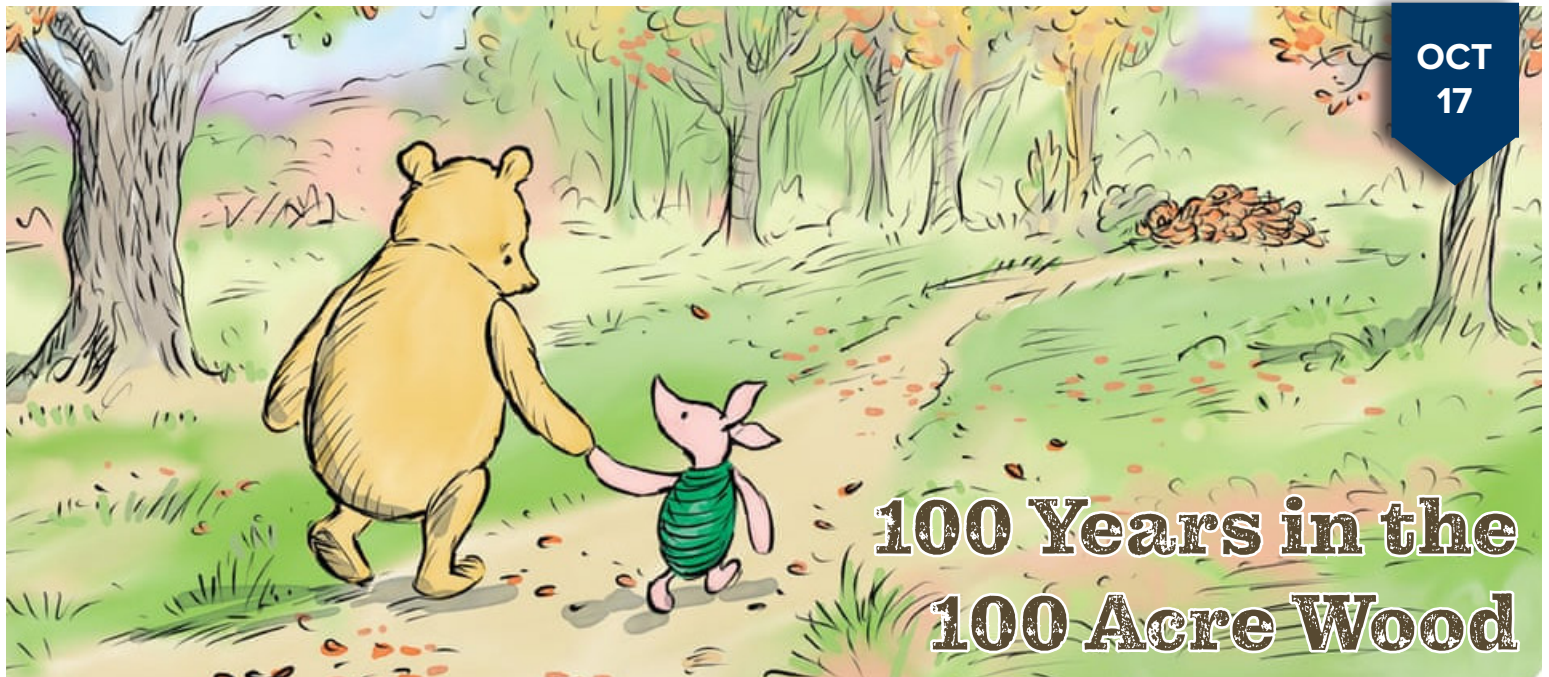




Remembering Bob Dodd, Framingham Library Trustee

It is with deep sorrow that the Framingham Public Library says goodbye to longtime Library Trustee Robert "Bob" Dodd.

Bob was first elected to the Framingham Board of Library Trustees in 2000 and spent more than 26 years championing the Library, its staff, its programs, and the people of Framingham.

Bob brought to the Library an extraordinary love of music. For many years, he advocated for the Library's concerts and musical programming. In 2022, in recognition of his tremendous contributions, the Library's Sunday Concert Series was renamed the Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series.

The Framingham Public Library is a better place because Bob Dodd was part of it. He will be missed.

100 Years in the 100 Acre Wood: Winnie-the-Pooh 100th Anniversary

October 17, 12–4PM | McAuliffe Branch | All Ages

Celebrate a century of everyone's favorite silly old bear! Step into the Hundred Acre Wood with us to honor the 100th anniversary of Winnie-the-Pooh and friends. Enjoy hands-on crafts, photo-ops, fun games and prizes, and sweet snacks for story-lovers of all ages. Drop by for a honey-sweet celebration the whole family can enjoy.

Halloween Costume Swap

All October | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch | All Ages

All month long, donate your gently used and clean costumes or accessories at either library, or stop by the Main Library to choose a costume to keep! Drop-off locations are at the Main Library Children's Room and the McAuliffe Branch Circulation Desk. Pick-up location is at the Main Library, Children's Room.

