

How the IMLS Cuts Affect Framingham Library and You

You may be aware of recent cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This independent federal agency provides funds to libraries (both public and school), museums, archives, and related organizations.

Among those organizations is the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Framingham Library works closely with MBLC to provide you with important resources and services.

According to the MBLC website, "IMLS is the single largest source of critical federal funding for libraries... [MBLC] receives \$3.6 million from IMLS' Grants to States Program."

Beginning July 1, Framingham Library along with many other state libraries, will lose access to over 20 databases due to the IMLS cuts, including:

- Boston Globe Article Archive
- Britannica Moderna
- Gale General OneFile

There are steps that you can take to let our legislators know how these cuts affect you.

Call or email your member of Congress. Share your story on social media using the hashtag #ForOurLibraries. Stop by the Main Library to write a postcard and to find other resources.

To learn more, visit libraries.state.ma.us/federal-funding-at-risk.



FPL Jazz: David Eure & Alexei Tsiganov Duo

July 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Our FPL Jazz concert series returns this month! We kick off this summer concert series with popular duo David Eure and Alexei Tsiganov! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready for another enlivening jazz concert.

Fins, Fun, & Fifty Years! A Jaws 50th Anniversary Celebration

July 11, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1975, PG, 2h 4m

Join us to celebrate a cinematic milestone: the 50th anniversary of Steven Spielberg's summer blockbuster, *Jaws*! Dive deep into the classic thriller that made generations think twice about going back in the water. Crafts and activities at 6PM with movie to follow.

Independent Local Journalism in a Digital Age

July 22, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Without intervention, experimentation, and reinvention, local journalism could soon become a relic of a different time. Join Bill Shaner, founder of the newsletter Worcester Sucks and I Love It, to discuss the decline of legacy media and the rise of new methods for the distribution and funding of local journalism.

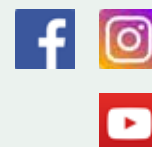
Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Beginning Sunday, July 6, both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed on Sundays throughout July and August.

Main Library
49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday: Closed

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday–Saturday 9:30–5
Sunday: Closed

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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Virtual Reality: Inside History— The JFK Assassination

July 1 & 2, 2-7PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

Travel back to 1963 and explore the events that shook the world in this virtual reality documentary. The Oculus headset is recommended for ages 13 and up. To reserve your time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or [register online](#).



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Upcycling Book Crafts

July 1, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Join us in repurposing old library materials into new works of art. Books and other supplies provided.

Bachata by the Bookmobile

July 9, 6PM | Academy Building at
Cushing Park (80 Dudley Rd.)

Come out to Cushing Park for a one-hour dance lesson with J&L Dance Studio followed by 30 minutes of social dancing and light refreshments. And if you can't get enough Bachata, don't miss this month's Bachata class at the Main Library on Saturday, July 26.



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Zine Workshop

July 10, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Happy International Zine Month! Come learn about zines and make one of your own. While you're here, visit our new and growing Zine collection.



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Zine Movie & Make: \$100 and a T-Shirt

July 17, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Make zines while watching this zine documentary by Joe Biell. Get glimpses of the Portland Zine Symposium, a zine-themed bicycle tour around Portland, and interviews local zinesters.



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Art Journal Jam for Adults

July 22, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

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

Tuesday Craft Night: Chainmail Dice Necklaces

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

Join us for a fun and stylish crafting session where you'll make your very own Dice Cage Necklace! Perfect for tabletop gamers or anyone who loves a touch of whimsy in their accessories. All materials provided, but supplies are limited.

FPL Jazz: Mike Fritz Quartet

July 24, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Astronaut Grove

Don't miss the next jazz concert in our series featuring Mike Fritz Quartet! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Board Game Night

July 28, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

We'll have a variety of games for all ages and skill levels. It's the perfect chance to learn a new game, challenge a friend, or just relax and enjoy some friendly competition. All are welcome!

Upcycled Notebook Workshop

July 29, 6:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn to make an upcycled notebook with common household materials, such as cereal boxes and scrap paper. Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own. Space and supplies are limited. [Registration is required and opens on July 1](#).

Save the Date for Spooktastic!

September 13, 11AM-5PM | Main Library

The 3rd annual Spooktastic Book Fair has a new location and will be haunting the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, September 13! We'll host 40+ authors—from creepy kidlit to adult horror—four publishers, several vendors of interesting and mysterious items, and a brewery! Save the date and start off Spooky Season right!

