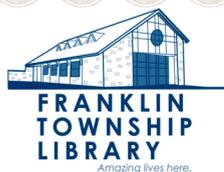


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# The Franklin File

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May 2026 be a year of discovery, imagination, and connection for all our patrons, a chance to turn the page and write an amazing new chapter in your life stories. We look forward to seeing our community embrace new opportunities for learning and growth within our welcoming spaces in the year ahead.  
~Brandi Grosso, Library Director

## Winter Activities for Adults



### Library Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 10am - 8pm  
Fri: 10am - 5pm  
Sat: 10am - 4:30pm  
Closed Sundays

### Holiday Closure

Thursday, January 1st

2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Look for various displays and activities at the library Jan. through May.

Kicking it off in January, school-aged children can pick up a paper t-shirt template and create their own design for the 250th. "Shirts" will be displayed in the library. There will also be a word scramble activity sheet and a challenge to learn about Benjamin Franklin and make a drawing illustrating something from his life, such as one of his inventions.

Ask about borrowing a museum pass to the Museum of American Revolution too! Our museum passes, funded by the Friends of Franklin Township Library, are a marvelous way to access art and cultural venues in our surrounding area and get more value from your library card.

### Mobile Health & Cancer Screening

Monday, January 5

The Virtua Health Mobile Unit will be onsite offering screenings for breast, cervical, and colon cancers. Appointments are required.

Please Call 856-325-3343 to schedule.



### Spin Me a Yarn

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28  
2:00 - 3:00pm

If you want to socialize while working on your yarn project, this is the space. Want to learn how to start loom knitting or basic crochet stitches? Our staff member will gladly help teach you! *Meeting Room.*

### Mah Jongg - Fridays 1:00 - 4:00pm

Tile-based game similar to the card game, Rummy. No experience needed. Drop in to learn. New players always welcome.

*Meeting Room.*



### Winter Wonderland Snowflakes\*

Thursday, January 8 at 6:00pm  
Join us a create fantastic clothes pin snowflakes. Seats are limited.  
*Community Center.*



### Wooly Weekends

Saturday, January 10 from 10:30am-12:30pm  
Explore the basics of painting with wool and create a felted coaster.  
Spaces are limited. Registration required.  
*Meeting Room.*



### Here's the Scoop:

An ice cream maker is coming soon as the newest addition to our Library of Things!

### National Rubber Ducky Day

Tuesday, January 13 from 12:00-7:00pm

We're celebrating this squeaky bath toy, enjoyed by all ages, with drop in activities.

Decorate a mini rubber duck, which will be displayed at the library until the end of the month. *(While supplies last) Meeting Room.*

### Mobile Notary

Wednesday, January 14 from 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Free notarization by Monique Moore, Inkspot Mobile Notary. Walk-ins. *Meeting Room.*

### Page Turners

Thursday, January 15 at 4:00pm  
This month's title is *Before We Were Innocent* by Ella Berman. *Meeting Room.*



### SNAP Benefits Information Table

Tuesday, January 16 from 10:00am-12:00pm

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00pm  
All are welcome. *Meeting Room.*

### Love in the Crafternoon\*

Thursday, January 22 at 3:00pm  
This month we will be making beautiful plaques ready for Valentine's Day. Seats are limited. *Community Center.*



### Friends of the Library Meeting

Saturday, January 24 at 9:30am  
All are welcome. *Meeting Room.*

### Adoption & Foster Care Information Session

Saturday, January 24 at 10:30am  
Registration required. *Meeting Room.*



### Wooly Weekends

Saturday, January 24 from 10:30am-12:30pm  
Create an herb pouch/sachet. Spaces are limited. Registration required. *Meeting Room.*

# Ages 0-5

## Early Literacy Take and Make

Kits change monthly and are designed to highlight early literacy skills and develop fine motor skills. Pick them up in the Youth Section while they last. *Pre-K - 1st grade.*

## Explore on the Floor

Fridays, January 2, 16 from 10:30am - 12:30pm  
Open play; bring a friend or meet one!  
*Ages 0 - 5. Activity Room.*

## Story Time\*

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21  
10:30 - 11:00am  
Read alouds, singing, and finger rhymes.  
*Best for ages 3 - 5. Activity Room.*



## Rhyme Time\*

Thursdays January 8, 15, 22  
10:30 - 11:00am  
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.*



## Night Owls

**(Look! It's now two nights!)**

Tuesday, January 6 from 6:00-6:30pm  
Tuesday, January 20 from 6:00 - 6:30pm  
Get the pre-bedtime wiggles out! PJs optional!  
*Best for ages 3 - 5. Activity Room.*

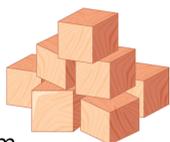
# Grades K - 5

## Kid Take and Make

Monthly crafts designed especially for those in 1st - 4th grade. Pick up in the Youth Section while supplies last.

## STEM Activity

Self-guided activity. *Activity Room.*



## Blocks & Building

Saturday, January 3 from 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Calling all builders! Construction challenges for various building materials, including LEGO, Magna Tiles, and Mega Blocks. *For children ages 11 and under. Activity Room.*

## Barking Book Buddies\*

Monday, January 19 from 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Read to a dog! Each participant will get 15 minutes so have a book ready. We're here if you need help choosing.  
*In partnership with Tri-State K9 Response Team. For kindergarteners & up. Activity Room.*

## KITCHEN EXPLORERS\*

**(Look! We've added an afternoon session!)**

Monday, January 5 at 6:00pm or  
Tuesday, January 27 at 2:00pm  
What's tickling your taste buds this month? Chocolate Mug Cake from *The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs!*  
Contact Candace at [cworrell@ftlnj.org](mailto:cworrell@ftlnj.org) for allergens information. **Grades 2 - 5.**  
*Activity Room.*



## LEGO®Challenge\*

**(LOOK! We've added an afternoon session)**



Tuesday, January 13 from 1:00 - 2:00pm &  
Tuesday, January 27 from 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Are you a Lego Master? Each month you will be presented with a new challenge. Are your building skills up to the task?  
*Grades K - 5 and their families. Community Center, Room 1.*

# Grades 6 - 12

\*\* *Monthly Take & Make kits include all materials. While supplies last! Teen Space.*

## Anime Club\*

Wednesday, January 7 from 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Anime! Games! Asian Snacks! Help the group grow by inviting a friend. "Tomodachi"=friend (友達).  
*Activity Room.*



## Dungeons & Dragons\*

Monday, January 12 from 6:00 - 7:30pm  
Experienced and new players welcome to join the campaign with Dungeon Master Lee Bryan. *Meeting Room.*



## Volunteer Power Hour\*

Saturday, January 24 from 2:00 - 3:00pm  
Need volunteer hours? We need you!  
Craft prep and other tasks. *Activity Room.*



## What's Cooking\*

Monday, January 26 from 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Learn basic cooking skills with easy recipes. This month you can learn how to make Ham & Cheese Sliders from *The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs!*  
Contact Candace at [cworrell@ftlnj.org](mailto:cworrell@ftlnj.org) for allergens information. *Activity Room.*

## Teen Game Night\*

Wednesday, January 28 from 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Mid-week pizza and board games! *Meeting Room.*



## Big Kids' Story Time\*

Saturday, January 24 at 10:30am  
For kids ages 6 and up! Enjoy a story time just for you!  
Each month we will read books, sing silly songs, and create crafts.  
*Activity Room.*



\*Requires registration, which begins the 15th of the previous month.