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Framingham Reads Together

March 21–April 28

Framingham Reads Together is a shared community experience around one book. This year, that book is *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz.

Join us for a month of programs for both children and adults, including a talk with the author on April 20 at the Barbieri Elementary School.

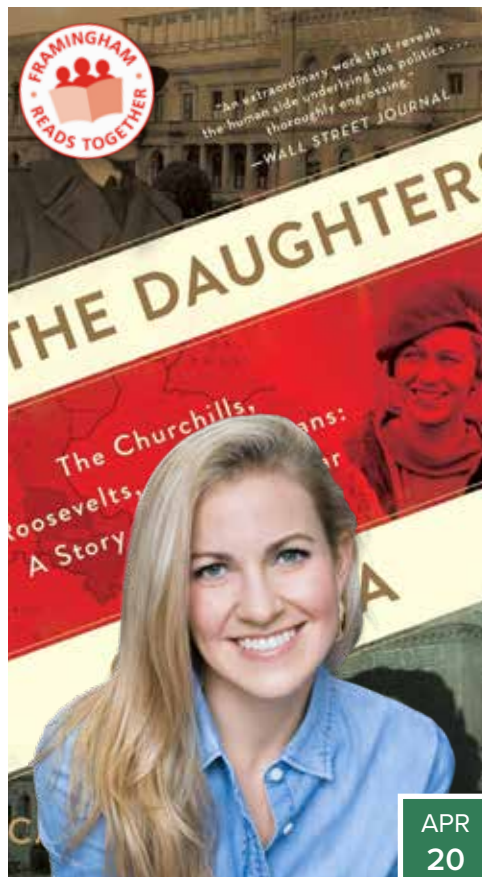


Framingham Public Library Suffrage Cookbook

Framingham Library is proud to present a new community project: The Framingham Public Library Suffrage Cookbook.

Inspired by the Suffrage Cookbooks of the 19th and 20th centuries, which were used by suffragists to drum up financial and popular backing for their movement, this cookbook will contain recipes as well as short reflections on what women having the vote means to folks in our community.

The completed project will debut in August in time for the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. To contribute to the project, fill out the online form at tinyurl.com/FPL-suffrage.



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McAuliffe Solar Eclipse Activities

April 8, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room, Cafe & Astronaut Grove
Celebrate the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse at the library! Learn about the myths used by different cultures around the world to explain astronomical phenomena like eclipses, then make your own eclipse bookmark with glow in the dark paint! Limited supply of eclipse glasses available for safe viewing!

Friday Night Film: *Poor Things* (R, 2023, 2h 21m)

April 12, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room
See Emma Stone in her Oscar-winning role as Bella Baxter, a young woman brought back to life by the brilliant and unorthodox scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter.

Framingham Reads Together: Author Talk with Catherine Grace Katz

April 20, 10AM | Barbieri Elementary School
Join us and the rest of Framingham for a talk with *The Daughters of Yalta* author Catherine Grace Katz! Don't miss this Framingham Reads Together event at the Barbieri Elementary School at 100 Dudley Road. Refreshments available!

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, April 14 and Monday, April 15 for the Patriots' Day holiday.

Main Library

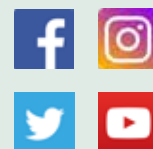
49 Lexington Street
508-532-5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508-532-5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5
Sunday 12–4

Sign up for email updates of Library news and events at framinghamlibrary.org!

Funding for Library programs is provided in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library.



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Lifelong Learning: Athletes and the Mental Health Crisis

April 4, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Let's look at athletes as activists and the significant consequences of activism on the mental health crisis in America.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Trio Flamecrest

April 7, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert! Come in person to the Main Library or stream live on YouTube at youtube.com/FraminghamPublicLibrary.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies:

Pine Cone Flower Bouquet

April 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Paint pine cones to create flowers for a decorative bouquet. Supplies and space are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/FPL-bouquet.

Come plant with us!

