

The Friends Still Make a Difference at 75 Years!

Seventy-five years may mean diamonds or gold, but for the Friends of the Framingham Library, it's proof that their support still matters. For decades, they've provided funds to enrich the Library's programs and materials that the City budget alone cannot provide.

What the Friends Help to Make Possible Each Year

- Discounted passes to local museums
- T-shirts for Summer Reading
- The exciting Spooktastic Book Fair
- Free programs and activities for children, teens, and adults
- Purchase of audiobooks, software, and other library materials

The Friends even adopted Fred, the Library's turtle mascot!

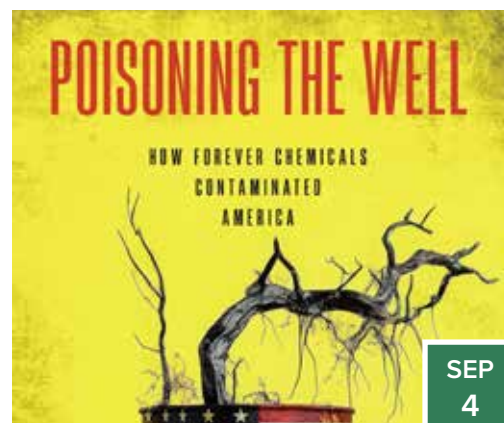
Community Outreach

The Friends provide free books to organizations throughout the region, including the MetroWest Cancer Care Center, Framingham Pediatrics, the Prison Book Program, and Wayside Youth & Family Support Network.

Donations

Friends of the Framingham Library welcome donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and games. Volunteers spend countless hours sorting, distributing, and selling at annual book sales that benefit the Library.

Scan the QR code to learn more and become part of the Friends' next 75 years.



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Author Allegra Goodman

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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America

September 4, 7PM | Zoom only

Our Fall Lifelong Learning Lecture Series kicks off with environmental journalist Sharon Udasin. In this talk, we trace an ugly history of corporate greed, military impunity, and community devastation, based on original reporting in four highly contaminated places. [Join the Lifelong Learning Lecture mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

Author Talk with Allegra Goodman

September 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join author Allegra Goodman to discuss her most recent novel *IsoLa*, the epic saga of a French noblewoman deserted on an island where her survival depends on the power of her faith and love. This is an in-person event with the author joining virtually.

Spooktastic Book Fair™ 2025

September 13, 11AM–5PM | Main Library

Author and Spooktastic creator Alyssa Alessi brings the 3rd annual Spooktastic Book Fair back to the Main Library. Join more than 60 authors from creepy kidlit to adult horror, six publishers, several vendors of interesting and mysterious items, food trucks, and a brewery for a haunting experience that you won't forget. All ages welcome!

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

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

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.





Brinca Piranga presents the Boi Olhos Azuis

Sept. 2, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Learn how to sing a toada de boi (ox chant), play the matraca (traditional percussion instrument), and dance along with the ox in celebration of Brazil's Independence Day. Brazilian Consul General Mourão will open the festivities!



Summer Reading Ice Cream & Dance Party!

Sept. 6, 2–4PM | Main Library | All ages
Celebrate Summer Reading with Bachata, crafts, teen video game hangout, and ice cream served up by our very own Representative Jack Patrick Lewis. Summer Reading raffle to be drawn at 3:30PM.



Sunday Concert: Women in World Jazz

Sept. 14, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room
Our Sunday Concert series returns with Women in World Jazz, featuring an international ensemble of all-female performers. Doors open at 2:30PM.



Art Journal Jam for Adults

Sept. 16, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab
Bring your own art journal and prepare to get messy! Join us for this casual, unstructured session. 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: Stuffed Sock Pumpkins

Sept. 17, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Create pumpkins for fall by stuffing socks with fiberfill and then using twine and jute to finish off. Materials are provided, and space is limited. [Registration opens September 1.](#)



Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Past, Present, and Future of the U.S. Postal Service

Sept. 18, 7PM | Zoom

Join Dr. Joseph Adelman for a look at the U.S. Post Office and explore its vibrant history, its role in an ever-changing American society, and how it stands today.

Spark Lab Saturdays: Suminagashi Bookmarks

Sept. 20, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab
Learn the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese marbling technique, meaning “floating ink.” Space is limited. Ages 8 through adult are welcome!

Garden Series: Seed Saving in the Community

Sept. 20, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn about the importance of saving seeds and how to do it.

Coming Attractions: Access Film Fest 2025

Sept. 23, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join Access Framingham to celebrate the independent spirit of the local film making community with a special screening and engaging discussion.

Tuesday Craft Night: Embroidered Journals

Sept. 23, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Learn to make simple hand-stitched designs on the covers of journals. No experience needed, just bring your imagination and we provide the rest.

Library of Things Show and Tell

Sept. 25, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Have you ever wanted to try something without committing to the purchase? Are you looking for a new hobby but don't know where to start? Come check out the Library of Things collection!

Library Card Day

Sept. 27, 2–4PM | McAuliffe Branch

Whether you're a new library user or just curious about what else your library card provides, come learn about all the fantastic things your library has to offer. There'll be crafts, snacks, and more!

Local News Listening Session

Sept. 30, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

What kind of local news and information are you looking for? Where do you want to receive it? Join this listening session with Access Framingham to have your voice be heard in shaping local news.

