



What is the most important thing that the Library does for the community?

Thank you to those who contributed to our long-range planning by answering our first question: What should your public library be doing in the next 5 years?

If you haven't yet answered this question, you still can by visiting our [Long-Range Plan page](#).

As we enter November, we have our next monthly question for you:

? What is the most important thing that the Library does for the community?

Is there something or some things—services, resources, or materials—that the Library provides the community that you can't do without? Maybe this thing is found only at the Library and nowhere else. Maybe this thing is intangible, for instance, a sense of belonging when you're at the Library. No matter what it is, let us know.

Stop by the Main Library or McAuliffe Branch to complete a brief questionnaire or [submit your response online by November 30](#).

To learn more about the Library's Long-Range Plan, visit framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp.



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We Love Korean Folklore!

November 20, 6PM | Zoom

Do you love KPop Demon Hunters and the fusion between classic Korean myths and modern day storytelling? Join authors Jihyun Yun and Ryan Estrada as they discuss their favorite myths, their books, and everything from tigers to tokkaeb. [Register for Zoom link](#).

SIMULCAST: *We the People*

Yo-Yo Ma plays Bach's Cello Suites

November 21, 8–10:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime concert when Yo-Yo Ma performs Bach's complete cello suites live from Symphony Hall. Join us for the free simulcast at the Main Library on November 21! Seats are limited. [Registration is required and opens on November 1](#). On concert day, doors open at 7PM. Concert begins at 8PM.

Golden Girls Brunch

November 29, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Calling all Golden Girls fans! Come out to celebrate the award-winning sitcom that featured four unforgettable women—Blanche, Rose, Dorothy, and Sophia—enjoying their golden years sharing a house in Miami. Join us for cheesecake, mocktails, and bingo while watching some classic Golden Girls episodes.

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

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Find our newsletter archive online at framinghamlibrary.org/news-events/monthly-newsletter.

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Once Upon Death and Dying with Dustin Pari

Nov. 3, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Explore unique customs that pertain to the human transition from life to afterlife throughout various cultures and religious understandings the world over. A death positive presentation for all of us going through this human experience.



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Paper Quilling

Nov. 5, 6:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Learn the basics of paper quilling from local stationary company Quilling Card as they teach you how to make a quilling card. Materials and tools are provided, but space is limited. [Registration opens on November 1](#). Save your spot!



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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Conspiracy Theories & Why People Believe Them

Nov. 6, 7PM | Zoom

People believe conspiracy theories for a variety of reasons, such as wanting to belong to a group of like-minded individuals or helping them understand complex events. Explore why people adhere to, and spread, such theories to better understand the current political milieu of the United States.

[Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)



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Sunday Concert: Mike Fritz Quartet

Nov. 9, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

In celebration of Veterans Day, enjoy a USO-style concert with local band the Mick Fritz Quartet. Doors open at 2:30PM. Refreshments provided.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: The 2026 Midterm Elections

Nov. 13, 7PM | Zoom

Midterm elections often reveal how the public perceives the performance of a president and their party. The November 2026 midterm elections will also reflect where each party is heading as we look to 2028. Join us for a look at past midterms and current events in American politics shaping these pivotal elections.

[Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)



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Spark Lab Saturdays: Bath Bombs

Nov. 15, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Gift-giving season is upon us! Treat a loved one—or yourself!—to a homemade bath bomb! Mix your own batch to take home with you and even learn a little chemistry as you learn how they explode in water!

Art Journal Jam for Adults

Nov. 18, 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. Register at bit.ly/FPL_Art_Workshop.

Craft Ladies: Mini Beaded Plants

Nov. 19, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies for an Adult Crafting night! Craft mini plants using jewelry wire and beads, “planting” them in mini flower pots. Materials are provided, and space is limited. [Registration opens on November 1](#).

Alchemy Crystal Bowl Sound Bath

Nov. 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Settle into serenity with this 60-minute sound bath designed to help you unwind, restore, and reconnect. Begin with a brief guided meditation to center the body and calm the mind. Then immerse yourself in soothing waves of harmonic sound from alchemy crystal bowls. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, and props for comfort. [Registration is required.](#)

Tuesday Craft Night: Solstice Book Trees

Nov. 25, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Join us for a cozy Library Craft Night and create your own solstice book tree! Using recycled pages, we'll fold, shape, and decorate old books into charming décor. All materials provided. No crafting experience needed. Just bring your creativity and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening with fellow book lovers! Space and materials are limited.

