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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 Dellasantia at ddellasantia@minlib.net or call 508-532-5570 x4640.



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Computer Basics & Web Browsing

January 13, 2PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center (TLC)

Become more familiar with using a computer and practice browsing the web. Learn internet navigation with popular web browsers and Google search techniques to become more comfortable accessing the web! Register at bit.ly/fpl-computer-basics.

Virtual Reality Tour: Anne Frank House

January 23–24, 2–7PM | January 26–27, 12–4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day to experience a virtual reality tour of the Anne Frank House. To reserve a 45-minute time block, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or register online at bit.ly/fpl-anne-frank.

Craft Supply Swap

January 31, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Do you have leftover supplies from holiday crafts? Would you like free supplies to try a new hobby? Bring your unused supplies and swap them for new ones!

We're getting a new catalog!

On February 5, 2024, FPL will launch our new and improved catalog system Aspen Discovery! See a preview of our new catalog at framinghamlibrary.org/aspen-catalog.

The new library catalog has features that you know and use and offers new features, including better browsing, search results, and list management.

Learn all about the new catalog at catalog.minlib.net/aspenwelcome.

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday. Both libraries are closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Main Library

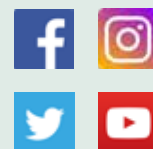
49 Lexington Street
508-532-5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

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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Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Echo Bridge Cello

January 7, 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.



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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Forest Bathing

January 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Get an introduction to shinrin-yoku or forest bathing with Dr. Kelly Ann Kolodny of FSU. Developed in Japan in the 1980s, this practice recognizes the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits that unfold from spending increased time in the natural world.



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McAuliffe Craft Ladies:

Vision Boards

January 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

New year, new you! Join the Craft Ladies to create a vision board of your goals and dreams for the future. Supplies and space are limited. Register at tinyurl.com/FPL-vision.



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Lifelong Learning Lecture: How the Supreme Court Helped Give Birth to Jazz

January 18, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Find out how unique facets of American history, including the post-Civil War Reconstruction era, minstrel shows, and the famous Plessy v. Ferguson case, provided the environment for jazz music to be born in New Orleans.



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Dungeons & Dragons Night

January 22, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Embark upon a journey of magical realms and boundless imagination. Guiding you on this quest is the master of worlds, our DM Jeff, whose enchanting storytelling shall weave the threads of magic. Space is limited. Registration required at bit.ly/mca-dd.

Art Journal Jam

January 23, 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.

Literacy Unlimited

Training For New Tutors

Coming In January!

January 4, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Volunteer your time to help an adult achieve their English learning goals. Join us for an information session at the Main Library on January 4. The next training session starts on January 18.

For more information, email us at fplmail4@minlib.net or call 508-532-5574.

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 courses for the John L. Heineman Intersession run January 5, 12, 19, and 26. Registration is open until January 2.

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

BOOK CLUBS

Main Library Adult Book Club

The Engagements by J. Courtney Sullivan

January 2, 7PM | Zoom | [Register here.](#)

McAuliffe Evening Book Club

The Library of the Unwritten by A. J. Hackwith

January 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)

Science Fiction Book Club

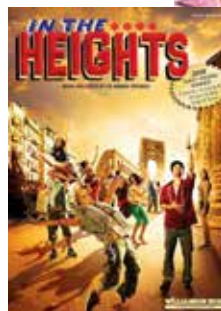
A Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers

January 10, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)

McAuliffe Morning Book Club

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

January 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

PG, 1977, 2h 18m

January 10, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Animatinee: *Charlotte*

NR, 2021, 1h 32m

January 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Cocoon*

PG-13, 1985, 1h 57m

January 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Friday Night Film: *Barbie*

PG-13, 2023, 1h 54m

January 26, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for a special Friday Night Film featuring the Barbie movie! Dress in your favorite Barbie outfit, enjoy snacks and drinks, and get your photo taken with Barbie! Doors open at 6:15 PM.

Musicals at McAuliffe: *In the Heights*

PG-13, 2021, 2h 23m

January 25, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

REMEMBERING THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER

January 28 marks 36 years since the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster that took the life of seven astronauts, including former Framingham native Christa McAuliffe.

We invite you to take a moment on Sunday, January 28 at 11:39AM to honor Christa McAuliffe and the Space Shuttle Challenger crew by observing a moment of silence. Christa's spirit of exploration and curiosity remains an inspiration to us all.



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

**No class January 1 and 15.*

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

January 18, 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

January 10, 3:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

January 19, 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

January 10, 7PM | Main Library

January 22, 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: Glass Etching

January 8, 22 & 29 | 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Create your own custom mugs, ornaments, coasters, and more by etching glass!

Video Game Hangout

January 12, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6-12

Play video games and eat snacks!

