

## For the Library to be a place of welcome and belonging, what elements are important?

At the Framingham Library, we want all community members to feel safe, seen, and heard. One way in which we've done that is with the Teen Room at the Main Library. From the collection and resources to the design, we wanted this space to serve Framingham teens.

Our goal is to make our libraries inclusive and welcoming to all community members. To do that, we offer books in more than 18 languages. Our subscriptions include audiobooks, videos, and other online resources available any time from anywhere.

We've gone further by expanding our resources to include a little food pantry and social services.

With these efforts in mind, our long-range planning question this month is:

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Maybe it's as simple as clearer signage to help you find what you need.

Maybe it's offering different types of programs that interest you. Are there more in-person or online resources that you want from the Library?

Tell us how we can make our libraries more inviting and accessible. Stop by the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to complete a brief questionnaire or [submit your response online between February 1–28](#).

To learn more about the Library's Long-Range Plan, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp](http://framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp).



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## Lunar New Year Community Celebration

February 7, 11AM–4PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us in a community celebration of Lunar New Year with activities, crafts, performances, and more for all ages! For a full list of events, organizations present, and performance times, please see our website.

## Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Kaoruko Yoshida-Pilkington

February 8, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for the Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring jazz performer Kaoruko Yoshida-Pilkington. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

## Lifelong Learning Lecture: Revolutionary Routes: Henry Knox, Framingham, and the Winter Road to Victory

February 12, 7PM | Zoom

Join Framingham History Center Executive Director Anna Tucker as she revisits Colonel Henry Knox's route. Knox transported nearly 60 tons of captured artillery from Fort Ticonderoga to the Continental Army outside Boston, passing directly through Framingham. Explore the human and environmental challenges of the journey, the significance of the "Noble Train of Artillery" in the final push to force the British from Boston, and the ways this story has been remembered over generations.

Join our [Lifelong Learning mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link for this and all Lifelong Learning lectures.

### Main Library

49 Lexington St. • 508.532.5570  
Monday–Thursday: 9–9  
Friday–Saturday: 9–5  
Sunday: 1–5

### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water St. • 508.532.5636  
Monday–Thursday: 9:30–9  
Friday–Saturday: 9:30–5  
Sunday: 12–4

Find our newsletter archive online at [framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter](http://framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter).

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



## Groundhog Day—All Day on Groundhog Day

February 2, 11AM–5:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for back-to-back-to-back showings of the classic Bill Murray movie *Groundhog Day*. Enjoy some popcorn while reliving the hilarious antics of weatherman Phil Connors and the residents of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.



## Puzzle Race

### February 3, 6:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Do you have what it takes to be the fastest puzzlers in town? Join us for an action-packed evening where six teams (up to 5 people) go head-to-head to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. Whether you're a "border-first" strategist or a "color-sorting" pro, grab your friends and race against the clock for glory and prizes!

## Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

### February 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us on the 2nd Monday of every month 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. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please email [jwesten@minlib.net](mailto:jwesten@minlib.net) to register.

## Douglass Day

### February 14, 10AM–3PM | Main Library, TLC

Celebrate Douglass Day in honor of Frederick Douglass and his lasting legacy. This annual and nationwide event gathers individuals, schools, and organizations in collectively creating free and available resources for African American History. Join us as we host a transcribe-a-thon, where you can make history accessible by transcribing archival documents shared from the Library of Congress.

## Craft Ladies: Mini Succulent Terrariums

### February 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies to design a terrarium for the succulent of your choice from the plants provided. Space is limited. **Registration is required beginning February 1.**

## National Comfy Day!

### All day February 20 | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch

Come dressed in your coziest comfy clothes and curl up with a good book! Slippers, flannel, and PJs welcome! Snacks and warm beverages provided.

## Spark Lab Saturday: Pinecone Birdfeeders

### February 21, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Celebrate National Birdfeeding Month by making pinecone birdfeeders for our feathered friends! Drop in while supplies last! All ages are welcome.

## Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

### *Barefoot Contessa: How Easy Is That*

### February 21, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Each month, explore a new cookbook, try out new recipes at home, and come together to share your experience making the recipe. Whether you're a kitchen novice or a seasoned home chef, this group is a delicious way to discover new flavors and connect with fellow food lovers. Registration required. To register, email Robin at [rgrossman@minlib.net](mailto:rgrossman@minlib.net).

