



## Support the Friends of Framingham Library and Clean Your Car!

From now until May 17, buy discounted wash tickets from ScrubaDub and 50% of the proceeds go to the Friends. Get the ScrubaDub Express Wash—usually \$12—for just \$10! Tickets are available online. Use them at any New England ScrubaDub, including Framingham and Natick.

## Give to the Little Food Pantry to Help Others



Our Little Food Pantry needs your help! The Little Food Pantry, found on the first floor of the Main Library, provides free food and other essential items to local patrons. Non-perishable foods, especially snack foods and ready-to-eat items, and toiletries, including toothpaste, shampoo, and more, are in high demand. Not sure what to donate? [Visit the Little Food Pantry Amazon wishlist.](#)



## May Baskets Raffle—Buy Your Tickets Now!

Literacy Unlimited's 14th Annual May Baskets Raffle is underway. Check out the prize baskets at the Main and McAuliffe Libraries. Buy tickets for any basket at either library.

Tickets are on sale through May 31. Bring cash or check with you on your next trip to the library. Buy one ticket for \$5 or five for \$20! Winners will be drawn on June 3 at 1PM at the Main Library.

All proceeds support Literacy Unlimited. [Learn more online.](#)



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Re-dedication Ceremony

## Christa McAuliffe Branch Library 10th Anniversary

May 16, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch

Time flies when you're turning pages! The Christa McAuliffe Branch Library is celebrating 10 wonderful years at our current home. From the thousands of books checked out to the countless community connections made, it's been a decade of growth and discovery. Let's mark this ten-year milestone with a grand anniversary celebration. Join us for a special re-dedication ceremony followed by music and festive activities for all ages.

## A Frog & Toad Spring Tea

May 2, 1–4PM | McAuliffe Branch

Celebrate the simple joys of friendship and the arrival of spring at the McAuliffe Branch this month. Step into the world of Arnold Lobel for A Frog and Toad Spring Tea. Life can be a bit rushed, so we're taking a page out of Toad's book and slowing down for a proper tea with crafts and activities and, of course, snacks!

## Special Screening: *Hamilton*

May 3, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 2020, 2h 40m

The filmed version of the original Broadway smash hit *Hamilton* combines the best elements of live theater, film, and streaming in an astounding blend of hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway. Presenting the tale of American founding father Alexander Hamilton, this revolutionary moment in theater is the story of America then, told by America now.

**Main Library**  
49 Lexington St. • 508.532.5570  
Monday–Thursday: 9–9  
Friday–Saturday: 9–5  
\*Sunday: 1–5

**Christa McAuliffe Branch Library**  
746 Water St. • 508.532.5636  
Monday–Thursday: 9:30–9  
Friday–Saturday: 9:30–5  
\*Sunday: 12–4

Find our newsletter archive online at [framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter](https://framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter).

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

\*Both libraries are closed on Sundays in July & August





## Grow & Care: Container Gardening for Everyday Foods

May 4, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests guides you through practical container gardening techniques designed for everyday life. Building on the seeds started in Session 1, this hands-on workshop focuses on growing food in small spaces using containers and grow bags. Safiyat shares simple care routines and shows how the plants you grow can easily become part of your daily meals across cultures. [Register now!](#)

## Job Search Prep Program: LinkedIn 2026—What You Need to Know Now

May 7, 7PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Recent changes to LinkedIn include a new backend AI that rates your profile, content posts, and activity differently than before. Learn about these dramatic changes and how to change your profile to take advantage of these new features. Walk-ins are welcome. [Registration recommended.](#)

## Printmaking: Gelli Print Workshop

May 9, 1–4PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Explore the magical world of printmaking using a gelli plate. Learn how to use a gelatin printmaking plate to create beautiful patterned papers with color, texture, and simple tools. Perfect for beginners and experienced makers. All supplies provided. Space is limited. [Registration is required and opens on May 1.](#)

## Music Bingo

May 11, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Love music? Love prizes? Join us for Music Bingo! It's just like the classic game, but we've swapped the numbers for your favorite hits and hidden gems. Whether you're a trivia pro or just looking for a new favorite playlist, come hang out, socialize, and compete for a prize. Don't know the song? No problem! Shazam is welcome and encouraged.

