



What should your public library be doing in the next 5 years?

Here at Framingham Library, we're beginning our long-range planning, and we need your guidance! The Long-Range Plan is an opportunity for the Framingham community to help us determine our goals for the coming years.

Over the next few months as we work on this plan, **we want your input.**

Each month, we'll have a question for you, our patrons. Your answers will guide us in creating a common vision of the Library's future—a future that best serves you and your needs. So starting this month, we want to know:



What should your public library be doing in the next 5 years?

Tell us what your Library can do for you whether it involves services, programs, or materials—physical or digital.

Libraries have a long history of meeting the needs of their patrons and communities. We want to continue that tradition. To do that, we need to know what your needs are, so tell us!

Please submit your response online by October 31. To learn more about the Framingham Library Long-Range Plan, visit framinghamlibrary.org/about/lrp.



Paranormal researcher Dustin Pari

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Mezzo-soprano Fanny Lora

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No-Carve Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October 1–31 | McAuliffe Branch

Starting October 1, stop by the McAuliffe Branch for a pumpkin to decorate at home or at one of our drop-in decorating sessions (see page 2 for more information). Return your pumpkin to the McAuliffe Branch by October 24 to be included in the contest. Voting for the 'Spookiest' and 'Most Creative' pumpkins takes place from October 25–30 with the winners announced on Halloween. Supplies are limited. [Registration required.](#)

Spirits of New England

October 1, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join *Ghost Hunters* featured investigator, Dustin Pari as he shares New England places rich with local history and folklore. Get a great bit of local history colored with some chilling tales of the supernatural!

Sunday Concert: Fanny Lora: Through My Eyes: Sounds of America

October 5, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Hear mezzo-soprano Fanny Lora perform songs from trailblazing female composers from Argentina, Columbia, and Cuba. This performance highlights diverse, but often underrepresented contributions to classical music. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

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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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Jane Austen and the Marriage Plot

October 2, 7PM | Zoom only

Jane Austen is the quintessential author of happy endings. Her novels showcase love and mutual respect as well as a resistance to marriage. Join Dr. Helen Heineman for a look at the aspects of Austen's life and prevailing interest in the marriage plot.



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Virtual Reality: Baba Yaga

October 6 & 7, 2–7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | Ages 13+

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Baba Yaga as the main character in this haunting reimagining of the classic fairytale. To reserve your time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or [register online](#).

Scary Stories in the Park

October 8, 6:30PM | Academy Building, Cushing Park | All ages

Come out for a night of storytelling and local lore by the fire. Bring your own chairs and blankets. We'll bring the s'mores! Children's stories at 6:30PM. Teen and adult stories to follow.



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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Extreme Weather Events Increase Efforts to Protect Lives and Property

October 9, 7PM | Zoom only

Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe. Learn about efforts to safeguard lives and property with *The Boston Globe* lead meteorologist Ken Mahan. [Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link](#).

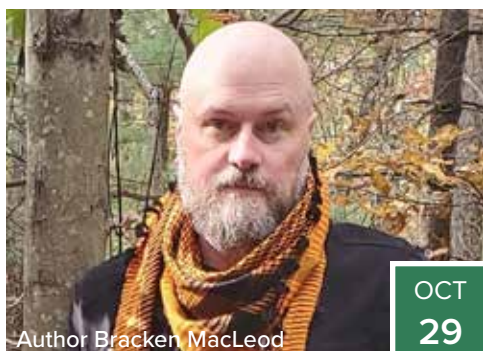


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Craft Ladies: Cork Trivets

October 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Learn how to use fall-themed templates and sheets of cork to make trivets. Materials provided, but space is limited. [Registration opens on October 1.](#)



Author Bracken MacLeod

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Pumpkin Decorating

October 18, 1–4PM & 23, 5–8PM | McAuliffe Craft & Community Room

Attend one (or both!) drop-in pumpkin decorating sessions to deck out your pumpkin for the No-Carve Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Spark Lab Saturdays:

Spooky Embroidery

October 18, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn a few basic hand stitches to create spooky and haunted patterns. All materials provided. Ages 10 to adult! Space is limited. Register in person or call 508.532.5570 x4.

Craft Supply Swap

October 22, 6PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Do you have a surplus of craft supplies you no longer want? Want free materials to try a new hobby? Bring your supplies and swap them for new ones! Drop off supplies during the week of October 13 or bring them with you to the swap.

Rocky Horror Picture Show—50th anniversary!

October 25, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1975, R, 1h 38m

Dig out your corsets and garter belts and join us for an 18+ interactive Rocky Horror Picture Show sing-a-long. This cult classic is now considered the longest-running theatrical release in film history.

Tuesday Craft Night: Bathbombs

October 28, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Personalize your very own bath bombs and infuse them with enchanting scents and sparkles! Turn your bath into a festive potion of color and fizz, perfect for an at-home spa day. Supplies provided but are limited.

