



Volunteer ESOL Class Leaders Needed

Do you have a background teaching English, a foreign language, or ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)? Literacy Unlimited is looking for volunteers to lead English conversation classes of 10–15 beginner-level ESOL students.

To learn more about this opportunity, email fplmail4@minlib.net, call 508.532.5574, or drop by our office on the top floor of the Main Library. The Literacy Unlimited office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.

Main Library Art Exhibit: “Games without Frontiers”

Framingham Resident Brian Roche, the artist responsible for the Library’s Heart Sculpture, mounts an exhibit, featuring his latest series of paintings. “Games Without Frontiers” includes wry takeoffs of familiar board games along with a curated selection of paintings and illustrations from past decades.

Come to the artist reception on Thursday, January 9 from 6–8PM at the Main Library, Costin Room.



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Saturday Matinee: *It Ends With Us*

January 4, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2024, PG-13, 2h 10m

When a woman’s first love suddenly reenters her life, her relationship with a charming, but abusive neurosurgeon is upended. She realizes she must learn to rely on her own strength to make an impossible choice for her future.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Kristopher Tong & Miki Sawada

January 5, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for this month’s Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring violinist Kristopher Tong and pianist Miki Sawada. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Virtual Reality Tour: The Anne Frank House

January 28–30, 2–7PM; January 31, 2–5PM; February 1, 12–5PM | 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 slot, please call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed on New Year’s Day, January 1. Both libraries are also closed on Sunday, January 19 and Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Main Library

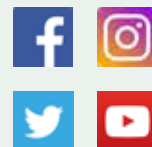
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508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

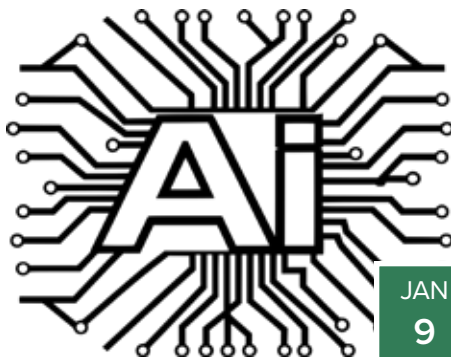
Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

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: AI is My Partner In Creativity

January 9, 7PM | Online via Zoom

There is a lot of potential for AI to help us in creative thinking. Let's explore some affordances and consider how critical thinking is a necessary ingredient for using AI as a partner in creativity. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.



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Bachata: Learn & Dance

January 11, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn Bachata at the library! Beginner-friendly and inclusive. No partner necessary. Everyone is welcome! There will be a lesson followed by a social dance party.



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McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Paper Heart 3D Wall Art

January 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies for an adult crafting night! Make 3D wall art on canvases with floral card stock and twine. Space and supplies are limited. [Registration is required](#) and opens on January 2.



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Art Journal Jam for Adults

January 21, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Bring your own art journal or sketchbook and prepare to get messy! Join us for this casual, unstructured session exploring the possibilities of art journals. No experience required. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. [Registration is required](#).



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Spark Lab: Handmade Journal Workshop

January 23, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

New year, new journal! Learn how to sew a simple, pamphlet-stitched journal, and then stay to decorate it. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required](#) and opens on January 2.

Spark Lab Satellite: Novel Greens: Felt Succulents in Book Planters

January 28, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Make felt succulents to plant in upcycled book planters. Create a beautiful, low-maintenance "garden" that's perfect for any space. All materials are provided. Supplies and space are limited. Grab your friends, bring your imagination, and let's turn old books into blooming works of art!

Literacy Unlimited

Tutor Information Session

January 6, 5PM | Main Library, Costin Room and online via Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Come to the Literacy Unlimited Information Session on Monday, January 6 to learn about our free tutor training course. Discover how you can help promote language and literacy skills for adults in the Framingham community and beyond. No prior teaching experience or foreign language skills required.

To learn more about our program and to register for this information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

Adventures in Lifelong Learning

The Age of Uncertainty: Toward the Modern World and the Forces that Shaped the Millennium

January 10, 17, 24, & 31 | Zoom only

Registration for John L. Heineman Intersession 2025 closes on January 6. Go to bit.ly/Adventures-FSU for more information and to register online.