## Author Talk: *A Guardian and a Thief* with Author Megha Majumdar

May 11, 7:30PM | Zoom

We're so thrilled to be chatting with author Megha Majumdar about her most recent book, *A Guardian and A Thief*, an Oprah's Book Club Pick! This event is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register now for the Zoom link.](#)

## Visible Mending/Sashiko Workshop

May 14, 5:30–8:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn the basics of visible mending with six or seven basic stitches that you can use to mend almost any kind of textile. Bring items in need of repair with you to get started. Beginners can make a sampler using the stitches and techniques taught in the workshop. All materials are supplied. Space is limited. [Registration is required and opens on May 1.](#)



## Come Plant With Us

May 9, 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.

## Sunday Concert: David Eure & Alexei Tsiganov

May 17, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for this month's Sunday concert, featuring local jazz duo violinist David Eure and pianist Alexei Tsiganov. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.



## Author Talk: *Banning Books in America: Not a How-To* with Author Samuel Cohen

May 18, 7PM | Zoom

Join author and professor, Samuel Cohen, for a conversation on his most recent release, *Banning Books in America: Not a How-to*, a book about reading, teaching, and lending banned books under the shadow of political pressure. This event is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register now for the Zoom link.](#)

## Craft Ladies: Kinusaiga Fabric Art

May 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Kinusaiga is a Japanese art form created by Setsu Maeno in the 1980's. Originally created by tucking silks into slits cut into wood, create your own works of art using foam blocks and scraps of fabric. [Registration is required and opens on May 1.](#)

## Make it Tuesday: Eraser Stamps

May 26, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Turn the ordinary into the extraordinary! Join us for a hands-on workshop to upcycle rubber erasers into unique, reusable ink stamps. It's the perfect way to add a handmade touch to cards, journals, and scrapbooks. Registration guarantees a spot, walk-ins welcome while supplies last. [Registration opens May 1.](#)

## Dark Summer Is Coming

August 8 | Main Library

A new book festival is coming to Framingham this summer! The first annual Dark Summer Book Fest invades the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, August 8. This one's for all the dark fiction lovers—whether you like crime, horror, fantasy, paranormal romance, or any number of other genres! [Register to join our Dark Summer mailing list.](#) Visit the [Dark Summer Book Fest web page](#) to find out more.



## 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 where applicable. [Find sign-up forms online.](#)

### Main Library Book Discussion: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

May 5, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

June 2: *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong

May 12, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

June 9: *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke

### Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Alien Clay* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

May 13, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

June 10: *Gone World* by Tom Sweterlich

### Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Heated Rivalry* by Rachel Reid—TV show or book!

May 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

June 16: *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

### McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Black Woods, Blue Sky* by Eowyn Ivey

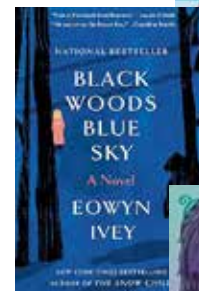
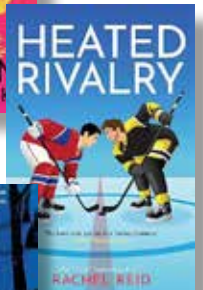
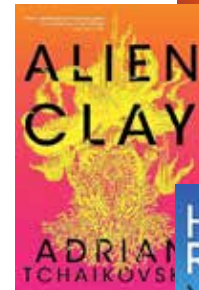
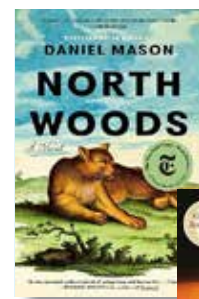
May 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

June 18: *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia

### Hot Takes: *Violet Thistlewaite Is Not a Villain Anymore* by Emily Krempholtz

May 27, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

June 24: *The Isle in the Silver Sea* by Tasha Suri



## FILMS

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### McAuliffe Matinee: *Yellow Rose*

May 13, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2019, 1h 34m

“A Filipina teen from a small Texas town fights to pursue her dreams as a country music performer while having to decide between staying with her family or leaving the only home she has known.”

