



Exciting Changes Coming to Our Exercise Classes and Schedules!

Last November, we surveyed our exercise community, and based on your feedback, changes are coming this March!

Join us for a new in-person class: Chair Stretch & Relax with certified professional trainer Sophia Mellen of Sage Wellness. Come to the McAuliffe Branch on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10AM.

Stretch & Relax classes remain on Zoom and move to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at an earlier time—3PM!

Tone & Stretch remains online at 4:30PM and moves to the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Not on the Framingham Library Exercise mailing list? [Sign up now!](#)



Framingham Public Schools Annual Art Show

March 1–31 | Main Library

View the Framingham Public Schools annual art show at the Main Library throughout the month of March.

Come to the public reception on March 5 from 6–8PM in the Costin Room to celebrate students' work. All are welcome!



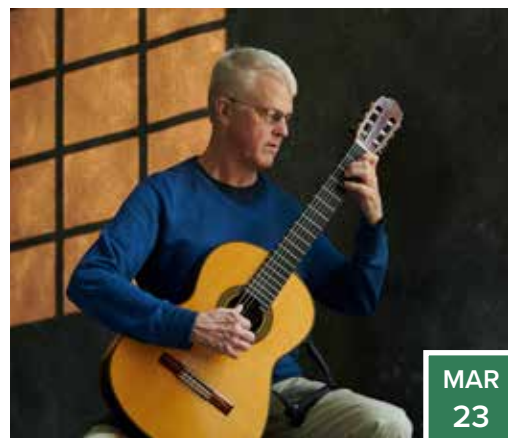
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Seed Lending Library: Seed Swap Party

March 1, 12–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Join Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests and our Seed Lending Library for our annual seed swap party. See below for our Annual Seed Packaging Parties at Main and McAuliffe.

Saturday Musical Matinee: *Wicked*

March 1, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG, 2024, 2h 40m

Sing-along at our Saturday musical matinee and see the 10-time Oscar-nominated film, starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande! Refreshments provided.

Sunday Concert featuring Dave McLellan

March 23, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy music from veteran classical guitarist and Performing Arts Center (PAC) of Metrowest faculty member Dave McLellan. Hear him perform works by Luis Milan, Stanley Myers, Francine Trester, and more. Doors open at 2:30PM. Refreshments provided.

More Than Just The Buzz with Dr. Robert Gegear

March 25, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join the Framingham Garden Club and Dr. Robert Gegear, Associate Professor of Biology at UMass Dartmouth, to learn how to restore native plant and pollinator diversity.

Main Library

49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
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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Compost Q&A With Black Earth Compost

March 3, 6:30PM | Main Library,
Costin Room

Confused about compost? Not sure where to begin? Want to know the difference between home and commercial compost? Bring any and all of your compost questions to this open Q&A session with Black Earth Compost!



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Spark Lab: Open Art Night

March 4, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Need to finish a project? Want to start a new one? Join us for open art night. Art supplies provided or bring your own! *3D printer unavailable during this time.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Global Fluency: Speaking the Language of Cultural Competence in Business

March 6, 7PM | Online via Zoom

In today's interconnected world, success in the business realm requires more than technical expertise; it demands a deep understanding of cultural diversity and the ability to navigate cross-cultural interactions effectively. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.



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Seed Lending Library: Annual Seed Packaging Parties

March 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

March 11, 10AM | Main Library,
Children's Program Room

Everyone is welcome to help package the seeds for stocking the Seed Lending Libraries!



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Art Journal Jam for Adults

March 18, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

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



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McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Salt Shaker Button Bouquet

March 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies crafting flowers with buttons and floral wire. Decorated salt shakers hold the button bouquets. Space and supplies are limited. [Registration required.](#)

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Commentaries on the Laws of England in Russia of the 18th Century

March 20, 7PM | Online via Zoom

Explore the historical and linguistic challenges in translating William Blackstone's foundational text on English Common Law into Russian. Join the [Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Starting Seeds Indoors

March 29, 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.

Book Bingo: 31 Titles to Discover Women's History

March 31, 7PM | Main Library, Costin
Room

Celebrate Women's History Month with local author Janis Robinson Daly. Come discuss 31 titles by influential women authors! Includes a Bingo-style game with prizes, book signing, and more.

Adventures in Lifelong Learning

Spring 2025 Registration Open

March 4, 11, 25, and April 1 | Zoom only

Registration for the Spring 2025 session is open from February 3–28. [Find out more about the upcoming Spring semester and register now.](#)

If you have any questions, please email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or call 508.215.5127.

