



May Baskets Raffle—Buy your tickets starting April 18th!

Celebrate spring with the 13th Annual May Baskets Raffle! Check out the prize baskets at the Main and McAuliffe libraries starting Friday, April 18.

Tickets are on sale at both libraries April 18–May 30. Bring cash or check on your next trip to the library to buy your tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20! Winners will be drawn on May 31 at 1PM in the Costin Room.

All proceeds from this fundraiser support Literacy Unlimited, the adult tutoring program based in Framingham Public Library. To learn more about May Baskets and the work this fundraiser supports, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/may-baskets-2025.



COMING SOON! Silent Disco

Join us after hours on May 1, 2, and 3 for Silent Disco! Show off your dance skills and help raise funds for the library! More details to come, so stay tuned.



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Sunday Concert: Singer/songwriter Marc Berger

April 6, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for this month's Sunday Concert, featuring singer/songwriter Marc Berger. Marc's album *Ride* has been described as "the greatest discovery for us this year...makes the writers want to write and singers sing." Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Job Search Prep Program: The 21st Century Job Search

April 14, 10AM–12PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Finding a good job is harder than ever. But why? ATS, job boards, LinkedIn, networking, resumes. What are they? How do I best use them? Join resident career coach Ed Lawrence to kick off the Job Search Prep Program with this first session.

Zine Crawl 2025

April 1–30 | Main Library & Participating Libraries

This April, come check out as many zine libraries as you can in the Greater Boston area, including the brand new zine collection at the Main Library! Complete your Zine Library Crawl passport for the opportunity to win prizes. Zine Library Crawl passports are available at participating libraries. Find out more and stay up-to-date by visiting our [Zine and Small Press Collection web page](#).



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Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, April 20 and Monday, April 21 for Patriots' Day.

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.





Virtual Reality: BRINK Traveler

April 1 & 2, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Travel around the world choosing from over 30 natural locations— all from the comfort of the library. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or [register online](#).



Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Power of Play

April 3, 7PM | Zoom

Explore the magic of play and its crucial role in shaping our children's lives. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.



AARP Tax Assistance (by appointment only)

April 4 & 12, 9:30–2:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

IRS trained and certified AARP tax volunteers can help you prepare your 2024 federal and state income tax returns. [Register for an appointment now!](#)



Author Talk: Paul Clerici on the Boston Marathon

April 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join bestselling author Paul Clerici as he discusses the iconic Boston Marathon, including stories about every moment, landmark, and portion of its course from 1897 to present day.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Framingham Trailblazers

April 10, 7PM | Zoom

Examine the significant role Framingham played during periods of revolutionary change and how its residents, from the 18th century to today, have navigated and influenced broader social, political, and cultural transformations. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.



Craft Ladies: Ceramic Tile Coasters

April 16, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Craft colorful ceramic tile coasters with permanent markers and rubbing alcohol. Space and supplies are limited. [Registration required](#).

Lifelong Learning Lecture: The "Shot Heard Round the World," 250 Years Ago This Week

April 17, 7PM | Zoom only

Rediscover the story of Lexington and Concord, the battles that began the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Come plant with us!

April 19, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Garden

Join us for our first vegetable planting of the season. Our early cold crops include peas, radishes, beets, carrots, and lettuce. This event is weather-dependent.

Twilight Astronomy with Professor George Fishman

April 21, 7-8:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Join Professor George Fishman, Senior Lecturer of Astronomy at Bentley for an evening of astronomical appreciation in celebration of Mass Space Week.

Job Search Prep Program: Reinventing Yourself for a New Career

April 22, 10AM–12PM | Main Library, Costin Room

What does it mean to reinvent yourself? How do you select a new field or industry? And how can you interest employers? Join career coach Ed Lawrence to discuss career changes and what it takes to pivot your work life in a different direction.

Craft Night: Galaxy Bath Bombs

April 22, 6-8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Join us for a relaxing evening of crafting as we mix, mold, and make galaxy-themed bath bombs that are out of this world. Materials provided.

