

## May Baskets Raffle—Tickets on sale now until May 30!

Celebrate spring with the 13th Annual May Baskets Raffle! Check out the prize baskets at the Main and McAuliffe libraries now through May 30. Bring cash or check with you on your next trip to the library to buy your tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20!

Join us on Saturday, May 31 at 1PM in the Main Library, Costin Room for the final prize drawing.

All proceeds from this fundraiser support Literacy Unlimited, the adult tutoring program based in Framingham Public Library.

To learn more about May Baskets and the work this fundraiser supports, visit [framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/may-baskets-2025](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/may-baskets-2025).



## Spring Tea Party

May 10, 10–11:30AM, Main Library, Costin Room | 1–3PM, McAuliffe Branch

Come to the Main Library, McAuliffe Branch, or both to enjoy a tea party, crafts, and games! All ages welcome. We hope you join us!

## Craft Supply Swap

May 28, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Do you have a surplus of craft supplies you no longer want? Would you like free supplies to try a new hobby? Bring your supplies and swap them for new ones! You may drop off your supplies during the week of May 19 or bring them with you to the swap.

## A Journey Through the Roots of American Popular Music

May 29, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Singer and songwriter Jon Waterman presents songs and stories about the origins of blues, rock, and country music. In a mix of live music and presentation, we explore some of the fascinating characters and events that are part of the history and the role of music in our lives. This program is made possible in part by grants from the Mass Cultural Council and Framingham Cultural Council.



Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed May 24, 25, and 26 in honor of Memorial Day weekend.

### 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org)!

Funding for Library programs is provided in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library.





### **Job Search Prep Program: Concise Introductions**

May 5, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Experts agree that the best way to land a job sooner is via networking. Join resident career coach Ed Lawrence to discuss networking conversations and to practice the art of concise introductions.



### **Virtual Reality: Pollinator Park**

May 6 & 7, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Explore a world without pollinators in this interactive museum/ecosystem created by the European Commission in honor of World Bee Day. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).

### **Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Roman Rudnytsky**

May 11, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room  
Join us this Mother's Day for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert, featuring concert pianist Roman Rudnytsky. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.



### **Job Search Prep Program: Modern Resumes**

May 12, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room  
What's the purpose of the resume? What are the rules to follow? What does ATS mean anyway? Join Certified Professional Resume Writer Ed Lawrence to discuss all things resume and the fine art of self-promotion.



### **Come Plant With Us**

May 17, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Garden  
Learn how to transplant seedlings outdoors into our library garden. This program is weather dependent. In case of inclement weather, the program is canceled.

### **Board Game Night**

May 19, 6:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Bring your friends or meet new ones at this evening of board game fun! Try one of the library's selection of board games. We teach you the rules, no experience needed. Or bring your own and teach us something new! Relax, connect, and play at your own pace. All are welcome!



### **Art Journal Jam for Adults**

May 20, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab  
Bring your own art journal and prepare to get messy! Join us for this casual, unstructured session. 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: Beginner Needle Felting**

May 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Learn the art of needle felting using cookie cutters and wool roving in a variety of colors. Space and materials are limited. [Registration required](#).

### **McAuliffe Adult Craft Night: Beauty of Dried Flowers**

May 27, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Create unique handmade creations with dried flowers. Come unwind and make something beautiful. All materials provided—just bring your creativity! Supplies limited.

### **Mah Jongg Night**

May 28, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room  
Join our new monthly Mah Jongg night! A knowledge of American Mah Jongg rules and your own National Mah Jongg League card is essential. If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along.

### **Cleanup with Keep Framingham Beautiful (KFB)**

May 30, 12:30–2PM | Main Library, Parking Lot  
Join us for a community cleanup in partnership with KFB! Please wear comfortable shoes and bright colors. We provide loaner grabbers, gloves, and trash bags or bring your own!



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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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 or Zoom only discussions. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

### Main Library Book Discussion: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

May 6, 7PM | Zoom only | [Join mailing list.](#)

June 3: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchet

### McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Cosmoknights* by Hannah Templer

May 13, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

June 10: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

### Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. Le Guin

May 14, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join mailing list.](#)

June 11: *Floating Hotel* by Grace Curtis

### McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

May 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

June 12: *The Sicilian Inheritance: A Novel* by Jo Piazza

### Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe

May 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join mailing list.](#)

June 17: *Even Though I Knew the End* by C. L. Polk at the Main Library



## FILMS

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### Saturday Matinee: *Anora*

May 3, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | R, 2024, 2h 19m

"A young stripper from Brooklyn meets and impulsively marries the son of a Russian oligarch. Once the news reaches Russia, her fairy tale is threatened as his parents set out for New York to get the marriage annulled."

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *My Fair Lady*

May 8, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | G, 1964, 2h 50m

"In 1910s London, snobbish phonetics professor Henry Higgins agrees to a wager that he can make a crude flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, presentable in high society."

