



Main Library Parking Update

Construction on the new Framingham Regional Justice Center continues. As of Monday, July 13, the Lexington Street parking lot at the Main Library is no longer available except for handicap accessible parking.

For all others, there is a temporary, patron-only parking lot located in front of the former Danforth building. This temporary lot offers plenty of parking. You can enter and exit the lot from Pearl Street and Lexington Street.

On-street parking is also available nearby. Please see our [Parking Updates and Information page](#) for the latest news, updates, and changes.

Thank you for your patience and support. We are grateful for helping us keep the area safe and accessible during construction.

Dark Summer Book Fest Is (Almost) Here!

August 8, 11–5PM | Main Library | All Ages

The first annual Dark Summer Book Fest invades the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, August 8. This one's for all the dark fiction lovers—whether you like crime, horror, fantasy, paranormal romance, or any number of other genres! Visit the [Dark Summer Book Fest page](#) for a full schedule of events with more than 50 authors!

Library Walk & Talk

August 3 & 17, 9:30AM | Cushing Memorial Chapel (60 Dudley Road)

Meet us for a casual walk and friendly conversation. Share what you're reading or simply enjoy the company. Walk at your own pace. No assigned reading, no pressure. Look for a library sign by the parking lot. In the event of rain, this program is canceled.

Author Talk with Jenn Bouchard: Writing Coastal New England

August 3, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Massachusetts author Jenn Bouchard published her debut novel at 44-years-old. Now, at 49, she is releasing her third novel *Palms On The Cape*. Join Jenn as she shares her unusual path to publication and talks about embracing life's second acts.

Virtual Reality: Mrs. Benz with Daisy Ridley

August 4 & 5, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Discover the extraordinary true story of Bertha Benz, a trailblazing pioneer who defied societal norms to embark on the world's first road trip in 1888. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).

Main Library

49 Lexington St. • 508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday: 9–9
Friday & Saturday: 9–5
Closed Sundays in July & August.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water St. • 508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday: 9:30–9
Friday & Saturday: 9:30–5
Closed Sundays in July & August.

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.



Craft Workshop: Flower Powered Wall Hangings

August 4, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn a few textile techniques to create a wall hanging to take home and highlight your new skills! Explore flower imprints, dye resist techniques, and fabric collage to create unique works of art using summer's bounty.

Registration is required and opens on July 28.

FPL Jazz: Kaoruko Pilkington

August 6, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Come out for another evening performance in our FPL Jazz Series. Bring your chairs and blankets to enjoy Boston-based jazz vocalist, music educator, and local favorite Kaoruko Pilkington. In case of inclement weather, this concert moves to the McAuliffe Community Room.



Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

August 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for an evening of general knowledge trivia. We cover topics from history and geography to music and science with plenty of laughs guaranteed. 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.

Bachata by the Bookmobile

August 11, 6PM | Academy Building at Cushing Park (80 Dudley Rd.)

Summer bachata is back! 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.



Workshop: Photographing and Capturing the Beauty of Flowers and Gardens

August 18, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come learn a set of simple techniques for taking stunning flower and garden photos. Spend time photographing plants and flowers, trying different ideas, and sharing helpful tips and feedback. No experience needed, no fancy equipment required! Just bring your love of flowers and gardens, and your camera or phone. **Registration is required and opens on August 1.**

Art Journal Jam for Adults

August 18, 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.**

Craft Ladies: Decorative Canisters

August 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Come create your own version of the famous blue check canister with jars, napkins, and Mod Podge! Space and supplies are limited. **Registration is required and opens on August 1.**

FPL Jazz: Sasha Papernik

August 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Don't miss the last concert in this year's FPL Jazz Series with talented composer, vocalist, and pianist Sasha Papernik! Bring your blanket and chairs for this outdoor, evening performance. In case of inclement weather, this concert moves to the McAuliffe Community Room.

Summer Reading Wrap Up

August 21, 2–4PM | Cushing Park | All Ages

As summer nears its end, so does Summer Reading. Don't miss our Summer Reading Wrap Up at Cushing Park! With the help of our friends at Framingham Parks & Recreation and the Fire Department, we're making this an unforgettable party. Enjoy fun, games, and refreshments! All ages welcome.

Unleash Your Inner Artist: A Fun Drawing Workshop for Beginners

August 27, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for an engaging and playful drawing workshop designed specifically for adult beginners. Whether you've never picked up a pencil or are looking to rekindle your creative spark, this workshop offers a welcoming space to explore your artistic side. **Registration is required and opens on August 1.**

Learn to Podcast with Access Framingham

August 29, 11–12:15PM | Access Framingham Studios (4 Vernon St. On-street parking is available.)