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 links Zoom only discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

Main Library Book Discussion

The Main Library Book Discussion resumes in September with *Isola* by Allegra Goodman. In the meantime, please join our [Main Library Book Discussion mailing list](#) for email reminders.

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *The Fox Wife* by Yangsze Choo

July 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

August 12: *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey

July 9, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

August 13: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Interesting Facts About Space* by Emily Austin

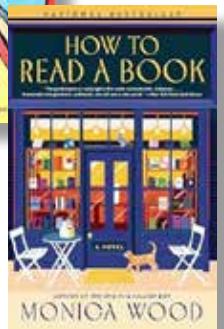
July 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

August 19: *Just Kids* by Patti Smith

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood

July 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

August 21: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Sabrina*

July 9, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1954, NR, 1h 53m

“After her return from school in Paris, a playboy finally takes notice of his family’s chauffeur’s daughter, who’s long had a crush on him, but he questions his more serious brother’s motives when he warns against getting involved with her.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *War Games*

July 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1983, PG, 1h 54m

“A young man finds a back door into a military central computer in which reality is confused with game-playing, possibly starting World War III.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *1776*

July 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1972, PG, 2h 21m

“A musical retelling of the American Revolution’s political struggle in the Continental Congress to declare independence.”

Zine Movie: *\$100 and a T-Shirt: A Documentary About Zines in the Northwest*

July 17, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2004, NR, 50m

“Using broken and borrowed equipment, Joe Biel illuminates the world of self-publishing. Along the way he gives glimpses of the Portland Zine Symposium, goes on a zine-themed bicycle tour around Portland, and interviews local zinesters.”

Monday Matinee: *Mickey 17*

July 28, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 2h 17m

“During a human expedition to colonize space, Mickey 17, a so-called ‘expendable’ employee, is sent to explore an ice planet.”

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.

Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 2–4PM | Main Library
No appointment necessary!

Writing Together on Wednesdays

* July 2, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

* No meeting on July 16.

Stretch & Relax

July 2 & 16, 3PM | Zoom only

Tone & Stretch

July 14 & 28, 4:30PM | Zoom only

Chair Stretch & Relax

July 10 & 24, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

[Join our Exercise mailing list](#) to receive weekly email reminders with Zoom links.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

July 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Mah Jongg Night

July 23, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

For novice & experienced players with National Mah Jongg League card

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

July 28, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Bachata

July 26, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join our [Dance Class mailing list](#) for updates.

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

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

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Volunteer Information Session

July 23, 5:30PM | Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Join Literacy Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman for an online volunteer information session on Wednesday, July 23.

Learn about our free tutor training course and 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 read more about our program and register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF)

With the Institute of Museums and Library Services defunded, the Framingham Public Library Foundation wants to make sure that the FPL has the resources needed to serve the Community. Your donation helps us meet this goal.

Visit fplf.org or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, contact Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

Friends of the Framingham Library

While the Friends Book Sales may be taking a break this summer, the Friends Bookstore at the Main Library is open. Stop by during library hours Monday through Saturday to find some great bargains!

Get or Renew Your Friends of the Framingham Library Membership

This July help us help the Library by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. We welcome any and all levels of participation. [Join or renew today!](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Paint, Paper & Bling it On!

After years of painting in both oil and acrylics, Melissa Clark Maglio fell victim to the art of mosaics. She finds the possibilities are endless in both subject and materials. Glass is her favorite and most enchanting medium, but any bits of ephemera can be combined to fool the eye and brighten our world.

Paper Mosaics is the perfect merging of these two art forms! It begins with the messy work of hand-painting papers with luscious patterns followed by another day of relaxing with only a glue brush to build forms and add wild textures to the images.

Stop by the Main Library throughout the month of July to see Melissa's work in our lobby or visit her online at PieceofSkyStudio.com.

ADA Day movie: *Out of My Mind*

July 21, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2024, PG, 1h 42m

In celebration of ADA Day coming this July, we are partnering with the Disability Commission for a special showing of the Disney film *Out of My Mind*. Come join us to show your support!

Cooling Centers

As the summer days grow hotter, patrons are welcome to come into the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to escape the heat. Both libraries serve as cooling centers for the City of Framingham and provide water for patrons looking for relief from the hot weather.

Did you know...

that Framingham Library offers books in 18 languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, French, and Hindi—just to name a few. Come check them out!