

PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES



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JANUARY-MAY 2024
PROGRAM GUIDE

McKinney Public
Library System

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LIBRARY SPRING PROGRAMS 2024

Little Ones 0-5 Years

weekly programs

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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.

HALL

Mondays; 10:30 a.m.

JJGL

Thursdays; 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 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.

TU

GREAT START: PRE-K STORYTIME

(3-5 Years)

Encourage imagination, creativity, and early development through stories, songs, and play time with friends.

HALL

Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m.

TU

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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MULTILINGUAL STORYTIME

(3-5 Years)

Celebrate different cultures and support your child's literacy skills as they learn new languages through stories, songs and rhymes.

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 storytime, songs, and rhymes.

HALL

Thursdays; 9:30 a.m.

JJGL

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



LOCATION KEY

JJGL

John & Judy Gay Library

HALL

Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library

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LIBRARY SPRING PROGRAMS 2024

School Age K-5th Grade

weekly & monthly programs



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MAD SCIENCE

Dive into the worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, where children will explore fascinating topics that encourage curiosity and problem-solving.

JJGL

Tuesdays; 4:30 p.m.

HALL

Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.

W

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DRAW?

Practice new art techniques and find your inspiration as we learn to draw animals, characters, nature, and more. All skill levels welcome.

JJGL

Wednesdays; 4:30 p.m.

F

STEAM BUILDING (5th-8th Grade)

Discover exciting connections between Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with fun hands-on experiments and real-world scenarios.

JJGL

Fridays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Apr. 19,
May 17; 4:30 p.m.

A young girl with curly hair, wearing a pink shirt, is smiling and holding a tablet. The background is a bright yellow and orange gradient.

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videos, games, songs,
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LIBRARY SPRING PROGRAMS 2024

Teens 6th-12th Grade

weekly & monthly programs

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BLACKOUT POETRY

Give new life to old pages and create your own blackout poetry from magazines, book pages, and more. Cover the extra text and watch your new poem appear in this fun visual poetry program.

HALL

Mondays; 5 p.m.

M

CROCHET CLUB

Get hooked on a new 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.

HALL

Saturdays; 4 p.m.

TU

NATURE-INSPIRED CRAFTS

Discover the beauty of the natural world by creating a craft inspired by nature. Crafts include dog treats, decorated flowerpots, recycled book flowers, air plant holders, and recycled lamps.

HALL

**Tuesdays; Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12,
Apr. 9, May 14; 5 p.m.**

W

DIGITAL ART

Learn the basics of digital illustration with the Procreate app for iPad. Build your digital art skills week by week. Beginners welcome! Register in advance to reserve an iPad or bring your own.

JJGL

**Wednesdays; Jan. 31, Feb. 28,
Mar. 27, Apr. 24; 4:30 p.m.**

TH

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; Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21,
Apr. 18; 5 p.m.**

SA

STEAM IN REAL LIFE

Limitless possibilities emerge when STEAM meets entrepreneurship. This five-week program offers immersive activities, inspiring guest speakers, and hands-on projects.

JJGL

**Saturdays, Jan. 27 – Feb. 24;
11:30 a.m.**

January 27: Science Entrepreneurship

February 3: Tech Innovators

February 10: Engineering Ventures

February 17: Art as a Business

February 24: Entrepreneurship Showcase

SU

IT MIGHT GET MESSY

Let loose with messy arts and crafts to inspire your artistic side. Each month, we'll tackle colorful projects and introduce new art styles.

JJGL

**Sundays; Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17,
Apr. 21; 3 p.m.**

SU

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

From poetry to novels, bounce ideas off fellow creative writers and get feedback and support for your writing.

JJGL

**Sundays; Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3,
Apr. 7, May 5; 1 p.m.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Ages 13+ yrs.

Register at **McKinney.Voly.org** and select "I'm interested in libraries" to get emails about available opportunities.



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All Ages

weekly & monthly programs

All Ages Storytimes

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PJS AND PICTURE BOOK STORYTIME

Put on your jammies and learn something new before bed! Bring the whole family for a nighttime adventure through stories.

JJGL **Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m.**

SPECIAL STORY THEMES:

Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 24: Earth Day

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:

Feb. 10: Black History Month

March 9: Women's History Month

April 13: Arab American Heritage Month

May 18: Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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LEGO & FRIENDS

The sky is the limit as we build critical thinking and engineering skills through play. Bricks provided.

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

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SATURDAY CHESS MEETUP

Practice chess with new friends in a fun environment. All skill levels welcome! This is not an instructional program.

JJGL **Saturdays; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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ROBOTICS!

(1st-12th Grade)

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

JJGL **Saturdays; Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, Apr. 27, May 4, May 25; 2:30 p.m.**

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GAME ON!

Welcome to the library arcade! Compete against your friends for the title of Ultimate Gamer with Wii, PC, retro and board games for an afternoon of gaming and friendly competition.

JJGL **Sundays; Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5; 1-4 p.m.**

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



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Adult Programs & Events

Book Clubs

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ADULT BOOK CLUB

Join a community of book lovers for conversations about our latest read, book recommendations, and more.

HALL: Wednesdays; Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1; 12 p.m.

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TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Join us for a thoughtful discussion on thrilling true crime books.

JJGL: Wednesdays; Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8; 7 p.m.

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CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

Enjoy discussion with fellow book lovers as we read a timeless book each month.

JJGL: Sundays; Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19; 2 p.m.

View current book selections at
McKinneyTexas.org/BookClubs



Arts & Culture

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IT MIGHT GET LOUD

(Ages 13+)

We've turned the library into a music studio! Join a community of musicians as we perform, experiment, and make new music together. All skill levels and instruments are welcome—just bring your own gear.