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: *Isola* by Allegra Goodman

September 2, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

October 7: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): *Isola* by Allegra Goodman

September 9, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

Join us in person for this book discussion and virtual author talk with Allegra Goodman!

October 14: *Bury your gays* by Chuck Tingle

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *The Clockwork Dynasty* by Daniel H. Wilson

September 10, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 8: *Sky Full of Elephants* by Ceno Campbell

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Dark Rise* by C.S. Pacat

September 16, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 21: *It Came from the Closet* by Joe Vallese

McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): *The Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis

September 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 16: *Strange Pictures* by Uketsu

NEW

Hot Takes: Romance Book Discussion: *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry

September 24, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 22: *Haunted Ever After* by Jen DeLuca



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Dead Poets Society*

September 10, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1989, PG, 2h 8m

"Maverick teacher John Keating returns in 1959 to the prestigious New England boys' boarding school where he was once a star student, using poetry to embolden his pupils to new heights of self-expression."

McAuliffe Matinee: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

September 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1953, NR, 1h 48m

"Brick is an alcoholic ex-football player who drinks his days away and resists the affections of his wife. A reunion with his terminally ill father jogs a host of memories and revelations for both father and son."

Musicals at McAuliffe: *Mary Poppins*

September 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1964, G, 2h 19m

"In turn of the century London, a magical nanny employs music and adventure to help two neglected children become closer to their father."

Monday Matinee: *The Phoenician Scheme*

September 22, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2025, PG-13, 1h 41m

"Wealthy businessman Zsa-zsa Korda appoints his only daughter, a nun, as sole heir to his estate. As Korda embarks on a new enterprise, they soon become the target of scheming tycoons, foreign terrorists and determined assassins."



ONGOING EVENTS

Writing Together on Wednesdays

Sept. 3, 7PM | Main Library,
Children's Program Room

Stretch & Relax

Sept. 3 & 17, 3PM | Zoom only

Tone & Stretch

Sept. 8 & 22, 4:30PM | Zoom only

Chair Stretch & Relax

Sept. 11 & 25, 10AM | McAuliffe
Branch, Community Room

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

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

**No services on September 9*

Upcycling Book Crafts

Sept. 9, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Zine Club

Sept. 11, 6–8PM | Main Library, Costin
Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

Sept. 19, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch,
Community Room

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

Sept. 22, 10AM | Zoom

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

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

Sept. 22, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch

Board Game Night

Sept. 22, 6:30–8:30PM | McAuliffe
Branch, Community Room

Featured game: One Night
Ultimate Werewolf

Mah Jongg Night

Sept. 24, 6PM | Main Library,
Children's Program Room

For experienced players with
National Mah Jongg League card

Bachata

Sept. 27, 3PM | Main Library,
Costin Room

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

Main Library Yarn Social Hour

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

McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

LITERACY UNLIMITED

Volunteer Information Session

September 13, 10AM | Zoom

Interested in volunteering as a tutor for
adults learning English? Join Literacy
Unlimited Coordinator Martha Coleman
for an online volunteer information
session on Saturday, September 13 to
learn about our free tutor training course.
Discover how you can help promote
language and literacy skills for adults
in the Framingham community and
beyond. No prior teaching experience
or foreign language skills required.

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

SUPPORTERS

Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF)

Honor or remember family and friends
through your donation to the Framingham
Public Library Foundation. For
information, email rwinnett@rcn.com.
To donate, go to fplf.org/donate or
send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington
St., Framingham, MA 01702.

Friends Monthly Book Sale— Biggest of the Year!

September 20, 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!](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adventures in Lifelong Learning, Fall 2025...Coming this October

Adventures in Lifelong Learning returns
this October! Online registration begins
on September 2 at 11AM. Reserve your
spot for online courses with Dr. Helen
Heineman, Dr. David Smailes, and others.
For registration and course descriptions,
visit [Adventures in Lifelong Learning](#).

Team Framingham:

3.25 Mile Fun Run & Walk

September 14, 8AM | Bowditch Field
(475 Union Avenue)

Join this 3.25 Mile Fun Run and Walk
to celebrate the 325th Anniversary of
Framingham. This timed race begins
and ends at Bowditch Field and runs
through Cushing Park. Learn about
Team Framingham's charity mission and
meet local non-profits that support the
Framingham community! [Find out more.](#)

Find Your People Fair

September 27, 10AM–1PM | Nevins Hall
(150 Concord Street)

Join us for the 2nd annual Find Your
People Fair. Learn about the wide
variety of clubs, organizations, and
volunteer opportunities available. Stop
by the Library booth, and if you haven't
already, sign up for a new Library card!

DID YOU KNOW...

Framingham Library has joined the
[Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries'
Public Library Initiative](#), becoming a
Partner Library in this statewide program.

The Public Library Initiative offers access
to virtual court services via the comfort
and convenience of your local library.

As part of the program, the Library
provides headsets, printing services,
and a quiet, private or semi-private
space for patrons to connect to virtual
court hearings. You can [reserve a
meeting or study room](#) or use any
available space at either the Main
Library or McAuliffe Branch.

***Please note that the library
cannot provide legal advice.***