



Spooktastic Book Fair

The second annual Spooktastic Book Fair has a new location and will be haunting the Framingham Public Library on Saturday, September 7th! We'll be hosting 40+ authors ranging from creepy kidlit to adult horror, four publishers, and several vendors of interesting and mysterious items. [Click here](#) for more information!



Celebrate Banned Books Week September 22-28

Celebrate your freedom to read! This week at the library, peruse our selection of banned books and enjoy reading your picks in our silent reading section. Come snap a photo and enjoy some snacks.



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FPL Celebrates Brazilian Independence Day

September 8, 2-4PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Rejane de Musis and Mass Capoeira join us for an all-ages afternoon of Brazilian dance and stories. Rejane de Musis hosts a special music and storytime event in Portuguese followed by a dynamic and interactive performance by Mass Capoeira including live music and singing, explanations of basic movements, acrobatic solos, and a capoeira roda.

Introduction to American Government

September 17, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

This 90-minute program will give an overview of how government is structured in the US at the national, state, and local levels. Live translation will be provided.

2nd Annual Hobbit Garden Party

September 21, 1AM-4PM | McAuliffe Branch

Celebrate The Hobbit's 87th anniversary and Bilbo and Frodo's birthdays with lawn games, LOTR-themed crafts and snacks, and general merriment. Join us for a game in the Community Room at 1:00PM.

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed Saturday, August 31st- Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day weekend.

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 1–5

Sign up for email updates of Library news and events at framinghamlibrary.org!

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





Brazilian Dance Demonstration

September 3, 6PM | Main Library, Learning Yard or Costin Room
To celebrate the Brazilian Independence Day, “Arreimar—arts and education” brings a piece of Brazilian culture that celebrates the people’s resistance. All ages are invited to join.

Brazilian Independence Day

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Art Journal Jam

September 17, 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. Space and supplies are limited. [Register now!](#)

McAuliffe Craft Ladies: Embroidery Hoop Pumpkins

September 18, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join the Craft Ladies for an adult crafting night! We will be using embroidery hoops, fall fabrics, and accessories to create pumpkin wall hangings. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration required.](#)

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Friends of the Library Book Sale

September 21, 10AM-3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

September’s sale will be HUGE thanks to our generous donors who continued their steady stream of donations throughout the summer. Looking for Young Adult, World War II, and/or Spanish/Portuguese books? We have them. Friends members may enter the sale at 9:30 AM.

Bob Dodd Sunday Concert Series: Eleanor Perrone & Steve Laven

September 22, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for our Bob Dodd Sunday Concert! No registration required!

Virtual Reality

Goliath: Playing with Reality

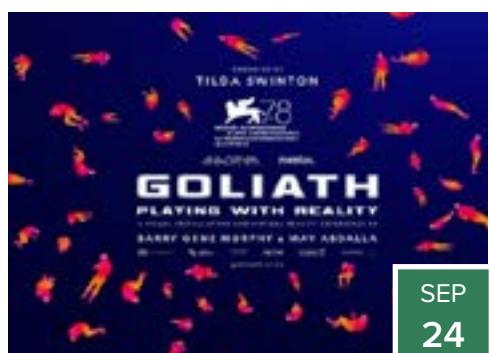
September 24 & 25, 2-7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Explore the limits of reality as you follow the true story of a young man diagnosed with schizophrenia and the connection he found in online gaming. Goliath is rated Mature and is for patrons 17+. To reserve a 45-minute time slot, please call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or [register here](#).

Spark Lab Satellite: Zine Club

September 26, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us for an afternoon of zine crafting. Learn about zines and how to make your own.



LITERACY UNLIMITED

Tutor Information Session

September 26, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for adult ESL or basic literacy students? Come to our next Tutor Information Session on Thursday, September 26, to learn more about Literacy Unlimited and the tutor training courses we are offering this fall. To learn more about our program and to register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Main Library Adult Book Discussion Group

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

September 3, 7PM | Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“Napolitano’s characters can break your heart as they work to mend their own.”

McAuliffe Evening Book Discussion Group

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

September 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“Keller infuses this tale, which explores both the end of life and coming-of-age, with a sensitive examination of immigration issues and the complexity of home.”

