



Summer Reading is underway!

It's not too late to join us for Summer Reading! Register online or come by the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to register for Summer Reading and get your free t-shirt (while supplies last). [Registration online](#) is also available.

For every book read or audiobook heard, enter a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize. Summer Reading is for ALL AGES!



Read, Renew, Repeat, and Craft!

Calling all crafters! Beginning Monday, August 5 through Saturday, August 31, stop by the McAuliffe Branch Cafe to join the upcycling fun! Each week in August, we feature a new craft. Drop in anytime!



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Beekeeping with John Hedly

August 5, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Interested in beekeeping? Join Beekeeper John Hedly for this informative introduction to beekeeping. Learn about starting a hive, managing a hive management, and more.

Unlock Your Memory: Memoir Writing

August 20, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Through a series of engaging exercises and prompts, delve into your memories and uncover the stories that have shaped your life. This workshop provides practical techniques for capturing vivid details, crafting compelling narratives, and preserving personal legacies.

Learn to Quill with Quilling Card!

August 29, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn the art of quilling from Framingham-based Quilling Card! Discover the basics of a quilling project to make a complete sunflower. All materials and tools are provided, but supplies are limited. [Register to reserve your spot.](#)



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Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Friday, August 16 for Staff Day and Saturday, August 31 for Labor Day weekend. Happy Labor Day!

Main Library

49 Lexington Street
508-532-5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Closed Sunday (July & August)

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508-532-5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5
Closed Sunday (July & August)

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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Framingham Sounds: David Eure and Alexei Tsiganov

August 3, 3PM | Main Library, Learning Yard or Costin Room

Join us for our next Framingham Sounds concert with jazz duo David Eure and Alexei Tsiganov—rain or shine!

FPL Jazz: Kaoruko Pilkington

August 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove or Community Room

Our FPL Jazz concert series continues with jazz vocalist Kaoruko Pilkington. Join us rain or shine for this event. BYOC (bring your own chair)!

Spud Smackdown

August 12–19 | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe | All Day

Vote for your favorite potato variations in this March Madness Style competition to see which starchy dish reigns supreme!

Adult Macramé Bag Workshop

August 14, 6:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn how to make your own macramé bag in this Spark Lab workshop! Supplies and space are limited. Register now to reserve your spot!

National Potato Day

August 19 | McAuliffe Branch | All day with movie at 2:30

Grab your best spuds and head to the McAuliffe Branch for a National Potato Day Celebration! Do a potato-themed scavenger hunt and take part in other tuber-tastic activities, then watch Mr. Potato Head steal the show in Toy Story! Or grab a good book and enjoy being a couch potato for the day. All ages.

Art Journal Jam

August 20, 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. Space and supplies are limited. [Register now!](#)

Learn About Recycling!

August 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join Framingham’s Recycling Coordinator Eve Carey to learn more about recycling in the City of Framingham. From papers to plastics and from curbside to recycling center, find out what you can—and can’t—recycle. Bring your questions!

McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Mystery Summer Craft

August 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Come create a mystery summer-themed craft with the McAuliffe Craft Ladies. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration required.](#)

Spark Lab Satellite: Zine Club

August 23, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for an afternoon of zine crafting. Learn about zines and how to make your own zine.

FPL Jazz: Harmony Grove

August 22, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch Astronaut Grove or Community Room

Enjoy the last of our FPL Jazz concerts this season with Harmony Grove—rain or shine! BYOC (bring your own chair)!

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Tutor Information Session

August 24, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adult ESL or Basic Literacy students? Come to our next Tutor Information Session on Saturday, August 24 to learn more about Literacy Unlimited and the tutor training courses we are offering this fall. To learn more about our program and to register for the Information Session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.



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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group

Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot

August 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“A powerful, poetic memoir of an Indigenous woman’s coming of age on the Seabird Island Band in the Pacific Northwest”

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

Quantum Thief by Hannu Rajaniemi

August 14, 7PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“The Quantum Thief is a Kirkus Reviews Best of 2011 Science Fiction & Fantasy title. One of Library Journal’s Best SF/Fantasy Books of 2011”

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group

With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

August 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“From the New York Times bestselling author of the National Book Award–winning title *The Poet X* comes a dazzling novel in prose about a girl with talent, pride, and a drive to feed the soul that keeps her fire burning bright. Winner of the California Young Reader Medal!”

