



UNITED STATES 1776–2026 250th ANNIVERSARY

Summer Reading 2026: Plant a Seed, Read!

Summer Reading 2026 kicks off on Saturday, June 27 at the McAuliffe Branch. On that day, stop by between 2–4PM to register in person or sign up anytime online, beginning June 27.

When you register, get a Summer Reading t-shirt—only available while supplies last! You must be in person to request a t-shirt.

After you register, for each book or audiobook you complete, fill out a prize form to enter for a chance to win a Summer Reading raffle prize! Entries are accepted through Friday, September 5.

Visit our [Adult Summer Reading page](#) for a list of prizes. Good luck and happy reading!

Celebrating America's 250th: Iron in the Water with Kiersten Marcil

July 6, 7PM | Zoom

Before the echoes of gunfire at Lexington and Concord faded, American rebels and the Crown plotted and vied for control of the Hudson River—a crucial passageway from the North to the South. Join Kiersten Marcil author of *Iron in the Water: How American Rebels Blocked British Control of the Hudson River* for a glimpse into the people and politics of this weighty endeavor. [Register for the Zoom link](#). This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

Story Circle—Recipes, Roots & Traditions

July 1, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests guides this community storytelling session about the recipes, food traditions, and cultural roots that inspire our gardening journeys. Come share your stories, recipes, and memories of food and culture. Guest speaker Samela joins the conversation, offering cultural insight and helping to create space for shared learning and connection.

Library Walk & Talk

July 6 & 20, 9:30AM | Cushing Memorial Chapel (60 Dudley Road)

Meet us at Cushing Park for a casual walk and friendly conversation. Share what you've been reading or simply enjoy the company. Walk at your own pace for as long as you'd like. No assigned reading, no pressure. Look for a library sign by the parking lot. In the event of rain, this program is canceled.

Craft Workshop: Beginner-Friendly Cross Stitch

July 7, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Join us for a beginner-friendly cross stitch workshop! Learn or get a refresh on cross stitching basics, including techniques, materials, and best practices—all while working on a sweet, summer-y mini pattern. All materials included. Space is limited.

[Registration required and opens July 1.](#)

FPL Jazz: Mike Fritz Quartet

July 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

We kick off our summer FPL Jazz series with the Mike Fritz Quartet! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready for another unforgettable jazz concert.

Music Bingo

July 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Love music? Love prizes? Join us for Music Bingo! It's just like the classic game, but we've swapped the numbers for your favorite hits and hidden gems. Whether you're a trivia pro or just looking for a new favorite playlist, come hang out, socialize, and compete for a prize. Don't know the song? No problem! Shazam is welcome and encouraged.

Bachata by the Bookmobile

July 14, 6PM | Academy Building at Cushing Park

Summer bachata is back! Come out to the Academy Building at Cushing Park (80 Dudley Road) for a one-hour dance lesson with J&L Dance Studio followed by 30 minutes of social dancing and light refreshments.

Organic Gardening: An Intro to Integrated Pest Management

July 16, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Most of us agree that we want safe, healthy gardens that benefit us and wildlife. Organic gardening sounds ideal, but what does that mean? Entomologist and gardener Natalie Tessicini teaches you the basic concepts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), a systematic approach to gardening that helps you achieve your goals and live by your values.

Celebrating America's 250th: The Black Experience of the Revolution with Herstorian Gracia Rich

July 20, 7PM | Zoom

Join Gracia Collins Rich, independent scholar and author, to hear about the extraordinary efforts of Black Americans whose invaluable contributions during the Revolutionary War helped bring about U.S. independence. [Register for the Zoom link.](#) This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

Craft Supply Swap

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

Do some of your craft supplies need a new home? Want free supplies to try something new? Bring supplies to donate and swap them for new ones! Please bring your donated items to the McAuliffe Branch Library between July 13–21.



FPL Jazz: Alison Keslow

July 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Don't miss the next jazz concert in our series featuring jazz bassist Alison Keslow! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Celebrating America's 250th: The Escapes of David George with Gregory E. O'Malley

July 27, 7PM | Zoom

Join author and historian Gregory E. O'Malley in discussing *The Escapes of David George: An Odyssey of Slavery, Freedom, and the American Revolution*. Learn about a remarkable, untold experience of the American revolutionary period—a Black man's quest for the freedom espoused by our Founders, but denied him and other enslaved people. [Register for the Zoom link.](#) This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

Make it Tuesday: Cat Grass Heads

July 28, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Looking for a fun, low-stress way to add some greenery to your space and provide a treat your furry friend at the same time? Then come get your hands dirty! Use thin cloth, soil, and pet-safe cat grass seed to sculpt a quirky grass head creation. After some water and sun, get a wild head of green hair that you can style, trim, or let your cat happily munch on! Supplies provided.

Art Journal Jam for Adults

July 28, 6–8PM | 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.](#)

Shadow Box Botanical Arrangement

July 29, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join the Mass Horticultural Society in creating a framed botanical display using dried flowers and plant materials. The finished piece is suitable for long-term indoor display. [Registration is required and opens on July 1.](#)

Dark Summer Is Coming

August 8 | Main Library

A new book festival is coming to Framingham this summer! The first annual Dark Summer Book Fest invades the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, August 8. This one's for all the dark fiction lovers—whether you like crime, horror, fantasy, paranormal romance, or any number of other genres! [Register to join our Dark Summer mailing list.](#) Visit the [Dark Summer Book Fest web page](#) to find out more.