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

Starship Troopers by Robert A. Heinlein

September 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

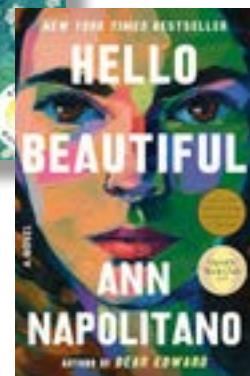
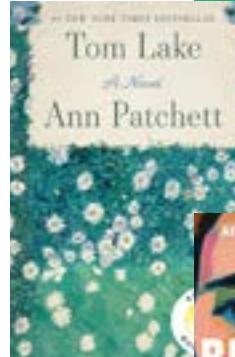
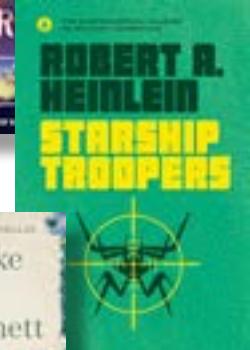
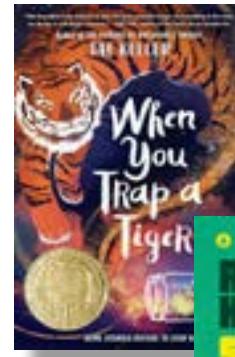
“A weirdly credible adventure revolving around moral philosophy and entomology, told in the first person.”

McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion Group

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

September 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Zoom | [Register](#) for Zoom link.

“Patchett expertly handles her layered plot, embedding one charming revelation and one brutal (but in retrospect inevitable) betrayal into a dual narrative that deftly maintains readers’ interest in both the past and present action.”



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Arthur the King*

September 11, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2024, 1h 47m

“An adventure racer adopts a stray dog named Arthur to join him in an epic endurance race.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *A Man Called Otto*

September 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2022, 2h 6m

“Otto is a grump who’s given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.”

Monday Matinee: *The Boys in the Boat*

September 23, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | PG-13, 2023, 2h 4m

“Based on the #1 New York Times bestselling novel by Daniel James Brown. The film is about the 1936 University of Washington rowing team that competed for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Yesterday*

September 26, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | PG-13, 2019, 1h 56m

“Himesh Patel stars as struggling musician Jack Malik, who suddenly finds himself as the only person who remembers the Beatles and becomes famous for performing their songs.”

ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch

Mondays, 4:30PM | Zoom

To participate, [click here](#).

Stretch & Relax

Wednesdays, 4:30PM | Zoom

To participate, [click here](#).

One-on-One Resume Building

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom

Email career coach Ed Lawrence

at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

Monthly Free Practice

Interview Group

September 18, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Drop in to our monthly practice interview group led by Ed Lawrence.

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

September 20, 10AM | McAuliffe

Branch, Community Room

Join local veterans for free coffee and refreshments.

Yarn Social Clubs

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM | Main Library

Wednesdays, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Puzzle Swap

September 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING

Online Registration Opens Monday, September 16, at 11AM

Enjoy courses for adults 60+ on Zoom that are free of charge or for a voluntary donation. Registration is required and due by October 4th.

For full course descriptions and registration information, [click here](#). To join the mailing list, [click here](#).

YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Every Tuesday, 1PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate.

Drawing Spooky Stuff with Ira Marcks

September 7, 2:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 3-12

As part of our Spooktastic Book Fair, cartoonist Ira Marcks will teach kids and teens how to draw spooky stuff!

Creating Zine Comics:

Cartoon Drawing & Inking

September 10, 4-6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

This is the first of four Creating Zine Comics programs with cartoonist and zine creator Jonathan Todd (*Timid!*)! Learn the basics on how to draw cartoon figures and get practice using a brush, ink, and felt-tip pens to create finished comic art.

Video Game Hangout

September 12, 3-5PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Play video games and eat snacks.

End of Summer Ice Cream

Summerween Party

September 14, 2-4 PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

Keep the spooky vibes going at our Summerween Ice Cream Party. Carve watermelon jack-o-lanterns, watch spooky cartoons, eat ice cream, and learn who won the Summer Reading prizes

Early Release Day Movie: Beetlejuice

September 19, 12:30PM | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch | Grades 5–12

Creating Zine Comics:

Comic Strips & Gag Cartoons

September 24, 4-6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Grades 6–12

In the second Creating Zine Comics program with cartoonist Jonathan Todd, get practice writing and drawing one, two, three, and four-panel cartoons.