Silent Reading Group with the Library Director

October 28, 7PM | Main Library

B.Y.O.B—book that is—or grab something off our shelves! All reading formats are welcome. Spend an hour of dedicated reading time with other readers in a quiet area of our library.

Fright Night at McAuliffe

October 29, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Join local author Bracken MacLeod as he shares his haunting stories and insights into the craft of horror. After the talk, stay for a screening of a horror film (PG-13) chosen by Bracken! One night only! Enter...if you dare.

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 Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

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

November 4: *The Blue Hour* by Paula Hawkins

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Sky Full of Elephants* by Cebo Campbell

October 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 12: *When the Moon Hits Your Eye* by John Scalzi

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Bury Your Gays* by Chuck Tingle

October 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 4: *Shadow Life* by Hiromi Goto

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *Strange Pictures* by Ukeitsu

October 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 20: *Distant Hours* by Kate Morton

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *It Came from the Closet* by Joe Vallese

October 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 18: *So This Is Ever After* by FT Lukens

Hot Takes: Romance Book Discussion: *Haunted Ever After* by Jen DeLuca

October 22, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 19: *A Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting* by Sophie Irwin



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Remember the Titans*

October 8, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2000, PG, 1h 53m

"In 1971, Virginia high-school football was everything to the people of Alexandria, but when the school board was forced to integrate an all-Black school with an all-white one, the foundation of football's tradition was put to the test."

McAuliffe Matinee: *North by Northwest*

October 15, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 1959, NR, 2h 16m

"A New York City advertising executive goes on the run after being mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies, and falls for a woman whose loyalties he begins to doubt."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Cats*

October 16, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2019, PG, 1h 50m

"A tribe of cats called the Jellicles must decide yearly which one will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new Jellicle life."

Monday Matinee: *The Ballad of Wallis Island*

October 27, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, PG-13, 1h 39m

"An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favorite musicians to perform at his home."

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.

Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 6–8PM | Main Library

Writing Together on Wednesdays

October 1 & 15, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Stretch & Relax

October 1 & 15, 3PM | Zoom only

Tone & Stretch

*October 27, 4:30PM | Zoom only

*No class on October 13 due to holiday

Chair Stretch & Relax

October 9 & 23, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room

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

Zine Club

October 9, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Upcycling Book Crafts

October 14, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

October 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Community Room

Mah Jongg Night

October 22, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

For experienced players with National Mah Jongg League card

Bachata

October 25, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

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

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

October 27, 10AM | Zoom

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

Board Game Night

October 27, 6:30–8:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room

Featured game: Betrayal at House on the Hill

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

October 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

Through the end of the year, the Literacy Unlimited office will be closed on Fridays. The office remains open Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 5PM.

SUPPORTERS

Coming soon! Phase 1 of the Third Place at the Main Library

The Third Place is a reading area in the Main Library. To support the Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF), go to 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.

Now's the Time to Plant Flower Bulbs for Spring

Your bulb purchase from Flower Power Fundraising contributes to the support the Friends provide the library. [Place your order online by October 15](#). For questions, contact Roxana Camporeale at rtcamporeale@aol.com.

Friends October Book Sale

October 18, 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.

Not a friend? [Join or renew now!](#) There are several levels of membership. Find one that fits you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adventures in Lifelong Learning, Fall 2025

October 7, 14, 21, & 28 | Zoom

Adventures in Lifelong Learning, Fall 2025 meets online each Tuesday this October from 9AM to 4:30PM.

[Register by or before October 3](#). For registration and course descriptions, visit [Adventures in Lifelong Learning](#).

Framingham Fest

October 4, 11AM–3PM | Framingham Centre Common

Come celebrate Framingham's rich culture, history, and diversity at this year's Framingham Fest, part of Framingham's 325th anniversary. Find entertainment, food, local organizations, and more. While you're there, stop by our Bookmobile!

6th Annual Spooktacular

October 21, 4–6:30PM | Nevins Hall (150 Concord St.)

Don't miss this year's Spooktacular! Celebrate Halloween early with candy, activities, and much more. Trick-or-treat inside the Memorial Building and visit our Bookmobile.

Gateway Camera Club Exhibit

Come by the Main Library lobby for this exhibit, featuring up to 35 images, captured by local photographers. See stunning shots of nature, majestic landscapes, architectural eccentricities, and more. Join us for a special Meet the Artists' Reception in the Main Library, Costin Room on October 19 from 2 to 4PM.

DID YOU KNOW...

If you are facing food insecurity, the Main Library now hosts a Daniel's Table Community Freezer. These freezers found throughout the city are stocked with freshly prepared frozen meals. It's a unique way to offer people an immediate response to hunger with a nutritious, already made meal.

To request a meal, stop by the Circulation Desk, and we'll share a list of available options. Choose an individual or family meal that you can take home to cook.