Mindfulness 101

April 23, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Are you looking to cultivate a more peaceful mind capable of navigating challenges with more grace and effectiveness? Or to be more awake and present in each moment? Then join Greg Topakian, Ph.D. for Meditation 101.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join the mailing list for one, two, or all of our book discussions! Learn which books are chosen for each meeting and receive Zoom links for hybrid or Zoom only discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

Main Library Book Discussion: *Table for Two* by Amor Towles
April 1, 7PM | Zoom only | [Join mailing list.](#)

May 6: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen
April 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

May 13: *Cosmoknights* by Hannah Templer

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Stardust Grail* by Yume Kitasei
April 9, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

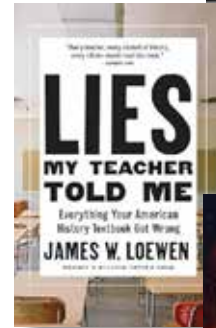
May 14: *The Dispossessed* by Ursula LeGuin

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Howl* by Allen Ginsberg
April 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

May 20: *Gender queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe at the Main Library

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *The Lamplighters* by Emma Stonex
April 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

May 15: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry



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Saturday Matinee: *Gladiator II*

April 5, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | R, 2024, 2h 28m

“After his home is conquered by the tyrannical emperors who now lead Rome, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum and must look to his past to find strength to return the glory of Rome to its people.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Footloose*

April 9, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 1984, 1h 47m

“A big city teenager moves to a small town where Rock and Roll music and dancing have been banned by backward local parents and his rebellious spirit shakes up the populace.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *First Man*

April 23, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2018, 2h 21m

“A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969.”

Monday Matinee: *Saturday Night*

April 28, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | R, 2024, 1h 49m

“At 11:30pm on October 11th, 1975, a ferocious troupe of young comedians and writers changed television forever. Find out what happened behind the scenes in the 90 minutes leading up to the first broadcast of Saturday Night Live (1975).”



ONGOING EVENTS

One-on-One Career Services

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom
Email career coach Ed Lawrence at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

NEW! Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 2–4PM | Main Library
No appointment necessary! Resident career coach Ed Lawrence is here to provide you with professional career help at no cost!

Open Spark Lab

April 1, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab
Find out what the Spark Lab has to offer and get creative with our tools.

Writing Together on Wednesdays

April 2 & 16, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Stretch & Relax

April 2 & 16, 3PM | Zoom only

Chair Stretch & Relax

April 10 & 24, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Tone & Stretch

April 14 & 28, 4:30PM | Zoom only
[Join our Exercise mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders with Zoom links.

Meditation with Leslie Gabriele

April 17, 10AM | Zoom
[Join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders with Zoom link.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

April 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Bachata: Learn to Dance

April 26, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room
[Sign-up to our Dance mailing list](#) to stay up-to-date.

Puzzle Swap

April 28, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th
Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library
Wednesdays, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 1–3PM | 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.

Maker Mondays: Bird Houses

April 7, 14, & 28, 3-4:30 PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
Use common craft supplies to create your own custom bird house! Come once and make something simple, or come every week to make a larger creation.

Alphabet Soup: Queer Teen Hangout

April 3, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room
April 17, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12
A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts crafts. On the first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Early Release Day Retro Movie

April 10, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12
We'll bring a few movies made before you all were born and provide some popcorn to eat while watching one.

Blackout Poetry

April 18, 1PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6–12
It's National Poetry Month, so we're making Blackout Poetry drop in. Use a marker and an old book to make repurposed poetry.

Bird Houses at McAuliffe

April 22, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 6–12
Use common craft supplies to create your own custom bird house!

Video Game Hangout

April 24, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6-12
Play video games and eat snacks!

Saturday Morning Cartoons

April 25, 11AM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12
Relax and eat cereal while watching your favorite cartoons from when you were a kid. It's vacation week, so we're watching Saturday morning cartoons on a Friday.

