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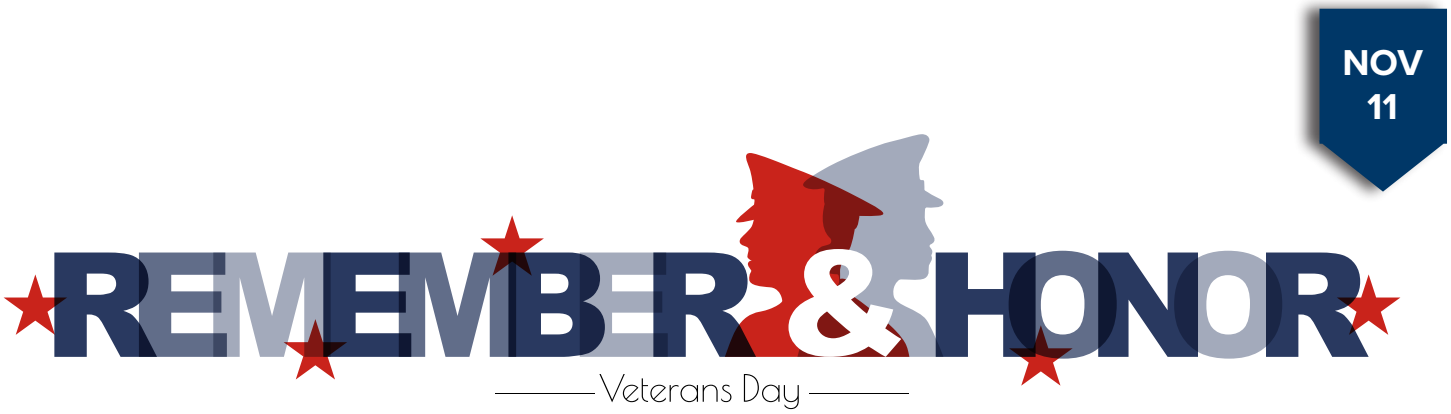

Long-Range Plan Community Survey

The Framingham Public Library is developing a new strategic plan—a roadmap to guide our priorities and services over the next few years based on community needs. We want your input!

Take our Long-Range Plan Community Survey. It takes only 10 minutes to complete, and your responses are anonymous. The survey is available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Whether you use our online resources or visit the Main Library, McAuliffe Branch, Bookmobile, or Booklocker in person, we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help shape the library's future. Most questions are multiple choice, and you have an opportunity at the end to share any additional thoughts or ideas.

As our community changes and grows, so should the library. Let's make sure the library meets your needs. Thank you for taking the time to participate in our survey.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon

November 11, 11–12:30PM | Memorial Building, Nevins Hall (150 Concord St.)

Join the Framingham Library and Callahan Center, in collaboration with the Veterans Services, for a ceremony to honor those who have served. Following the ceremony, veterans are invited to a catered luncheon and a concert by local band Mike Fritz. We hope you join us for a day of gratitude, music, and community. Luncheon space is limited, and tickets are required. See City of Framingham website for more.

Job Search Prep Program

October 1—November 19, 7PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

Our 8-week job search prep program is underway, but there's still time to join us at the Main Library. Join our resident career coach Ed Lawrence any Thursday evening at 7PM through November 19 to learn how to search for a job, showcase your skills, and differentiate yourself from other qualified candidates. Learn more about upcoming sessions and register.

Author Talk: Shannon McKenna Schmidt Discusses *The First Lady of World War II: Eleanor Roosevelt's Daring Journey to the Frontlines and Back*

November 2, 7PM | Zoom

In the first book to tell the full story of Eleanor Roosevelt's unprecedented and courageous trip to the Pacific Theater during World War II, author Shannon McKenna Schmidt discusses how the trip impacted the war effort, Eleanor, and the world. Register now for the Zoom link.

Library Walk & Talk

November 2 & 16, 9:30AM | Cushing Park, 60 Dudley Road

Meet us at Cushing Park for a casual walk and friendly conversation. Share what you've been reading or simply enjoy the company. Walk at your own pace for as long as you'd like. No assigned reading, no pressure. Look for a library sign by the parking lot. In the event of rain, we will cancel.

Main Library
49 Lexington St. • 508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday: 9–9
Friday & Saturday: 9–5
Sundays: 1–5

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

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

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

True Crime Author Talk: *A Murder in Salem* with Rob Fitzgibbon

November 4, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for a special talk with local author Rob Fitzgibbon! His book, *A Murder in Salem, Massachusetts: The Death of Frances Cochran,* tells the story of the disappearance and death of this 19-year-old woman. Hear more about this case that grabbed national headlines.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: 2026 Midterm Elections: What Happened (and Why)?

November 5, 7PM | Zoom

Join Dr. David Smailes as he examines the results of the 2026 midterm elections by looking at what happened and how we might put the elections in historical perspective. Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link.

Turkish Coffee Tasting: Brew, Serve, Connect

November 7, 11–12:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for a morning of Turkish coffee, culture, and community! Learn the history and tradition of Turkish coffee and stay for a live brewing demonstration and tasting. Supplies limited. Registration required.

Craft Supply Swap

November 7, 1–3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Do some of your craft supplies need a new home? Want free supplies to try something new? Bring supplies to donate and swap them for new ones! Please bring your donated items to the McAuliffe Branch Library between November 2 and 7.

Music Bingo

November 9, 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.

Celebrating Diwali

November 10, 6:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us in celebrating Diwali with an evening of mehendi and painting your own diya! All ages welcome! Space and supplies are limited. Registration is required.

Getting Started with Genealogy

November 14, 10–12PM | Main Library, TLC

Whether you're just beginning your genealogy journey or already have some research under your belt, find practical tools and ideas to help uncover your family's story. Registration required.