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 Blue Hour* by Paula Hawkins

November 4, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

December 2: *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Shadow Life* by Hiromi Goto

November 4, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

December 9: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *When the Moon Hits Your Eye* by John Scalzi

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

December 10: *Metallic Realms* by Lincoln Michel

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *So This Is Every After* by FT Lukens

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

December 16: *Most Ardentlly* by Gabe Cole Novoa

Hot Takes: *A Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting* by Sophie Irwin

November 19, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

December 17: *The Second Chance Year* by Melissa Wiesner

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *Distant Hours* by Kate Morton

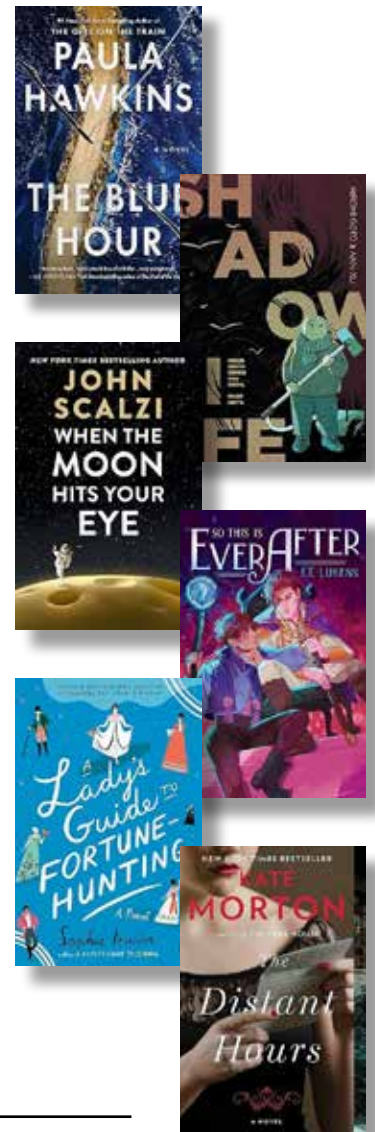
November 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

December 18: *Emma* by Jane Austen

Silent Reading Group with the Library Director

November 25, 7PM | Main Library

BYOB! Bring your own book and take some time to read at the library.



FILMS

Saturday Matinee: *Sinners*

November 1, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 2h 17m

"Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers return to their hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back."

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Lake House*

November 12, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2006, PG, 1h 39m

"A lonely doctor who once occupied an unusual lakeside house begins to exchange love letters with its former resident, a frustrated architect."

McAuliffe Matinee: *The Quiet Man*

November 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 1952, NR, 2h 9m

"A retired American boxer returns to the village of his birth in 1920s Ireland, where he falls for a spirited redhead whose brother is contemptuous of their union."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Annie*

November 20, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 1982, PG, 2h 7m

"A spunky young orphan is taken in by a rich eccentric, much to the chagrin of the cantankerous woman who runs the orphanage."

Monday Matinee: *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*

November 24, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1987, R, 1h 33m

"A Chicago advertising man must struggle to travel home from New York for Thanksgiving, with a lovable oaf of a shower-curtain-ring salesman as his only companion."

ONGOING EVENTS

One-on-One Career Services

*Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only

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

**No appointments on November 27, but appointments are available the week of November 24.*

Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

Writing Together on Wednesdays

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

Stretch & Relax

November 5 & 19, 3PM | Zoom only

Tone & Stretch

November 10 & 24, 4:30PM | Zoom only

Chair Stretch & Relax

*November 13, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room

**No class November 27*

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

Zine Club

November 13, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

November 21, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room

Bachata

November 22, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

November 24, 10AM | Zoom

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

Board Game Night

November 24, 6:30–8:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Featured game: 7 Wonders

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

November 27, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 10AM and
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Check out our Annual Report!

Literacy Unlimited has been working with adult English and literacy students in the Framingham Public Library since 1986. This past year alone, we served over 500 students through our one-to-one tutoring program and group conversation classes.

Read this year's Annual Report at framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/annual-report to learn more about the program and how you can support our work.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF)

Honor or remember family and friends through your donation to the Framingham Public Library Foundation.

For information, email Ruth Winett at rwinnett@rcn.com. To donate, visit fplf.org/donate or send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

Friends November Book Sale

November 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 Friends Annex and the boxes of books in the lobby. These books are available only during the Saturday book sales. Friends members may enter the sale at 9:30AM.

Corporate Members

Many thanks to our renewing corporate members. We appreciate their support.

- [Charlene Frary, Realtor](#)
- [Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP](#)
- [Framingham Animal Hospital](#)
- [Market Basket/Demoulas Super Markets, Inc.](#)
- [Murphy's Automotive, Inc.](#)

- [Nelson Zide, ERA Key Realty Associates](#)
- [Periodontal Associates](#)
- [Roche Bros.](#)
- [Shillman House Residents' Association](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Library Card Design Contest

If you're as excited as we are to find out who the library card design winners are, stay tuned for details and the big reveal to come!

In the meantime, the contest is open until October 24. There are prizes for the winner in each of the three categories: Youth (11 and under), Teen (12–17), and Adult (18+).

Visit our [Library Card Design Contest page](#) to learn more and to enter online. Hard copy entry forms are also available at the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch.

Homework Center Volunteers

The Homework Center is now open to help students K–12 at both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch. If you want to help a local student succeed, then why not volunteer to become a tutor?

We have limited openings at the Homework Center. [Please fill out our Homework Center Volunteer Intake Form](#). For more information, contact FPL Assistant Director, Jill Walker at jwalker@minlib.net.

DID YOU KNOW...

We're building a new collection of Haitian Creole books that we'll soon share. While the project is underway, the Boston Public Library has graciously loaned us a small collection to borrow at the Framingham Library. Stop by any time to find what's available.

And don't forget that the Framingham Library offers books in 18 languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, French, and Hindi—just to name a few. Come check them out!