JJGL: Fridays; Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3; 6:30 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; Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12; 1 p.m.

SU

POETRY OPEN MIC

Come for the performances or take the mic yourself for open mic poetry. Share your love of poetry with Mockingbird Poetry Society and other local poets.

JJGL: Sunday, April 28; 2 p.m.

Gardening

TU

TEXAS SUPERSTARS

Discover practical tips and guidance to select plants that will thrive in the unique climate and soils of Texas. Presented by our friends at Collin County Master Gardeners.

JJGL: Tuesday, February 13; 7 p.m.

SU

PLANT & SEED SWAP

Connect with fellow gardeners and expand your gardening knowledge, exchange seeds, and plant tips. Don't miss this chance to foster a sense of community through shared interests.

JJGL: Sunday, March 3; 1:30 p.m.

Caregiver Support

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CAREGIVER CONVERSATIONS

Find the resources, support, and answers you need to navigate the challenges of adult caregiving, led by a professional counselor. Bring your own lunch and find comfort with others on the same journey.

HALL: Mondays; Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 25, Apr. 22; 12 p.m.

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BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

Join a community of supportive moms to discuss breastfeeding topics, from tips for new moms to what to do as your baby grows. Hosted by our La Leche League partner.

JJGL: Thursdays; Feb. 1, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2; 11:15 a.m.

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Business, Law & Technology

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SMALL BUSINESS MASTERCLASS

From marketing to finances, get the advice you need to start your own business and see how small business owners can empower and improve their communities. Presented by Behind the Leaf.

JJGL

Tuesdays; Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9,
May 14; 7 p.m.

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OPEN-SOURCE MEETUP

Open-source technologies offer cost-effective solutions with flexibility, customization, and security. Share your own discoveries and projects while learning from fellow enthusiasts.

HALL

Saturdays; Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2,
Apr. 6, May 4; 11 a.m.

TU

ESTATE PLANNING

Learn the value of a will! Find out who needs a will, what happens if you pass without a will, what is included in an estate plan, and more. Presented by LegalAid of NorthWest Texas.

JJGL

Tuesday, March 26; 7 p.m.

TU

PROBATE

Join us to discuss the ins-and-outs of probate. We'll learn what probate is, the probate process, and what assets pass through probate. Presented by LegalAid of NorthWest Texas.

JJGL

Tuesday, April 30; 7 p.m.

Games & Gaming

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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; Jan. 17, Feb. 21,
Mar. 20, Apr. 17; 7 p.m.

SU

PEN AND PAPER RPG CLUB

(Ages 16+)

Level up your role-playing game skills and enjoy discussions on tools, tips, and strategies with other players about your favorite tabletop games.

HALL

Open Discussion: Sundays;
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free Play: Sundays; 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Genealogy & Local History

TH

UNDERTOLD STORIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN PLACES AND SPACES IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MCKINNEY

A dive into the history of buildings, sites, and landscapes significant to the lives and cultural experiences of McKinney's African American community.

HALL

Thursday, February 22; 6 p.m.

TH

FBI PRESENTS: FORENSIC EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND FORENSIC GENEALOGY

Learn about the FBI's Evidence Response Team and how they use forensic genealogy. We'll learn how the team collects crucial evidence, preserves it for investigations, and brings justice to unsolved cases.

JJGL

Thursday, March 28; 7 p.m.

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SUSTAINABILITY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION: ADAPTIVE REUSE, MAINTENANCE, AND ALTERNATIVES TO DEMOLITION

Learn how historic preservation and appropriate maintenance contributes to a sustainable community. We will look at projects across the city, region, and state that showcase the adaptive reuse of properties, appropriate maintenance of older properties, and alternatives to demolition.

HALL

Thursday, May 23; 6 p.m.

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GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE

Get individualized support for your genealogy needs from our partners at the North Collin County Genealogical Society.

HALL

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Special Events All Ages



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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Welcome the Year of the Dragon with exciting performances and colorful activities. Explore Lunar New Year traditions with a day of fun for the whole family.

HALL

Saturday, January 27;
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

mar 30

DINO-MITE SCAVENGER EGG HUNT

Daisy, our Dinosaur, has lost her eggs! Participate in a fun scavenger hunt to reunite Daisy with her eggs and enjoy eggs-tra special crafts and activities.

HALL

Saturday, March 30; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

may 18

EAST & WEST FEST

Enjoy vibrant performances, vendors, activities, and the chance to celebrate your favorite pop culture influences in time for Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

JJGL

Saturday, May 18; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Black History Month at the library with exhibits, reading lists, and special themed programs!

Visit McKinneyPublicLibrary.org/BlackHistory during the month of February for more information.

CAMP MCKINNEY *Spring Break*



MARCH 11-15

Mark your calendar for a week filled with special themes for the whole family. Each day will feature a different Camp Day theme from Critters to STEM. For location and themes check McKinneyPublicLibrary.org/SpringBreak

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REGISTER

The McKinney Public Library System's programs and events are free but space is limited. To register, visit **McKinneyPublicLibrary.org/Register**. Free tickets are available in advance on a first-come-first-serve basis. For groups larger than ten, please call **972-547-7323**.

Due to high demand, ticketholders who arrive five minutes or more late will forfeit their tickets. The tickets will then go to the next patron on the waitlist. Depending upon the program presenter, entry into programs past the start time may not be allowed. **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

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday–Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



JOHN & JUDY GAY LIBRARY IN GABE NESBITT COMMUNITY PARK

6861 W. Eldorado Pkwy.
McKinney, Texas 75070

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday–Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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