

Framingham Regional Justice Center and the Main Library:

What you need to know

Demolition of the former Danforth Museum to make way for the new Framingham Regional Justice Center may begin as early as April or May.

During demolition, the Main Library parking lot will be unavailable.

You can find a temporary parking lot on Union Avenue beside the Santander Bank. Street parking on Lincoln Avenue as well as surrounding streets remains open to patrons. However, Lexington Street will become a one-lane road. Parking on that street will be restricted to avoid blocking the roadway.

The City of Framingham will construct a new parking lot for the Main Library, expected to be available by the fall.

If you're unfamiliar with the Framingham Regional Justice Center, it will be one of the first in the Commonwealth to meet the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050. This state-of-the-art facility will feature geothermal and solar energy as well as sustainable construction materials.

To learn more about this project, visit mass.gov/info-details/framingham-regional-justice-center.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come to the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library on May 16 for our rededication ceremony. Join local veterans, city council members, and others to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the McAuliffe Branch on Water Street. Enjoy food, music, and more. All ages welcome!

Main Library
49 Lexington St. • 508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday: 9–9
Friday–Saturday: 9–5
*Sunday: 1–5

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
746 Water St. • 508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday: 9:30–9
Friday–Saturday: 9:30–5
*Sunday: 12–4

Find our newsletter archive online at framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter.

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

*Both libraries are closed on Sundays in July & August



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Job Search Prep Program

April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 7PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Even if you missed the first session of the Job Search Prep Program on March 26, it's not too late to join us! Learn from Ed Lawrence, a certified professional career coach, how to find your next job, showcase your skills, and differentiate yourself from all other qualified candidates. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Reinventing Yourself for a New Career on April 2**
- **Concise Introductions on April 9**
- **Modern Resumes on April 16**
- **Establishing Rapport with Interviewers on April 23**
- **Negotiating Salary & Benefits on April 30**

[Register now to reserve your spot at any or all sessions this April.](#)

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Elizabeth Gaskell and the Perils of Biography April 2, 7PM | Zoom

Elizabeth Gaskell's biography *The Life of Charlotte Brontë* was so controversial at the time that it was banned within weeks of its publication. Ever since, historians have argued about how much of it is true. Gaskell stipulated in her will that no one could write her own life story until all parties concerned had died. In this lecture, Dr. Helen Heineman examines Gaskell's biography and assesses the truth of her representation. [Join our Lifelong Learning mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)



Craft Supply Swap

April 4, 1–4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Has spring cleaning unearthed excess craft supplies? Want to give them a new home and get free materials to try a new hobby? Bring your supplies and swap them for new ones! Drop them off during the week of April 4 or bring them with you to the swap.

Virtual Reality: Virtual Art Museum Tour

April 6 & 7, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Tour the halls of a virtual art museum and learn about some of your favorite paintings with the Oculus headset. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, please call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).



Wellesley Symphony: A Family Concert Experience

April 11, 11AM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

April 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us on the second Monday of every month for an evening of trivia. Bring your friends, form a team (up to 5 people), or arrive solo and we'll help you find a group. It's a great way to connect, learn new things, and enjoy a fun night out at your library.

Adult Paint Night with Ashwini Chitnavis

April 13, 6:30–8:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come join instructor Ashwini Chitnavis as she joyfully leads this adult-only paint night! No experience necessary; supplies and instruction are provided. Space is limited.

[Registration required and opens on April 1.](#)

Craft Ladies: Mosaic Tiles

April 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Create colorful mosaic tiles that can be used as a coaster or displayed. Mini easels are provided to show off your works of art! Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on April 1.](#)



Lifelong Learning Lecture: Race, Immigration & Health Care Exclusion in the Age of Obamacare

April 16, 7PM | Zoom

Immigration and health policy have been at the core of recent U.S. legislative debates. Explore how the intersection of both has narrowed healthcare access for immigrants and citizens of the Commonwealth under the Massachusetts and Affordable Care Act (ACA) reforms and the dismantling of the ACA.

Change in Bloom: Making Mixed Media Zines

April 18, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Teens & Adults

Using poetry, watercolor, and collage, explore themes of movement and change in zines. Finish the workshop with an original zine to take home. No writing or art experience required! Space is limited. [Registration required and opens on April 1.](#) Las profes hablan español.

Library of Things Show and Tell

April 22, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Have you ever wanted to try something without committing to the purchase? Are you looking for a new hobby but don't know where to start? Come check out the Library of Things collection! We have things for you to explore! See live demonstrations and try some things for yourself!

Documentaries in Dialogue:

Feeding Tomorrow

April 23, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2024, PG, 1h 20m

Come see *Feeding Tomorrow*, a documentary that explores solutions for a more just, sustainable, and regenerative food system. Then stay for a discussion that includes Black Earth Compost.



D.E.A.R. Day

April 25, 11AM–3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)! Explore our book discussions, swap bookmarks, or just grab a warm beverage and settle in with a good book! Come in and make time to read!

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Roxana Frizzi

April 26, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for the Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring pianist Roxana Frizzi. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Make It Tuesday: Blackout Poetry

April 28, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Turn old books into new art! Join us for a Blackout Poetry session where we transform recycled pages into modern poems. We provide the book pages and all the supplies you need to create new art without the pressure of a blank page.

