

## MAIN LIBRARY 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Preserve the Past, Celebrate the Present, & Protect the Future

December 17, 6PM | Main Library

Celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Main Library. Join us for a short ceremony, historical displays, and refreshments!



### Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

December 1–31 | McAuliffe Branch

Show off your wintry decorating skills! We provide the card stock base\*, you decorate it, then bring it back to display during the voting period. (\*Houses are card stock, not gingerbread.)

Registration opens at 9AM on December 1. Come to a drop-in decorating session on Sunday, December 8 from 1–4PM.

December 20 is the last day to return your house to McAuliffe to be included in the contest. Voting period is December 21 to 31.



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### DIY Ugly Sweaters

December 12, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Get ready for those holiday parties with a custom “ugly sweater.” Bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt of your choice. We supply the crazy decorations! All ages welcome.



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### Friday Night Silent Film with Pianist Richard Hughes: *Our Hospitality*

December 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | NR, 1923, 1h 13m

Join Richard Hughes for a slap-stick comedy favorite, starring Buster Keaton in the action-filled, slightly romantic, hilariously comical film *Our Hospitality*. Keaton’s sight gags and chase scenes are over the top and still funny to watch after 100 years!

### A Reading of Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*

December 19, 7PM | Online via Zoom

Join us online for this annual holiday tradition! Hear Dr. Helen Heineman perform a dramatized reading of Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, accompanied by a slideshow of over 200 original illustrations. [Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch close at noon on December 24 and remain closed on December 25 for the Christmas holiday. Both libraries close at 5PM on December 31 and remain closed on January 1 for New Year’s Day.

#### Main Library

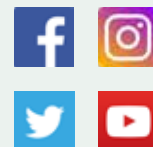
49 Lexington Street  
508.532.5570  
Monday–Thursday 9–9  
Friday–Saturday 9–5  
Sunday 1–5

#### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street  
508.532.5636  
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9  
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5  
Sunday 12–4

Sign up for email updates of Library news and events at [framinghamlibrary.org](http://framinghamlibrary.org)!

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





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### Virtual Reality Experience: Eternal Notre Dame

December 3 & 4, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Explore Notre Dame de Paris through the centuries and discover the history of this famous cathedral in virtual reality. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).



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### Lifelong Learning Lecture: Dostoevsky and Education through Punishment

December 5, 7PM | Online via Zoom  
Explore the profound themes of moral growth, guilt, and redemption in Dostoevsky’s works. To receive the Zoom link, join our mailing list at [bit.ly/Lifelong-Learning-Lectures](http://bit.ly/Lifelong-Learning-Lectures).



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### Framingham’s 33rd Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Block Party

December 6, 5–7:30PM | Memorial Building Plaza  
Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and holiday music! Visit the bookmobile for free books and green screen photos. Take a storywalk and get a special visit from the Yeti. For more information, visit [framinghamma.gov/treelighting](http://framinghamma.gov/treelighting).



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### Adult Paint Night

December 9, 6:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Join instructor Ashwini Chitnavis as she joyfully leads this adult-only paint night! No experience necessary; supplies and instruction provided. Limited to 20 participants. [Registration required](#).



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### Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: John Ferguson

December 15, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Join us for another Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring Boston-area pianist and composer John Ferguson. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

### Spark Lab Satellite: Solstice Book Trees

December 17, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Create beautiful book trees to adorn your home. All materials provided, so come ready to craft! Supplies and space are limited.

### McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Tissue Paper Stained Glass Art

December 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Join the Craft Ladies for an Adult Crafting night, making “stained glass” art with black card stock and pieces of colored tissue paper. Space and supplies are limited. [Registration required](#).

### Bachata: Learn & Dance

December 28, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Learn Bachata at the library! Beginner-friendly and inclusive. No partner necessary. Everyone is welcome! There will be a lesson followed by a social dance party.

## Literacy Unlimited

### Tutor Information Session

December 4, 5PM | Main Library, Costin Room and online via Zoom

Learn about our free tutor training course and discover how to promote language and literacy skills for adults in the Framingham community and beyond.

