City Annual Tree Lighting
December 1, 5PM
Join our Bookmobile and the rest of Framingham for this year’s annual tree lighting on Friday, December 1 from 5–7:30PM at City Hall Plaza, 150 Concord Street.

Homework Center Tutors Wanted!
Earlier this fall, the Homework Center reopened in its new location—the Technology Learning Center at the Main Library.

Students K–12 can stop by Monday–Thursday from 3–6PM for free tutoring help and snacks. But we need your help!

Become a tutor and help a student find success in school and after school!

What do you get as a tutor? You make a difference in your community. But you also gain leadership, tutoring, and mentorship skills.

Who can tutor? Adults and teens, including students in grades 9–12, can really make a difference.

Ready to become a tutor? Contact Dawn Dellasanta at ddellasanta@minlib.net or call 508-532-5570 x4640.

The Heist: Has Anyone Seen $500 million in Art Lying Around Boston?
With Bob Ainsworth
December 6, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
You’re familiar with the Gardner Heist committed more than 30 years ago and still unsolved. Now come learn actual details of the theft, the suspects, and the trail of the paintings afterward from local author Bob Ainsworth.

All Ages Talent Show
December 11, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Show us your skills! Join us to show off your most impressive talent. All ages and skills are welcome! Or, stop by to see all of these amazing talents! Space is limited. Register your talent at bit.ly/FPL-Talent.

Happy Birth-Tay!
December 13, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch
Calling all Swifties! Join us for a fun and fabulous Birth-Tay Extravaganza! Come dressed in your Eras Tour best to make and trade friendship bracelets, decorate Polaroids, and try your luck at ‘Bejeweled’ Bingo. Snacks will be provided. All ages welcome!
Lunchtime Learning Series: Downtown Framingham
December 1, 12PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Let's take a deep dive into the central business district that makes up our beautiful city.

It’s Your Story - Tell It!
December 2, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join master storyteller, Rona Leventhal, in this adult, 2-hour workshop to find and grow the seeds of your story.

Author Talk: “Emma Redux” by Dr. Helen Heineman
December 4, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join Dr. Helen Heineman as she discusses her recently-published new novel! Signed books available for sale.

Victorian: Yuletide Cards
December 6, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Create your very own Victorian Yuletide card to hang in your living room or send out to friends and family. Drop-ins welcome!

Friday Night Film: The Last Laugh with pianist Richard Hughes
December 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Join Richard Hughes as he provides a musical score to F. W. Murnau’s classic silent film The Last Laugh.

Spark Lab Satellite: Sewing Gift Bags
December 7, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Learn how to make a reusable gift bag. All materials provided for you. Registration required at tinyurl.com/SatelliteSewing. Ages 15+.

Sustainability Series: Bicycling in Framingham
December 14, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Join FPL and the Framingham Sustainability Committee, turning Framingham into a major biking hub. Bring your questions and hear plans for the city!

Resume Help Workshop
December 16, 10AM–3PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center
Get assistance building the perfect resume or finding the right job with Ed Lawrence. Registration required at bit.ly/fpl-resume.

A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading with Helen Heineman
December 18, 7PM | Online via Zoom
Join Dr. Helen Heineman for this annual holiday tradition. Hear a dramatized reading of this version, accompanied by a slideshow of over 250 illustrations! Register at bit.ly/FPL-Events.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Winter Votive Holders
December 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join the Craft Ladies for an Adult craft night and create a Mason jar votive holder, decorated for winter. Supplies and space are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/FPL-votives.

Literacy Unlimited
Join our volunteer community! We help adult learners interested in improving their spoken English or reading ability. The next new tutor info session is on January 4 at 1PM in the Costin Room. This month, help us reach our Annual Appeal goal. Donate online at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/appeal.

Visit our student recognition event on December 12 at 6PM in the Costin Room. Learn more at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/news-a.

Contact us at 508-532-5574 or via email at fplmail4@minlib.net.
BOOK CLUBS

Club de Lectores
*El juego del ángel* de Carlos Ruiz Zafón, pgs. 1–336
4 de diciembre, 8PM | Zoom | Regístrate: bit.ly/FPL-Events.

