

# JBLM LIBRARIES

## APRIL 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>DONSA</b> 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  <b>SPRING BREAK WEEK</b> See back for schedule of events.	<b>2</b> <b>BUDDING BABIES</b> McChord, 9:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE SPROUTS</b> McChord, 10:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE EXPLORERS</b> Book Patch, 10–11 a.m. <b>YOUTH BAKING &amp; COOKING</b> McChord, 4:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> <b>STORYTIME</b> McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. <b>SILENT BOOK CLUB</b> McChord, 4:30 p.m. <b>TROOPS &amp; KIDS</b> Grandstaff, 6–7 p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>LOW SENSORY HOUR</b> Book Patch, 9–10 a.m. <b>TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB</b> Book Patch, 10 a.m. <b>CROCHET WITH US</b> Grandstaff, 3:30–5 p.m.	<b>5</b> <b>FAMILY STEAM ADVENTURE CLUB</b> Book Patch, 3:30–4:30 p.m. <b>TABLETOP GAMING</b> McChord, 4:30–7 p.m.	<b>6</b> <b>POKÉMON GAMING CLUB</b> McChord 10:30 a.m.–Noon
<b>8</b> <b>NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK</b> <b>SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY</b> McChord, Noon	<b>9</b> <b>BUDDING BABIES</b> McChord, 9:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE SPROUTS</b> McChord, 10:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE EXPLORERS</b> Book Patch, 10–11 a.m. <b>YOUTH BAKING &amp; COOKING</b> Book Patch, 4:30 p.m. <b>ADULT BOOK CLUB</b> McChord, 4:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> <b>A SPECIAL STORYTIME WITH FAP</b> Book Patch, 10:30 a.m. <b>STORYTIME</b> McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. <b>FAMILY STEAM CLUB</b> McChord 5:30–6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>LOW SENSORY HOUR</b> Book Patch, 9–10 a.m. <b>TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB</b> Book Patch, 10 a.m.	<b>12</b> <b>SILENT BOOK CLUB</b> Grandstaff, 4:30 p.m. <b>TEEN BAD ART NIGHT</b> McChord, 5–7 p.m.	<b>13</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>BUDDING BABIES</b> McChord, 9:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE SPROUTS</b> McChord, 10:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE EXPLORERS</b> Book Patch, 10–11 a.m. <b>YOUTH BAKING &amp; COOKING</b> McChord, 4 p.m.	<b>17</b> <b>STORYTIME</b> McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. <b>TEEN ANIME CLUB</b> McChord, 5–7 p.m.	<b>18</b> <b>LOW SENSORY HOUR</b> Book Patch, 9–10 a.m. <b>TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB</b> Book Patch, 10 a.m. <b>AMONG US GAME NIGHT</b> McChord, 4:30–6 p.m.	<b>19</b> <b>TABLETOP GAMING</b> McChord, 4:30–7 p.m.	<b>20</b> <b>POKÉMON GAMING CLUB</b> Grandstaff 10:30 a.m.–Noon
<b>22</b> <b>HOMESCHOOL HUB</b> McChord, 1–2 p.m. <b>EARTH DAY</b> Book Patch, 3:30–5:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> <b>BUDDING BABIES</b> McChord, 9:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE SPROUTS</b> McChord, 10:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE EXPLORERS</b> Book Patch, 10–11 a.m. <b>YOUTH BAKING &amp; COOKING</b> Book Patch, 4:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> <b>STORYTIME</b> McChord, 11 a.m. Book Patch, 3:30 p.m. <b>BOHO WREATH CRAFT</b> Grandstaff, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. <b>LEGO NIGHT</b> Grandstaff & McChord 4:30–6 p.m.	<b>25</b> <b>LOW SENSORY HOUR</b> Book Patch, 9–10 a.m. <b>TINY TURKEY TODDLER CLUB</b> Book Patch, 10 a.m.	<b>26</b> <b>MURDER MYSTERY</b> McChord, 5 p.m.	<b>27</b>
<b>29</b> <b>A SPECIAL STORYTIME WITH FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM</b> McChord, 4 p.m.	<b>30</b> <b>BUDDING BABIES</b> McChord, 9:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE SPROUTS</b> McChord, 10:30 a.m. <b>LITTLE EXPLORERS</b> Book Patch, 10–11 a.m.	All month: <b>MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD</b> <b>SEED LIBRARY &amp; PROPAGATION</b> 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.			

