



## Book Locker Anniversary Celebration

June 12, 11AM | Callahan Center

Join us as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Book Locker at the Callahan Center. This convenient service makes it easy to access library materials right here in our community.

Have you used the Book Locker? Do you want to learn more about how it works? Stop by for a casual, drop-in celebration featuring light refreshments, including coffee and cake. Whether you are a regular user or just curious, all are welcome.

## Are there any items you want added to our Library of Things? Let us know!

Our **Library of Things (LoT)** collection has more than 800 items for check out. Borrowing from the LoT can save you time and money. Why pay for an item that you may use only once? Why not try before you buy?

The LoT contains items for all ages—kids, teens, and adults. It includes a wide range of items from sewing machines to bicycle pumps to grow lights for your indoor plants just to name a few.

Our goal is to provide things that you can use whether those things are for fun or function. To do that, we need your help.

**Tell us what we can add to our Library of Things.** Are there items you've put off buying because of expense? Are there items you want to try before committing to them? If so, tell us!



## Author Talk: *The Rise and Fall of Boston Pride*

June 11, 6:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join Daniel Joseph Gonzalez, Ed.D, author of *The Rise and Fall of Boston Pride*. Hear about the history of Boston Pride from its first march in 1971 through 2024. Examine the rise of the pride movement in Boston, the ups and downs of putting on events in June for 50+ years, the events leading to the shutdown in 2021, and the rise of Boston Pride for the People. Meticulously researched over two years, *The Rise and Fall of Boston Pride* is the only book that tracks the entire history of Boston Pride.

## Library Walk & Talk

June 1 & 15, 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 cancelled.

## In Conversation with Romance Author L.C. Chu: *The Library of Flowers*

June 1, 7PM | Zoom

Join the discussion with L.C. Chu as we dive into *The Library of Flowers*, a story of a family of Chinese witches who can change emotions through perfume. This novel explores relationships, identity, and the expectations we inherit. We'll delve into all of Lily's writing and books, so bring your questions for a rapid fire Q&A! **Register for the Zoom link.** This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

## Let's Go For A Walk: Being a Thru-Hiker on the Appalachian Trail

June 4, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room

One woman traded her routines for a backpack and a winding footpath stretching across 14 states. Join Susan "Season One" Leo-Johnson as she shares her journey on trail and learn what it takes, and doesn't, to thru-hike the world's oldest, continuous footpath.



## Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

June 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for an evening of general knowledge trivia, covering topics from history and geography to music and science. Bring your friends, form a team (up to 5 people), or arrive solo and we'll help you find a group.

## Summer Romance Beach Read Recommendations with Lorelei of Lorelei's Lit Lair

June 8, 7PM | Zoom

If you know romance, you probably know Lorelei! Chat with her as she shares the books she's looking forward to reading this summer—the best of romance beach reads! If your TBR pile isn't already groaning, it will be! [Register for the Zoom link](#). This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

## Bachata by the Bookmobile

June 9, 6PM | Academy Building at Cushing Park

Summer bachata is back! 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.

## Cleanup with Keep Framingham Beautiful (KFB)

June 12, 1–2:30PM | Main Library, Reading Garden

Join us for a community cleanup in partnership with KFB! All volunteers are welcome. Please wear comfortable shoes and bright colors. We will provide loaner grabbers, gloves and trash bags or bring your own! See you there!

## Labyrinth 40th Anniversary

June 12, 6–9PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Dance Magic, Dance! Celebrate 40 years of Jim Henson's cult classic with a magical movie party. Test your knowledge with Jim Henson trivia, create your own Hoggle Bracelet, and strike a pose with Jareth at our photo booth. Activities and mingling start at 6PM, followed by the film screening at 7PM. Refreshments provided.



## Author Talk: *Quincy Boy: A City of Presidents*

June 15, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

What began as a nostalgic tribute to growing up in Quincy during the 1960s and 1970s became a deeply personal, years-long quest for answers about an absent parent. In his new memoir, *Quincy Boy: A City of Presidents Memoir*, author and long-time Framingham resident Brett Peruzzi traces his coming-of-age in the city that shaped him—while uncovering the story of the father who wasn't there to see it happen.

## Craft Ladies: Faux Stained Glass Pictures

June 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Make faux stained glass pictures using picture frames, permanent markers and foil. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on June 1](#).

## Make it Tuesday: Tree of Life Wreaths

June 23, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This month, bring a touch of the outdoors inside! Join us as we create a rustic Tree of Life wall hanging. Using a combination of natural twine and preserved moss, create a textured wall hanging that celebrates the spirit of nature and looks like it was plucked straight from a fairy tale. It's the perfect earthy accent for any wall. Supplies are limited.