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Secretariat*

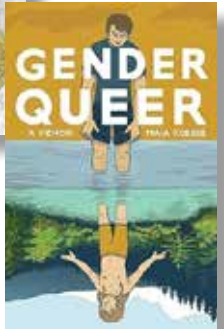
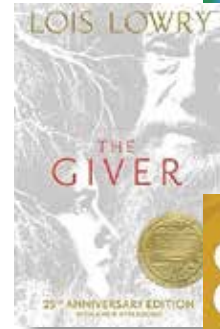
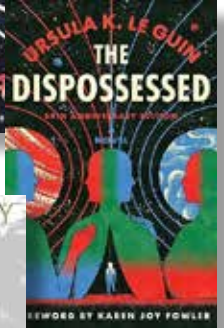
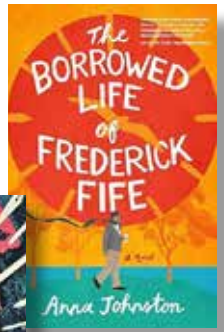
May 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG, 2010, 2h 3m

"Penny Chenery Tweedy and colleagues guide her long-shot but precocious stallion to set, in 1973, the unbeaten record for winning the Triple Crown."

### McAuliffe Matinee: *Dunkirk*

May 21, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2017, 1h 46m

"Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Commonwealth and Empire, and France are surrounded by the German Army and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II."



## ONGOING EVENTS

### One-on-One Career Services

May 1, 8, 15, & 22, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

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

### NEW! Walk-in Career Services

May 6 & 13, 2–4PM | Main Library

Career coach Ed Lawrence provides professional career help at no cost.

### Open Spark Lab

May 6, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Find out what the Spark Lab has to offer and get creative with our tools.

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

May 7 & 21, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### Stretch & Relax

May 7 & 21, 3PM | Zoom only

### Chair Stretch & Relax

May 8 & 22, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Tone & Stretch

\*May 12, 4:30PM | Zoom only

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

*\* No class May 26, Memorial Day*

### Meditation with Leslie Gabriele

May 15, 10AM | Zoom

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

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

May 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

May 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

### Bachata

May 31, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join our [Dance Class mailing list](#) for updates.

### Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library

Wednesdays, 6PM | 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft).

### Maker Mondays: Clay Sculptures

May 5, 12, & 19, 3–4:30 PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

Choose from a variety of clay colors to sculpt anything you'd like! Come once and make something simple or come every week to make a larger creation.

### Alphabet Soup: Queer Teen Hangout

May 1, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room  
May 15, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

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

### Video Game Hangout

May 9, 3PM | Main Library | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks during vacation week!

### Clay Sculptures at McAuliffe

May 13, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Grades 5–12

Sculpt anything you'd like with clay, but this time at the McAuliffe Branch!

### Early Release Day Video Games

May 15, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

You're getting out early today, so let's play video games at the library.

### Early Release Day Cartoons & Cereal

May 22, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

Another early release day! This time we'll watch cartoons and eat cereal.

### Early Release Day Lawn Games

May 29, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch | Grades 6–12

It's spring! So let's play giant games outside on the third Early Release Day of the month.

## SUPPORTERS



### Framingham Public Library Foundation: Silent Disco!

Show off your dance skills and help raise important funds for the library! Tickets available for [purchase online](#). Join us after hours at the Main Library on these days:

May 2, 5:30–7PM | Grades 6–8 | \$5 per ticket (\$30 per family)

May 2, 7:30–9:30PM | Grades 9–12 | \$5 per ticket (\$30 per family)

\*May 3, 6:30–9:30PM | 21+ only | \$25 per ticket

May 4, 10AM–12PM | All ages | \$5 per ticket (\$30 per family)

\*Tickets for this event include DJ and snacks. Beer available for purchase.

### What is a Silent Disco?

It's a dance party where everyone wears wireless headphones and chooses between music channels—so you're grooving to your own vibe while surrounded by fellow dancers doing the same. It's fun, it's unique, and it's an unforgettable experience!



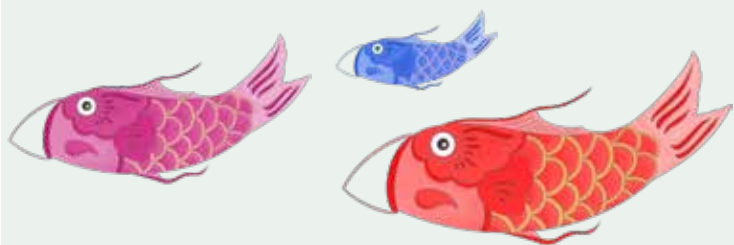
### Friends Book Sale

May 17, 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. (Friends members may enter the sale at 9:30AM.)

**Can't Make the Book Sale?** The Friends Bookstore is open during library hours.

## ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS



### Mini Koinobori Craft

May 16, 3:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab and McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5+

To celebrate AAPI Month, we're making Koinobori! Koinobori, meaning 'carp streamer' in Japanese, are carp-shaped windsocks traditionally flown in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku, a traditional calendrical event which is now designated as Children's Day, a national holiday in Japan.