Job Search Prep Program

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

Finding a good job is harder than ever. It's critical that you know how to look for a job, showcase your skills, and differentiate yourself from other qualified candidates. Join us for an 8-week program on Thursday evenings, starting October 1, to help you land your next job sooner. [Register now!](#)

Banned Books Discussion

October 5, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Celebrate the Freedom to Read during banned books week! We invite you to read any banned or challenged book of your choosing, then join us for a discussion on why these books have been challenged and the state of current book bans.

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.

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Library Walk & Talk

October 5 & 19, 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 like. No assigned reading, no pressure. Look for a library sign by the parking lot. In the event of rain, the walk is canceled.

Scary Stories in the Park

October 7, 6:30–8:30PM | Academy Building, Cushing Park

Join the Framingham Library and Parks & Rec for a night of spooky storytelling by the fire. Bring your own chairs and blankets. We'll bring the s'mores! All ages welcome!

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Quilts of Gees Bend: An American Legacy

October 8, 7PM | Zoom

Once created out of necessity, quilts produced by the women of Gees Bend are now recognized as an unique form of American art. These quilts tell a rich story of how the creative spirit of this talented group of artists has endured and become a part of American art and culture. [Join the Lifelong Learning mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)



Banned Book Week Special Screening: Banned Together

October 9, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, 13+, 1h 32m

Follow three students as they fight to reinstate 97 books suddenly pulled from their school libraries. This film pulls back the curtain on two of the most controversial issues in America today: book bans and curriculum censorship in public schools. Learn how they evolve from local to national activists, protecting the First Amendment of our Constitution.

Beginner-friendly Chinese Language and Culture

October 15–December 10, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Literacy Unlimited

Join us for eight weeks of beginner-friendly Chinese language and culture. This program provides a welcoming introduction through practical expressions, cultural topics, and interactive activities rather than formal language instruction. Space is limited. [Registration required and opens October 1.](#)

Stacks and Facts Trivia Night

October 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for an evening of general knowledge trivia. We cover topics from history and geography to music and science with plenty of laughs guaranteed. Bring your friends, form a team (up to 5 people), or arrive solo and we'll help you find a group. It's a great way to connect, learn new things, and enjoy a fun night out at your library.



Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Liana Paniyeva

October 18, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Award-winning pianist Liana Paniyeva returns for another captivating recital for classical music lovers. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided.

Author Talk: Horror Writer Robert Ottone in conversation with Lauren Bolger

October 19, 7PM | Zoom

Celebrate *Amityville Awakens* with horror author Robert Ottone as he's joined by Lauren Bolger for a conversation about his new book (to be released October 6!), his process, and other horror-ific things in this chat. [Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Craft Ladies: Faux Quilted Pumpkins

October 21, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

Join us to make a faux quilted pumpkin. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own fabric. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on October 6.](#)

Metal Stamping Workshop

October 24, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Ages 8–Adult

Stamp letters, numbers, rhinestones, and more! Limited items available.

Haunted Lighthouses of New England with Author Jeremy D'Entremont

October 26, 7PM | Zoom

Lighthouses and ghost stories go hand in hand. From the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Light, Jeremy brings us even more of these fascinating and haunting tales. [Register for the Zoom link now.](#)



Make it Tuesday: Gnovember Gnomes

***October 28, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room**

Celebrate Gnovember by creating an adorable burlap gnome door hanger! Join us for a fun and relaxing craft night as we make a festive decoration that's perfect for welcoming guests all season long. All materials are provided. [Registration opens October 1.](#)

**This Make it Tuesday takes place on Wednesday, October 28.*

Halloween Movie Marathon!

October 31 | Main Library, Costin Room

Come celebrate Halloween with three freaky films for children, teens, and adults! Costumes welcome! Drop in for any of these movies:

- 10AM: Happy Halloween, Scooby Doo! (2020 | NR | 1hr 20m)
- 12PM: Arachnophobia (1990 | PG-13 | 1hr 49m)
- 2:30PM: Obsession (2025 | R | 1hr 49m)



COMING SOON! 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 October 31–November 6.

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: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

October 16, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 3: *Small Things Like These* AND *Foster* by Claire Keegan

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *Black Sheep* by Rachel Harrison

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

November 10: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Ministry for the Future* by Kim Stanley Robinson