No prior teaching experience or foreign language skills required. Learn more and register for the Information Session at [framinghamlibrary.org/literacy](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy).

## Adventures in Lifelong Learning

### The Age of Uncertainty: Toward the Modern World and the Forces that Shaped the Millennium

January 10, 17, 24, and 31 | Zoom only  
Registration for John L. Heineman Intersession 2025 opens on December 2 at 11AM. If you have any questions, email [lifelonglearning@framingham.edu](mailto:lifelonglearning@framingham.edu) or call 508.215.5127.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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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 for hybrid discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

### **Main Library Book Discussion: *Long Island* by Colm Tóibín**

December 3, 7PM | Zoom only | [Join mailing list.](#)

*\*January 7: The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel*

\* Beginning in January, the Main Library Book Discussion will be hybrid, meeting in person at the Main Library and online via Zoom.

### **McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): Book swap!**

December 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

Join us for a book swap and exchange gently used books for new literary treasures!

*January 14: Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson*

### **Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The White Mountains* by John Christopher**

December 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

*January 15: Cascade Failure by L. M. Sagas*

### **McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia P. Manansala**

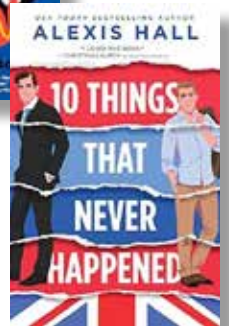
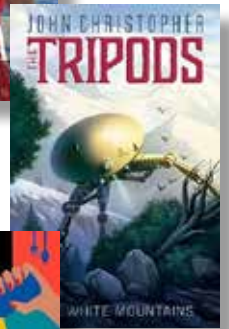
December 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

*January 16: The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin*

### **Queer Reads Book Discussion: *10 Things That Never Happened* by Alexis Hall**

December 19, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

*January 21: We Could Be So Good by Cat Sebastian*



## FILMS

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### **McAuliffe Matinee: *Jack Frost***

December 11, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 1998, 1h 41m

"A father who can't keep his promises is killed in a car accident. One year later, he returns as a snowman who has the final chance to put things right with his son before he is gone forever."

### **McAuliffe Matinee: *Miracle***

December 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2004, 2h 15m

"The true story of Herb Brooks, the player-turned-coach who led the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team to victory over the seemingly invincible Soviet squad."

### **Musicals at McAuliffe: *Holiday Inn***

December 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | NR, 1942, 1h 40m

"At an inn which is open only on holidays, a crooner and a hooper vie for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer."

### **Monday Matinee: *The Muppet Christmas Carol***

December 23, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG, 1992, 1h 25m

"Scrooge, an old miser who dislikes Christmas, is visited by spirits who foretell his future and share secrets from his past and present, which helps change his view on life."

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Tone & Stretch

\*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

*\*No class December 23 & 30*

### Stretch & Relax

\*Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

*\*No class December 25 & January 1*

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

December 4 & 18, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Bring your writing tools and join us as we build a local community of writers.

### One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule an appointment.

### Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

December 11, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

### Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

December 19, 10AM | Online via Zoom

Enjoy a half-hour meditation session with Leslie Gabriele. [Join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders.

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

December 20, 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

December 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Tuesdays, 1–3PM | 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

### Maker Mondays: Gnomes!

December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Join us to make your own decorative gnome with no sewing required (unless you want to). Come one week to make something simple, or come back several weeks in a row to make an elaborate masterpiece!

### Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

December 5, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

December 19, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts & crafts. On the first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

### Video Game Hangout

December 6, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks!

### DIY Pet Toys

December 7, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

Make one, give one! Make your own cat or dog toys and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

### Early Release Day Movie:

#### Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

December 12, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

We watched the original in September, so it makes sense to watch the new one now! Join us for popcorn and a movie.

