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Framingham Public Library Suffrage Cookbook

This Women's History Month, FPL is proud to present a new community project: The Framingham Public Library Suffrage Cookbook.

Inspired by the Suffrage cookbooks of the 19th and 20th centuries, this cookbook will feature recipes as well as short reflections on what women having the vote means to folks in our community.

The completed project will debut in August in time for the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

To contribute to the project, submit your recipes and reflections at tinyurl.com/FPL-suffrage.



Framingham Reads Together: *The Daughters of Yalta*

Join us this April for Framingham Reads Together as we enjoy *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz. Find out more at framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/framingham-reads-together.



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Lifelong Learning Lecture: "Temples in My Mind:" Charles Dickens & His Illustrators

March 7, 7PM | Online via Zoom

Join Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita at Framingham State University, for a look at the relationships between Charles Dickens and the illustrators who brought much of his work to life. This lecture is only on Zoom—no meeting in the Costin Room. Join our Lifelong Learning mailing list at bit.ly/lifelong-learning-lectures to receive the Zoom link.

March Movies Sing-Along: Mamma Mia!

March 23, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Don't miss our Saturday night sing-along to the 2008 musical Mamma Mia!, starring Amanda Seyfried and Meryl Streep and featuring the popular music of the Swedish supergroup ABBA. Enjoy food and drinks along with music!

Starting Seeds Indoors

March 23, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn how to start your seeds indoors this season. Get vegetable seeds, such as tomatoes, greens, and herbs, from the Seed Lending Library and start your garden season off right!

Main Library
49 Lexington Street
508-532-5570
Monday–Thursday 9–10
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
746 Water Street
508-532-5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–10
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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Seed Packing Parties

March 5, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

March 8, 11AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

The Seed Lending Library invites you to our annual seed packaging parties.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Know Orchestra

March 10, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

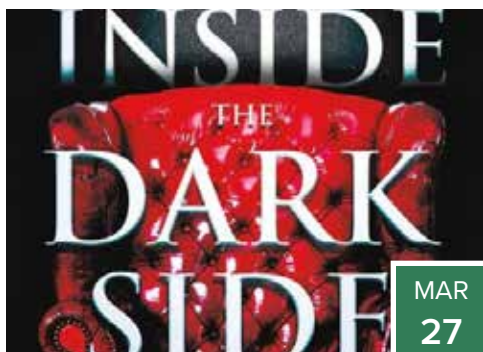
Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert! Come in person to the Main Library or stream live on YouTube at youtube.com/FraminghamPublicLibrary.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Cultural Competency: Ingredients for Student Success

March 14, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Join Dr. Jeffrey Coleman, Vice President & Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer of FSU, for a look at fostering cultural competency through curricular and co-curricular experiences.

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Virtual Reality Tour: BRINK Traveler

March 18–20, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Travel around the world from the comfort of your local library! Explore and learn about 28 unique natural locations without leaving your chair. Reserve your 45-minute time slot by calling the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or sign-up at bit.ly/3urR1Qp.

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McAuliffe Craft Ladies:

Iris Paper Folding

March 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn the art of iris paper folding, a card making technique that involves layering paper strips across a cutout shape following a printed template. Supplies and space are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/FPL-iris.

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Art Journal Jam

March 26, 6:30PM | 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. Space and supplies are limited. Registration required at bit.ly/FPL_Art_Workshop.

Local Author Talk with Les Clark: Inside the Darkside

March 27, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room & YouTube Live

Embark on a literary journey with Les Clark, a Boston native and prolific short story writer, as he presents his latest work, *Inside the Darkside*.

Mini Zine Making Mixer: Making Mini Zines With New Friends

March 28, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for a time of mini zine making and connection with artist and zine maker, Harmony Witte. Open to teens and adults (14+). Materials provided or bring your own!