If you have any questions, please email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or call 508.215.5127.

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 for online discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

Main Library Book Discussion: *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel

January 7, 7PM | Online via Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

February 4: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Cascade Failure* by L. M. Sagas

January 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

February 12: *The Psychology of Time Travel* by Kate Mascarenhas

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

January 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

February 11: *Shark Heart* by Emily Habeck

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin

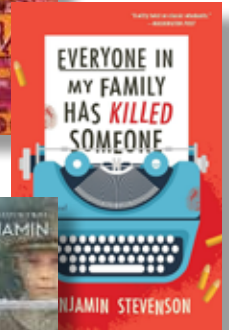
January 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

February 20: *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *We Could Be So Good* by Cat Sebastian

January 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

February 18: *Bury Your Gays* by Chuck Tingle



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McAuliffe Matinee: *The Time Traveler's Wife*

January 8, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2009, 1h 47m

"A librarian possesses a unique gene that lets him involuntarily travel through time. His wife, Claire Abshire, finds it difficult to cope with it."

McAuliffe Matinee: *An Affair to Remember*

January 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | NR, 1957, 1h 59m

"A couple falls in love and agrees to meet in six months at the Empire State Building—but will it happen?"

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

January 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | NR, 1954, 1h 42m

"When a backwoodsman in 1850s Oregon brings a wife home to his farm, his six brothers decide that they want to get married too."

Monday Matinee: *Twisters*

January 27, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 2024, 2h 2m

"Kate Carter, a retired tornado-chaser and meteorologist, is persuaded to return to Oklahoma to work with a new team and new technologies."

ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

**No class January 20*

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

New members [join our mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders.

One-on-One Career Services

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

January 8, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Writing Together on Wednesdays

January 15 & 29, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Bring your writing tools and join us as we build a local community of writers.

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

January 16, 10AM | Online via Zoom

Enjoy a half-hour meditation session with Leslie Gabriele. [Join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

January 17, 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 Swap

January 27, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 1–3PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Every Wednesday, work on a group build in creative mode. You must be accepted on the Minecraft server to participate. For more information, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

January 2, 6–7PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

January 16, 6–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts and crafts. On the first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Maker Mondays: Mug Cakes

January 6, 13 & 27, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Every Monday that we're open in January, stop by the Main Library after school to make a delicious mug cake!

Vision Boards

January 9, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Start the new year off right by making a vision board of your goals and dreams for the upcoming months.

Mug Cakes at McAuliffe

January 14, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

The Main Library shouldn't have all the fun! Meet at the McAuliffe Branch after school for a tasty mug cake treat.

Video Game Hangout

January 17, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks!

Early Release Day Craft: Fuse Beads

January 23, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Come make a relaxing pixel art craft.

Early Release Day Movie

January 30, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

It's an early release day, so we provide some movies and popcorn, and you can choose what we watch.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Thanks to the many people and organizations who have supported FPLF projects. February 2025 marks the 9th anniversary of the opening of the McAuliffe Branch Library, our first project and the first City building with solar panels. The FPLF's goal is to continue to support capital projects involving the two libraries and the bookmobile.

For more information about the FPLF, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com. To make a donation, go to www.fplf.org or send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

January 18, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Mark your calendar for this month's sale. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM.

Our Corporate Sponsors are the BEST

They include Boston Breast Diagnostic Center; Charlene Frary, Realty Executives; Dagher Wealth Management; Flaherty Plumbing and HVAC; Framingham Animal Hospital; Market Basket; McCarthy, McKinney & Lawler Funeral Home and Cremation Services; MetroWest Podiatry; Murphy's Automotive; Nelson Zide, ERA Key Realty Services; and Roche Bros.

Please thank them for their support when you visit their facilities or use their services.

Happy New Year from the Friends! We wish you and everyone you care about much joy in 2025.

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother Goose on the Loose

January 27–March 24, 5:30PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 0–2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat! Space is limited. Registration is required and opens on January 13.