### DIY Ugly Sweaters

December 12, 6–8 PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

Be ready for those holiday parties with a custom “ugly sweater.” You bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt of your choice; we supply the crazy decorations.

## Let's Make Gnomes

December 17, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 6–12

McAuliffe teens want gnomes too! Join us to make your own with no sewing required.

## SUPPORTERS

### Gathering Space in Main Library

The Framingham Libraries are gathering places for the community—Third Places that are not home, school, or work. Help us create a gathering place in the Main Library outfitted with comfortable seating, workspaces, and digital connectivity. For information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com).

To donate, go to [framlibfoundation.org](http://framlibfoundation.org) or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

### Postponed: Mini golf fundraiser

The Framingham Public Library Foundation's Mini Golf Event has been postponed until spring 2025. Stay tuned for more information!

### Friends Monthly Book Sale

December 21, 10AM–3PM | Main Library  
Mark your calendar for this month's sale. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM.

Check out our Tag Sale for last minute gifts. We'll also feature holiday cookbooks and holiday books for children.

### Season of Giving

Please consider an end-of-year donation to the Friends. Your donation helps a family enjoy a day at the Museum of Science or Children's Museum. Films and concerts are also free to all. These are just some ways the Friends support our Library and our community.

Consider joining and/or making a donation. Together we can make a difference. Go to [bit.ly/Join-FPL-Friends](http://bit.ly/Join-FPL-Friends) to join or renew today!

# MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

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## DIY Pet Toys

December 7, 2PM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Make one, give one! Make your own pet toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

## Paper Mosaics

December 11, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 7+

Bring small pieces of paper together to create a delightful mosaic.



## DIY Ugly Sweaters

December 12, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Be ready for those holiday parties with a custom “ugly sweater”. You bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt of your choice; we supply the crazy decorations. Adults, teens, and kids are welcome.

## Mass Ballet & Unicorns Presents: The Nutcracker Dance Storytime

December 14, 3:30PM | Costin Room | Ages 1+

Join Maggie Crowley from Mass Ballet as she shares a story woven together with movement activities and music.

## LEGO Build

December 16, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation each month, using our spinning wheel of ideas or your imagination!

## 45th Anniversary Framingham Public Library Storytime

December 17, 11AM | J Program Room | All ages

Join us for a special storytime through the decades, celebrating the Framingham Public Library's 45th anniversary with special guest readers.

## Toddler Stamping

December 18, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Practice stamping with the Library's assortment of rubber stamps and ink pads.

## Winter Bingo

December 23, 2:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Come play bingo and win prizes!

## Fairytale Engineering

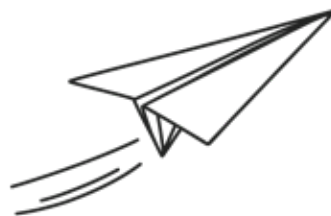
December 26, 1PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Drop in throughout the afternoon for hands-on engineering challenges with everyday materials. 1–2PM: Build a bridge (to help “The 3 Billy Goats Gruff”); 2:30–3:30PM: Build a tower for Rapunzel (or a way for her to get down); 4–5PM: Make a duct tape boat to sail in a castle moat.

## Paper Airplane Making

December 27, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Create your own paper airplane using pre-made templates.



## Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes

December 30, 5PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

These beautiful beaded snowflakes are one of a kind. Make your own to have a forever winter wonderland!

## Noon Year's Eve Celebration

December 31, 10AM-12PM | All ages

Welcome in the New Year at noon! Perfect for kids and those who won't stay up till midnight! Make crafts, dress up, and get ready for a balloon countdown drop at noon! We will also have sensory friendly options!



## WINTER COOKIE READING CLUB

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December 1–February 22 | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room | Ages 0–12

For every book you read, fill out a “cookie” and fill up the glasses of milk in the Children's Rooms! Sign up anytime from December 1 to February 21.

On February 22, come party with us! We'll have cookies and hot cocoa along with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

## MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

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### Open Color

December 4, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

### Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes

December 6, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

These beautiful beaded snowflakes are one of a kind. Make your own to have a forever winter wonderland!

