm

June 24 (Challenge: rose, chair, choice)

July 22 (Challenge: snake, house, choice)

August 26 (Challenge: car, flowering tree, choice)

Working alone or as a team, try to build one of the monthly-themed building challenges. *For ages 6-12 and their families. Community Center, Room 2.*



Read & Paint: Ocean Life*

Saturday, July 19 ◊ 2pm - 2:30pm

We'll read a story about the ocean and then paint ocean animals. *Activity Room.*



Kitchen Explorers*

Monday, August 4 ◊ 6pm - 7pm

We are exploring deliciousness in this hands on cooking program! Learn how to make a Grilled Pizza Sandwich! *Contact Candace at cworrell@ftlnj.org for allergens information. Grades 2 - 4. Activity Room.*

Art Exploration: Scandinavia*

Friday, August 8 ◊ 3 pm - 4pm

Learn about Scandinavian artists and folk art styles with the American Swedish Historical Museum. You'll have a chance to try out print-making, paper crafts, and other Scandinavian art forms. *Activity Room.*



For Grades 6 - 12

Family Events

Teen Take & Make

Teen Take & Makes have all the materials needed to make a craft at home. Put out on the first of the month, pick them up in the Teen Space while they last.

Teen Hang

Mondays - Fridays ◊ 3pm - 5pm

Study, relax, snack. *Snacks are provided by the Friends of the Franklin Township Library. Teen Space.*

Anime Club*

Wednesdays ◊ 6:30pm - 7:30pm

June 11

July 2

August 6

We watch anime and eat Asian snacks. It's awesome.

Activity Room.



Dungeons & Dragons*

Mondays ◊ 6pm - 7:30pm

June 9

July 14

August 11

This roleplaying, tabletop game is not for the faint of heart, but all levels of experience are welcome. *Meeting Room.*



Volunteer Power Hour*

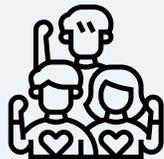
Tuesdays ◊ 5pm - 6pm

June 17

July 15

August 19

Earn volunteer hours by helping out the library. Or just be altruistic. Either is cool. *Activity Room.*



What's Cooking?*

Mondays ◊ 6pm - 7pm

June 23: Grilled Pizza Sandwich

July 28: Hawaiian Sliders

August 25: French Toast

We are learning how to make our taste buds sing! *Contact Candace at cworrell@ftlnj.org for allergens information.* *Activity Room.*



Teen Game Night*

Wednesdays ◊ 6pm - 7pm

June 25

July 23

August 27

Mid-week pizza and games! *Pizza donated by Nick's Pizzeria & Steakhouse in Franklinville.*

Activity Room.



Laser Tag Lock-In*

Friday, July 18 ◊ 5pm - 7pm

Play laser tag in the library!

Registration and signed permission slips required.



Watercolor Workshop*

Saturdays ◊ 1pm - 2pm

June 28

July 26

August 23

Learn the basics of watercolor painting and be inspired with local artist Carolyn Talbot. *Activity Room.*



Zoophoria Wildlife Story Time!*

Tuesday, July 8 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

We're reading a story about Amazonian wildlife. Then the story comes alive when live animals from the story are presented. *Community Center.*

Shake your Sillies Out: A Music Program*

Tuesday, July 15 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

Ms. Crystal sings and plays her ukulele while introducing music, movement, and fun! *Community Center.*



Mad Science*

Tuesday, July 22 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

Tackling several science concepts, the show will amaze you with its super absorbent magic trick. We will present the concept of polymers with two experiments including slime-making and melting the Wicked Witch of the West! *Community Center.*



Murphy Murpets Presents Extraordinary Joe*

Tuesday, July 29 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

An interactive, musical puppet show inspired by the book "The Extraordinary Gardener." It will have everyone dancing and singing together as we explore the colorful imagination of Joe, a lonely boy who finds connection through sharing with others. This program also features a take-home activity and songs from the puppet show to create your own "Joe" story! *Community Center.*



The Magic Adventure Show with Steve Woyce*

Tuesday, August 5 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

Packed with colorful comedy magic! Volunteers will join in the fun as lightning bugs appear and disappear, Presto the Super Worm will try to read a child's mind, and we play a magical game of hide and seek with BIGFOOT! *Community Center.*



Foam Party by Mr. Foamtastic*

Tuesday, August 12 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

Dive into the foam, create epic foam sculptures, or have playful foam fights with friends and family. Wear a bathing suit or something you don't mind getting wet. *Children's Garden.*



Summer Reading Ice Cream Party*

Tuesday, August 19 ◊ 3pm - 4pm

All of our community members who participated in Summer Reading are invited to the library to celebrate reading! And you! Mr. Softee is coming and this will be your last chance to hand in your BINGO sheets. *Children's Garden.*





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Upcoming Events

All events on this page require registration. Registration opens on the 15th of the previous month.
Register at ftlnj.org or call 856-694-2833.

Watercolor Workshop

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1pm - 2pm

Zoophoria Wildlife Story Time

Tuesday, July 8
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Full Effect Productions Presents
The Magic Adventure Show

Tuesday, August 5
3pm - 4pm

Foam Party

Tuesday,
August 12
3pm - 4pm

ICE CREAM PARTY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
3PM - 4PM