SUPPORTERS

Third Space to Bring People Together

Wouldn't it be nice to create a home away from home in the Main Library? The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create an inviting library living room at the Main Library.

It will feature the periodical collection, comfortable seating, tables, and charging stations as well as a coffee machine. Please help us create this Third Space!

For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com. To donate, go to framlibfoundation.org or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

Save the Date! Mini-Golf Fundraiser

November 23 (21+) and 24 (All Ages)

Mark your calendars! Come out to the Main Library this November to show off your mini-golf skills. For more information, email [Ruth Winnett](#).

Next Book Sale on September 21

The Friends Library Book Sale returns! September's sale will be HUGE thanks to our generous donors.

Bulbs for Fall Planting

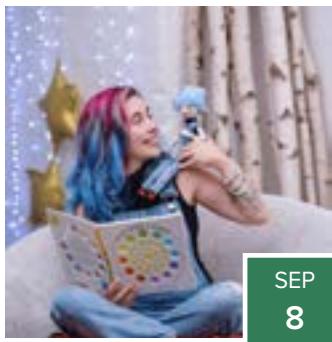
The Friends have again partnered with FlowerPower Fundraising to offer you more than 30 varieties of bulbs and sprouts. [Visit](#) to see what's offered and to place your orders.



Orders will begin shipping September 15 and will be sent directly to you.

Did You Renew Your Friends Membership?

We welcome new members throughout the year. Please consider joining or renewing your membership this month. Not yet a member? [Join or renew now!](#)



MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Bee Water Dish

September 6, 3PM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Save the bees! Design and paint your own terracotta bee water dish. For adults, teens, and kids! Supplies limited.

Praticutucá: Celebrating Brazilian Heritage with Rejane De Musis

September 8, 2AM | Costin Room

Junte-se a nós para um evento especial de música e histórias em português de Rejane de Musis! Join us for a special music and story time event in Portuguese by Rejane de Musis!

Mother Goose on the Loose

September 9, 16, 23, 30 | J Program Room

Ages 0–2

Sing songs, rhymes, and read a book in 30 minutes filled with fun, learning, and bonding for you and your baby! Stay after to connect with other caregivers. Register here; space is limited.

First Library Card Night

September 12, 5:30-7PM | Costin Room
Ages 5+

Don't have a library card yet? Join us in a celebration of getting your first library card and enjoy snacks and crafts!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

September 14 and 28, 3PM | J Program Room
Ages 3-5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Lego Build

September 16, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation each month, using our spinning wheel of ideas or using your imagination!

Caramel Apple Friends

September 17, 11:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Celebrate the season by making foam and felt caramel apples!

Sticker-Making Workshop

September 19, 1:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Design your own stickers and cut them using our Cricut.

Frida Kahlo-Inspired Self-Portraits

September 21, 2PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Utiliza espejos y una variedad de medios artísticos para crear autorretratos.

Edades 5+. Use mirrors and a variety of artistic media to create self-portraits.

Clay Sorpresas

September 28, 10:30AM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Create a mini clay figurine hidden inside a cardboard egg you decorate! This craft is based on the work of artisans from Ilobasco.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Open Color

September 4, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets.

Grandparents' Day Cards

September 6, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Make cards for your grandparents or for the people who matter to you most.

Mandarin Storytime and Craft

September 7 and 21, 3PM | Community Room
Ages 3-5

Join Jing for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

Brazilian Independence Day Masks

September 7, 11AM | Craft Room | All Ages

Celebrate Brazilian Independence Day at the McAuliffe Branch by decorating your own Carnival Mask!

First Library Card Night

September 12, 5:30-7PM | Community Room
Ages 5+

Don't have a library card yet? Join us in a celebration of getting your first library card and enjoy snacks and crafts!

Paper Strip Pumpkins

September 13, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Create your own pumpkin decoration out of paper strips.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

September 14, 11AM-4PM | Astronaut Grove | All Ages

Grab a Scavenger Hunt sheet and explore Astronaut Grove!