### DIY Pet Toys

December 14, 9:30AM-3PM | Community Room | All ages

Make one, give one! Make your own pet toy and then make more for us to donate to local shelters!

### Toddler Craft: Snowman Name Tags

December 18, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Make your own name tags that look like snowmen!

### Winter Solstice Craft

December 21, 11AM | Craft Room | All ages

Come make some pine cone bird feeders to celebrate the Winter Solstice! These feeders help birds that live in your backyard find food during the winter. This program is peanut butter-free.

### LEGO Build

December 26, 3PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

### Snowman Crafts

December 28, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Do you want to build a (cotton ball) snowman? Or perhaps see one melt away? Make one or both for this winter wonderland craft!

## TWEEN EVENTS

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### Kids' Chess Club

December 4, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

December 17, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided—or bring your own! Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

### Satellite Spark Lab: Snowstorm in a Jar

December 13, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 4–8

Join us for a fun winter science experiment as we make a snow storm in a jar! Learn what causes different types of chemical reactions.

### DIY Snow Globes

December 27, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 8+

Kick back this winter break and make your own themed snow globes! With glitter, figurines, and a ton of imagination, you're bound to have fun making and shaking these snow globes.

### Kids Yarn Social Hour

December 19, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

### Fuse Bead Social

December 28, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.



December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 	3 	4 Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe Kids Chess Club 5PM @ Main	5	6 Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	7 DIY Pet Toys 2pm @ Main
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15 	16 Lego Build 4pm @ Main	17 45th Anniversary Framingham Public Library Storytime 11am @ Main Kids Chess Club 5PM @ McAuliffe	18 Toddler Stamping 10:30am @ Main Snowman Name Tags 11am @ McAuliffe	19 Kids Yarn Social Hour 6pm @ Main	20 	21 Water Sensory Table 10:30am @ Main Winter Solstice Craft 11am @ McAuliffe
22 	23 Winter Bingo 2:30pm @ Main Snowman Sensory Bags 5:30pm @ McAuliffe	24	25 	26 Fairytale Engineering 1pm @ Main Lego Build 3pm @ McAuliffe	27 DIY Snow Globes 11am @ McAuliffe Paper Airplane Making 2pm @ Main	28 Snowman Crafts 11am @ McAuliffe Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main
29 	30 Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes 5pm @ Main	31 Noon Years Eve Celebration 10am @ Main	Weekly Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-11am Main: Thursdays, 10-11am		Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am	
			Winter Cookie Reading Club Sun. Dec. 1 - Sat. Feb. 22 @ Main and MCA Come track your reading during the winter months with paper cookies! Save the date for the Wrap Up Party on February 22nd.		Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs Sat. Dec. 7, 11AM @ McAuliffe (Duncan) Sat. Dec. 14, 11AM @ Main (Duncan) Wed. Dec. 18, 6PM @ Main (Duncan) Mon. Dec. 23, 1PM @ Main (Cosmo) Mon. Dec. 30, 4:30PM @ McAuliffe (Daisy)	

## Ongoing Events

### Weekly Storytime for Ages 3–5

Mondays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Thursdays at 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in every week for age-appropriate stories and a craft.

### Baby Storytime for Ages 0–2

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

### Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

December 7, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

December 14, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

December 18, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

December 23, 1PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Cosmo)

December 30, 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 register.

## Sensory Series

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your child explore.

### Shaving Cream Art (Ages 0–4)

December 11, 10:30AM | Main Library, Spark Lab

### Water Sensory Table (Ages 2–4)

December 21, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Fake Snow Play (Ages 0–4)

December 10, 11:15AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

### Snowman Sensory Bags (Ages 0–4)

December 23, 5:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

## Ongoing Early Childhood Alliance Events

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together

Tuesdays at 9:30AM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Let's Go to Kindergarten, Nap No More

Wednesdays at 1PM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together (Bilingual Spanish/English)

Thursdays at 11AM | [Sign up here!](#)