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.](#)

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Fourth Consort* by Edward Ashton

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

August 12: *Timequake* by Kurt Vonnegut

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama

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

August 11: *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Over My Dead Body* by Greg Melville

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

August 20: *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Don't Let the Forest In* by C. G. Drews

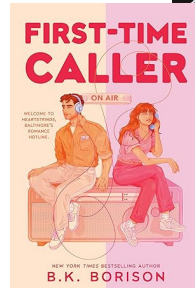
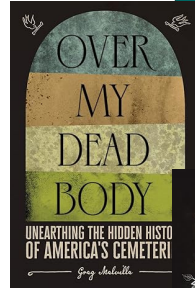
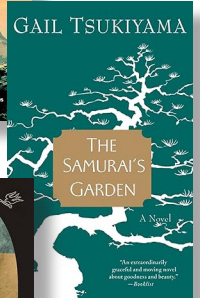
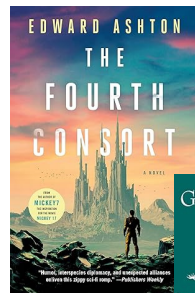
July 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

August 18: *You Should Be So Lucky* by Cat Sebastian

Hot Takes: *First-Time Caller* by B. K. Borison

July 22, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

August 26: *Two Can Play* by Ali Hazelwood



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Johnny Tremain*

July 8, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1957, NR, 1h 20m

"Johnny Tremain is drawn into the Revolutionary War and becomes a patriot fighting to free the colonies from England. Along the way, he learns about life and about himself."

Friday Cool Down: *National Treasure*

July 10, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2004, PG, 2h 11m

"A historian races to find the legendary Templar Treasure before a team of mercenaries."

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Patriot*

July 15, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2000, R, 2h 45m

"Peaceful farmer Benjamin Martin is driven to lead the Colonial Militia during the American Revolution when a sadistic British officer murders his son."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Hamilton*

July 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2020, PG-13, 2h 40m

"The real life of one of America's foremost founding fathers and first Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton. Captured live on Broadway from the Richard Rodgers Theater with the original Broadway cast."

Friday Cool Down: *Mars Attacks!*

July 24, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1996, PG-13, 1h 46m

"Earth is invaded by Martians with unbeatable weapons and a cruel sense of humor."

Monday Matinee: *Is This Thing On?*

July 27, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 2h 1m

"As their marriage unravels, Alex faces middle age and divorce, seeking new purpose in the New York comedy scene. Meanwhile, his wife Tess confronts sacrifices made for their family, forcing them to navigate co-parenting and identities."

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

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

* No services on July 2.

In-person Career Services

Tuesdays, 4–8PM | Main Library, Group Study Room

Drop-ins welcome. One-hour appointments by request. Email elawrence@minlib.net to schedule yours.

Writing Together on Wednesdays

July 1 & 15, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Board Game Night

July 9, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

July 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Mah Jongg

July 22, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Open to experienced players with a National Mah Jongg League card.

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

July 27, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM

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Wednesdays, 6PM

Recipe Readers Cookbook Group is on hiatus this July.

SUPPORTERS

Friends of Framingham Library Book Sales Time Out

There are no book sales in July and August, but the Friends Monthly Book Sales returns on Saturday, September 19. The Friends, however, are not on break! They continue to accept and process donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs throughout the summer. They look forward to seeing you in September.

DID YOU KNOW

From June 29 to August 20, Framingham Public Library is participating in Project Bread's Summer Eats program.

This program provides free, healthy meals to those 18-years-old and younger while school is out.

Kids and teens can stop by the Main Library on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12–1PM and by the McAuliffe Branch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12–1PM for free meals.

There is no registration or identification required. To learn more and to find other participating locations, visit the [Summer Eats Program page](#).



The Little Food Pantry, found on the first floor of the Main Library, provides free food and other essential items to local patrons. Non-perishable foods, especially snack foods and ready-to-eat items, and toiletries, including toothpaste, shampoo, and more, are in high demand. Not sure what to donate? [Visit the Little Food Pantry Amazon wishlist.](#)

LITERACY UNLIMITED

May Baskets Raffle—Over \$6,200 raised!

Thank you to every community member who purchased a ticket for this year's raffle. Our fundraising goal was \$6,000, and we cleared that goal, raising over \$6,200 in total.

Congratulations to this year's winners! If you haven't heard from our office by now, unfortunately you weren't a winner this year, but you were a critical part of supporting the work Literacy Unlimited does every day. Thanks again!

Volunteer Information Session

July 22, 6PM | Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Join Literacy Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman for an online volunteer information session. 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.

To read more about our program and register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cristina Farrè: Resilience in Colors

July 6–31 | Main Library, Lobby

Local artist Cristina Farrè shares her Resilience in Colors exhibit this July to August at the Main Library. This series is a homage to those who have felt the impact of Alzheimer's and dementia, who have lost a loved one too early, and who have found strength and resilience in difficult times.

This exhibit is a tribute to Cristina's mother and father as well as to all mothers and fathers out there. It is a salute to all of us, the keepers of their memories.