April 27, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch

Join us in the community garden at the McAuliffe Branch for our first vegetable planting of the season.

Framingham Reads Together

The Great American Songbook: Art Reception and Concert

April 6, 2:30PM | Main Library, Gallery and Costin Room

Enjoy a reception for the art of Edward Brodney on loan from Framingham State University, and stay for concert with the Mike Fritz Quartet.

The Greatest SUPER Generation

April 11, 7PM | Main Library, TLC

Learn about the rise of the Super Hero in the Golden Age of comics and how they were shaped by the events of WW II.

Arsenal of Democracy: The War Effort on the Home front

April 17, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Take a look inside the United States war efforts with Jim Carroll of the American Heritage Museum in Hudson.

Reflecting on the Yalta Conference: Success or Failure?

April 18, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join Dr. David Smailes for a discussion of the Yalta Conference as well as fundamental questions about the meeting of the "Big Three"—Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

Greater Worcester Opera presents the Sounds of the 1940's

April 28, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Hear Greater Worcester Opera sing beautiful, meaningful—and sometimes a bit silly—music from the 1940's.

Spring Film Series: Nolletti on Hitchcock

The Nolletti on Hitchcock film series returns this April and May with more classic Hitchcock films.

The 39 Steps (NR, 1935, 86m)

April 17, 1pm | Main Library, Costin Room

The best known of Hitchcock's British films, this spy yarn follows the adventure of an innocent man who stumbles onto a conspiracy.

Notorious (NR, 1946, 101m)

April 24, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room

An unusual love story that casts Ingrid Bergman, Cary Grant, and Claude Rains starkly against type.

Literacy Unlimited

May Baskets Raffle Returns!

Celebrate spring with the 12th annual May baskets raffle! The baskets will be on view in the lobby of the Main Library and in the cafe of the McAuliffe Branch from April 16 to May 31.

The cost is \$5 for one chance or \$20 for a book of five chances. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday, June 4.

All proceeds benefit Literacy Unlimited, the ESOL, and Basic Literacy tutoring program for adults.

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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

April 2, 7PM | Zoom | [Register here.](#)

Framingham Reads Together Book Discussion

The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz

April 9, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

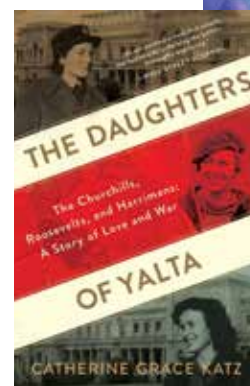
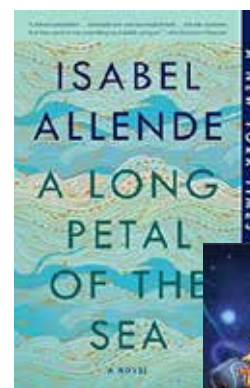
Terminal Uprising by Jim Hines (#2 in Janitors of the Post Apocalypse)

April 17, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group

The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz

April 25, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Hope Floats*

PG-13, 1998, 1h 54m

April 10, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Friday Night Film: *Poor Things*

R, 2023, 2h 21m

April 12, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

McAuliffe Animatinee: *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*

PG, 2023, 2h 16m

April 13, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Erin Brockovich*

R, 2000, 2h 11m

April 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Musicals at McAuliffe: *South Pacific*

NR, 1958, 2h 37m

April 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Monday Matinee: *A League of Their Own*

PG, 1992, 2h 8m

April 22, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Updated Accessibility PC options

We are pleased to offer updated accessibility PC options for patrons at both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch. These 2023 model PCs feature new 32" displays as well as Fusion software from Freedom Scientific, featuring ZoomText for screen magnification and visual enhancement, and JAWS for screen reading functionality.

Access these new PCs with your library card or by making a request at the reference desk.



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

* *No class April 15.*

Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, 7:30PM | Zoom

This class welcomes serious, experienced poets. Registration required for new members.

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

Meditation with Leslie

April 18, 11AM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders.