Art Journal Jam for Adults

April 28, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Bring your own art journal and prepare to get messy! Join us for this casual, unstructured session exploring the possibilities of art journals. No experience required. Some supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. [Registration required.](#)

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 where applicable. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

Main Library Book Discussion: *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

April 7, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

May 5: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Tusks of Extinction* by Ray Nayler

April 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

May 13: *Alien* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

April 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

May 12: *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Poole

April 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

May 21: *Black Woods, Blue Sky: A Novel* by Eowyn Ivey

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Sorcery and Small Magics* by Maiga Doocy

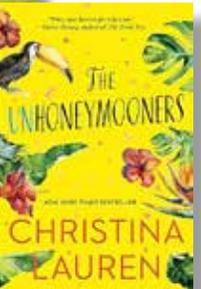
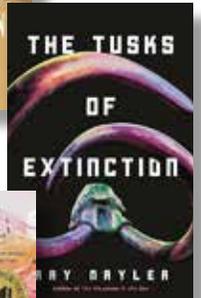
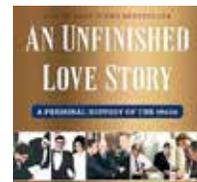
April 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

May 19: *Heated Rivalry* by Rachel Reid—TV show or book

Hot Takes: *The Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren

April 22, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

May 27: *Violet Thistlewaite Is Not a Villain Anymore* by Emily Krempholtz



FILMS

Saturday Matinee: *Rental Family*

April 4, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, PG-13, 1h 50m

“An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese ‘rental family’ agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Sandlot*

April 8, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1993, PG, 1h 41m

“In the summer of 1962, a new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his rowdy team, resulting in many adventures.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Stand By Me*

April 15, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1986, R, 1h 29m

“A writer recounts a childhood journey with his friends to find the body of a missing boy.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Jesus Christ Superstar*

April 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1973, G, 1h 46m

“Film version of the musical stage play, presenting the last few weeks of Christ’s life told in an anachronistic manner.”

Monday Matinee: *Song Sung Blue*

April 27, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, PG-13, 2h 13m

“Lightning and Thunder, a Milwaukee husband and wife Neil Diamond tribute act, experience soaring success and devastating heartbreak in their musical journey together.”

ONGOING EVENTS

Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom

Join our [Exercise mailing list](#) for email reminders with Zoom link.

One-on-One Career Services

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

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

Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

Writing Together on Wednesdays

April 1 & 15, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Zine Club: Focus on Fanzines

April 9, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Board Game Night

April 9, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

April 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room



Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

The Mediterranean Dish: Simply Dinner by Suzy Karadsheh

April 18, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Registration required. Please email Robin at rgrossman@minlib.net.

Mah Jongg

April 22, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Open to experienced players with a National Mah Jongg League card.

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate:

Meditation with Leslie

April 27, 10AM | Zoom

Join our [Meditation mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

April 27, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

May Baskets Raffle—Buy Your Tickets Starting April 17!

Celebrate spring with the 14th Annual May Baskets Raffle! Check out the prize baskets at the Main and McAuliffe libraries starting Friday, April 17.

Tickets are on sale at both libraries April 17–May 31. Bring cash or check with you on your next trip to the library to buy tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20! Winners to be drawn on Wednesday, June 3 at 1PM in the Main Library, Technology Learning Center.

All proceeds from this fundraiser support Literacy Unlimited, the Framingham Library's adult education program. Learn more about May Baskets and the work this fundraiser supports at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/may-baskets-2026.

Volunteer Information Session

April 16, 2PM | Main Library, Literacy Unlimited office or via Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Join Literacy Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman for a volunteer information session on April 16. Learn about our free tutor training course. Discover how to help promote language and literacy skills for adults in Framingham and beyond. No prior teaching experience or foreign language skills required.

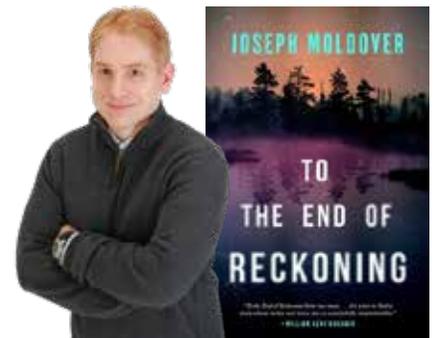
Learn more and register at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

SUPPORTERS

The Framingham Public Library Foundation Celebrates Library Giving Day, April 1, 2026

Imagine a world without free access to books, internet, or job training. Libraries provide these services every day, but they need your help. Participate in Library Giving Day by making a donation to the Framingham Public Library Foundation.

Your donation strengthens our Library and our community. Give today at fplf.org or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702.



Joseph Moldover Author Talk in Celebration of the Friends 75th Anniversary

April 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Meet local author and clinical neuropsychologist Joseph Moldover as he discusses his soon-to-be released novel *To the End of Reckoning*. This novel is available on April 21—pre-order your copy at this talk! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Framingham Library in celebration of their 75 years of support.

Friends April Book Sale

April 18, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

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.