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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!

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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.

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!

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



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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.

FEB
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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.

FEB
20

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.

FEB
20

Lifelong Learning Lecture: The 2024 Presidential Election (so far)

February 20, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Join Dr. David Smalles 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.

FEB
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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

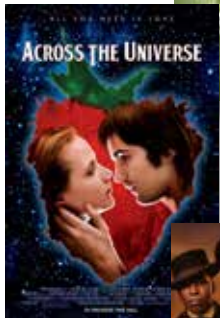
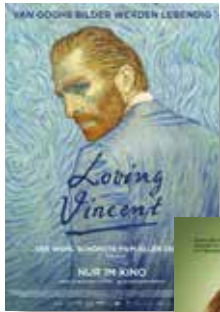
Black Empire by George Schuyler

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*

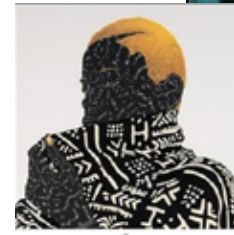
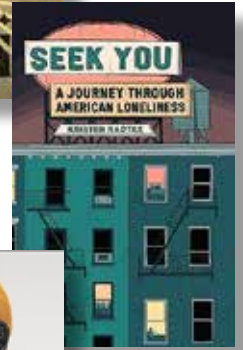
PG-13, 2007, 2h 13m

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

New members register at bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes.

**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

New members register at bit.ly/FPL-Exercise-Classes.

Meditation with Leslie

February 15, 11AM | Zoom

New members register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/FPL-Events.

One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at 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

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: 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](#). Enter code MA51696.

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.

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 or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.



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](#).

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!](#)

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.

Kente Cloth Paper Weaving

February 20, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Weave your own paper patterns inspired by Kente, a Ghanaian textile that embodies pride in the African diaspora.

Origami Fortune Cookies

February 21, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Create a paper fortune cookie!

Vacation Week Movie: Clifford the Big Red Dog (2021)

February 21, 1PM | Costin Room | PG, 97mins., CC

A young girl's love for a tiny puppy named Clifford makes the dog grow to an enormous size.

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!

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.

McAuliffe's Children's Special Events continued...

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.

Winter Cookie Reading Club Wrap-up Party

February 24, 1-3PM | Community Room

Join us for a cookies 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 programing!



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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