

## What is something the Library is not providing now that would benefit the community?

For those who have taken the time to answer our long-range plan questions, we can't thank you enough! As we craft our long-range plan, your answers help us meet the needs of our community in the years ahead.

If you haven't yet answered our questions, you still can! [See our Long-Range Plan Community Survey.](#)

As we near the end of our questions, we want to know:

## ? What is something the Library is not providing now that would benefit the community?

Another way to think of it is what is something you want to see the Library do that it is not currently doing?

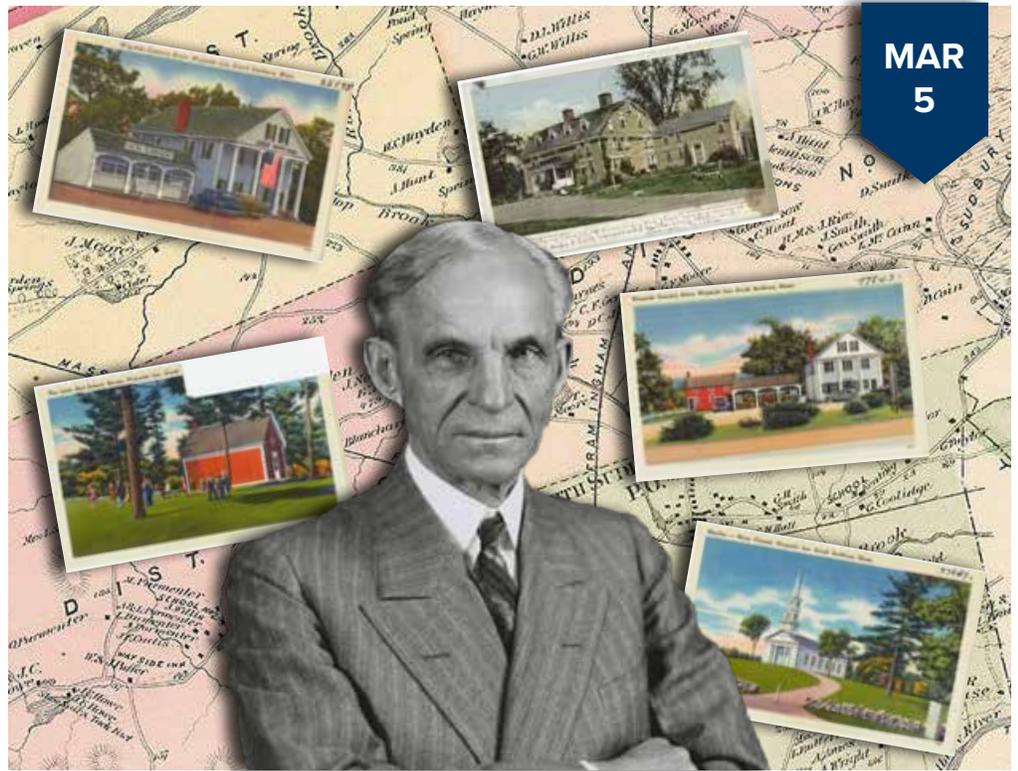
Over the years, libraries have grown to keep pace with community needs. We've evolved to offer a Library of Things, but maybe there are items you think we should include.

We've expanded to provide much needed services at no cost, such as career coaching and social work. Are there other services that would benefit you?

We've done our best to bring you relevant and current programming, but maybe there are programs or changes to existing programs for us to consider.

Stop by the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to complete a brief questionnaire or [submit your response online between March 1–31.](#)

To learn more about the Library's Long-Range Plan, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp](http://framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp).



### Henry Ford's Sudbury: Hidden in Plain Sight

March 5, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join local author Aline Kaplan to find out how Henry Ford changed Sudbury in the early 20th century with his Colonial Village project. Ford bought existing buildings, including Wayside Inn in 1923; moved structures in from other places; and built still more from the ground up. Today, people live in some of these structures and drive past others without knowing their history. Learn which structures remain from Ford's historic project and where to find them.

### Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Boston Molasses Flood

March 12, 7PM | Zoom

In January 1919, a molasses storage tank in Boston's North End collapsed, flooding the neighborhood with approximately 2 million gallons of molasses. The 25-foot high tidal wave of molasses destroyed buildings, almost knocked over the elevated railroad track, and killed 21 people. Learn the reasons for the tank's collapse and its aftermath, including a huge (for the period) civil judgement. If you haven't already, join our [Lifelong Learning mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

### Heavey Quinn Irish Dancers

March 14, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an unforgettable performance by the Heavey Quinn Irish Dancers. Enjoy Irish-themed magic, lively music, and interactive fun.



### Poetry Reading: *Crimson Courageous*

March 2, 6:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join local author Christine Omodi-Engola in a reading and discussion of her book *Crimson Courageous*, which offers an unflinching, unique look at modern life in the world of work and rural America.

### Seed Lending Library: Annual Seed Packaging Parties

March 3, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

March 16, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

### AARP Tax Aide

March 7, 21, and 28 and April 11, 9:30AM–2:45PM  
(by appointment only) | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

IRS trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are available to prepare your 2025 Federal and State Income tax returns. This program is designed to assist all people of low to middle income with special attention given to those aged 60 and older. [Register for an appointment at 9:45, 11:30, and 1:15.](#)



### Seed Stories: Starting Culturally Meaningful Plants

March 14, 12–1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests leads this session by sharing seed stories—how seeds, food, and cultural traditions are passed down through families and communities. Explore the cultural meaning behind everyday herbs and vegetables and learn how to start your own seeds to grow at home.

### Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

March 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us on the second Monday of every month for an evening of trivia. Bring your friends, form a team (up to 5 people), or arrive solo and we'll help you find a group. It's a great way to connect, learn new things, and enjoy a fun night out at your library.

### The Irish in Boston

March 16, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy an illustrated lecture on the Boston Irish. Explore the 19th and 20th century people and institutions founded by and for the Irish immigrants and their descendants. Learn about the generations of Irish in Boston who've contributed to the fabric of the city's life.



### Art Journal Jam for Adults

March 17, 6PM | 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.](#)

### Craft Ladies: Glass Marble Suncatchers

March 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Craft colorful suncatchers using plastic lids, glue, and flat marbles. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on March 1.](#)

### Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

**The Pioneer Woman Cooks—Super Easy!**

March 21, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Each month, explore a new cookbook, try new recipes at home, and come together to share your experiences making the recipe. Registration required. To register, email Robin at [rgrossman@minilib.net](mailto:rgrossman@minilib.net).

### Spark Lab Saturday: Pressed Flower Bookmarks

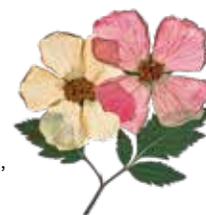
March 21, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | All ages

Welcome in spring by making DIY pressed flower bookmarks! Space is limited. Stop in while supplies last.

### Make It Tuesday: Paper Flowers

March 24, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Bring the beauty of the garden indoors! Transform simple sheets of paper into stunning, realistic blooms. Perfect for home decor, gift toppers, or a centerpiece that lasts forever.



### Thursday Night Concert with Harmony Grove:

**A Legacy of Justice and Equality in Framingham**

March 26, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The Harmony Grove ensemble presents a program of songs that promote justice and equality and celebrate the diversity of our city. The evening includes songs from the Civil Rights and other justice movements as well as contemporary compositions, including original songs by group members.

### Job Search Prep Program: The 21st Century Job Search

March 26, 7PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Finding a good job is harder than ever. But why? ATS, job boards, LinkedIn, networking, resumes. What are they? How do I best use them? Join resident career coach Ed Lawrence to kick off the Job Search Prep Program with this first of six sessions to help you find your first or next job. Space is limited. [Registration recommended.](#)

### Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Zefira Trio

March 29, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Come to the Main Library to enjoy our next Bob Dodd Sunday Concert with Zefira Trio, featuring pianist Eleanor Perrone, cellist Ashima Scripp, and violinist Olga Patramaska-Bell. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