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

January 4 & 18, 3PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3–5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Drop-in DIY Key Wind Chimes

January 4, 10AM; January 13, 5PM; January 18, 10AM | Spark Lab | All ages

Start off the New Year with some bright colors and an upcycling project! Paint a key to add to our community wind chimes that we will display at the library and in the pollinator garden at the McAuliffe Branch. Or create a wind chime of your own to take home.

Sponge Snowmen

January 8, 9:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+
Build a snowman using sponges and paint!

LEGO Build

January 9, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation each month, using our spinning wheel of ideas or your imagination!

Hora de Cuentos en Español con Sohli y Raquel

11 de enero, 2PM | Children's Room | 3 años o más
Acompañenos para escuchar historias divertidas y hacer manualidades temáticas. Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Se recomiendan las manualidades para niños mayores de 3 años.

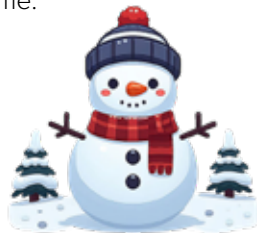
Snowflake Suncatcher

January 21, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+
Cut out a snowflake and turn it into a bright suncatcher with tissue paper and contact paper.



Movie: Frozen: Sing-A-Long! (2013)

January 23, 2PM | Costin Room | All ages
Warm up with some hot chocolate and sing along with the characters of Frozen! Rated PG; 108 mins. Closed captions in English provided.



MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Spark Lab Satellite: Book Snowflakes

January 4, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
We're upcycling books into beautiful winter snowflakes!

Open Color

January 8, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages
Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Tape Resist Snowflakes

January 10, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages
Create a snowflake with tape and then using blue watercolor to paint the page. Once dry, you have a beautiful snowflake!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

January 11 & 25, 3PM | Community & Craft Rooms | Ages 3–5
Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Peek-A-Boo Penguins

January 14, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+
Make your own baby penguin that hatches!



Lunar New Year Crafts

January 18, 11AM | Craft Room | All ages
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a collection of crafts. Make a paper lantern, accordion fan, dragon puppet, or a spiral snake mobile for the Year of the Snake!

LEGO Build

January 23, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

Movement and Music

January 25, 10:30AM | Community Room | Ages 2+
Start the day with energetic music, play some instruments, and dance around!

Snowflake Suncatcher

January 27, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+
Fold and cut a snowflake and then using contact paper and tissue paper make your snowflake into a suncatcher.

Toddler Craft: Snowy Tree Finger Painting

January 29, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+
Finger paint your own winter wonderland!

TWEEN EVENTS

Kids' Chess Club

January 7, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

January 21, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided—or bring your own! Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

Fuse Bead Social

January 25, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Tinker Thursdays

January 30, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Join us the last Thursday of each month to create, using items from our makerspace! Every month, we bring out different materials and tools.

ONGOING EVENTS

Winter Cookie Reading Club

December 1–February 22 | 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 from December to February. On February 22nd, we host a cookies and hot cocoa party with prizes and more to wrap up our winter reading program!

Weekly Storytime for Ages 3–5

Mondays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Thursdays at 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in every week for age-appropriate stories and a craft.

Baby Storytime for Ages 0–2

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

I'm Duncan.
Will you read
to me?

Sensory Series

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

Light Board Play

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

Ages 1–4

Puffy Snow Painting

January 7, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 2–4

Balloon Sensory Play

January 31, 10:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room |

Ages 1–3

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

January 4, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

January 15, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Berry)

January 15, 5PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Duncan)

January 25, 11AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Duncan)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required. Call or drop by either the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to sign up for a time slot.

Ongoing Early Childhood Alliance Events

Play, Learn, & Grow Together


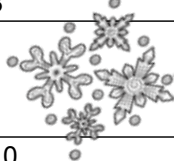
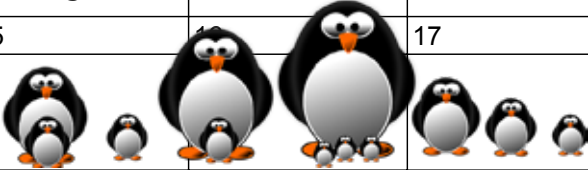


Tuesdays at 10AM | [Sign up here!](#)

Let's Go to Kindergarten

Fridays at 12PM | [Sign up here!](#)



January 2025

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