### Monday Matinee: *Lilly*

May 18, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2024, PG-13, 1h 33m

“About a courageous factory worker who fights for justice when cheated and mistreated by her company. Based on the life of Lilly Ledbetter.”

### McAuliffe Matinee: *The Joy Luck Club*

May 20, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | R, 1993, 2h 19m

“Four Chinese women along with their mothers delve into their past and try to find answers. Slowly, this search helps them to understand the complex relationship they share with each other.”

### Musicals at McAuliffe: *South Pacific*

May 21, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | NR, 1958, 2h 37m

“On a South Pacific island during World War II, love blooms between a young nurse and a secretive Frenchman who’s being courted for a dangerous military mission.”

## ONGOING EVENTS

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### Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

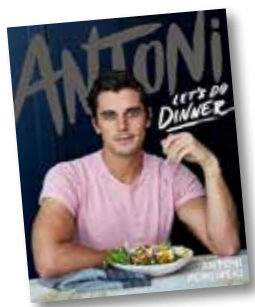
Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom

Join our [Exercise mailing list](#) for email reminders with Zoom link.

### In-person Career Services

May 5, 12, and 19, 4–8:30PM | Main Library, Group Study Room

Drop-ins welcome. One-hour appointments by request. Email [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) to schedule yours.



### Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

*Antoni: Let's Do Dinner* by Antoni Porowski

May 5, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Registration required. Please email Robin at [rgrossman@minlib.net](mailto:rgrossman@minlib.net).

*Note: Beginning in May, the Recipe Readers Cookbook Group moves to the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM.*

### Writing Together on Wednesdays

May 6, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

### One-on-One Career Services

May 7, 14, & 21, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

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

### Board Game Night

May 14, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

May 15, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

### Release, Relax, Reinvigorate:

#### Meditation with Leslie

May 18, 10AM | Zoom

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

*Note: Meditation with Leslie is on hiatus in June, July, and August. It returns in September. Sign up to join the Meditation mailing list to receive email reminders.*

### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

May 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

### Mah Jongg

May 27, 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

## LITERACY UNLIMITED

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### Literacy Unlimited Has a New Logo!

Literacy Unlimited is excited to unveil our new logo designed to reflect the themes of conversation, community, diversity, and growth at the heart of this program.

Thank you to everyone who supported the logo design process, and thank you to our students, volunteers, and supporters for making this program the wonderful, diverse, conversational, and ever-growing community that it is!

## SUPPORTERS

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### Friends May Book Sale

May 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.

### Reminder to Donate Your ...

... Gently used books free of stains, rips, and mold. Small donations (up to two grocery bags) can be left at either library. For larger donations 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.

### Did You Know That Annual Friends Memberships start at just \$10?

Becoming a member of the Friends guarantees early access (9:30AM) to the bag room and the back room at the monthly sales. Early admission means more books to choose from at each sale.

Membership for seniors 65+ starts for as little as \$10 a year. A Friend (individual) membership is only \$15, and a Family membership is \$30 annually. Other memberships are available. [See the Friends of the Library Membership web page for more information.](#)

The Friends of Framingham Library rely on memberships and donations to cover much of their costs. Many library services only exist because of the Friends.

[Join or renew your membership today.](#) It's always the right time to become a Friend!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Eric Volkin Art Exhibit

#### Main Library Lobby

This May, come by the Main Library to see a retrospect of works by local artist Eric Volkin. Working in various mediums, including charcoal and watercolors, his art provides enjoyment and intrigue to viewers of all ages.

## DID YOU KNOW

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Our BookLocker has been in its new home at the Callahan Center for one year! Let's celebrate this anniversary.

Stop by the Callahan Center on June 12 between 11AM and 1:30PM to celebrate with us. While there, learn hands-on how to use the BookLocker and enjoy light refreshments.