Computer Basics: Getting Started with Gmail

March 30, 10AM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Learn how to create an email address through Gmail as well as how to send and receive mail. We cover folders, spam email, and more. Register at bit.ly/fpl-computer-basics.

Literacy Unlimited

Basic Literacy Tutoring for Free!

Do you know an adult who speaks English as a first language but needs to improve their reading and writing skills? We can help! Refer them to Literacy Unlimited, the Basic Literacy tutoring program at Framingham Public Library.

The tutoring we offer is confidential, individualized, student-centered, and free of charge. Call us at 508.532.5574 or email us at fplmail4@minilib.net.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group

The Magic Kingdom by Russell Banks

March 5, 7PM | Zoom | [Register here.](#)

McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

March 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

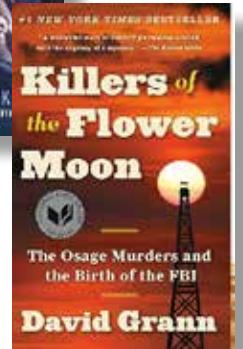
The Fated Sky by Mary Robinette Kowal

March 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

March 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here.](#)



FILMS

March Movies Sing-Along: *Trolls*

PG, 2016, 1h 32m

March 9, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Pride and Prejudice*

PG, 2005, 2h 9m

March 13, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Animatinee: *The Mitchells vs. The Machines*

PG, 2021, 1h 54m

March 16, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Oklahoma*

G, 1955, 2h 25m

March 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Monday Matinee: *The Color Purple*

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March 25, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room

McAuliffe Matinee: *Dracula*

NR, 1931, 1h 15m

March 27, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Strong Words that Mean Something: A Celebration of Women's Voices

Stop by the McAuliffe Branch Library any day in March to interact with our 2nd annual dress of quotes to celebrate Women's History Month.



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, 7:30PM | Zoom

This class welcomes serious, experienced poets. Registration required for new members.

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

Meditation with Leslie

March 21, 11AM | Zoom

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

One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

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

Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

March 13, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

March 15, 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 Swaps

March 13, 7PM | Main Library

March 25, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Every Wednesday, 2:30PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate. For more info, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

Maker Mondays: Needle Felting

March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Learn the basics of needle felting and work on your own custom creature. Come once and make something simple, or come every week to make a larger creation!

Girls Who Code

March 11 & 25, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Learn to code with hands-on projects and self-guided tutorials. Aimed at girls, non-binary students, and any student who supports the Girls Who Code mission. Registration closed.

Early Release Day Movie

March 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–8

It's an early release day. We bring a stack of movies, and you choose what we watch.

Video Game Hangout (in VR!)

March 15, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

March 29, 3PM | Main Library, Teen Room | Grades 6-12

This month we'll be gaming at both libraries, and in VR! But don't worry, we'll still have snacks.

Anime Club

March 23, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8

Watch anime with friends and some tasty Japanese snacks. NOTE: Anime Club is now a program for 4th–8th graders.

Early Release Day Perler Beads

March 28, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 6–12

Come make a relaxing Early Release Day pixel art craft.

SUPPORTERS

Third Space To Bring People Together

The Main Library is creating a Third Space—a welcome center that features a central “living room” area with comfortable seating; plug-in furniture for devices; a new periodicals area; and for the first time a café area.

Please join the generous people who have already made donations for the Third Space project. For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

To donate, go to framlibfoundation.org or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

With your help, the Third Space will bring comfort, connection, and community to Framingham.

Treasures from the Attic:

A Friends Appraisal Event

March 8, 5–8PM | McAuliffe Branch

Back by popular demand (last year's event sold out), Tom Tomaszek, antiques dealer and appraiser, again shares his expertise, assessing the value of your treasure.

To have an item appraised, register before March 8. [Download the registration form](#). Learn more about the event from the [Friends of the Library](#).

Friends Monthly Book Sale

March 16, 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. You can purchase books in the Friends Bookstore and Lobby from 9AM onward.

Want to join the Friends?

