

Do you use the Library as often as you might like? Why or why not?

Libraries offer you a number of free benefits. They help you save money on books, movies, and music—not to mention the hundreds of items in our Library of Things that you can borrow.

Libraries provide free access to resources that you would otherwise pay for, including research databases, newspapers, and magazines. And let's not forget the free Wi-Fi and public computers available to all patrons.

Beyond these cost savings, the Library is a community hub. We offer programs, workshops, storytimes, and services, such as our Homework Center.

When you need a quiet study area or workplace, you can always reserve a private room at the library.

With so much available, our long-range planning question this month is:

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What keeps you from taking advantage of all that the Library has to offer? Is it finding the time to stop by the Main Library or branch? Do you find what you need online? Are we doing enough to promote our offerings?

Tell us what we could do to bring you into our libraries. Stop by the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to complete a brief questionnaire or [submit your response online between January 1–31](#).

To learn more about the Library's Long-Range Plan, visit framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp.



Phishing Attacks: How to Identify Them & Protect Yourself

January 12, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

You are under attack. Criminals want your data, passwords, and money. It's time to defend yourself! Learn how to recognize and protect yourself from phishing attacks. Join Ed Lawrence to learn about phishing, vishing, quid pro quo attacks, tailgating, baiting, pig slaughtering, and catfishing. Find steps to take if you've been caught.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Disinformation, Misinformation, and Just Plain Lies: Trying to Find Trustworthy Information in Politics

January 15, 7PM | Zoom

We live in an age where information about politics is more readily available than ever, but we also seem to feel more uncertain about how much of that information we can trust. Join Dr. David Smailes as we examine how information is often manipulated in political discussions and how we can be on our guard against misleading information. Join our [Lifelong Learning mailing list](#) for the Zoom link.

NEW! Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom

Join fitness specialist, Sophia Mellen, every Wednesday online for a full body stretch. Mobilize your body head to toe with various exercises—standing, on the floor, or in a chair. [Join our Exercise mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders with Zoom links. *No class January 21.*





The New Tax Laws Made Simple

January 5, 2–4PM | Main Library, Costin Room

January 22, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join Anne Madara, Local Coordinator for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, to learn the key provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and how it impacts individual taxpayers, especially older adults. Bring your questions—plenty of time for Q&A!

Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

January 5, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Put your knowledge to the test at our first monthly Library trivia night. From entertainment, geography, sports, history, and science, you never know what we're going to ask. Bring a team or join one when you arrive. Everyone's welcome!

Puzzle the Day Away for National Puzzle Month

January 7, 11AM–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Jigsaw puzzles, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and more! Pop by any time, grab a cozy beverage, and puzzle to your heart's content! Puzzles and beverages provided. All ages welcome.

Craft Supply Swap

January 10, 1–4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

New year, new hobby! Do you have leftover supplies from holiday crafts? Want free materials to try a new hobby? Bring your supplies and swap them for new ones! You may drop them off during the week of January 10 or bring them with you to the swap.

Beginner Spanish Class

January 13–May 19, 7PM | Main Library, TLC

Learn Spanish as a second language. All classes include pronunciation, writing exercises, prioritizing basic communication skills, and simple conversations. This multi-week course takes place every Tuesday from January 13–May 19. [Registration required.](#)

NEW! Recipe Readers Cookbook Group

January 17, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Each month, explore a new cookbook, try out new recipes at home, and come share your experiences 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 to connect with fellow food lovers.



Art Journal Jam for Adults

January 20, 6PM | 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. Some supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. [Registration required.](#)

Craft Ladies: Wooden Block Perpetual Calendars

January 21, 7–8:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn how to use wooden blocks and decorative paper to create perpetual calendars. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on January 2.](#)

Mutual Aid 101

January 22, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Bill Shaner and Chris Robage from the podcast Outdoor Cats join us for a discussion on mutual aid. They'll answer the question, "what is mutual aid" and discuss how the framework of mutual aid can help us build a more resilient and person-first community.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Liana Paniyeva

January 25, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for the Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring prize-winning, concert pianist Liana Paniyeva. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Make It Tuesday: Yarn Scrap Scarves

January 27, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn how to crochet your very own scarf using leftover yarn scraps. All materials provided. No crafting experience needed. Bring your creativity and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening! Space and materials are limited. No registration required.



Moment of Silence

January 28, 11:39AM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Observe a moment of silence in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.

Virtual Reality: Tour the Anne Frank House

January 28, 30, & 31, 2–7PM | 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, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636.