Main Library Adult Book Club
*The Woman with the Cure* by Lynn Cullen
December 5, 7PM | Zoom | Register here.

McAuliffe Evening Book Club
*Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin
December 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | Register here.

Science Fiction Book Club
*Sleeping Giants* by Sylvania Neuval
December 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | Register here.

McAuliffe Morning Book Club
No Homework Book Club (Open discussion of any book you choose!)
December 14, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

FILMS

**Friday Night Film:** *The Last Laugh* with Richard Hughes
NR, 1924, 1h 30m
December 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

**McAuliffe Matinee:** *Home Alone*
PG, 1990, 1h 43m
December 13, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

**Monday Matinee:** *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*
PG-13, 2023, 2h 22m
December 18, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

**McAuliffe Animatinee:** *Nightmare Before Christmas*
PG, 1993, 1h 16m
December 19, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

**McAuliffe Matinee:** *Sleepless in Seattle*
PG, 1993, 1h 45m
December 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

**Musicals at McAuliffe:** *White Christmas*
NR, 1954, 2hr
December 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING:
The Early 20th Century: The Birth of the Modern World

Join us for an integrated study of political history, art, and literature during the early twentieth century, a time when the United States takes the stage, as the British Empire begins to lose its dominance in global affairs.

Online registration for the 2024 John L. Heineman Intersession opens on December 4 at 11AM. Online courses run January 5, 12, 19, and 26.

For more information, visit the [Adventures in Lifelong Learning page](#) on the Framingham State University website.
ON GOING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build
Every Wednesday, 2:30PM | 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: 3D Modeling
December 4, 11, & 18 | 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
New weekly drop-in program! Come once to test out that month’s activity, or come every week to work on a big project!

Girls Who Code
December 4 & 18, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
Learn to code with hands-on projects and self-guided tutorials. Aimed at girls, non-binary students, and any student who supports the Girls Who Code mission. Registration required. Enter code MA51696.

Early Release Day: Nail Art
December 7, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch
It’s an early release day, so join us at the McAuliffe Branch to learn nail art! We’ll have some nail polishes available, but feel free to bring your own!

No-Sew Gnomes
December 12, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
December 14, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
These were such a hit last year, that they’re making a comeback! Join us to make your own decorative gnome with no sewing required.

Zine Club
December 16, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12
Come learn about the history of zines and create your own!

Video Game Hangout
December 21, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6-12
Play video games and eat snacks!

SUPPORTERS

FPL Foundation news
Wouldn’t it be nice to relax at the Main Library over a magazine or book? The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create a Third Space, 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.

We need your help! To donate, go to framilibraryfoundation.org or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

Order your Amaryllis and Paperwhites by December 15
To see what’s on offer and to place your order, go to FriendsoftheFraminghamLibrary.fpfundraising.com.

Tag Sale at Friends Book Sale, December 16, 10AM–3PM
Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM. Friends Bookstore and lobby books may be purchased from 9AM onward.

Join the Friends
Many thanks to our Renewing Corporate Members: Charlene Frary Realtor, Market Basket, Megan H. Sullivan, Esq., Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Haney & Tenney, LLP, Murphy’s Automotive, and Shillman House Residents’ Association. And we are grateful to our new corporate members: Coldwell Banker Realty Natick/Framingham & Periodontal Associates.

It’s always the right time to join the Friends. Join or renew now!
Mother Goose on the Loose  
Mondays, January 8–March 11, 5:30PM | Children's Room | Ages 0–2
Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book in 30 minutes filled with fun, learning, and bonding for you and your baby! **Registration begins December 4**—space is limited.

Baby Fitness  
December 2, 9:30AM | Costin Room | Ages 0-3
Join Jessica from Emotions in Motion for a workout with you and your baby! Best suited for pre-walkers and all fitness levels are encouraged. Please bring a mat.

DIY Catnip Toys  
December 6, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages
Make one, Give one! Make your own catnip toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

Fuse Bead Ornaments  
December 9, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+
Use fuse beads to make an ornament, gift, or keychain!

