Framingham Reads Together
One community, one book.

Join us this April for Framingham Reads Together as we share *The Daughters Of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* by Catherine Grace Katz.

Learn the untold true story of Kathleen Harriman, daughter of U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Averell Harriman; Sarah Churchill, daughter of UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill; and President Franklin Roosevelt’s only daughter, Anna, during this crucial time in history.

These young women accompanied their legendary fathers to the 1945 Yalta Conference near the end of World War II. Through her extensive research, author Katz shares a behind-the-scenes look at an historic event told by those who had access and insight like few others.

Get your copy of the book now and stay tuned for program events soon to come—including a visit by the author!

Sugar Honey Iced Tea
February 13, 7PM | Main Library & YouTube Live
Dive into a poetic tapestry of queer experiences this Black History Month with poet Michael Brown! Journey through the verses of queer male poets of color and discuss themes of gender, sexuality, and race. Then craft ‘Where I am From’ poems.

National Comfy Day at McAuliffe Branch
February 20 | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Café
Don your comfiest attire (pjs welcome) and come curl up by our (artificial) fireplace! Sip a hot drink and have a snack while reading a book, doing a puzzle, crafting, or enjoying other relaxing activities. All day, all ages, and BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket!)

Genealogy Research Workshop
February 24, 2PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center
Explore your family history! Learn how to start your search and how to avoid common pitfalls. Participants learn about FPL resources and receive additional research assistance. Registration encouraged at https://forms.gle/r3otJXCNt3n7Eo5o6

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19 for President’s Day.
Lifelong Learning Lecture: What Get Back Gets Wrong
February 1, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Join NPR rock critic and Beatles author, Tim Riley, for a deep dive into Peter Jackson’s Get Back series, which uses archived footage from the Beatles Let It Be rehearsals in January of 1970.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Echo Bridge Cello (rescheduled)
February 4, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert! No registration required! Come in person or stream live on YouTube at youtube.com/FraminghamPublicLibrary.

Victorian Puzzle Purses
February 7, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Stop in to create your own Victorian puzzle purses to send messages to friends and family this Valentine’s Day. Drop in between 2–7PM.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Greater Worcester Opera
February 11, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert! No registration required! Come in person or stream live on YouTube at youtube.com/FraminghamPublicLibrary.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: The 2024 Presidential Election (so far)
February 20, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live
Join Dr. David Smailes as we discuss the direction of the 2024 presidential election as it has unfolded so far. What can we learn from previous presidential campaigns to understand where this year’s election may be heading?

Milk Jug Winter Seed Project
February 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Get a head start on next year’s garden! Bring a translucent gallon jug and sow some winter seeds with us. No gardening experience needed. All ages are welcome.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Mosaic Tile Coasters
February 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
Join the Craft Ladies to create a mosaic tile that can be displayed or used as a coaster or trivet. Supplies and space are limited. Register at http://tinyurl.com/FPL-mosaic.

Art Journal Jam
February 27, 6:30PM | 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. Registration required at bit.ly/FPL_Art_Workshop.

Library of Things Petting Zoo
February 9, 12PM | Main Library, Costin Room
February 28, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Go beyond books with our Library of Things collection! At our petting zoo, take a look at what we have in stock, and ask any questions you may have.

Literacy Unlimited
Preparation for U.S. Citizenship
February 21–May 1, 7–8:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Literacy Unlimited is offering an 11-week seminar to help students prepare for the Naturalization Interview for US Citizenship. Participants must speak English at the intermediate level or higher. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register, please call 508-532-5574 or email us at fplmail4@minlib.net.

In Partnership with FSU
Arthur Nolletti, Jr. Film Series: Till
February 21, 4:30PM | Dwight Performing Arts Center at FSU
Watch a free screening of Chinonye Chukwu’s Till (2h 10m) at FSU and stay for a post-screening panel led by Dr. Jeffrey Coleman, Vice-President & Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.
BOOK CLUBS

Main Library Adult Book Club
*Matrix* by Lauren Groff
February 6, 7PM | Zoom | Register here.

McAuliffe Evening Book Club
*Seek You* by Kristen Radtke
February 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | Register here.

Science Fiction Book Club
*Black Empire* by George Schuyler
February 14, 7PM | Zoom | Register here.

McAuliffe Morning Book Club
*Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
February 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | Register here.

FILMS

McAuliffe Animatinee: *Loving Vincent*
PG-13, 2017, 1h 34m
February 6, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Leap Year*
PG, 2010, 1h 40m
February 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Across the Universe*
PG-13, 2007, 2h 13m
February 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Harriet*
PG-13, 2019, 2h 5m
February 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

HOMEWORK CENTER TUTORS WANTED!

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.
**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Tone & Stretch**  
*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom*  
*No class February 19.*

**Advanced Poetry Workshop**  
Tuesdays, 7:30PM | Zoom  
This class welcomes serious, experienced poets. Registration required for new members.

**Stretch & Relax**  
Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom  

**Meditation with Leslie**  
February 15, 11AM | Zoom  

**One-on-One Resume Building**  
Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom  
Email career coach Ed Lawrence at [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule an appointment.

**Monthly Free Practice Interview Group**  
February 14, 3:30PM | Main Library, Children’s Program Room  
Drop in to our monthly practice interview group led Ed Lawrence.

**Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour**  
February 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 Swaps**  
February 14, 7PM | Main Library  
February 26, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

**Video Game Hangout**  
February 16, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6-12  
Play video games and eat snacks!

**Anime Club with Candy Sushi**  
February 24, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12  
Watch anime with some tasty Japanese snacks.

**Fudge for Valentine’s Day — Order by February 3**  
There’s still time to make your February sweeter with fudge from The Fudge Lady. The deadline to place your order is February 3 for pickup on February 9. For flavor options and how to place your order, visit the [Friends web page](http://www.friendsfram.org).