The Importance of Honeybees

January 31, 11AM | Main Library, Costin Room

From prehistoric times to the 21st century, both bees and honey have fascinated us for centuries. Learn what it takes to get started in beekeeping, the health benefits of the nectar and pollen, and the important role honeybees play in pollinating the fruits and vegetables we eat every day!



Seed Lending Library: Seed Swap Party

January 31, 12–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Join Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests and our Seed Lending Library for our annual seed swap party.



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: *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser

January 6, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

February 3: *The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger

January 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

February 10: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Neuromancer* by William Gibson

January 14, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

February 11: *Mars House* by Natasha Pulley

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

January 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

February 19: *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Orlando: A Biography* by Virginia Woolf

January 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

February 17: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

Silent Reading Group with the Library Director

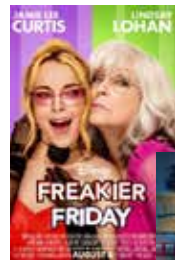
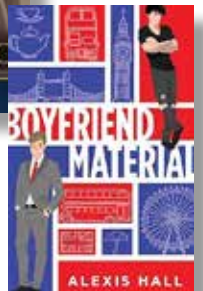
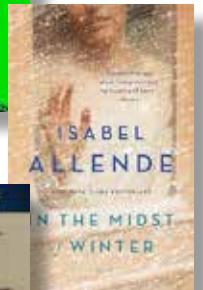
January 27, 7PM | Main Library

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

Hot Takes: *Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall

January 28, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

February 25: *The Knight and the Moth* by Rachel Gillig



FILMS

Saturday Matinee: *Freakier Friday*

January 3, 2PM | Main Library Costin Room | 2025, PG, 1h 50m

"Tess and Anna discover that lightning may indeed strike twice as they navigate the myriad challenges that come when two families merge."

McAuliffe Matinee: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

January 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2019, PG, 1h 49m

"Lloyd Vogel, a cynical journalist, gets acquainted with a kind-hearted television host Fred Rogers while writing an article on him. With time, they strike an unlikely friendship."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Meet Me In St. Louis*

January 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1944, NR, 1h 53m

"Young love and childish fears highlight a year in the life of a turn-of-the-century family."

McAuliffe Matinee: *Cool Runnings*

January 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1993, PG, 1h 38m

"When a Jamaican sprinter is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he enlists the help of a dishonored coach to start the first Jamaican Bobsled Team."

Monday Matinee: *The Roses*

January 26, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 1h 45m

"A tinderbox of competition and resentments underneath the facade of a picture-perfect couple is ignited when the husband's professional dreams come crashing down."

ONGOING EVENTS

One-on-One Career Services

*Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

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

*No appointments on January 1.

Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

Writing Together on Wednesdays

January 7 & 21, 7PM | Main Library,
Children's Program Room

Board Game Night (NEW NIGHT!)

January 8, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

Featured game: Hanabi

Upcycling Book Crafts

January 13, 6PM | Main Library,
Spark Lab | [Registration required](#).

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

January 16, 10AM | McAuliffe
Community Room

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

January 26, 10AM | Zoom

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

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

January 26, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

Mah Jongg

January 28, 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

*Beginning this January, Tone & Stretch,
Stretch & Relax, and Chair Stretch &
Relax are discontinued. Join us on
Wednesdays online for Stretch, Relax,
and Mobilize. See page 1 for details.*

SUPPORTERS

Friends January Book Sale

January 17, 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.

Corporate Members

Many thanks to our recent renewing
corporate members: [Dagher Wealth
Management](#) and [Metrowest Podiatry
Services](#) and Dr. Brian Wascavage,
DPM. We appreciate their support.

The Friends of the Framingham
Library want to wish a happy 2026
to our library community!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

New Year's Eve Celebration on the Cochituate Rail Trail

December 31, 4:30–7:30 PM

Join us for our 3rd annual New Year's
Eve Celebration on the Cochituate Rail
Trail. Enjoy games, singing, activities,
and treats at fire pits hosted by different
groups from around Framingham.
Bring your flashlights and fun glow
sticks. Decorate your strollers (or
yourself!). Make sure to stop by the
Bookmobile while you're there!

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Volunteer Information Session

January 7, 6PM | Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for
adults learning English? Join Literacy
Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman
to learn about our free tutor training
course and 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. Learn more
and register for the information session
at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

DID YOU KNOW

Our Library Card Design Contest winners
were announced on December 1 at our
Big Reveal Party! We want to congratulate
the winners in each category:



Youth (11 & under): Riley Kent



Teen (12–17): Emmie Brody-Todd



Adult (18+): Makayla Hicks

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!