Finger Painting Fun!  
December 12, 9:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Have some fun finger painting! Be sure to wear an old shirt.

Lego Build  
December 13 & 18, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation based on each month’s theme.

Winter Solstice Craft  
December 21, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | All ages
Come make some Pine Cone Bird Feeders to celebrate the Winter Solstice! These feeders help birds in your backyard find food during the winter. This program is peanut butter free.

Polar Bear Handprints  
December 22, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Join us in making our handprints into a wintry Polar Bear scene!

Winter Vacation Movie: Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (2023)  
December 26, 11AM | Costin Room | All ages
A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined. Run time 92 min., Rated PG. Closed captions provided.

Pony Bead Animal Keychains  
December 26, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Create a keychain animal using Pony Beads.

Toto the Tornado Kitten  
December 27, 11:30AM | Costin Room | All Ages
The remarkable story of a kitten who changed a town. Join Toto for a reading of their picture book, ask questions, and meet Toto!

Kids’ Paint Afternoon  
December 29, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+
Hang out and paint a winter snowman scene. Juice and snacks provided! **Registration required**; space is limited.
MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN’S SPECIAL EVENTS

**Neuroscience Magic Show**
December 2, 11AM | Community Room | Ages 8+
Join us as Sabrina Welch shares her knowledge on brain function using magic tricks to illustrate neuroscience concepts!

**OUT MetroWest String Art**
December 3, 1PM | Community Room | All ages
In Partnership with OUT METROWEST - Join us in creating beautiful pieces of string art.

**Early Release Movie: Detective Pikachu**
December 7, 1:30PM | Community Room
In a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu who seeks to be a detective. Runtime: 104m; Rated PG; Closed Captions Provided.

**Studio Ghibli Movie & Craft: Whisper of the Heart**
December 12, 3:30PM | Community & Craft Rooms
Runtime; 111m Rated; G. Closed Captions Provided.
Shizuku, an inquisitive young girl and a voracious reader, who longs to be a writer when she grows up. One day she notices that all of her library books have previously been taken out by one Seiji Amasawa. Amid chasing after a large cat, befriending an eccentric antiques dealer and writing her first novel, Shizuku aims to find this mysterious boy who may well be her soul mate.

**Pokemon™ Trivia: Who’s That Pokemon?™**
December 16, 10AM | Community Room | All ages
Test your Pokemon™ knowledge by guessing who the Pokemon™ is based on their silhouette!

TWEEN EVENTS

**DIY Catnip Toys**
December 6, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages
Make one, Give one! Make your own catnip toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

**Metal Stamping Workshop**
December 14, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 5–8
Learn to metal stamp and create jewelry to take home. Space and materials are limited.

**Garageband Beats**
December 28, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8
Come and learn how to use Garageband to create unique music. Registration required if you would like to borrow an iPad. To sign up to borrow an iPad, go to tinyurl.com/DecGarageband23.
ONGOING EVENTS

**Weekly Storytimes for ages 3-5**
Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room
Thursdays, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room
Drop in every week for age appropriate stories and craft with your favorite Children's Librarian.

**Baby Storytime for ages 0-2 and their caregivers**
Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Fridays, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

**Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs**
December 2, 11:30AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Arden)
December 4, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)
December 16, 10AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)
December 16, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)
December 20, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)
December 27, 4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)
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.

**Winter Cookie Reading Club Ages 0-12**
December 1 - February 24 | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room
For every book you read, fill out a “cookie” and fill up the glasses of milk in the Children's Rooms! Sign up anytime during December 1–February 24th, and we’ll have a cookies and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

**Kids’ Chess Club**
1st Tuesday of every month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center
2nd Tuesday of every month, 5pm | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! For Elementary and Middle School Students.

**Kids Yarn Social Hour**
December 28, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

SENSORY SERIES

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

**Shaving Cream Art for ages 2–4**
December 9, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

**Calm Down Jars for ages 2–4**
December 13, 6:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE EVENTS

**Play, Learn, & Grow Together**
Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30AM | Sign up here!

**Let’s Go to Kindergarten (Bilingual)**
Wednesdays, 3PM and Thursdays, 11AM | Sign up here!

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