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 for hybrid discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

Main Library Book Discussion: *Bear: A Novel* by Julia Phillips

March 4, 7PM | Zoom only | [Join mailing list.](#)

April 1: *Table for Two* by Amor Towles

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *This Is Your Brain on Music* by Daniel Levitin

March 11, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

April 8: *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James W. Loewen

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Land of Milk and Honey* by C. Pam Zhang

March 12, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

April 9: *Stardust Grail* by Yume Kitasei

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *A Marvellous Light* by Freya Marske

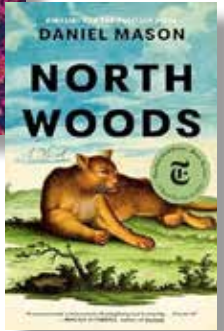
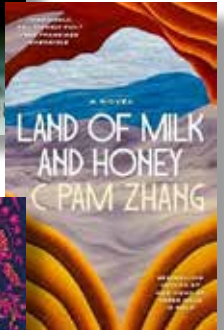
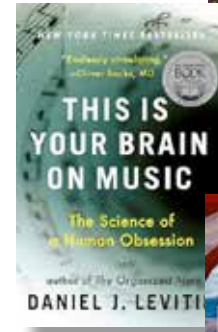
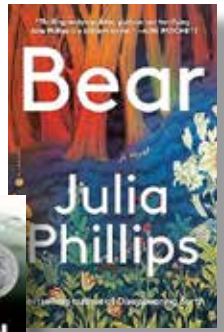
March 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

April 15: *Howl* by Allen Ginsberg

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

March 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

April 17: *The Lamplighters* by Emma Stonex



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McAuliffe Matinee: *The Soloist*

March 12, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2009, 1h 57m

“A newspaper journalist discovers a homeless musical genius and tries to improve his situation.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Queen of Katwe*

March 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2016, 2h 4m

“Living in the slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda, is a constant struggle for 10-year-old Phiona and her family. Her world changes one day when she meets Robert Katende, a missionary who teaches children how to play chess.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Cyrano*

March 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2021, 2h 3m

“Too self-conscious to woo Roxanne himself, wordsmith Cyrano de Bergerac helps young Christian nab her heart through love letters.”

Monday Matinee: *A Real Pain*

March 24, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | R, 2024, 1h 30m

“Mismatched cousins reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.”



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

March 10 & 24, 4:30PM | Zoom

NEW TIME! Stretch & Relax

March 5 & 19, 3PM | Zoom

NEW! Chair Stretch & Relax

March 13 & 27, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

New to our exercise classes?

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

Bachata: Learn to Dance

March 8, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

[Sign-up to our Dance mailing list](#) to stay up-to-date.

Writing Together on Wednesdays

March 5 & 19, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Bring your writing tools and join us as we build a local community of writers.

One-on-One Career Services

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

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

Monthly Free Practice

Interview Group

March 12, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Meditation with Leslie Gabriele

March 20, 10AM | Online via Zoom

[Join our mailing list](#) to receive monthly email reminders.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

March 21, 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 Swap

March 24, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 1–3PM | 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

All Mondays in March, 3-4:30 PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Learn the basics of needle felting and work on your own custom creature.

Alphabet Soup: Queer Teen Hangout

March 6, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room
March 20, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts crafts. On the first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the third Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Beginner Hand Sewing Workshop: Pi Day Felt Pies

March 12, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Learn to hand sew your own mini felt pie in honor of Pi Day. All materials provided.

Early Release Day Video Games

March 13, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

We've done crafts and movies recently, so let's play video games on this Early Release Day.

Needle Felting at McAuliffe

March 25, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 6–12

Learn the basics of needle felting and work on your own custom creature, but this time at the McAuliffe Branch!

Video Game Hangout

March 27, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6-12
Play video games and eat snacks!

Saturday Morning Cartoons

March 29, 11AM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Relax and eat cereal while watching your favorite cartoons from when you were a kid.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Library aficionado? Share your photos of libraries in other countries. Mail or bring the photos to the Main Library care of the FPLF.

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

For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

March 15, 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 Back Room and the boxes of books in the lobby. These books are available only during book sales. The Friends Bookstore is also well stocked as always.

Need a reason to join the Friends?

Friends members get early access to the sale beginning at 9:30AM.

Can't make the book sale? The Friends Bookstore is open during library hours.

Literacy Unlimited

ESOL Tutor Training

March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 9:15AM-1:30PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Interested in helping a fellow Metrowest resident learn English? Join our March training to become an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) tutor with the Literacy Unlimited program.