## Summer Reading Kickoff

June 27, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch | All ages

Our 2026 Summer Reading program kicks off with our annual Truck Day event at McAuliffe! Stop by the Main or McAuliffe Branch Library to register and get your free Summer Reading t-shirt. Then get started reading! For each book you read, enter it into our Summer Reading raffle for a chance to win an end-of-summer prize. [Visit our Summer Reading page to learn more](#).

## Open Spark Lab for Adults & Teens: Still Life Drawing

June 30, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Draw what you see in this self-guided creative session! We set the table with still life objects and provide all materials for sketching and drawing—or bring your own! No experience needed.

## 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.](#)

### Main Library Book Discussion: *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

June 2, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

The Main Library Book Discussion is on hiatus in July and August and returns September 8.

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Piranesi* by Susanna Clark

June 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

July 14: *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama

### Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Gone World* by Tom Sweterlich

June 10, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

July 8: *The Fourth Consort* by Edward Ashton

### Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

June 16, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

July 21: *Don't Let the Forest In* by C. G. Drews

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia

June 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

July 16: *Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America's Cemeteries* by Greg Melville

### Hot Takes: *The Isle in the Silver Sea* by Tasha Suri

June 24, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

July 22: *First Time Caller* by B.K. Borison



## FILMS

### Saturday Matinee: *But I'm a Cheerleader*

June 6, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1999, R, 1h 25m

"A naïve teenager is sent to 'sexual redirection' school when her straitlaced parents and friends suspect her of being gay."

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Call Me By Your Name*

June 10, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2017, R, 2h 12m

"In the summer of 1983, 17-year-old Elio is spending the days with his family at their villa in Lombardy, Italy. He soon meets 24-year-old Oliver, an intern working for Elio's father. They discover the heady beauty of awakening desire."

### McAuliffe Matinee: *The Birdcage*

June 17, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1996, R, 1h 57m

"A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing, conservative parents."

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *Cabaret*

June 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1972, PG, 2h 4m

"A female girlie club entertainer in Weimar Republic era Berlin romances two men while the Nazi Party rises to power around them."

### Monday Matinee: *All of Us Strangers*

June 29, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2023, R, 1h 45m

"A screenwriter drawn back to his childhood home enters into a fledgling relationship with his downstairs neighbor while discovering a mysterious new way to heal from losing his parents 30 years ago."

## ONGOING EVENTS

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### Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

\* Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom

Join our [Exercise mailing list](#) for email reminders with Zoom link.

\* No class June 24.

### One-on-One Career Services

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence at [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule an appointment.

### In-person Career Services

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

Drop-ins welcome. One-hour appointments by request. Email [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule yours.

\* No services on June 30.



### Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

#### ***Sweet Home Café Cookbook: A Celebration of African American Cooking***

June 2, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Registration required. Please email Robin at [rgrossman@minlib.net](mailto:rgrossman@minlib.net).

*Recipe Readers Cookbook Group is on hiatus in July and August and returns September 1.*

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

June 3 & 17, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Board Game Night

June 11, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Cancelled: Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

*This is no Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour on June 19 due the Juneteenth holiday. Join us in July!*

### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

June 22, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Mah Jongg

June 24, 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

## SUPPORTERS

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### Framingham Public Library Foundation Spring News

On May 16, the Library and the FPLF celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library. Generous donors helped the FPLF raise over \$600,000 in support of the project—a first for a Framingham public building. In April, the FPLF honored libraries by participating in Library Giving Day and National Library Week.

Your donations are always appreciated. They will help us create a new Framingham Room for our historical collection of local artifacts. To make a donation, visit [fplf.org](http://fplf.org) or send a check marked FPLF to 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01701. For more information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com).

### Stock Up for Your Summer Reading Adventures: Last Book Sale Before Summer Break

June 20, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

The four book sale areas at the Main Library are open from 10AM to 3PM. Friends have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30AM.

### Friends Memberships Now Begin in January

Beginning in 2027, our new membership cycle is January to December. Your membership (new or renewing) is valid through December 2027. What a deal!

[Join or renew your membership today.](#) It's always the right time to become a Friend!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Karen Swyers Watercolor Exhibit

June 1–30 | Main Library, Lobby

Karen Swyers paints watercolors inspired by flowers, changing seasons, and the quiet beauty found in everyday moments. She paints to capture light, color, and a sense of calm found in nature.

If you want to find out more, find her online at [KarenPaintsFlowers.com](http://KarenPaintsFlowers.com) or visit her studio in The Mill Contemporary Art in Framingham. She welcomes visitors during Open Studios on the second Friday of each month.



## DID YOU KNOW

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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.](#)