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

November 18: *Dungeon Crawler Carl* by Matt Dinniman

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry

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

November 19: *Five Decembers* by James Kestrel

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Evocation* by S.T. Gibson

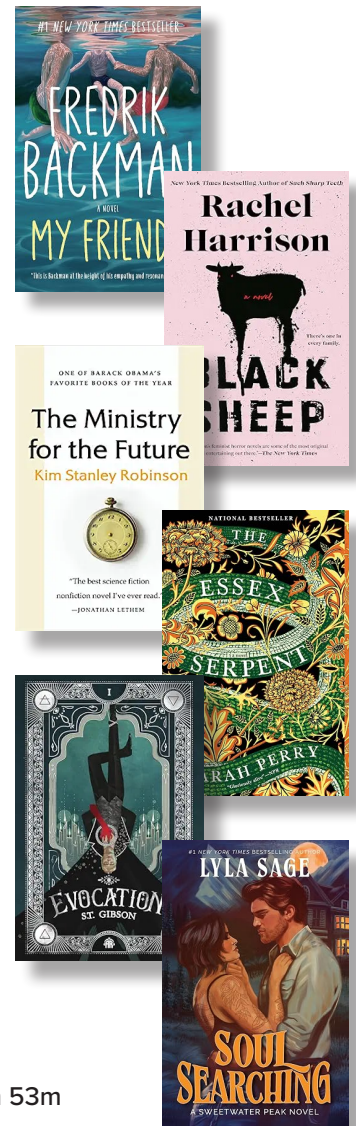
October 20, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 17: *Moonflow* by Bitter Karella

Hot Takes: *Soul Searching* by Lyla Sage

October 28, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

November 18: *Lights Out* by Navessa Allen



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Dark Shadows*

October 14, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2012, PG-13, 1h 53m

"An imprisoned vampire, Barnabas Collins, is set free and returns to his ancestral home, where his dysfunctional descendants are in need of his protection."

Monday Matinee: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*

October 26, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2026, PG-13, 1h 59m

"Andy Sachs reunites with Miranda Priestly as they navigate their careers amid the decline of traditional magazine publishing."

Halloween Movie: *Happy Halloween, Scooby-Doo!*

October 31, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2020, NR, 1h 20m

"Scooby-Doo and the team gather again to solve the mystery of gigantic proportions and save Crystal Cove."

Halloween Movie: *Arachnophobia*

October 31, 12PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1990, PG-13, 1h 49m

"A new species of South American killer spider hitches a lift to a California town in a coffin and starts to breed, leaving a trail of deaths that puzzle and terrify young Dr. Ross Jennings, who is newly arrived in town with his family."

Halloween Movie: *Obsession*

October 31, 2:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, R, 1h 49m

"After breaking the mysterious "One Wish Willow" to win his crush's heart, a hopeless romantic finds himself getting exactly what he asked for but soon discovers that some desires come at a dark, sinister price."

ONGOING EVENTS

Stretch, Relax, and Mobilize

Wednesdays, 3PM | Zoom

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

One-on-One Career Services

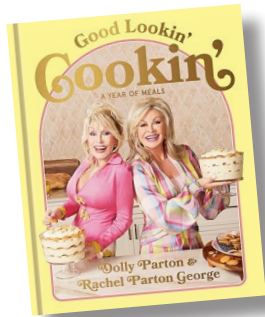
Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

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

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:

Good Lookin' Cookin': A Year of Meals by Dolly Parton

October 6, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

Board Game Night

October 8, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

October 16, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

October 26, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

October 28, 10AM | Zoom

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

Mah Jongg

October 28, 6PM | Main Library, Costin 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

Volunteer Information Session

October 7, 6PM | Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adults learning English? Join Literacy Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman for an online volunteer information session. Learn about our free tutor training course and discover how you can help promote language and literacy skills for adults in Framingham and beyond. No prior teaching experience or foreign language skills required.

To read more about our program and to register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

SUPPORTERS

Stuck for a Gift for that Special Person?

A generous donation to the Framingham Public Library Foundation is a great way to honor a friend or loved one. Your donation supports one of the FPLF's enduring projects. To donate, visit fplf.org or mail a check marked FPLF to 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinnett@rcn.com.

Friends Monthly Book Sale

October 17, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

Come out to the Main Library the third Saturday of the month—October 17—to the Friends Monthly Book Sale. Visit the Bag Room to buy a bag of books for the bargain price of \$12 or a half bag for \$6. Friends members receive early access to the Bag Room and Back Room at 9:30AM.

Friends now accept credit cards!

No cash? No problem! The Friends of Framingham Library now accept major credit and debit cards at all books sales for quick and easy purchases. Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay are also accepted, so if you have your phone but no wallet, you can still purchase a book and support your library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boston Chinese Photography Association Exhibit

All October | Main Library

Photographers in the Greater Boston area showcase their best works of Boston—its landmarks, streets, people, seasons, and cultures. Boston, a city where New England's historic heritage meets the vibrancy of modern urban life, captivates those who cherish beauty, stories, and the art of seeing.

Come by the Main Library this October to see works that capture the shifting light of the seasons, the quiet stories tucked in street corners, and the rhythm of Boston's human landscape.



The City of Framingham's Annual Spooktacular

October 13, 4–6:30PM | City Hall (150 Concord St.) | All Ages

Come for the family-friendly fun and stay for the treats! Join us for the 7th annual Spooktacular on October 13. Enjoy fun activities and trick-or-treating throughout City Hall. Don't forget to visit the Bookmobile while you're there!