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Mystery Book Bags

Ongoing throughout May at McAuliffe Branch Library

May is National Mystery Month! Celebrate by picking up one of our wrapped Mystery Bags, featuring some of our favorite whodunits from the collection.

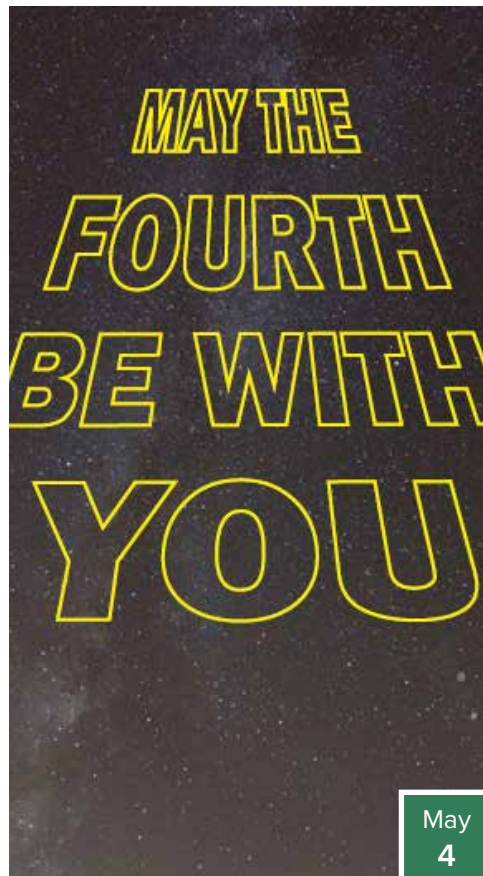


FPL Suffrage Cookbook Recipe Collection

Wednesdays 6:30–8:00PM and Thursdays 9:30–11AM
McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Drop by the library to have a librarian help you digitize your recipe or reflection for inclusion in the FPL Suffrage Cookbook! Keep an eye out for upcoming related programming, including a talk this summer on activism through cookbooks presented by culinary historian and author Sarah Lohman.

Don't need any help? [Submit your contributions online.](#)



May 4



May 3



May 16

Friday Night Film: Wonka (PG, 2023, 1h 57m)

May 3, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy Timothée Chalamet as Willy Wonka, the eccentric owner of the Wonka Chocolate Factory, in this musical comedy! Learn the story of how the young Willy Wonka defied greedy chocolatiers to open his own chocolate factory. Refreshments provided.

May the 4th Be With You & Free Comic Book Day

May 4, All Day | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Drop by for some Star Wars fun! Make some crafts and get your photo taken with our green screen—costumes encouraged! Celebrate free comic book day while you're here and take one home with you.

Lifelong Learning: Cultural Competency—Ingredients for Student Success

May 16, 7PM | Zoom only

Join Dr. Jeffrey Coleman, Vice President & Chief Diversity and Inclusion Office at FSU, for a look at fostering cultural competency through curricular and co-curricular experiences. All Lifelong Learning mailing list recipients receive the Zoom link. [Join now!](#)

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed May 25–27 for the Memorial Day weekend.

Main Library

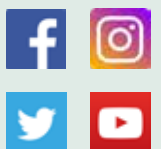
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508-532-5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday–Saturday 9–5
Sunday 1–5

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.



May
1**Nolletti on Hitchcock:****Stage Fright (NR, 1950, 110m)**

May 1, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The Nolletti on Hitchcock film series continues this month with two more classic films. First, Stage Fright! Set in the world of the theater, this underrated film stars Jane Wyman, Marlene Dietrich, and Richard Todd.

May
6-8**Virtual Reality:****Tales from Soda Island**

May 6-8, 2-7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Experience the wonders of immersive animation with Tales From Soda Island. The Oculus headset is recommended for ages 10+. To reserve a time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or [sign up online](#).

May
8**Nolletti on Hitchcock:****Vertigo (NR, 1958, 130m)**

May 8, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room

The Nolletti on Hitchcock film series wraps with *Vertigo*. Widely regarded as Hitchcock's masterpiece, this dreamlike thriller stars James Stewart and Kim Novak in a dizzying web of passion and mistaken identity.

