



JACK'S ABBY
CRAFT LAGERS

Bring a Friend, Make a Friend! Literacy Unlimited Neighbor Night

August 14, 12–9PM | Jack's Abby
Beer Hall & Kitchen (100 Clinton St.,
Framingham)

Come out to Jack's Abby on August 14, tell your server you're there to support Literacy Unlimited—or show them our flyer!—and enjoy a good meal that gives back! When you do, **Jack's Abby will donate 20% of the proceeds from your meal to Literacy Unlimited**, the adult English and Literacy tutoring program located in the Framingham Library.

Curious about volunteering or studying with the program? Stop by our table at Jack's Abby from 6–8PM to meet Literacy Unlimited staff, volunteers, and board members. Bring a few friends with you, and make some new friends while you're there!

Want to learn more about Literacy Unlimited and how you can help? Scan the QR code below or [visit our website](#) for more information.



At Home in the World: Reflections of a Travel Addict

August 4, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join local author Matt Davis as he shares stories, photos, and travel tips from his international travel memoir! Talk followed by Q&A and book signing.

FPL Jazz: Sasha Papernik and Justin Poindexter

August 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Come out to hear this award-winning songwriting duo—vocalist and pianist/accordionist Sasha Papernik and guitarist and vocalist Justin Poindexter. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, this concert moves to the Community Room.

Getting Along with Difficult People

August 26, 6:30PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

These days it seems that everyone is difficult—family member, neighbor, or co-worker. We just don't get along. They won't listen to us. Are we doomed to disagree or is there another way? Join resident career coach Ed Lawrence as we discuss difficult people and offer recognized strategies for defusing situations and perhaps even getting along.



Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Friday, August 22 for Staff Day as well as Saturday, August 30 to Monday, September 1 for Labor Day weekend.

Main Library

49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
*Sunday: Closed

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

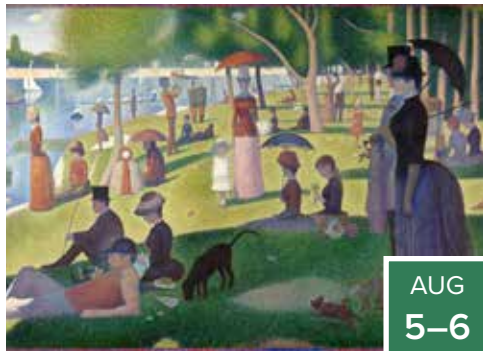
746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5
*Sunday: Closed

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

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.





AUG
5-6

Virtual Reality: Art Plunge

August 5 & 6, 2-7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 13+

Explore your favorite paintings in this art history virtual experience. Step inside five famous paintings and learn the history of pointillism as an art style. To reserve your time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).



AUG
6

Bachata by the Bookmobile

August 6, 6PM | Academy Building at Cushing Park (80 Dudley Rd.)

Come out to Cushing Park for a one-hour dance lesson with J&L Dance Studio followed by 30 minutes of social dancing and light refreshments. And if you can't get enough Bachata, don't miss this month's Bachata class at the Main Library on Saturday, August 23.



AUG
15

FPL Jazz: Kaoruko Pilkington

August 7, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to hear Boston jazz vocalist and Berklee College of Music lecturer Kaoruko Pilkington.

Upcycling Book Crafts

August 12, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Join us in repurposing old library materials into new works of art. Books and other supplies provided. Drop-ins welcome!



AUG
19

Zine Workshop

August 14, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come learn about zines and make one of your own. And while you're here, check out our growing zine collection.

Garden Series: Common garden problems and solutions

August 15, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

What's eating my plants? Get helpful tips to identify and solve common garden problems. Join us together with Transition Framingham for this lecture about troubleshooting common garden problems.



AUG
28

Art Journal Jam for Adults

August 19, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

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

Craft Ladies: Beaded Dragonfly Suncatchers

August 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn to string translucent beads onto wire and create dragonflies that can be used as a suncatcher or charm. Materials provided, but space is limited. [Registration opens August 1](#).

Tuesday Craft Night: Macramé Plant Hangers

August 26, 6-8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Discover the art of macramé and bring a touch of handmade charm to your home! We guide you through the steps to craft your own stylish plant hangers using simple knots. Perfect for beginners and craft lovers alike. All materials provided!