Interested in podcasting? Find out what you need to get started—from concept and equipment to recording and editing—with the professionals at Access Framingham (AFTV). Then learn where to share your podcast to reach the right audience. Bring your questions to this hands-on, interactive session to find out all you need to start podcasting. Space is limited. **Registration is 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.](#)

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *I See You've Called In Dead* by John Kenney

August 11, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

September 8: *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Timequake* by Kurt Vonnegut

August 12, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

September 9: *Murder By Memory* by Olivia Waite

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *You Should Be So Lucky* by Cat Sebastian

August 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

September 15: *Summer Suns* by Lee Mandelo

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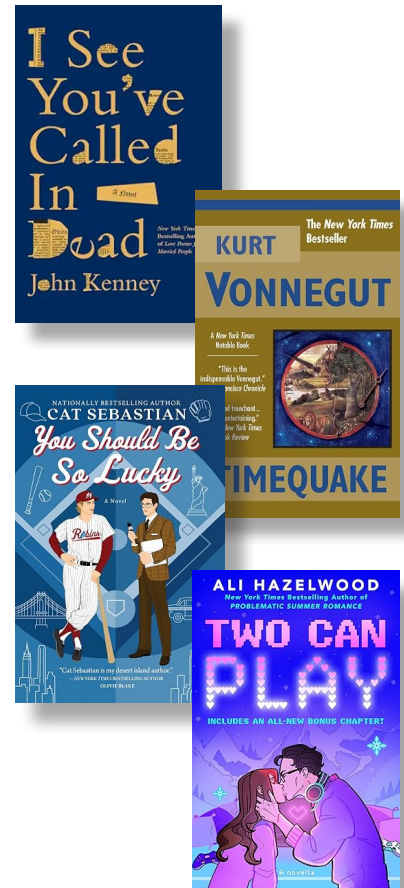
August 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

September 17: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

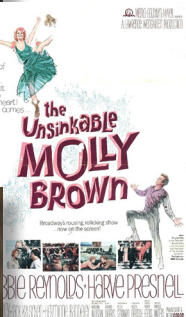
Hot Takes: *Two Can Play* by Ali Hazelwood

August 26, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

September 23: *Written in the Stars* by Alexandria Bellefleur



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FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Dirty Dancing*

August 12, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1987, PG-13, 1h 40m

"Spending the summer at a Catskills resort with her family, Frances 'Baby' Houseman falls in love with the camp's dance instructor, Johnny Castle."

Friday Cool Down: *The Goonies*

August 14, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1985, PG, 1h 54m

"A group of young misfits called The Goonies discover an ancient map and set out on an adventure to find a legendary pirate's long-lost treasure."

McAuliffe Matinee: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*

August 19, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1988, PG, 1h 44m

"When a cartoon rabbit is accused of murder, he enlists the help of a burnt out private investigator to prove his innocence."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*

August 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1964, NR, 2h 8m

"A poor, uneducated mountain girl leaves her cabin in search of respect, a wealthy husband, and a better life in this fictionalized biopic of Margaret 'Molly' Brown, who survived the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic."

Monday Matinee: *Marty Supreme*

August 24, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 2h 29m

"Marty Mauser, a young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness."

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

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

In-person Career Services

Tuesdays, 4–8PM | Main Library, Group Study Room

Drop-ins welcome. One-hour appointments by request. Email elawrence@minlib.net to schedule yours.

Writing Together on Wednesdays

August 5 & 19, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Board Game Night

August 13, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

August 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

August 24, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Mah Jongg

August 26, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

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

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

Recipe Readers Cookbook Group is on hiatus this August, returning in September.

SUPPORTERS

Happy Summer from the Friends

The Friends of Framingham Library monthly book sale returns on Saturday, September 19. We look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, stop by the Friends Book Store at the Main Library and the McAuliffe Branch Library book cases to find some great bargains. Recently published novels are only \$3!

Become a Friend

The Friends membership year is now running on a calendar year. [Join or renew now](#) and your membership is good through December 31, 2027. Joining the Friends helps us help the Library. We welcome any and all levels of participation.

DID YOU KNOW

Summer Reading 2026: Plant a Seed, Read!

Summer Reading 2026 is underway. Have you registered yet? You can do so in person at either library or [online anytime](#).

For each book or audiobook you complete, fill out a prize form to enter for a chance to win a Summer Reading raffle prize! Entries are accepted through Friday, September 4.

We'll draw the raffle prize winners after Labor Day weekend and will notify winners by phone or email.

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Volunteer Information Session

August 18, 6PM | Zoom

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

To read more about our program and register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Richard Scordato: Perfect City Prints

August 1–31 | Main Library

Stop by the Main Library to see works by local photographer Richard Scordato of [Perfect City Prints](#). View stunning images of many of the world's iconic destinations—Boston and beyond—throughout the month of August.



Congratulations to Framingham Parks & Recreation—winner of the Community Choice Award from the Environmental Business Council of New England!

The City of Framingham is proud to share that the Walnut Street Neighborhood Flood Mitigation Project received the Community Choice Award from the Environmental Business Council of New England. This project was also honored with the 2026 Stormy Award for Stormwater Management/Green Infrastructure from the New England Stormwater Collaborative.

The Walnut Street Neighborhood Flood Mitigation Project pathway is officially open for public use with ribbon cutting details coming soon. This climate resilience project restored wetland, stream channel, and streambank areas.

These changes help reduce flooding, improve brook capacity, enhance habitat, and replace the former “school path” with an ADA-accessible elevated boardwalk.

To learn more, view project updates, see photos and videos showing the progress and transformation of the site, visit the [Walnut Street Neighborhood Flood Mitigation Project](#).