Documentary Spotlight: Gather (2020 | NR | 1hr 14m)

November 14, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Chester Brezniak & Roxana Frizzi

November 15, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy this month's Bob Dodd Sunday Concert with clarinetist Chester Brezniak and pianist Roxana Frizzi. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Art Journal Jam for Adults

November 17, 6–7:30PM | 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. Some supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. Registration required.

Craft Ladies: Stamped Wrapping Paper

November 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Come make wrapping paper using kraft paper, markers, rubber stamps, and a variety of ink pads. Cardstock is available for matching gift tags. Supplies and space are limited. Registration required and opens on November 1.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Place in Literature

November 19, 7PM | Zoom

Join Dr. Helen Heineman for a look at how three different landscapes—from the mountainous Lake District of northwest England to the rugged, barren moors of Haworth to the social landscapes of Bath—provided inspiration to some of the most famous authors in literature: William Wordsworth, the Brontës, and Jane Austen. Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link.

Make it Tuesday: Book Solstice Trees

November 24, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Back by popular demand, our Book Solstice Trees craft returns! Transform a discarded book into a beautiful folded paper tree, perfect for adding a cozy touch to your winter décor or giving as a handmade gift. All materials provided. Registration required and opens November 2.

Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with Booklist Reviewer John Charles

November 30, 7PM | Zoom

With the holidays right around the corner, take time to relax and find a good holiday romance read! John Charles tells us his "best of 2026" that will have your TBR pile tipping over and your holidays spent cozying up to a good book. Register for the Zoom link.

Virtual Reality: BRINK Traveler

November 30 & December 2, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Explore the wonders of the natural world with BRINK Traveler. Choose from 35 different locations and immerse yourself in breathtaking sights. To reserve your time slot, please call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or register online.

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: *Small Things Like These & Foster* by Claire Keegan
November 3, 7PM | Zoom | Join the mailing list.
December 1: *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* by Marc Haddon

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See
November 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Join the mailing list.
December 8: *The Road To Tender Hearts: A Novel* by Annie Hartnett

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Dungeon Crawler Carl* by Matt Dinniman
November 18, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | Join the mailing list.
December 9: *Children of Men* by P.D. James

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Five Decembers* by James Kestrel
November 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Join the mailing list.
December 17: *Everyone In This Room Will Someday Be Dead* by Emily Austin

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Moonflow* by Bitter Karella
November 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Join the mailing list.
December 15: *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune

Hot Takes: *Lights Out* by Navessa Allen
November 18, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | Join the mailing list.
December 16: *A Touch of Darkness* by Scarlett St. Claire

FILMS

Saturday Matinee: *Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu*
November 7, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2026, PG-13, 2h 12m
"Once a lone bounty hunter, Mandalorian Din Djarin and his apprentice Grogu embark on an exciting new Star Wars adventure."

McAuliffe Matinee: *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
November 18, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2011, PG-13, 2h 4m
"British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than advertised, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Les Misérables*
November 19, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2012, PG-13, 2h 38m
"In 19th-century France, Jean Valjean, who, for decades, has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after breaking parole, agrees to care for a factory worker's daughter. The decision changes their lives forever."

Monday Matinee: *Disclosure Day*
November 23, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2026, PG-13, 2h 25m
"If you found out we weren't alone, if someone showed you, proved it to you, would that frighten you?"

ONGOING EVENTS

Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

***Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom**

Join our Exercise mailing list for email reminders with Zoom link.

**No class November 11, Veterans Day*

One-on-One Career Services

***Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom**

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

**No appointments on November 26*

In-person Career Services

Tuesdays, 4–8PM | Main Library, Group Study Room

Drop-ins welcome. One-hour appointments by request. Email elawrence@minlib.net to schedule yours.

Recipe Readers Cookbook Group: *The Apple Lover's Cookbook* by Amy Traverso

November 3, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Registration required. Please email Robin at rgrossman@minlib.net.

Board Game Night

November 12, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

November 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

November 23, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

November 25, 10AM | Zoom

Join our Meditation mailing list to receive the Zoom link.

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

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

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

40th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser

November 19, 6–8PM | Memorial Building, Nevins Hall (150 Concord St.)

Join Literacy Unlimited staff, students, volunteers, and supporters at Nevins Hall for a wonderful evening of celebration, connection, and community as we mark the program's 40th anniversary.

This event features live music, catered hors d'oeuvres, student and volunteer speakers, a live fundraising appeal, and more! Purchase your tickets now for the Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser.

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation

The 47-year-old Children's Room in the Main Library needs a redo, and the FPLF wants to help make it happen. The colorful—and accessible—new room will feature comfortable seating for children and adults, an inviting play area, more convenient new shelving for thousands of books, and of course a home for Fred, the beloved pet turtle.

To support the Framingham Public Library Foundation, visit fplf.org/donate or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. To learn more about the FPLF, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

November 21, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Come search through three rooms of books, plus the lobby, to find gently used children and adult choices, fiction and nonfiction. Start your holiday shopping for your book-loving friends and family. Also, visit our mini-tag sale table to pick up some games to entertain your holiday guests.

Friends—It's Time to Join or Renew!

Interested in supporting everything that's wonderful about our library? You can do that by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. We welcome any and all levels of participation. Join or renew today!

DID YOU KNOW

Homework Center

Our Homework Center is up and running with a fantastic group of tutors and homework helpers. Drop in between 3–6PM at the Main Library on Mondays and Thursdays and 3–5PM at the McAuliffe Branch on Wednesdays. Enjoy super homework support and snacks! All grades are welcome.

Volunteers needed for program support

We have limited openings for Sunday program support. If you're interested in helping with setup and breakdown of furniture, greeting guests, and handing out snacks, please fill out our Sunday Volunteer Application online on our Volunteer web page.