FPL Jazz: Harmony Grove

August 28, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Come hear local group Harmony Grove, a musical project co-led by longtime collaborators Willie Sordillo and Zoë Krohne with a diverse repertoire of original compositions and personal interpretations of known and obscure jazz, folk, Latin, and pop songs. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Save the Date for Spooktastic!

September 13, 11AM-5PM | Main Library

The 3rd annual Spooktastic Book Fair has a new location and will be haunting the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, September 13! We'll host 40+ authors—from creepy kidlit to adult horror—four publishers, several vendors of interesting and mysterious items, and a brewery! Save the date and start off Spooky Season right!

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

The Main Library Book Discussion resumes September 2 with *Isola* by Allegra Goodman. In the meantime, please join our [Main Library Book Discussion mailing list](#) for email reminders.

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

August 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

September 9: *Isola* by Allegra Goodman with the author on Zoom!

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

August 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

September 10: *The Clockwork Dynasty* by Daniel H. Wilson

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Just Kids* by Patti Smith

August 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

September 16: *Dark Rise* by C.S. Pacat

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

August 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

September 18: *The Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis

COMING
SOON!

Hot Takes: Romance Book Discussion: *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry

September 24, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Every 4th Wednesday of the month starting in September



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Blue Hawaii*

August 13, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1961, PG, 1h 42m

"After arriving back in Hawaii from the Army, Chad Gates defies his parents' wishes for him to work at the family business and instead goes to work as a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency."

McAuliffe Matinee: *Field of Dreams*

August 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1989, PG, 1h 47m

"Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella is inspired by a voice he can't ignore to pursue a dream he can hardly believe. Supported by his wife, Ray begins the quest by turning his ordinary cornfield into a place where dreams can come true."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *An American in Paris*

August 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1951, NR, 1h 54m

"Three friends struggle to find work in Paris. Things become more complicated when two of them fall in love with the same woman."

Monday Matinee: *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

August 25, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1975, PG, 1h 31m

"King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table embark on a surreal, low-budget search for the Holy Grail, encountering many, very silly obstacles."

ONGOING EVENTS

Open Spark Lab

August 5, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Writing Together on Wednesdays

* August 6, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

** No meeting on August 20.*

Tone & Stretch

August 11 & 25, 4:30PM | Zoom only

Stretch & Relax

August 6 & 20, 3PM | Zoom only

Chair Stretch & Relax

August 14 & 28, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join our [Exercise mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders with Zoom links.

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, 2–4PM | Main Library

No appointment necessary!

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

August 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Bachata

August 23, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join our [Dance Class mailing list](#) for updates.

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

August 25, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Board Game Night

August 25, 6:30–8:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This month's featured game is Azul, but come play any game you like!

Mah Jongg Night

August 27, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

For experienced players with National Mah Jongg League card

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

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

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Volunteer Information Session

August 14, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room or Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Come to the Literacy Unlimited Information Session on Thursday, August 14 to learn about our free tutor training course.

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 register for the Information Session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF)

Framingham's libraries are Third Places—gathering places that are not home, school, or work. Help us create a new space in the Main Library that offers comfortable seating, digital connectivity, and access to the FPL's extensive collection and helpful staff.

For 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.

Friends—It's Time to Join or Renew

Help us help the Library by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. We welcome any and all levels of participation. [Join or renew today!](#)

Many thanks to our new Corporate Member [Framingham Pediatrics](#).

Happy Summer from the Friends

Our next book sale is Saturday, September 20, 2025. Looking forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, stop by our book store at the Main Library to find some great bargains.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Art Exhibit: Solitude, Community, Hope: An Anthology

August 1–29 | Main Library

First Parish in Framingham has published a book that directly responds to the surgeon general's statement that the US is suffering "an epidemic of loneliness." This exhibit features artwork and photography from the book that reflects on loneliness, solitude, community and hope in the hopes that people see that they are not alone.

Walking Stick Art by David Williamson

Month of August | Main Library

Stop by the Lexington Street display case to see the phenomenal work of local artist and craftsman David Williamson as he shares with us his walking stick art.

Cooling Centers

As the summer days grow hotter, patrons are welcome to come into the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to escape the heat. Both libraries serve as cooling centers for the City of Framingham and provide water for patrons looking for relief from the hot weather.

DID YOU KNOW...

That reference staff can help with your local history searches without having to come into the library? You can [ask or book a Librarian](#), and a reference librarian will spend up to 30 minutes on your request.