**Friends Book Sale on February 17**  
The four book sale areas at the Main Library are open from 10AM to 3PM. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM. Purchase books in the Friends Bookstore and Lobby from 9AM onward.

**Friends Memberships**  
Many thanks to our Renewing Corporate Member McCarthy, McKinney & Lawler Funeral Home & Cremation Services.  
It’s always the right time to join the Friends. [Join or renew now!](http://www.friendsfram.org)

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**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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

**Maker Mondays: Book folding**  
February 5, 12 & 26 | 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12  
Create your own piece of 3D art using only an old book and your bare hands.

**DIY Bath Bombs**  
February 10, 1PM | Main Library | Grades 9–12  
February 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 9–12  
It’s time to treat yourself, so we’re going to make bath bombs! Mix your own batch to take home with you and even learn a little chemistry when we teach you how to mix them so they explode in water.

**Girls Who Code**  
February 12 & 26, 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](http://framlibfoundation.org). Enter code MA51696.

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**SUPPORTERS**

**Third Space To Bring People Together**  
For many people, the Framingham Public Library is a “third space”—a place other than home or work/school where they can gather, build relationships, and exchange ideas.

The Main Library is planning a welcome center that features a central “living room” area with comfortable seating; plug-in furniture for devices; a new periodicals area; and for the first time a café area.

With your help, the Third Space will bring comfort, connection, and community to Framingham. 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.
MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN’S SPECIAL EVENTS

Harriet Tubman Lantern Sun Catcher Craft
February 5, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Learn about Harriet Tubman for Black History Month.

Mother Goose on the Loose
February 5, 12, & 26, 5:30PM | J Program Room | Ages 0-2
Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat! Registration closed.

Toddler Craft: Shake Painting
February 7, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Shake up some art with your toddler!

Paper Dragon Puppet
February 9, 3PM | Spark Lab | All ages
Celebrate the Year of the Dragon by creating your own accordion paper dragon puppet.

Lunar New Year Community Celebration
February 10, 11AM | Costin Room | All ages
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with activities, crafts, and performances by local students.

Clifford’s Birthday Storytime + Craft
February 13, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Celebrate Clifford the Big Red Dog’s™ birthday with a story and a craft.

Fizzy Heart Valentines
February 13, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 4+
Make a fizzy valentine by combining science, art, and love.

Lego Build
February 14, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation based on each month’s theme.

Hot Cocoa Jars
February 24, 1-3PM | J Program Room | All Ages
Make and take home your own hot cocoa jars!

MCAULIFFE’S CHILDREN’S SPECIAL EVENTS

Make Your Own Eclipse
February 3, 1PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Inspired by the works of Alma Woodsey Thomas, paint your own version of her final piece The Eclipse in celebration of Black History Month.

DIY Windsock Craft
February 5, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
With string, tissue paper, paint and imagination create your own windsock to hang in the wind!

Open Color
February 7, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All ages
Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Paper Dragon Puppet
February 9, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages
Celebrate the Year of the Dragon by creating your own accordion paper dragon puppet.

Valentines Craft
February 14, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All ages
Share the love by creating a Pair of Hearts to hang together.

Blow Painting Brain Cells
February 16, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All ages
In honor of Black History Month, we are creating Brain Cells in memory of Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, Framingham Native and known for his significant contributions to the study of Alzheimer’s disease during his career.

Toddler Craft: Butterfly Kite
February 21, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+
Create your own butterfly kite with shapes and mirroring images and learn cool facts about butterflies!

DIY Snow Globes
February 21, 2PM | Craft Room | Ages 8+
Kick back this February 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!

Lego Build
February 22, 4PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation based on each month’s theme.

Winter Cookie Reading Club Wrap-Up Party
February 24, 1-3PM | J Program Room
Join us for a cookies and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!
Author Talk: Amy Salinger
February 23, 10AM | Community Room | All Ages
Come meet local author Amy Salinger. Amy Salinger is an elementary school librarian. When she is not instilling a joy for reading and researching in her students, she enjoys reading both adult and juvenile fiction and nonfiction, writing nonfiction stories, traveling all over New England, and cooking for her family. Find out what inspired Amy Salinger to write a biography on one of America’s most famous beloved bakers.

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February 24, 1-3PM | Community Room
Join us for a cookie and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller Craft
February 29, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
In honor of Black History Month, we are creating our own sculptures in memory of Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller, Framingham Native and an African-American artist who participated in the Harlem Renaissance. With foam and a variety of supplies make a 3D piece that tells the story of you.

TWEEN EVENTS

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.

Candy Sushi
February 22, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room | Grades 4-12
Make sushi look-alikes out of rice krispies, gummies, and other candies!

Fuse Bead Social
February 10, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4-8
Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Kids Yarn Social Hour
February 29, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Storytimes Ages 2-5
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 Ages 0-2 and their caregivers
Tuesdays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove
Fridays 10:30AM | Main Library, Children’s Program Room
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs
February 3, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Daisy)
February 3, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)
February 17, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)
February 20, 1PM | McAuliffe, Craft Room (Duncan)
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.

SENSORY SERIES

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help with exploration.

Wooden Block Play Ages 1-4
February 15, 5:30PM | Main Library, Children’s Program Room

Taste Safe Water Bead Play Ages 1-4.
February 24, 10:30AM | 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, 1PM and Thursdays, 11AM | Sign up here!

Pathways For Parents: Special Education Edition
Check our website for upcoming Open House dates to learn more about this programming!
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**Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)**<br>McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am<br>Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am

**Movie: Clifford the Big Red Dog (2021)**<br>Wed. Jan. 21, 1pm @ Main