## Make It Tuesday: Eraser Stamps

### February 24, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Turn the ordinary into the extraordinary! Join us for a hands-on workshop where we upcycle rubber erasers into unique, reusable ink stamps. It's the perfect way to add a handmade touch to cards, journals, and scrapbooks. Supplies are limited.

## Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Revolutionary Legacy of the Free Press

### February 26, 7PM | Zoom

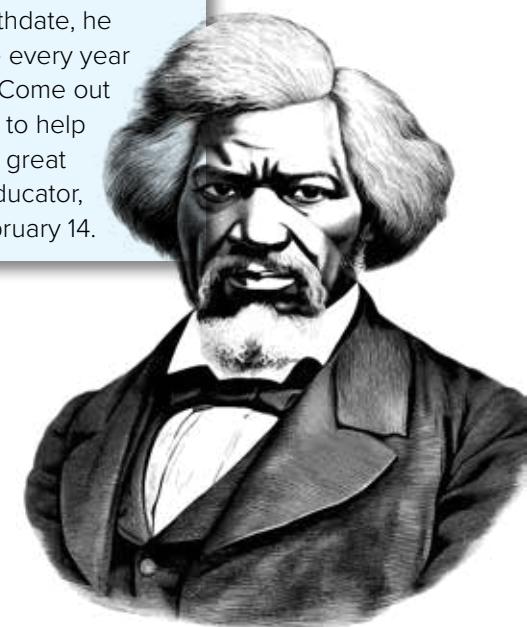
Since the ratification of the First Amendment, the Constitution has promised to safeguard "freedom of the press." The meaning of the phrase has changed significantly as news media has grown and expanded. Explore the origins of the "free press" in the American Revolution and how those principles can protect the press today. Join our [Lifelong Learning mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link for this and all Lifelong Learning lectures.

## Special Opera Screening: *Carmen* (1984, PG, 2h 32m)

### February 28, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come out to enjoy the film version of Georges Bizet's opera *Carmen*. "In 1820s Spain the soldier Don José falls in love with the fiery and charismatic factory worker Carmen. Conflicts and grievances multiply, however, as it becomes apparent their views on love and commitment are fundamentally incompatible."

According to the [Douglass Day website](#), "Although Douglass never knew his birthdate, he chose to celebrate every year on February 14th." Come out to the Main Library to help commemorate this great American writer, educator, and activist on February 14.



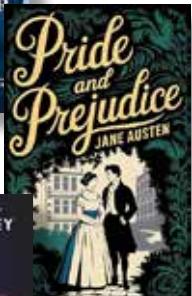
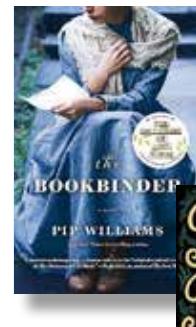
## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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.](#)

### Main Library Book Discussion: *The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams

February 3, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

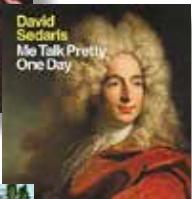
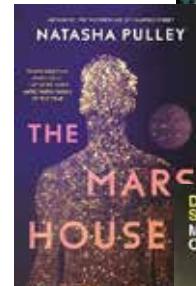
March 3: *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach



### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

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

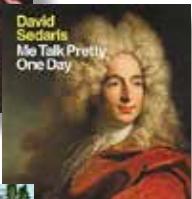
March 10: *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben



### Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Mars House* by Natasha Pulley

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

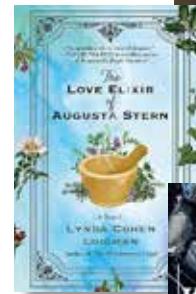
March 11: *City in the Middle of the Night* by Charlie Jane Anders



### Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

February 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

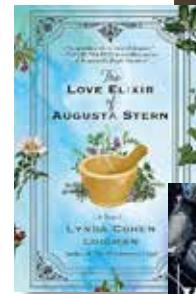
March 17: *Fable for the End of the World* by Ava Reid



### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman

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

March 19: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George



### Silent Reading Group with the Library Director

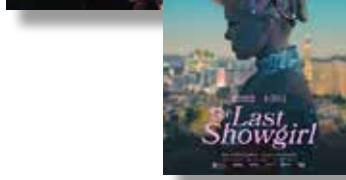
February 24, 7PM | Main Library

Introverts unite...quietly! Bring your favorite book, sip something cozy (refreshments provided), and read alongside your Library Director. No discussion required.