This 4-week training program introduces you to the basics of adult English education and connects you with the incredible community of volunteers, students, and staff involved in Literacy Unlimited.

To register for the upcoming training visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

To learn more about the program from Literacy Unlimited staff, email us at fplmail4@minlib.net, call us at 508.532.5574, or drop by our office on the top floor of the Main Library.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month: Dress

All Month | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room
| All Ages

Mix and match girls through history that have helped shape the world. See familiar faces—and discover new ones added this year!



International Women's Day Flower Craft

March 7, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Make tulips for women who you admire to celebrate Women's Day!

Women's History Month: Airplane Building

March 22, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Learn about the first woman to fly solo around the world, Jerrie Mock, and other aviators, while building wooden or paper airplanes.



Women's History Month: Letters to Educators

March 15, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | All Ages

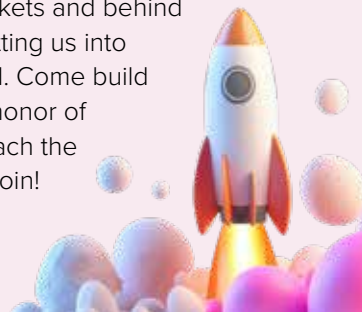
The theme for Women's History Month this year is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." Write letters to your favorite educators to share how they inspire YOU!

Women's History Month: Rocket Girls

March 22, 10:30AM–12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronauts Grove | Ages 8+

Women have worked both in rockets and behind the scenes through history in getting us into space, on the moon, and beyond. Come build and launch your own rockets in honor of all the women who helped us reach the next frontier. All are welcome to join!

[Registration required.](#)



MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Dr. Seuss Day Crafts

March 3, 9AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day this March by joining us for crafts and activities!

Wellesley Symphony: A Family Concert Experience

March 8, 11AM | Costin Room | All Ages

Join us for a fun family concert, hear about basic musical concepts, and how instruments work!

Lego Build

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

Make a LEGO creation each month, using our spinning wheel of ideas or using your imagination!

St. Patrick's Day Craft

March 17, 11AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

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

Water Wise Workshop with OARS

March 20, 4PM | Children's Room | Ages 5–10

Get hands on with this interactive workshop with experiments that look at your relationship with the environment. Learn about the effect of simple human actions in watershed ecosystems and make positive environmental impacts in your daily life!

DIY Spirographs

March 24, 4:30-5:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Drop in to make your own spirograph and explore geometric patterns.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

March 5, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

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

Yarn Monograms

March 13, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Trace the first letter of your name on sturdy cardstock, cut it out, and then wrap it in yarn!

Shamrock Sun Catchers

March 17, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

These lucky and beautiful sun catchers are sure to brighten your St. Patrick's Day!

First Day of Spring: Wind Chimes

March 20, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Blow into spring with your own DIY wind chimes.

NO SCHOOL MOVIE: Hidden Figures (2016)

March 21, 2PM | Community Room | PG, 2h 7m, 2016

Three female African-American mathematicians play a pivotal role in astronaut John Glenn's launch into orbit.

Toddler Craft: Symmetrical Ladybugs

March 26, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Create colorful Ladybugs with symmetrical shapes.

Lego Build

March 27, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

TWEEN EVENTS

Kids' Chess Club

March 4, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

March 18, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided, but you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but will not be teaching chess.

Beginner Hand Sewing Workshop: Pi Day Felt Pies

March 12, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Learn to hand sew your own mini felt pie in honor of Pi Day. All materials provided.

Tinker Thursdays

March 27, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Join us the last Thursday of each month to create, using items from our makerspace! Every month we bring out different materials and tools.

ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3–5)

Mondays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Thursdays 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in every week for age appropriate stories and a craft.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0–2)

Tuesdays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

March 1, 15, & 29, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

March 8 & 22, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community & Craft Rooms

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Hora de Cuentos en Español con Sohli y Raquel

8 de marzo, 2PM | Main Library, Children's Room

Acompáñenos para escuchar historias divertidas y hacer manualidades temáticas. Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Se recomiendan las manualidades para niños mayores de 3 años.

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your baby explore.

Baby Painting

March 7, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 0–4

Circle Art

March 14, 11:30AM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 1–4

Animal Rescue Course

March 25, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 1–4

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

March 3, 4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)

March 29, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Cosmo)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

Ongoing Early Childhood Alliance Events

Play, Learn, & Grow Together





Tuesdays 10AM | [Sign up here!](#)

Let's Go to Kindergarten

Fridays 12PM | [Sign up here!](#)



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