One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

Monthly Free Practice

Interview Group

April 10, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in to our monthly practice interview group led by Ed Lawrence.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

April 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join local veterans for free coffee and refreshments.

Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library

Wednesdays, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Puzzle Swaps

April 10, 7PM | Main Library

April 22, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Every Wednesday, 2:30PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate. For more info, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

Framingham Reads Together:

KPop Swing Dance

March 30, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Celebrate the trends of the 1940s and the music of today by learning some West Coast Swing dance set to KPop music!

Maker Mondays: 3D Doodler Pens

April 1, 8, 22 & 29, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Learn how to make 3D art without a 3D Printer! Come just one week, or work on a larger project by coming every Monday.

Early Release Day Movie

April 4, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–8

It's an early release day. We bring a stack of movies, and you choose what we watch.

Video Game Hangout

April 12, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks.

Framingham Reads Together:

DIY Silly Putty

April 23, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 6–12

April 25, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Make your own custom Silly Putty and learn a little about this popular 1940s accident of science!

Anime Club

April 27, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8

Watch anime with friends and some tasty Japanese snacks. NOTE: Anime Club is now a program for 4th–8th graders.

SUPPORTERS

Third Space To Bring People Together

The Main Library is creating a Third Space—a welcome center that features a central “living room” area with comfortable seating; plug-in furniture for devices; a new periodicals area; and for the first time a café area.

Please join the generous people who have already made donations for the Third Space project. For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

To donate, go to framlibfoundation.org or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

With your help, the Third Space will bring comfort, connection, and community to Framingham.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

April 20, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Bargains galore. Variety too. Mark your calendar for this month's sale.

The four book sale areas at the Main Library are open from 10AM to 3PM. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM. You can purchase books in the Friends Bookstore and Lobby from 9AM onward.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Want to join the Friends?

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Join or renew now!](#)

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

StoryWalk®: "Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizabeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars" by Laurie Wallmark

April 1–30 | Cushing Memorial Park | All Ages

Read about Elizabeth Friedman, a brilliant American code breaker who smashed Nazi spy rings, took down gangsters, and created the CIA's first cryptology unit.

Mother Goose on the Loose

April 8–June 10, 5:30PM | J Program Room | Ages 0–2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat! Registration is required and opens on April 1. Space is limited.

Phases Of The Moon

April 5, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Come make a visual representation and learn about the eight phases of the moon.

LEGO Build

April 10, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

Book Art: Chickens

April 11, 6:30PM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Create a chicken out of recycled books by folding the pages and decorating it.



Wellesley Symphony: A Family Concert Experience

April 13, 11AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Join us for a fun family concert, hear about basic musical concepts, and how instruments work!

Professor Bugman Presents: Arthropod Petting Zoo

April 13, 2PM | Costin Room | All Ages

Wanted: Brave Scientific Minds! Get up-close and personal with some of the biggest, creepiest, and friendliest insects you've ever seen!

Plantmobile: Botanical Artistry

April 16, 10AM | Costin Room | Grades 1–5

Learn the history of botanical art, the science behind it, and get a chance to create your own plant-focused masterpiece. Space and supplies limited.

Pressed Flower Lanterns

April 16, 1PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Show your artistic side by making pretty mini pressed flower lanterns or keepsake jars.

Afternoon Bingo

April 17, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Come play bingo and win prizes!



Succulent Terrariums

April 18, 1PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Create a beachy or woodland-themed succulent terrarium.



Kids' Paint Afternoon

April 19, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Hang out and paint a chosen spring scene on canvas.

Juice and snacks provided! Receive a raffle ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.

Code Breaking

April 24, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn about code breakers throughout World Wars and how to decipher codes.

Local Author Storytime: Thistle

April 25, 10AM | J Program Room | Ages 3–5

Join us for a special edition of our weekly storytime with a local author named Thistle, who wrote the book *Under the Garden Gate* about all the animals who get into the garden!