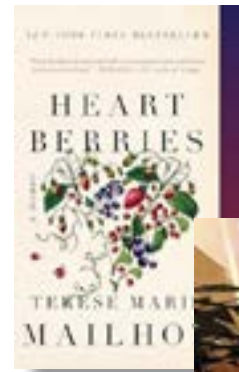
Everything I Didn’t Know about Eastern Europe Book Discussion Group

The Ukraine by Artem Chapeye

August 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“A stunning debut collection of fiction and creative nonfiction— irreverent and unglorified; loving and tender; uncomfortable and inconvenient— by a Ukrainian writer currently fighting for his country in Kyiv.”

* *The Main Library Book Discussion Group is on hiatus this August but returns on September 3 with Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.*



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Hundred Foot Journey*

August 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2014, 2h 2m

“The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory’s Michelin-starred eatery.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Once*

August 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | R, 2007, 1h 26m

“A modern-day musical about a busker and an immigrant and their eventful week in Dublin, as they write, rehearse and record songs that tell their love story.”

Toy Story on National Potato Day!

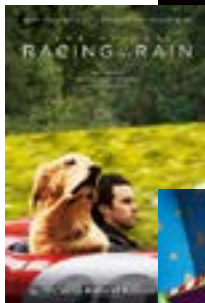
August 19, 2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | G, 1995, 1h 21m

“A cowboy doll is profoundly threatened and jealous when a new spaceman action figure supplants him as top toy in a boy’s bedroom.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

August 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2019, 1h 49m

“Through his bond with his owner, aspiring Formula One race car driver Denny, golden retriever Enzo learns that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate the journey of life.”



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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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

August 14, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

August 16, 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 Swap

August 26, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

BOOKMOBILE

Boba Tea on the Bookmobile

August 23, 11-1 PM - Arlington St. Park
Monday, August 26, 4-6 PM | ATAC

The Bookmobile will be at both Framingham Community Corner events with the Parks and Rec department this summer, as well as the farmers markets at Amazing Things Arts Center. Join us at one or all of them to make a tasty boba tea! All ages welcome!

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Every Tuesday, 1PM | 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.

Book Planters

August 1, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Repurpose old hardcover books into new planters for a cactus or succulent. You'll cut out a chunk of the book, which we'll fill with potting soil, moss, and a small plant of your very own. Registration recommended.

Video Game Hangout

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

Play video games and eat snacks.

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

August 5, 12, & 19, 1:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Use anything in the Spark Lab to work on your projects! Design something to be 3D printed! Needle felt something! Make some stickers! You get to decide.

Joys of Nature: Sensational Snakes!

August 8, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Some people fear snakes, but we often fear what we do not understand. Learn how snakes act as important predators and help people in many ways we may not realize.

Axolotl Paint Party with Pop Up Art School

August 14, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Paint an adorable smiling axolotl in Kawaii style with Pop up Art School. Registration recommended.

Seed Bombs

August 15, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Fall is one of the best times to plant wildflowers, so get ready by making a few seed bombs that you can plant anywhere! Registration recommended.

SUPPORTERS

Third Space To Bring People Together

Wouldn't it be nice to create a home away from home in the Main Library? The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create an inviting library living room at the Main Library.

It will feature the periodical collection, comfortable seating, tables, and charging stations as well as a coffee machine. Please help us create this Third Space!

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.



Literacy Unlimited Ribbon Cutting

August 28, 5pm | Main Library

Join us for our ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate our new Literacy Unlimited Center.

Spooktastic on September 7

Stop by the Friends' booth at this horror fiction event and buy tote bags and posters with one-of-a-kind art work unique to the event.

Next Book Sale on September 21

The Book Sales summer break continues in August. BUT, the Friends Bookstore is open in the Main library and McAuliffe branch during library hours.

Bulbs for Fall Planting

Friends will again be offering bulbs for sale beginning in late summer. Order info is coming soon...stay tuned!

Did You Renew Your Friends Membership?

We welcome new members throughout the year. Please consider joining or renewing your membership this month. Not yet a member? [Join or renew now!](#)