Music Bingo

April 26, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
Join us at the Main Library for an afternoon of Music Bingo! Test your knowledge of music from a variety of genres.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Do you visit libraries when you travel? Email your digital photos of these libraries to rwinett@rcn.com for use in the FPLF's photo exhibit.

To donate to the FPLF, go to fplf.org or mail a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

April 19, 10AM–3PM | Main Library
Fill a bag of books in the Bag Room (Costin Room) for only \$12 (half a bag for \$6). Check out the Back Room and the boxes of books in the lobby. These books are available only during book sales. The Friends Bookstore is also well stocked as always.

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Tutor Information Session

April 10, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room & online via Zoom
Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Come to the Literacy Unlimited Information Session to learn about our free tutor training course and discover how you can help promote language and literacy skills for adults in the Framingham community and beyond. No prior teaching experience or foreign language skills required.

To learn more about our program and to register for the Information Session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Local Author Storytime with Lois McAuliffe

April 5, 10AM | Children's Room | Ages 3+

Join author Lois McAuliffe for a reading of *Hugo's Story*, the adventures of a hippopotamus who decides to stay by the river one night, and a hippo-themed craft!

Spring is in the Air Craft

April 7, 11AM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Use a paper plate and markers or paint to make a hot air balloon.



After School Mug Cakes

April 8, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | Grades 2–5

Make a quick and easy chocolate mug cake! Non-dairy milk will be provided. This recipe contains gluten.

Lego Build

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

Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

Poetry Games

April 14, 5PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Come write poems by playing games with words.

Mother Goose on the Loose

April 28, 5:30PM | J Program Room & Online | Ages 0–2

Program runs from April 28–June 16. Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat!

Space is limited. Online registration starts April 14.

Earth Day Tissue Paper Handprint Craft

April 19, 11AM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Use your paper hands to hold the Earth that you made.

Aluminum Can Flowers

April 22, 3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Upcycle soda cans into flowers!

Puzzle Craft

April 22, 5:30PM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Craft with old puzzle pieces! Inspiration provided, but your creativity is the star!



Stop Motion Animation (Pick *one* day)

April 23, 2–3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6–10

April 24, 2–3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8–12

Learn how to create stop motion animation while working with others. Materials provided, so bring your imagination! Space is limited. Required registration begins on April 7.

Book Discussion & Craft—Celebrating Earth Day

April 26, 10:30AM | Children's Room | All Ages

Read "Go, Go, Green Energy" (part of the Magnificent Makers series by Theanne Griffith). Limited copies available to check out in the children's room all month. Join us for a discussion at 10:30AM and a craft at 11AM.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

April 2, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

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

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

April 5, 11AM | Astronauts Grove | All Ages

Collect a sheet and see if you can finish this scavenger hunt and explore the outdoors.

Hanging Planters

April 7, 6PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Using recycled bottles, create and decorate your own hanging planters. Then grab some seeds from our Seed Lending Library to plant!



Bug Hotels

April 10, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Bugs like to have safe places to rest as well, so invite them for a stay in your very own Bug Hotel! Using recycled materials and pieces of nature collected from outside, make a Bug Hotel to keep outside for all the little critters to stay in.

Keep Framingham Beautiful Storytime

April 17, 10AM | Children's Room | Ages 3-5

This special storytime is hosted by Keep Framingham Beautiful, who will read books on caring for the Earth with a fun activity and craft afterwards!

Earth Day: Wildflower Seed Bombs

April 22, 3PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Give back to the Earth with these easy-to-make seed bombs. Blend together clay, dirt, water, and wildflower seeds, then form them into a ball. Let them dry, then toss them in the ground. As the seed bombs receive sun and rain, they eventually compost and the seeds will germinate.

Lego Free Build

April 24, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

Fairytale Engineering

April 25, 1–4PM | Craft Room | Ages 8+

Drop in throughout the afternoon for hands-on engineering to help the 3 little pigs. From 1–2PM, build a straw house. From 2–3PM, build a stick house. From 3–4PM, build a brick house.