Running Bunnies

April 26, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a runaway bunny!

MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

April 4, 1:30pm | Craft Room | All Ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Baby And Me Yoga

April 5, 11AM | Community Room | Ages 0–15 months

Join Jessica Spaman, owner of Emotions In Motion, for a 45-minute baby and me yoga class filled with movement, mindfulness, and connection. Best for pre-walkers.

Phases Of The Moon

April 5, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Come make a visual representation and learn about the eight phases of the moon.

Cardboard Roll Daffodils

April 11, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make one or a bouquet of these beautiful daffodils to brighten up the day during April Showers.

Victory Garden: 'Peas' On Earth

April 16, 2pm | Craft Room, Garden | All Ages

Learn about the history of Victory Gardens and plant peas and other vegetables in our very own McAuliffe Gardens!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

April 16, 9:30AM-7PM (drop off) | Children's Room | All Ages

April 17 9:30AM-5:30PM (pick up) | Children's Room

Drop off your stuffed animal for their own overnight adventure in the library! Registration is required and space is limited. Please call 508-532-5636 x4 to register.

Plantmobile: Farm Fresh

April 17, 10AM | Astronaut Grove | Grades Pre-K-5

Explore the many facets of agriculture and the food we eat every day. Make connections to plant parts and inherited traits, tinker with ways to improve our agricultural systems, and make connections to the history of New England farming. Space and supplies limited.

Thumbprint Flower Pots

April 18, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Decorate small flower pots, and then grab some seeds from our Seed Library to plant at home, and start your own little garden!

Earth Day: Wildflower Seed Bombs

April 22, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Give back to the Earth with these easy-to-make seed bombs. Blend used scraps of construction paper, water, and wildflower seeds, then form them in a mold. Let them dry, then toss them in the ground.

Toddler Craft: Paper Plate Rainbows

April 24, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Paper plates, and cotton balls, and all the colors of the rainbow, OH MY! This paper plate craft encourages the little ones to learn all the colors of the rainbow and will be fun to hang and look at.

LEGO Build

April 25, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

TWEEN EVENTS**Kids' Chess Club**

April 2, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

April 9, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards provided or bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

Fuse Bead Social

April 6, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4-8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Kids' Sewing Workshop: Aprons

April 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room |

Grades 4-8

Make an apron and learn about Julia Child during WW2 creating her "first" recipe. Take home a 1940's recipe to make later! Register at <http://tinyurl.com/SparkApronsMCA>.

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April 20, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4-8

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Kids Yarn Social Hour

April 25, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn new stitches, and hang out with other knitters & crocheters!




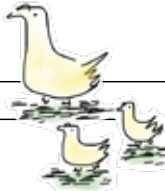
Anime Club

April 27, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4-8

Watch anime with friends and some tasty Japanese snacks.



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Registration: Mother Goose on the Loose @ Online/Main	Kids Chess Club 5pm @ Main		Open Color 1:30pm @ McAuliffe	Baby and Me Yoga 11am @ McAuliffe Phases Of The Moon 3:30pm @ Main + McAuliffe	Toddler Basketball 10:30am @ Main Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main
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Ongoing Events

Weekly Storytimes Ages 3–5

Mondays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room
 Thursdays at 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room
 Drop in every week for themed stories and a craft.

Baby Storytimes Ages 0–2

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
 Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room
 Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

April 13, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)
 April 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)
 April 27, 11AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Ruthie)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

Sensory Series

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help with exploration.

Toddler Basketball Ages 1-4

April 6, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Spring Touch Bins Ages 1-4

April 17, 5:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Early Childhood Alliance Events

Play, Learn, & Grow Together

Tuesdays at 10AM | [Sign up here!](#)

Let's Go to Kindergarten

Fridays at 12PM | [Sign up here!](#)

Children's Bilingual Mandarin Programming Survey

Let the Framingham Public Library children's team know what bilingual Mandarin programming you'd like to see at the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch. [Complete our online form.](#)