

JBLM LIBRARIES

MAY 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>All month: SEED LIBRARY & PROPAGATION Come into the library on April 1st to kickoff Seed and Plant Swapping for the season! But don't worry, this space will be available throughout the spring season. STRONG B.A.N.D.S STORYWALK</p>					
		1 STORYTIME McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. BLUEY PARTY McChord, 4:30 p.m. TROOPS & KIDS McChord, 6-7 p.m.	2 LOW SENSORY HOUR Book Patch, 9-10 a.m. TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB Book Patch, 10 a.m. CROCHET WITH US Grandstaff, 3:30-5 p.m.	3 FAMILY STEAM CLUB Book Patch, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TABLETOP GAMING McChord, 4:30-7 p.m.	4 POKÉMON TOURNAMENT & GAMING CLUB McChord 10:30 a.m.-Noon "STAR WARS" MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU Grandstaff 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
6 BLIND DATE AT THE LIBRARY Grandstaff, All Week!	7 BUDDING BABIES McChord, 9:30 a.m. LITTLE SPROUTS McChord, 10:30 a.m. LITTLE EXPLORERS Book Patch, 10-11 a.m. YOUTH BAKING & COOKING McChord, 4:30 p.m.	8 STORYTIME McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. FAMILY STEAM CLUB McChord 5:30-6:30 p.m.	9 LOW SENSORY HOUR Book Patch, 9-10 a.m. TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB Book Patch, 10 a.m.	10 CRAFTPALOOZA Grandstaff, All Day! SILENT BOOK CLUB Grandstaff, 4:30 p.m. TEEN OREGON TRAIL SIMULATION McChord, 5 p.m.	11 MOTHER'S DAY MINGLE & MUNCHIES McChord, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. CRAFTPALOOZA Grandstaff, All Day!
13	14 BUDDING BABIES McChord, 9:30 a.m. LITTLE SPROUTS McChord, 10:30 a.m. LITTLE EXPLORERS Book Patch, 10-11 a.m. YOUTH BAKING & COOKING Book Patch, 4:30 p.m. ADULT BOOK CLUB McChord, 4:30 p.m.	15 SPRING FLING USED BOOK SALE McChord, til May 30th! STORYTIME McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. TEEN ANIME CLUB McChord, 5-7 p.m.	16 SILENT BOOK CLUB McChord, 4:30 p.m. LOW SENSORY HOUR Book Patch, 9-10 a.m. TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB Book Patch, 10 a.m.	17 TABLETOP GAMING McChord, 4:30-7 p.m.	18 BOOK SWAP Grandstaff-all day POKÉMON GAMING CLUB Grandstaff 10:30 a.m.-Noon
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27 MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED	28 BUDDING BABIES McChord, 9:30 a.m. LITTLE SPROUTS McChord, 10:30 a.m. LITTLE EXPLORERS Book Patch, 10-11 a.m. YOUTH BAKING & COOKING Book Patch, 4:30 p.m.	29 STORYTIME McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. TALENT SHOWCASE Grandstaff, 5-7 p.m.	30 SPRING FLING USED BOOK SALE McChord, last day! LOW SENSORY HOUR Book Patch, 9-10 a.m. TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB Book Patch, 10 a.m.	31	

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FOR FAMILIES

FOR EVERYONE

FOR ADULTS

FOR TEENS

Grandstaff Library

2109 N. 10th St.

Lewis Main

253-967-5889

Book Patch Children's Library

2109 N. 10th St.

Lewis Main

253-967-5533

McChord Library

851 Lincoln Blvd.

McChord Field

253-982-3454



TURN OVER
FOR EVENT
DESCRIPTIONS

FOR FAMILIES

Youth Baking & Cooking Classes

Chefs and bakers ages 10 and older: Come for this kids baking and cooking series. Classes will be at 4:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at McChord Library and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Book Patch Children's Library. We'll explore no-stove or oven baking and cooking options, learn independence in the kitchen and all the while make some yummy treats! Registration is required; we will have 10 slots available. Call 253-982-3454 (McChord) or 253-967-5533 (Book Patch) to register.

Little Explorers

Join us at Book Patch Children's Library for an hour of independent play and discovery every Tuesday from 10–11 a.m. Littles will enjoy a story followed by STEM or Montessori based activities to spark joy and excitement. For children ages 4–6.

Homeschool Hub

We support our Homeschool families! Join us every fourth Monday of the month from 1-2pm at the McChord Library. Engaging in fun, educational activities not only enriches your learning experience but also fosters collaboration with other homeschool families, allowing you to share valuable resources and knowledge. It's a great way to build a supportive community and enhance your homeschooling journey!

Low Sensory Hour

Each Thursday, Book Patch Children's Library will be open from 9–10 a.m. for a low sensory hour. We will have dim lights, low music, sensory toys and visual aids to support our friends who thrive in a more relaxed environment.

Family STEAM Club

Every second Wednesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m. at McChord Library and every first Friday from 3:30–4:30 p.m. families can problem solve and be creative together. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are huge parts of our lives we can work on together.

Troops & Kids

BOSS and libraries are partnering up to provide a fun, engaging and free monthly program to support our Single Parents, but of course, all super cool parents are welcome! Our monthly program will be the first Wednesday of the month at McChord Library from 6–7 p.m. and provide parents the opportunity to meet other single parents and connect with the BOSS team and the Library team. We will host a fun activity where families can play, build, explore, and create together. Crafts, STEM, Art and many other fun activities are in store!

Bluey Party

We're celebrating everyone's favorite little Australian puppy, Bluey Heeler! This event will kick off our Strongbands Storywalk where we will be featuring Bluey storybooks! Come to McChord Library on Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. to participate in some of the Heeler family's most memorable games and activities. We will be showing episodes of Bluey as well as provide snacks and refreshments if you bring your imagination ready to get in character!