May
11**Come Plant With Us**

May 11, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Garden

Learn how to transplant seedlings outdoors into our Library garden. This program is weather dependent. In case of inclement weather, we will plant indoors in the cafe.

McAuliffe Dungeons & Dragons Night

May 13, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Embark upon a journey of magical realms and boundless imagination with Dungeons & Dragons. Guiding you on this quest is the master of worlds, our DM, Jeff, whose enchanting storytelling shall weave the threads of magic. Space is limited. [Registration required](#).

May
14**Art Journal Jam for Adults**

May 14, 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. [Register now!](#)

McAuliffe Craft Ladies:**Silicone Bead Keychains**

May 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies and create a silicone bead keychain that you can also wear as a bracelet! Supplies and space are limited. [Registration required](#).

Bridgerton Garden Party

June 1, 1-4PM | McAuliffe Branch, Garden & Community Room

Dear Gentle Reader, all members of the Ton are hereby invited to a Bridgerton-themed soiree to be held at the McAuliffe Branch Library on June the 1st. Festivities include lawn games (weather permitting), Bridgerton Bingo, a photo station, and Regency-themed crafts. Bingo to begin at 2PM sharp.

Literacy Unlimited**May Baskets Raffle is here!**

Celebrate spring with the 12th annual May baskets raffle! The baskets are on view in the lobby of the Main Library and in the cafe of the McAuliffe Branch until May 31.

The cost is \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for a book of five tickets. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday, June 4.

All proceeds benefit Literacy Unlimited, the ESOL, and Basic Literacy tutoring program for adults.

Cultural Council 2024 Awards Reception

The Cultural Council 2024 Awards Reception will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 in the Main Library, Costin Room at 6:30PM. The public is welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group

Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese

May 7, 7PM | Zoom | [Register here](#) for Zoom link.

“A vivid reimagining of the woman who inspired Hester Prynne, the tragic heroine of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter*, and a journey into the enduring legacy of New England’s witchcraft trials.”

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

Wool by Hugh Howey

May 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register here](#) for Zoom link.

“The first book in the acclaimed, New York Times bestselling trilogy, *Wool* is the story of mankind clawing for survival.”

McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group

Shubeik Lubeik by Deena Mohamed

May 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here](#) for Zoom link.

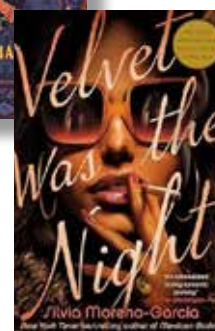
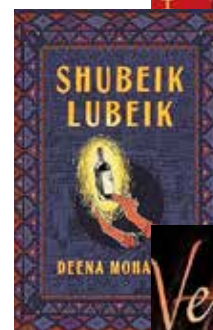
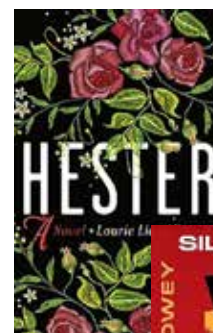
“A brilliantly original debut graphic novel that imagines a fantastical alternate Cairo where wishes really do come true.”

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group

Velvet Was the Night by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

May 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register here](#) for Zoom link.

“... a simmering historical noir about a daydreaming secretary, a lonesome enforcer, and the mystery of the missing woman they’re both desperate to find.”



FILMS

Friday Night Film: *Wonka*

May 3, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG, 2023, 1h 57m

“With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Star Wars: Episode IV—A New Hope*

May 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 1977, 2h 1m

“Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a Wookiee, and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire’s world-destroying battle station.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Into the Woods*

May 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2014, 2h 5m

“A witch tasks a childless baker and his wife with procuring magical items from classic fairy tales to reverse the curse put on their family tree.”

Monday Matinee: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*

May 20, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 2023, 2h 34m

“Archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary artifact that can change the course of history.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Brooklyn*

May 29, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2015, 1h 57m

“An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.”

ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

*Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

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

* *No class May 27.*

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

May 16, 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@minilib.net to schedule an appointment.

* *No appointments May 30.*

Monthly Free Practice Interview Group

May 8, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

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

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

May 17, 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

May 8, 7PM | Main Library

May 20, 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.

Mug Cakes

May 2, 1PM | Main Library, Teen Room

May 14, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch |

Grades 6–12

Make a tasty snack in minutes using simple ingredients and a microwave!

Maker Mondays: Cosplay Basics—Cardboard Armor

May 6, 13 & 20, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Every now and then, Maker Mondays is a Cosplay Basics lesson! This month, learn how to use simple cardboard to make complex armor. Come just one week, or work on a larger project by coming every Monday.

Early Release Day Fuse Beads

May 9, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove | Grades 6–12

Come make a relaxing Early Release Day pixel art craft.

Anime Club

May 11, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8

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

Video Game Hangout

May 23, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks.

SUPPORTERS

Third Space To Bring People Together

Wouldn't it be nice to create a home away from home in the Main Library? The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create an inviting library living room at the Main Library.

It will feature the periodical collection, comfortable seating, tables, and charging stations as well as a coffee machine. Please help us create this Third Space!

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.



Friends Monthly Book Sale

May 18, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Bargains galore. Variety too. Mark your calendar for this month's sale.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Block Printing

May 2, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Try your hand at block printing, a craft that's thought to be around since the 200s in China! Carve your own pattern and learn about the different uses of block printing.

Framingham Family Fair: A Celebration of Young Children

May 4, 11AM | City Hall, Nevins Hall

Stop by at the Framingham Public Library table to learn more about children's offerings at the library and what other children's organizations offer in Framingham!

Cherry Blossom Windsocks

May 4, 3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Learn about the significance of cherry blossoms while making a windsock to hang outside.



Mother Goose on the Loose

May 6, 13, & 20 | J Program Room | Ages 0–2

Registration closed. Check back in the fall for the next session!

Lego Build

May 8, 4:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

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

Tinfoil Card Prints

May 9, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 6+

Design a card and transfer color using tinfoil.

Handprint Volcanoes

May 14, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Have a "blast" making handprint volcanoes!

Framingham Tiny Art Project

May 15, 6PM | Spark Lab | Grades K–12

Make a miniature piece of art on canvas to display at the Main Library throughout June! Come in person or stop by after May 15 to pick up your canvas. Return your art before June 1st to be included in the art show.

Pacific Island Origami Animals

May 18, 3PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn to create origami animals found in the Pacific Islands.

T-Shirt Design Workshop

May 19, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Create your own t-shirt design and bring it to life with vinyl, a Cricut, and a heat press! Bring your own t-shirt or [request a t-shirt](#). Supplies limited. Extras will not be available.

Bubble Wrap Art

May 21, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Have some fun painting with bubble wrap!

Clothespin Butterflies

May 22, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Create your own butterfly and use a clothespin to make it fly.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Movie: Legend Of Hei (2019)

May 2, 10AM | Community Room

Runtime: 101m; Rated: PG; Closed Captions Provided

When his forest is destroyed, the wood sprite Xiaohei takes the form of a cat and goes to live in the city, where the hybrid Fengxi (Stormend) befriends him. However, there are enemies on their trail. In the bustling human world, various goblins live peacefully with mankind.

Baby And Me Yoga

May 3, 11:00AM | Community Room | 6 weeks–Precrawlers and their Caregivers

Join Jessica Spaman, owner of Emotions In Motion, for a 45-minute baby and me yoga class filled with movement, mindfulness, and connection. Best for pre-walkers.

Chinese Paper Cutting

May 3, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 6+

Celebrate AAPI month by honoring the tradition of Chinese paper cutting.

Open Color

May 8, 3:45PM | Craft Room | All Ages

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

Homemade Playdough

May 9, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Come spend the morning making homemade playdough!

Mother's Day Cards

May 11, 10AM | Craft Room | All Ages

Come make flower handprint cards for your mother or caregiver to celebrate Mother's Day!