### COLOR KEY:

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



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FOR EVENT  
DESCRIPTIONS

## FOR FAMILIES

### Youth Baking & Cooking Classes

Chefs and bakers ages 8 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 Grandstaff 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!

### National Library Week

"Ready, Set, Library!" is the theme for National Library Week. Come to any JBLM

library throughout the week to participate in fun activities.

April 8–13:

- Guess what book is in the jar! Winners will receive a small prize.
- Post-it party! Write or draw what you love about libraries on a Post-it note and then stick it on the circulation desk.
- Submit your favorite BookFace photo on our Facebook page! Vote for your favorite and the winner will receive small a prize.
- Meet your librarians— get to know the librarians and tell us what you'd like to see in the library!
- April 12 – Celebrate D.E.A.R. Day – Drop Everything & Read Day, a national celebration of reading designed to remind families to make reading a priority in their lives. Bring a cozy blanket with you or cuddle up together on one of our comfy chairs and read together!

### Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child, and JBLM libraries are here to celebrate our strong and resilient kids! Come to the library to Purple Up with a fun event each week to honor our awesome military children.

- April 1-6: Pick up your purple ribbon to tie around a tree to in your neighborhood!
- April 8-13: Find the purple 3D heart and receive a prize from the treasure chest.
- April 15-20: What does being a military child mean to you? Write on or color a purple heart that we can display in the library windows.
- April 22-27: Try to complete the I spy window and receive a prize from the treasure chest.

### Spring Break Week

Looking for activities to keep kids entertained during spring break? The library can help combat spring break boredom with fun and engaging programs for kids and families. Activities are available during operating hours unless stated otherwise.

- April 1: Rock Painting
- April 2: Family Trivia Night, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
- April 3: Kids Gaming & Social Night – Come socialize with your friends, eat pizza and game away. Parents are required to stay, 5:30–7 p.m.
- April 4: Blackout Poetry: Use pages from damaged books and Sharpies to create your own masterpiece to display or take home! All supplies will be provided.
- April 5: Dandelion Painting: Create a keepsake by using your own fingerprints to paint a dandelion!

### Earth Day

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by making your very own paper out of our recycling at Book Patch Library on Monday, April 22 from 3:30–5:30 p.m. After it dries, decorate it at home and send us a picture of your creation!

### Among Us Game Night

Ages 7 and older are invited to McChord Library Thursday, April 18 from 4:30–6 p.m. for a real-life, interactive game of Among Us. Put your sleuthing skills to the test to determine which one of your crewmates is the secret impostor. Who can you trust? Can you complete your tasks before the time runs out or before the impostor gets you?

### Special Storytime With Family Advocacy Program

Join JBLM libraries and the Family Advocacy Program for special Storytime as we read "Teaching Your Dragon Empathy" By Steve Herman. Learn the power of empathy through the relatable story of a boy and his dragon best friend. Children will be empowered to put themselves in others' shoes while learning consideration and the importance of understanding how others feel.

## 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.

### Teen Bad Art Night (Grades 8–12)

Head to McChord Library for Bad Art Night on Friday, April 12. There's no pressure to make the perfect piece. You can make whatever you want using art supplies. Go out of your way to make the tackiest or craziest masterpiece you can manage because it's not about technique, perfection or anything other than getting messy and having fun with art and creating something totally off the wall!

## 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.

### Solar Eclipse Day

Come to McChord Library on Monday anytime during opening hours to do a fun Solar Eclipse craft and activity and learn about this amazing

natural phenomenon. Washington state will be experiencing a partial Solar Eclipse at starting approximately 10:23am.

## FOR ADULTS

### Take part in Monthly Book Discussion

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 "Sanctuary of the Shadow" by Aurora Ascher. 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!

### Boho Wreath Craft

Join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. to make a boho wreath for spring! Socialize with others, work on your wreath and then take it home to enjoy! All supplies will be provided. Registration is required by April 22, and payment of \$7 is due at registration.

### Silent Book Club

Calling all introverts! Come join us for a dedicated reading space. We'll meet every first Wednesday of the month at McChord Library and every second Friday at Grandstaff 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!

### A Scandal in Bridgerton Murder Mystery

Are you obsessed with Bridgerton? Perhaps you're a Jane Austen fan? Then you are going to love this delightfully Georgian Regency themed murder mystery we're hosting at McChord Library on Friday, April 26! Come join the "ton", partake in the gossip and solve the murder while making new friends and enjoying some refreshments. Costume encouraged, but not required! Reservations required; call 253-982-3454.

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