

# Avenues New York

## Middle Grades Club Catalog (2022-2023)

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**Club Name:** Adventure Stories

**Club Description:** Join us as we learn all about adventure, we will read books and stories about adventure. This club will help any future adventurer learn more about how to adventure, where to adventure and stories of adventures that have gone great and others that have gone poorly. Mr. Hervey is an experienced adventurer so you will have a chance to learn and teach.

**Club Name:** Avenues Drama Program

**Club Description:** The Avenues Drama Program is for anyone who would like to get involved with theatre (acting, directing, playwriting and musical theatre) at Avenues. We meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-5pm in the Black Box Theatre (you will need to commit to one day per week to be a part of the program). We are working towards an Avenues Theatre Festival this November and a one act play in December. This Spring we will be working on an all Upper Division Musical Shakespeare production to be performed in late May as part of the Avenues Arts Expo.

**Club Name:** Coding Club

**Club Description:** The goal of the club is to learn programming skills and apply to a real world problem. Success would look like developing an application that would automatically and efficiently solve real-world problems using skills from a selected language. Learning new ways to make fun things using programming can start a new hobby, interest, activity, or career. A form of an application can be used to automate something that is done by humans or use data libraries to do something which takes a lot of time and effort; such as using weather APIs to plan a trip or extract information from wikipedia to supplement research etc.

**Club Name:** Digital Visual Arts Club

**Club Description:** In this club we will use technology to create digital works of art. We will mainly use the Procreate app on our iPads, along with Apple pencils. We will also try to explore other programs/apps and technologies to create artwork as your ideas and skills develop. If you can imagine it, we can explore creating it digitally!

**Club Name:** Girls Who Code in Room 709

**Club Description:** Girls Who Code Clubs are meant for girls to join and use Computer Science to change the world. When you join a Club, you will be able to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities and learn about inspiring role models. You then work in teams to design and build a Girls Who Code Project that solves real-world problems you care about through code!

**Club Name:** Knit and Crochet Club

**Club Description:** The knit and crochet club will be a space to knit, crochet, and do other fun trending crafts with yarn and finding your inner most self through yarn work. In this club you will be able to relax and create pieces that you want to create, but also learn new patterns. You will learn how to do different knitting and crocheting techniques and patterns, starting with the basics and then working your way up to more advanced designs. We will also create all sorts of things like scarfs, hats, gloves, blankets, other clothing, sweaters and accessories for your pets, and amigurumi (tiny crochet plushies). If any of these sound interesting to you, or if you are looking to create something that you will be able to take home and use for the winter, or any day, the knit and crochet club would be a perfect club to join.

**Club Name:** Middle Grades Black Student Student Union (6th & 7th Graders)

**Club Description:** MG Black Student Union is a place for 6th and 7th graders who identify as Black to have a safe space to meet and discuss their unique experiences as Black students at Avenues. 8th graders are welcome to join the Upper Grades BSU Club. If interested, please email [nkenge.walcott@avenues.org](mailto:nkenge.walcott@avenues.org).

**Club Name:** Middle Grades MUN Club

**Club Description:** Middle school students will have the opportunity to practice their debating skills and knowledge of current events. Each student will be a delegate representing a country's political positions. Students work in committees to create resolutions to solve world problems in economics, human rights, environment, disarmament, and Security Council. Students will also have the chance to participate in MUN conferences in the New York Area, including our very own Avenues MUN Conference.

**Club Name:** Middle Grades Publication

**Club Description:** Do you have something to say, to share, to propose, to create? Are you interested in designing a middle grades publication? Let's have ALL of the Avenues community hear what Avenues Middle Schoolers are thinking, seeing, wondering. What are we as a middle grades community passionate and curious about, interested in, and challenged by? We want to hear your ideas! We, Mr. Safford and Ms. Fiala, want to amplify your voices and guide you through this process.

**Club Name:** Middle Grades Sisterhood

**Club Description:** Each Thursday, we meet and talk about issues that young people face because of gender stereotypes. We look at current events, and also at our everyday lives. We will be working within our community to make changes and raise awareness about issues that women face. Our club works in partnership with the upper grades club "Sisterhood," where upper grades students mentor middle grades students.

**Club Name:** Mindfulness and Meditation

**Club Description:** Are you stressed out? Have (too) many thoughts going through your mind? Would you like to learn other ways to focus your attention? Would you like to begin your day and a new week in a calm way? If so, you should consider joining Monday Morning Mindfulness and Meditation. We will learn and practice strategies that will help you bring more awareness to each moment and help you experience more joy and gratitude.

**Club Name:** QSA Middle Grades

**Club Description:** The QSA (Queer Straight Alliance) is a space for supporting the LGBTQ+ community, in school and in our world, through socializing, enlightenment, and advocacy. Students of any gender or sexual identity are welcome!

**Club Name:** Roll for Initiative

**Club Description:** This club is dedicated to in-person tabletop roleplaying games. Students will be learning how to play different games and create worlds to share with one another and have a blast crawling through dungeons, grabbing loot, and generally adventuring together. This club will have two facets, which all kids will take part in. The first part of the club will be dedicated to teaching kids how to play games like Dungeons & Dragons and providing the time and space to design their own adventures. After that, the club will transition into playing the games full-time and enjoying all the TTRPGs have to offer.

**Club Name:** The “Board” Game Club

**Club Description:** Bored? Want to have some low tech fun in the morning? Join us for some board games before class. This is not just your Hasbro game of monopoly. We will be playing big titles like Catan and Indie titles like Coup. Learn to compete, cooperate, and strategize over the tabletop. Come and play!

**Club Name:** Ultimate Frisbee (en español)

**Club Description:** Ultimate Frisbee is the fastest growing sport in the world. Come join us in a fast paced sport and have fun learning new skills and making new friends. This club is open to both MG and UG students. The sport requires running, catching and throwing the disc. Most of all, ultimate frisbee fosters “Spirit of the Game,” a belief that relies upon the spirit of sportsmanship that places responsibility for fair play on the player. The club is entering its 6th year of existence and is a well established club at Avenues. This is why it is open to both MG and UG students. Students who are on the Spanish track will also benefit from additional speaking and listening practice as most practices are held in Spanish. Finally, MG students will be eligible to compete in a spring league to play against other middle school teams in the city.