Toddler Craft: Outdoor Chalk Art

May 15, 10AM | Astronaut Grove | Ages 2+

Make some chalk drawings on the patio for everyone to see. This program is weather dependent.



Clay Play

May 16, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 3+
Drop-in and create with clay!

Framingham Tiny Art Project

May 16, 6PM | Craft Room | Grades K–12

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Bubble Dance Party

May 17, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 0–4

Start your weekend with some bubbles, music and dancing!

Película En Español: Paw Patrol:**The Mighty Movie (2023)**

May 18, 2:00PM | Community Room

Los cachorros de la Patrulla Canina obtienen superpoderes mágicamente después de que un meteorito impacta en Adventure City. Sin embargo, las cosas empeoran cuando Humdinger y un científico loco les roban sus poderes y se convierten en supervillanos. Mientras el equipo entra en acción para salvar la ciudad, Skye pronto descubre que incluso el cachorro más pequeño puede marcar la mayor diferencia. Clasificación PG; Tiempo de ejecución 95 minutos; Se proporcionarán subtítulos en inglés. [Closed captions in English will be provided.]

Mini Koinobori Craft

May 20, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Celebrate AAPI Month by making Koinobori! Koinobori, meaning “carp streamer” in Japanese. These carp-shaped windsocks are traditionally flown in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku, an event which is now designated as Children’s Day.

Parachute Play

May 23, 10 AM | Community Room | Ages 1–3

Come join for some parachute fun!

**Lego Build**

May. 23, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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

Rock Painting

May 29, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Paint your own rock with cool designs. Put them in your room or even in a garden, or give it to someone as a gift!

Cotton Bud Ratchaphruek

May 30, 10AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Celebrate AAPI Month by painting the national flower and national tree of Thailand! The ratchaphruek is referred to as the “golden shower / rain tree” because of its beautiful cascading golden flowers, a color which represents unity, harmony and glory.

**DIY Bee Bath**

May 31, 3:45PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make DIY bee baths, a simple and pollinator-friendly activity you can quickly and easily throw together from supplies gathered right in your own backyard—or with supplies right at the Library!

TWEEN EVENTS**Kids’ Chess Club**

1st Tuesday of the month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

2nd Tuesday of the month, 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.

Metal Stamping Workshop

May 9, 1:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 4–8

May 29, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Learn to metal stamp and create jewelry to take home. Space and materials are limited.

Fuse Bead Social

May 11, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Anime Club

May 11, 1PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 4–8

Watch anime with friends and some tasty Japanese snacks.

Framingham Tiny Art Project

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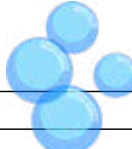




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Kids Yarn Social Hour

May 30, 7PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn new stitches, and hangout with other knitters & crocheters!

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sensory Series Water Bead Play: May 7, 11am @ McA Soft Block Play: May 18, 10:30am @ Main Shaving Cream Art: May 21, 5:30pm @ Main Soft Obstacle Course: May 21, 11:15am @ McA			1	2	3	4
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Weekly Storytime (Ages 3-5) 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		Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs May 3, 3:30pm @ Main (Duncan) May 11, 11:30am @ Main (Arden) May 18, 11:30am @ McAuliffe (Arden) May 11, 2pm @ McAuliffe (Roxie)		Metal Stamping Workshops May 9, 7pm @ McA May 29, 7pm @ Main

Ongoing Events

Weekly Storytimes Ages 3–5

Mondays at 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room
 Thursdays at 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room
 Drop in every week for themed stories and a craft.

Baby Storytimes Ages 0–2

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

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

May 3, 3:30PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Duncan)
 May 11, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room (Arden)
 May 18, 11:30–12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)
 May 11, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Roxie)
 Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

Sensory Series

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

Taste Safe Water Bead Play Ages 0–4

May 7, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Soft Block Play Ages 1–4

May 18, 10:30AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Shaving Cream Art Ages 1–4

May 21, 5:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Soft Obstacle Course Ages 0–1

May 21, 11:15AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Early Childhood Alliance Events

Play, Learn, & Grow Together

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

Let's Go to Kindergarten

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