## 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: *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

March 3, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

April 7: *Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben

March 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

April 14: *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

### Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The City in the Middle of the Night* by Charlie Jane Anders

March 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

April 8: *Tusks of Extinction* by Ray Nayler

### Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Fable for the End of the World* by Ava Reid

March 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

April 21: *Sorcery and Small Magics* by Maiga Doocy

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

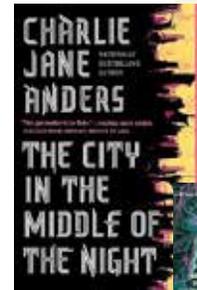
March 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

April 16: *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Poole

### Hot Takes: *A Fate Inked in Blood* by Danielle L. Jensen

March 25, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

April 22: *The Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren



## FILMS

### Saturday Matinee: *One Battle After Another*

March 7, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 2h 41m

“When their enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunite to rescue the daughter of one of their own.”

### McAuliffe Matinee: *The Post*

March 11, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2017, PG-13, 1h 56m

“A cover-up spanning four U.S. Presidents pushes the country’s first female newspaper publisher and her editor to join an unprecedented battle between press and government.”

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Nomadland*

March 18, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2020, R, 1h 47m

“A woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.”

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *Wicked For Good*

March 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2025, PG, 2h 17m

“Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West and her relationship with Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. The second of a two-part feature film adaptation of the Broadway musical.”

### Monday Matinee: *Hamnet*

March 30, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, PG-13, 2h 5m

“After losing their son Hamnet to plague, Agnes and William Shakespeare grapple with grief in 16th-century England. A healer, Agnes must find strength to care for her surviving children while processing her devastating loss.”

## ONGOING EVENTS

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### 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 only

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

### Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

March 4 & 18, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Board Game Night

March 12, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Zine Club: Flag Book

March 12, 6–7:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn how to create a flag book zine, a variation on the accordion fold.

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

March 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

March 23, 10AM | Zoom

Join our [Meditation mailing list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

March 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Mah Jongg

March 25, 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 Openings

Your donation helps create a new Framingham Room, a place where you can access the Library's remarkable collection of historic books, documents, yearbooks, newspapers, maps, photos, and a letter from Houdini.

For more information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinett@rcn.com). To donate, go to [fplf.org/donate](http://fplf.org/donate) or send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

### Friends March Book Sale

March 21, 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.



### Looking to make room for new books on your shelves?

Friends of Framingham Library accepts donations of gently used books free of stains, rips, and mold. You can leave small donations (up to 2 grocery bags) at either library. For larger donations, please email [fplfriends@minlib.net](mailto:fplfriends@minlib.net) to arrange a drop-off time. Please note we cannot accept encyclopedias, cassette tapes, or VHS tapes.

### Want to Join the Friends?

It's always the right time to join the Friends. [Become a member today!](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

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The Framingham Public Library has partnered with the Massachusetts Trial Court to offer access to virtual court services through the Access to Justice Library Initiative. Learn more about Access to Justice (A2J) and what we provide at the library on our [Massachusetts Access to Justice page](#).

## LITERACY UNLIMITED

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### Volunteer Information Session

March 25, 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 learn more about our program and to register for the information session, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/literacy](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### Framingham Public Schools 2026 Prek-12 District Visual Art Exhibition

March 3–30 | Main Library, Costin Room

Stop by the Main Library from March 3 to 31 to view the Framingham Public Schools 2026 Prek-12 District Visual Art Exhibition. **Join us in the Costin Room for the opening reception on March 3 from 5–7PM.** This show features artwork from students across all 13 schools and six PreK sites across the district. Come celebrate the creativity of our students!

### Community Art Project: A Home For Our Future Generations

March 27, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | All ages

Come take part in a community art project led by local artists Julia Csekö and Raquel Fornasaro. Lend your creative skills to a house-shaped public art installation that focuses on sustainability. Using wood shingles and stenciling supplies, design a shingle to be included on the exterior of the house. [Registration requested to help determine the amount of supplies needed.](#)

Look for the Framingham installation this spring on the Framingham Centre Common. [Learn more about the artists and this project at \[juliacseko.com\]\(http://juliacseko.com\).](#)