Will it Waffle for Midterms

January 16 & 18, 12PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 9–12

January 17 & 19, 12PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 9–12

It's midterms week, and you're probably all tired and hungry. Stop by the Library after you get out early (high school) or at the usual time (middle school) to make a waffly lunch. Could be pizza, could be cinnamon rolls. You don't know!

Anime Club with Candy Sushi

January 27, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Watch anime with some tasty Japanese snacks, and make some candy sushi while you're at it.

Girls Who Code

January 29, 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.

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.

Happy 2024 from the Friends

Thank you for your support throughout 2023! Whether you visited our Bookstore or Book Sales or made purchases during our fundraising events, we appreciate you and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Fudge & February—a Perfect Pairing

The Fudge Lady will be back just in time for Valentine's Day. Ordering information will be available on the Friends website on or around January 12.

Friends Book Sale

January 20, 10AM–3PM

Want a good read to wind down after a hectic holiday season? The Book Sale can help. Friends can have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM.

Many thanks to our Renewing Corporate Members

Boston Breast Diagnostic Center; Nelson Zide, ERA Key Realty Services; Optical View; & Roche Brothers.

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Join or renew now!](#)

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother Goose On The Loose

January 8, 22, & 29, 5:30PM | J Program Room | Ages 0-2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat! Register at bit.ly/fpl-mother-geese.

Cotton Ball Penguins

January 3, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Make Your Own Fluffy Penguin Out Of Cotton Balls And Paper!

Sparkling Icicle Craft

January 9, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

This fun icicle craft is a way for kids to explore and celebrate the winter season.

Lego Build

January 10, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

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

Watercolor Painting

January 12, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Drop in for this open watercolor painting. Imagination has no limit with art!



Book Art: Hedgehogs

January 17, 6PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Create a hedgehog out of recycled books by folding the pages and decorating it.

Winnie The Pooh Coloring & Crafts

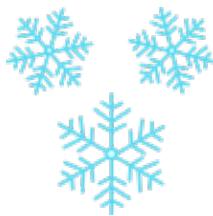
January 18, 11:30PM | Spark Lab | All ages

Celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day!

Decorate Your Own Snowflake

January 23, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

This is a fun way for kids to explore collage art while making a pretty winter craft.



DIY Scratch Art

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

Make your own scratch art paper and scratch your own colorful design!

MCAULIFFE'S CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

January 3, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

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



Space Shuttle Craft

January 5, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 6+

With construction paper, tissue paper, and cardboard rolls, create your very own space shuttle!

Arctic Animal Suncatcher

January 8, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 8+

Brighten up your space with an arctic animal suncatcher!

Toddler Craft: Name Rocket Ships

January 17, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Build a rocket ship out of the letters of your name that is out of this world!

Zine Club

January 18, 2:30PM | Community Room | Ages 10+

Come learn about the history of zines and create your own!

Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (2023)

January 20, 1PM | Community Room

Runtime: 100m; Rated: PG; CC Provided

After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers. Their new friend, April O'Neil, helps them take on a mysterious crime syndicate, but they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.



Lego Build

January 25, 4PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Planet Cookie Decorating

January 30, 3:45PM | Community Room | All ages

You don't need to visit the stars to enjoy these Planets. Decorate your own planet sugar cookies to enjoy!

Space Wreath

January 31, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All ages

From Mercury to Neptune (or Pluto if you're a believer) Decorate a wreath of planets and stars.

TWEEN EVENTS

After School Mug Cakes

January 25, 4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 3-8

Winter is here and it's a little chilly. So let's make a quick and easy chocolate mug cake to keep cozy.

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

January 25, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

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

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

January 6, 11AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Arden)

January 10, 4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

January 23, 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

December 1– February 24 | 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 December to February. On February 24th, we'll have a cookies and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

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SENSORY SERIES

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

Parachute Play

January 20, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room | Ages 0–4

Rainbow Balls

January 30, 5:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Ages 0–2

EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE EVENTS

Bilingual Music, Dance, & Storytime with Rejane de Musis

January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 3:30PM

Brazilian musician and storyteller Rejane de Musis shares her talents in our interactive parent child groups for the whole family to enjoy.

Play, Learn, & Grow Together


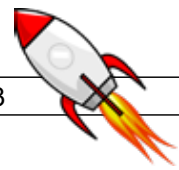




Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30AM | [Sign up here!](#)

Let's Go to Kindergarten (Bilingual)

Wednesdays, 3PM and Thursdays, 11AM | [Sign up here!](#)



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lego Build Wed. Jan. 10 4:30pm @ Main Thu. Jan. 25 4pm @ MCA	1 	2 Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ Main	3 Cotton Ball Penguins 10: 30am @ Main Open Color 3pm @ MCA	4	5 Space Shuttle Craft 3:45pm @ MCA	6 
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