Toddler Craft: Cardboard Roll Flower Stamping

April 30, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Use paint and cardboard rolls to stamp a colorful garden!



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop off on April 22, 9:30AM–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Pick up on April 23, 9:30–5:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Drop off on April 23, 9:30AM–7PM | Main Library, Children's Room

Pick up on April 24, 9:30–5:30PM | Main Library, Children's Room

Drop off your stuffed animal at the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch for their own overnight adventure in the library! Space is limited. To register, call the Main Library at 508.532.5570 or McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or stop by either library in person. All ages welcome!

TWEEN EVENTS

Kids' Chess Club

April 1, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

April 15, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

Beginner Hand Sewing Workshop: Fabric Bookmarks

April 16, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Learn to sew a fabric bookmark using hand sewing techniques. Supplies are limited. [Registration required!](#)

Tinker Thursdays

April 24, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Join us the last Thursday of each month to create, using items from our makerspace! Every month we bring out different materials and tools.

Fuse Bead Social

April 26, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 4+

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

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 age appropriate stories and a craft.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0–2)

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

April 5 & 19, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community & Craft Rooms

April 12 & 26, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!





Hora de Cuentos en Español con Sohli y Raquel

5 de abril, 2PM | Main Library, Children's Room

Acompáñenos para escuchar historias divertidas y hacer manualidades temáticas. Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Se recomiendan las manualidades para niños mayores de 3 años.



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ Main	2 Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	3 	4 Spring Scent Jars 11:30am @ Main	5 Local Author Storytime: Lois McAuliffe 10am @ Main Outdoor Scavenger Hunt 11am @ McAuliffe
6	7 Spring is in the Air Craft 11am @ Main Hanging Planters 6pm @ McAuliffe	8 After School Mug Cakes 3:30pm @ Main	9	10 Bug Hotels 1:30pm @ McAuliffe Lego Build 4pm @ Main	11 Sensory Bins 11am @ McAuliffe	12
13	14 Registration Starts: Mother Goose on the Loose @ Online/Main Poetry Games 5pm @ Main	15 Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ Main	16 Beginner Hand Sewing Workshop: Fabric Bookmarks 6pm @ Main	17	18 	19 Earth Day Tissue Paper Handprint Craft 11am @ Main
20 	21 	22 Aluminum Can Flowers 3pm @ Main Wildflower Seed Bombs 3pm @ McAuliffe Puzzle Craft 5:30pm @ Main	23 Stop Motion Animation 2pm @ Main	24 Lego Build 11am @ McAuliffe Stop Motion Animation 2pm @ Main Tinker Thursdays 6pm @ Main	25 Upcycle Free Build 11am @ McAuliffe	26 Book Discussion & Craft - Celebrating Earth Day 10:30am @ Main
27	28 Mother Goose on the Loose 5:30pm @ Main	29 Sensory Crawl 11am @ McAuliffe	30 Cardboard Roll Flower Stamping 11am @ McAuliffe	Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs Sat. April 5, 11:30AM @ Main (Arden) Sat. April 12, 11:30AM @ McAuliffe (Arden) Thur. April 25, 3PM @ Main (Duncan) Sat. April 26, 11AM @ McAuliffe (Duncan)		
中文读书会 April 5 and 19, 3PM @ McAuliffe April 12 and 26, 3PM @ Main		Hora de Cuentos en Español con Sohli y Raquel 5 de abril, 2PM @ Main		Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop Off: Apr. 22 @ McAuliffe; Apr. 23 @ Main Pick Up: Apr. 23 @ McAuliffe; Apr. 24 @ Main Drop off your stuffed animal for their own overnight adventure in the library! Register now.		

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your baby explore.

Sensory Bins (Ages 2–4)

April 11, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut's Grove

Sensory Crawl (Ages 0–2)

April 29, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut's Grove

Spring Scent Jars (Ages 2–4)

April 4, 11:30AM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

April 5, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Room (Arden)

April 12, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

April 25, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Room (Duncan)

April 26, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

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

Ongoing 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!](#)



I'm Duncan! Will you read to me?