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.

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.

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!

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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*

*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

**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

**Ongoing Events**

**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

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!

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!

Parents & Tots

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

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

SENSORY SERIES

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

**Parallel 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!
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