### Big Hero 6: Pre-Movie Activity

May 22, 5PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 5+



Drop in for some STEM activities to connect to the characters of Big Hero 6. Use the power of chemistry to create color-changing invisible ink with baking soda, turmeric, and rubbing alcohol.

Create your own origami Baymax to watch the movie with. Bring a stuffed animal and engineer cardboard armor for your own sidekick.

### Movie: Big Hero 6 (2014)

May 22, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | All ages | PG, 102 mins., CC (English)

A special bond develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who together team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.

### Pacific Island Origami Animals

MAY 28, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Learn to create origami animals found in the Pacific Islands.

### Madhubani Peacocks

May 30, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 5+

From the Mathila region of India and Nepal, Madhubani painting has been practiced for centuries primarily by women. Madhubani artists use natural resources such as flowers and vegetables to create their own vibrant colors to portray religious, social, and natural imagery. Come join us as we paint the national bird of India!

## MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

### Mother Goose on the Loose

May 5, 12, & 19, 5:30PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 0–2  
Program is every Monday for 8 weeks from April 28–June 16.  
Registration is now closed. Check back for the next session!

### Lego Build

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

Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

### Mother's Day Craft

May 9, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | All ages

Create a unique dress craft for Mom or your caregiver to celebrate Mother's Day!



### Spring Bingo

May 22, 2PM | Costin Room | Ages 6+

Come play bingo and win prizes!

## MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

### Movie: Moana 2 (2024)

May 3, 11AM | Community Room | All ages | PG, 100 mins., CC  
Moana journeys to the far seas of Oceania after receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors.

### Star Wars™: Revenge of the Fifth

May 5, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Embrace the dark side of the Force and embrace your inner Sith™ with these Star Wars crafts.

### Open Color

May 7, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

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

### Family Paint Night

May 12, 6PM | Craft Room | All ages

Hang out and paint a chosen scene on canvas. Juice and snacks provided! Get a raffle ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.

### Special Guest Storytime: Framingham Modern Dentistry

May 19, 10AM | Community Room | Ages 3–5

Join us for a special storytime with Framingham Modern Dentistry to learn about keeping our teeth healthy!



## MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS CONTINUED

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### Lego Build

May 22, 1:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

### Toddler Craft: Cactus House

May 28, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Design and decorate your own paper-plate cactus house!

## TWEEN EVENTS

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### Kids' Chess Club

May 6, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

May 20, 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 or you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

### Fuse Bead Social

May 23, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

## ONGOING EVENTS

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### 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 age appropriate stories and a craft.

### Baby Storytime (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!

### Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

May 17, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

May 3 & 31, 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

10 de mayo, 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

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

### Sensory Bags

May 6, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Ages 0–2

### Lace a Caterpillar

May 7, 10AM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 2–4

### Light Board Play

May 12, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Room | Ages 1–4

## Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

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May 3, 11:30AM | Main Library, Children's Room (Arden)

May 7, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Room (Duncan)

May 10, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

May 21, 4:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy)

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

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### Pajama Storytime and Singalong with Lindsay Munroe and her Puppet Pals!

May 8 & 15, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Room

May 22, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room

Join us for a cozy evening of stories, songs, and rhymes before bedtime!

### Music Time with Lindsay Munroe and her Puppet Pals!

May 3 & 31, 3:30PM | Main Library, Children's Room

Build essential early literacy skills with this joyful music class!

### Play, Learn, & Grow Together


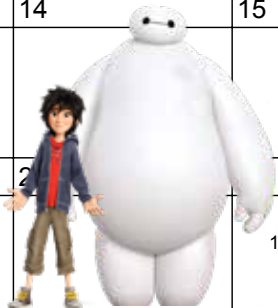


Tuesdays at 10AM | [Sign up here!](#)

### Let's Go to Kindergarten

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



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Special Guest Storytime:</b> <b>Framingham Modern Dentistry</b> Monday May 19, 10AM @ McAuliffe		<b>Big Hero 6 Activity and Movie</b> <b>May 22nd</b> <b>Activity 5PM @ Main</b> <b>Movie 6PM @ Main</b>		1	2	3
						<b>Movie: Moana 2</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe
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	<b>Star Wars™ - Revenge of the Fifth</b> 3:30 @ McAuliffe	<b>Sensory Bags</b> 11AM @ McAuliffe <b>Kids' Chess Club</b> 5pm @ Main	<b>Lace a Caterpillar</b> 10AM @ Main <b>Open Color</b> 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	<b>Lego Build</b> 4PM @ Main	<b>Mother's Day Craft</b> 11:30AM @ Main	<b>Hora de Cuentos en Español con Sohli y Raquel</b> 2PM @ Main
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>Light Board Play</b> 11:30AM @ Main <b>Family Paint Night</b> 6PM @ McAuliffe				<b>Mini Koinobori Craft</b> 3:30PM @ Main & McAuliffe	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<b>Kids' Chess Club</b> 5pm @ McAuliffe		<b>Lego Build</b> 1:30 @ McAuliffe <b>Spring Bingo</b> 2PM @ Main	<b>Fuse Bead Social</b> 3PM @ Main	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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