Leaf Rock Printing

September 19, 1:30PM | Craft Room | All Ages

Nature is our stamp for these festive Fall Leaf Printed Rocks

Hojalata Mexican Tin Art

September 21, 11AM | Craft Room | 6+

Crea tu propio arte de papel de aluminio inspirado en la tradición del arte popular mexicano de hojalata. Create your own tin foil art inspired by the Mexican folk art tradition hojalata.

First Day of Autumn Craft: Foraging Wands

September 24, 11:15AM | Craft Room | All Ages

Use leaves to decorate your own fall wands.

Toddler Craft: Torn Paper Apple Trees

September 25, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Decorate a leafless tree by tearing fall-colored paper.

Lego Build

September 26, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation based on each month's theme.

Bubble Dance Party

September 30, 11:30AM | Astronaut Grove | All Ages

Celebrate the end of September with some bubbles, music and dancing!

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26**TWEEN EVENTS****Kids' Chess Club**

1st Wednesday of the month, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center

3rd Tuesday of the month, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided, but you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but will not be teaching chess.

Drawing Spooky Stuff with Ira Marcks

September 7, 2:30PM | Main Library | Grades 3-12

As part of our Spooktastic Book Fair, cartoonist Ira Marcks (author of *Spirit Week* and MA Children's Book Award nominee *Shark Summer*) will teach kids and teens how to draw spooky stuff!

Book Discussion (*Ban this Book*, by Alan Gratz)September 23, 7PM | Main Library, J Program Room
Grades 4-8

Celebrate your right to read with a book discussion of "*Ban This Book*" by Alan Gratz. Limited copies available to check out from the children's desk beginning September 3rd.

Clay Friendship BraceletsSeptember 25, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4-8
Make your own friendship bracelets just in time for back to school!**Kids Yarn Social Hour**September 26, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Ages 8+
Learn new stitches and hang out with other knitters and crocheters!

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am	Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am			Mandarin Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Saturday 7 & 21 @ 3pm Main: Saturday 14 & 28 @ 3pm		Parachute Play Sep. 21, 10:30am @ Main
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		Mother Goose on the Loose Registration Opens	Bubble Dance Party 10am @ Main Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ McAuliffe		Bee Water Dish 3:00pm @ Main Grandparents' Day Cards 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Brazilian Independence Day Masks 11:00am @ McAuliffe
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		Balloon Feet 11:15pm @ McAuliffe		First Library Card Night 5:30 - 7pm Main AND McAuliffe	Paper Strip Pumpkins 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Outdoor Scavenger Hunt 11am-4pm @ McAuliffe
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	Lego Build 4:30pm @ Main	Caramel Apple Friends 11:30am @ Main Kids' Chess Club 5pm @ McAuliffe		Rock Leaf Printing 1:30pm @ McAuliffe Sticker Making Workshop 1:30pm @ Main	Water Table Play 11:15 @ McAuliffe	Hojalata Art 11am @ McAuliffe Frida Kahlo Self-Portraits 2pm @ Main
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29	30	Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs Sat. Sep. 14, 11AM McAuliffe (Ruthie) Sat. Sep. 14, 11:30AM Main (Arden) Sat. Sep. 28, 11:30AM McAuliffe (Arden)			Mother Goose on the Loose September 9, 16, 23, 30 5:30PM @ Main	
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ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Storytime

Mondays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Thursdays 10AM | Main Library, J Program Room

Drop in every week for age-appropriate stories and a craft. Ages 3-5.

Baby Lapsit

Tuesdays 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhymes and puppets! Ages 0-2.

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

September 14, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Ruthie)

September 14, 11:30AM | Main Library, J Program Room (Arden)

September 17, 5PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Daisy)

September 26, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room (Duncan)

September 28, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot. All ages welcome.

SENSORY SERIES

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help your child explore.

Bubble Dance Party Ages 0-4

September 4, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Balloon Feet Ages 0+

September 10, 11:15AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Water Table Play Ages 2+

September 20, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove

Parachute Play Ages 1+

September 21, 10:30AM | Main Library, J Program Room