### Hot Takes: *The Knight and the Moth* by Rachel Gillig

February 25, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

March 25: *A Fate Inked in Blood* by Danielle L. Jensen



## FILMS

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Barefoot In the Park*

February 11, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1967, G, 1h 46m

“A pair of newlyweds—he, a stuffed-shirt lawyer, she, a free spirit—attempt to adapt to each other and life in a small Greenwich Village flat.”

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Arsenic and Old Lace*

February 18, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1944, NR, 1h 58m

“Mortimer Brewster, a Brooklyn writer of books on the futility of marriage, risks his reputation after he decides to tie the knot. Things grow complicated when he learns that his beloved maiden aunts Abby and Martha are serial murderers.”

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *Robin Hood: Men In Tights*

February 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1993, PG-13, 1h 44m

“When greedy Prince John seizes his family home, Robin Hood gathers his ragtag band of Merry Men to get revenge in Mel Brooks’ spoof of the classic tale.”

### Monday Matinee: *The Last Showgirl*

February 23, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2024, R, 1h 28m

“The Last Showgirl, a poignant film of resilience, rhinestones and feathers, stars Pamela Anderson as Shelly, a glamorous showgirl who must plan for her future when her show abruptly closes after a 30-year run.”

## 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 only

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

### Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

February 4 & 18, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Board Game Night

February 12, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Featured game: Love Letter

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

February 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

February 23, 10AM | Zoom

Join our [Meditation mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

February 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Mah Jongg

February 25, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program 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

## SUPPORTERS

### Framingham Public Library

#### Foundation Openings

The Framingham Public Library Foundation Board has openings for two new members—people who love libraries and have marketing and/or social media experience. Meetings are at 7PM on the 4th Monday of January, April, July, and October. For more information, call or email Ruth Winett at 508.877.1938 or [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com).

#### Treasures in the Attic:

#### A Friends Appraisal Event

February 26, 5–8PM | McAuliffe Branch

Back by popular demand...Tom Tomaszek, Antiques Dealer and Appraiser, again shares his expertise and assesses the value of your treasure. Visit the [Friends web page](#) for more information and to register.

#### Friends February Book Sale

February 21, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Fill a bag of books in the Bag Room (Costin Room) for only \$12 (half a bag for \$6). Check out the Friends Annex and the boxes of books in the lobby. These books are available only during the Saturday book sales. Friends members may enter the sale at 9:30AM.

#### Want to Join the Friends?

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Become a member today!](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

Want to trade in your old card for a new one? Stop by either library and donate a \$1 to the Friends of the Framingham Library or dog or cat food for a local shelter helping pets in need.

Choose from any of our design contest winners or get a card with our new logo. Design contest winning cards are limited edition. When they're gone, they're gone!

## LITERACY UNLIMITED

### Volunteer Information Session

February 5, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room or via Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Come to the Literacy Unlimited Information Session to learn about our free tutor training course. 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 learn more about our program and to register for the Information Session, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/volunteer](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/volunteer).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



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### Access Framingham TV (AFTV)

#### 20th Anniversary

February 21, 11AM–1PM | Access Framingham (4 Vernon Street)

We're celebrating Access Framingham's 20th Anniversary with a special Community Open House at AFTV Studios! Framingham Library is partnering with AFTV for this special event. Join us to go behind the scenes, see live demos, and celebrate two decades of Framingham stories!

**Tufts** Medical Center

*Cancer Center*

### Cancer talk with Framingham Health Department & Tufts Cancer Center

February 26 | Main Library, Costin Room

Save the date for an informative community discussion on cancer topics with the Framingham Health Department and Tufts Cancer Center. For more information, visit the [Framingham Health Department website](#).