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Join or renew now!](#)

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother Goose on the Loose

March 4 & 11, 5:30PM | J Program Room | Ages 0-2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book. Stay after for open play and chat! Registration closed, but check back for when registration opens again!

Pinecone Bird Feeders

March 5, 9:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a natural bird feeder for all your feathered friends!

Toddler Craft: Rubber Stamping

March 6, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Stamp away with the library's assortment of rubber stamps and ink pads!

Dot Mandalas

March 12, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn how to make dot mandalas with paint!

Lego Build

March 13, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

St. Patrick's Day Craft

March 16, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Create a fun surprise St. Patrick's Day-themed craft.

Straw Mazes

March 21, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Design your own maze using straws.

National Puppy Day Craft

March 22, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Celebrate National Puppy Day by making a craft!

Straw Rockets

March 26, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Send your rocket to space using straws!



MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

March 6, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Collage Afternoon

March 8, 3:45PM | Community Room | Ages 5+

Drop in and make your own creation using a variety of collage materials.

Umbrella Splatter Painting

March 11, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Draw someone under an umbrella, and then let the storm go with paint splatter!



Butterfly Suncatcher

March 14, 1:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Flutter into spring with beautiful Butterflies shining in your room!

Flower Bookmarks

March 19, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Celebrate the first day of Spring with beautiful flower bookmarks! They'll make your books sprout in delight!

Toddler Craft: Dot Painting

March 20, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Using cotton swabs and paint, create fun patterns and pictures!

Lego Build

March 28, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

The Chocolate Chip Cookie

March 2, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | All Ages
Did you know that chef Ruth Graves Wakefield invented the Chocolate Chip Cookie in 1938? Learn more about her, the creation of chocolate chip cookies, and other influential women while we bake cookies in celebration of Women's History Month!

Planting Craft

March 8, 3PM | Main Library | Ages 4+
Drop-in for this botanist-inspired planting activity and take home a seedling!

Fossil Making

March 14, 6PM | Main Library | Ages 6+
Learn about archaeologists and paleontologists while making fossils with air dry clay. Then dig out fossils through clay bricks.

TWEEN EVENTS

Fuse Bead Social

March 2, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8
Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Anime Club

March 23, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8
Watch anime with friends and some tasty Japanese snacks.

Sewing Workshop: Bunny Bags

March 30, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 4–8
Learn to sew a cinched bunny bag! Space and supplies are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/SparkBunnyMCA.

Sewing Workshop: Bunny Bags

March 30, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8
Learn to sew a cinched bunny bag! Space and supplies are limited. Registration required at tinyurl.com/SparkBunnyFPL.

SENSORY SERIES

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help with exploration.

Light Board Tables Ages 2-4

March 2, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Balloon Feet Ages 0-2

March 19, 5:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Storytimes Ages 2-5

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 craft with your favorite Children's Librarian.

Baby Storytimes Ages 0-2

Tuesdays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Fridays at 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

March 2, 11AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)
March 5, 2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)
March 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)
March 20, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

Kids' Chess Club

1st Tuesday of every Month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center
2nd Tuesday of every Month, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
This informal group welcomes everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards provided or bring your own. Staff to help with questions, but will not be teaching chess.

Kids Yarn Social Hour

March 28, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE EVENTS

Play, Learn, & Grow Together




Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30AM | [Sign up here!](#)

Let's Go to Kindergarten (Bilingual)

Wednesdays at 1PM and Thursdays at 11AM | [Sign up here!](#)



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Storytime (Ages 2-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am		Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am			1	2
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		Pinecone Birdfeeders 9:30am @ Main Kids Chess Club 5pm @ Main	Toddler Craft: Rubber Stamping 10:30am @ Main Open Color 3:45pm @ McAuliffe		Planting Craft 3pm @ Main Collage Afternoon 3:45pm @ McAuliffe	Light Board Tables 10:30am @ Main Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main
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