FOR TEENS

Teen Anime Club (Grades 8–12)

Come over to McChord Library every third Wednesday of the month from 5–7 p.m. for Anime Club. Share and explore our enjoyment of anime, manga and Japanese culture. We will get to know each other, watch anime, read manga and do arts and crafts while we enjoy Japanese refreshments.

Oregon Trail Simulation (Grades 8–12)

It's time to hit the trail on Friday, May 10 at 5 p.m. The Oregon Trail that is. Get ready to learn about this historic 2,000 mile trek to settle the Northwest territory while reenacting one of the most nostalgic video games of all time. Learn financial stability when trading for essential goods to keep the wagon going, make the perilous decision on whether to ford or float the river or take the ferry, and hunt for your food as you try to survive the elements. Can you make it to Oregon City? Come and see us at the McChord Library!

FOR EVERYONE

Seed Library & Propagation Station

Gardeners and houseplant lovers of JBLM, we welcome you to McChord Library to participate in our Seed Library and Propagation Station. We are providing a space for the community to bring in seeds, starts and houseplant cuttings to exchange with their fellow plant lovers. This space will be available throughout the spring season, so come in and get growing! Available April–June.

Mother's Day Mingle & Munchies

Celebrate the maternal figure in your life with a relaxing Saturday complete with refreshments, socializing and fun on May 11th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at McChord Library. We will be paying homage to the vibrant colors of Springtime and to the beauty your mother figure brings into your life. For mothers and their children, bring your artist's spirit and your appetite to McChord Library and have a colorful morning!

Book Swap

Are you PCSing soon or going on vacation and need some new material? Come to Grandstaff library and donate your gently used books and swap for new to you books!

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Compete for prizes and bragging rights Saturday, March 9 at McChord Library from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sign up day of event at 10 a.m. The tournament will consist of three separate competitions divided by age: 12 and younger, 13-17, and all ages. Each will use a standard single-elimination bracket style of play with a single winner determined in each age group. Game play will involve four players at once in a free-for-all style with one winner in each game moving to the next round. Player assignments will be randomly determined when applicable and the tournament progression will be monitored by staff.

The top three winners in each age group will receive a gift card in the amount of \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd. For everyone that signs up, their names will be entered into a drawing for fun gaming related prizes.

Spring Fling Used Book Sale

We have a large variety of items, books for kids, teens and adults as well as DVDs and more! Last day of sale, fill a bag for only \$5! Come and see, and don't forget your bags!

Blind Date at the Library

Come to Grandstaff Library to choose a blind date with a book the week of May 6–11! Available for all ages. Library staff will curate a collection for you so you can select an old favorite or try something new! Materials will be wrapped in blank paper with clues to guide your decision. Pick one or more up, check out at the desk, and enjoy!

Strong B.A.N.D.S Storywalk For everyone!

Walk or jump or skip or hop as you read from page to page in the beautiful PNW Springtime weather; enjoy the specially curated story as you go and learn about Army Strong B.A.N.D.S. when you're finished, come inside the library to pick a special treat from our treasure box! STRONG B.A.N.D.S. = STRONG Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength promotes healthy, active lifestyles, get fit and stay fit!

"Star Wars" May the Fourth Be With You

April 29–May 4: Join us for "Star Wars" themed activities including a Scavenger hunt, Selfie booth, Video games, Book & movie display, activities, coloring pages, board games and puzzles!

May 4: Come as your favorite character!
• 10 a.m.- Noon, Light Saber Craft: Make

your own light saber and get ready for Jedi training!

- Noon - 2 p.m., Jedi Training Academy: A series of 5 tasks young Padawans must complete in order to become a Jedi (asteroid hunt, lightsaber training, Death Star shooting range, using the Force, and obstacle course).
- 2 p.m., "Star Wars" trivia competition.
- 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., "Star Wars" movie and snacks.
- Special guest appearances!

FOR ADULTS

Adult Book Club

Like to discuss current books? Join JBLM libraries' book discussion group for adults that meets the second Tuesday of the month at McChord Library at 4:30 p.m.

This month, we'll discuss "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain. A limited number of copies are available; stop by the front desk to check out a copy. Digital e-books or audiobooks also may be available.

Crochet With Us

Bring your project and join library staff the first Thursday of the month at Grandstaff Library from 3:30–5 p.m. for an afternoon of crocheting and socializing. We will have all of our crochet books on display to use as well!

Silent Book Club

Calling all introverts! Come join us for a dedicated reading space. We'll meet the second Friday of the month at Grandstaff Library and every third Thursday at McChord Library. Socialize with fellow book lovers and then spend some time catching up on your latest read without any distractions. There won't be pressure to keep up with any deadlines or reading restrictions!

Craftapalooza

Who's got crafts? We've got crafts! Come to our crafting extravaganza Friday & Saturday May 10–11 at Grandstaff Library during operating hours. We'll have all the supplies you need to make just about anything you want; and set out all of our odds and ends: canvases, paints, textiles, rocks, kits, and hundreds of other materials for your use. What you create is yours to take!

Books & Brews

Come join the Libraries at the Warrior Zone on Thursday, May 23 at 5 p.m. for some good food, brews, and book talk! We will provide food and some brews (coffee) and some great conversation regarding the world of books.

Talent Showcase

Attention JBLM: Are you a comedian, singer, poet, musician, actor, dancer, or have some other hidden talent that you want to share with the community? If so, this event is for you! Grandstaff Library will host an adult open mic night on Wednesday, May 29 at 5 p.m. to showcase your unique talent. We have 20 slots available, registration begins May 1st or just come as an audience member to cheer on our local talent! Individual or group acts should not exceed 10 minutes. Light refreshments will be served.

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