



Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read.

Each year, the American Library Association celebrates Banned Books Week from October 4–10. This year's theme is "Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read."

In honor of that week, Framingham Library invites you to a Banned Books Discussion on Monday, October 5. Join us at 7PM in the Main Library, Costin Room.

Read any banned or challenged book you choose, then join us for a discussion on why these books have been challenged and the state of current book bans.

Find a list of the top 11 most challenged books of 2025 and learn more about Banned Books Week at the [American Library Association site](http://AmericanLibraryAssociation.org).

Brazil: A People Who Dance—A Brazilian Independence Day Celebration

September 8, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Our resistance comes from our joy, and our joy comes from our dancing bodies. Celebrate Brazil Independence Day—Dia da Independência do Brasil—with us at the Main Library. Come dance a variety of Brazilian northeastern rhythms with us and celebrate our people! All ages are welcome, no experience is required to participate.

Special 9/11 Remembrance Screening: *Man in Red Bandana*

September 9, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2017, PG-13, 1h 25m

"He went up, so others could come down." Watch the inspirational story of an American hero. Boston College alum, Welles Remy Crowther, who worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower saved many people on September 11th. His heroics became known as a result of an ordinary item—a red bandana.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: What Was Wrong with the Articles of Confederation? with Dr. Joseph Adelman

September 10, 7PM | Zoom

During the Revolutionary War, Americans drafted over a dozen constitutions—at least one for each state plus the Articles of Confederation, which bound the states together in a "perpetual Union." The Articles were controversial from the beginning. Join Dr. Joseph Adelman as we examine the Articles—both their merits and their flaws—and discuss why some Americans wanted to replace them so quickly with a more robust national government. [Join the Lifelong Learning mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)

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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Author Talk: Heather B. Moore discusses *Her America*

September 14, 7PM | Zoom

From award-winning author Heather B. Moore comes a powerful portrait of eight American women whose courage and conviction drove them to smash stereotypes and build a nation. [Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Music Bingo

September 14, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Love music? Love prizes? Join us for Music Bingo! Whether you're a trivia pro or just looking for a new favorite playlist, come hang out, socialize, and compete for a prize. Don't know the song? No problem! Shazam is welcome and encouraged.

Yankee Magazine's Mel Allen: *Here In New England*

September 17, 6:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join long-time Yankee editor Mel Allen in discussion of his book: *Here in New England: Unforgettable Stories of People, Places, and Memories That Connect Us All*. Mel's work as editor and author has captured New England's unique sense of place and the people who call it home.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

September 19, All Day | Both Libraries

Ahoy, mateys! Learn to speak pirate for free with your library card. On this International Talk Like a Pirate Day, we help you brush up on your sea-jargon! Through Mango Languages, you can take an official course in Pirate (yes, really!). Master the slang of the Seven Seas or any other language offered by Mango.



Bob Dodd Sunday Concert: Spectacle Collective

September 20, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

We open our latest season of Sunday Concerts with the Spectacle Collective Quartet performing the world premieres of works written by up-and-coming Chilean composers. Doors open at 2:30. Refreshments provided. [Learn more about this performance.](#)

Make it Tuesday: Paperback Pumpkins

September 22, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Turn old books into charming fall décor! Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly craft night transforming discarded paperbacks into decorative pumpkins. All materials are provided. Bring your creativity and leave with a unique handmade decoration just in time for autumn! [Registration is required and opens on September 1.](#)

Craft Ladies: Laminated Pressed Flower Bookmarks

September 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

In honor of National Library Card Sign-up Month, create your own laminated bookmarks. Pressed flowers are provided, but feel free to bring your own items to embellish. Supplies and space are limited. [Registration is required and opens on September 1.](#)

Let's Sew Some Zines!

September 24, 6–7:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Learn to sew a simple, three-hole pamphlet stitch zine using upcycled materials you may already have. Get an introduction to the tools and supplies needed to create a zine longer than eight pages. [Registration is required and opens on September 1.](#)

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Fashion & Philosophy

September 24, 7PM | Zoom

Join us in this philosophical investigation of fashion. More than simply periodic changes in cut and color, fashion here is presented as the occasion to explore the symbolic, materialistic, communal, and ethical dimensions of human existence. [Join the Lifelong Learning mailing list to receive the Zoom link.](#)



Access Framingham Presents

September 24, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

The 3rd annual Access Film Fest is coming to Framingham on October 10. Get a sneak peek at the 2026 lineup and enjoy a curated selection of films from past festivals. Join us for a lively night of independent short films! Rated PG-13.

Mano a Mano: Arias in Dialogue

September 26, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy the richness of Hispanic classical music with mezzo-soprano Fanny Lora and chamber ensemble. Whether you're a lifelong opera lover or simply curious to discover something new, you're warmly invited.

Author Talk: Randi Minetore on (How to Avoid) *Death on Mount Washington*

September 28, 7PM | Zoom

Join Randi Minetore in discussing *Death on Mount Washington: Stories of Accidents and Foolhardiness on the Northeast's Highest Peak*. Hear some of the most gripping accounts of battling natural forces. [Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Roots & Recipes Community Showcase

September 29, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests returns for a celebratory community showcase featuring a live cooking demo by guest chef Patrick St. Pierre. Attendees are encouraged to share cultural stories, bring samples for tasting, and share reflections or photos of your garden.

Family Fishing Clinic

September 30, 5–7PM | Lake Cochituate State Park

Have you ever wanted to learn how to fish? Now's your chance! Let the MassWildlife Angler Education Program be your guide. Learn the basics from casting to baiting up. Come try your hand at this great pastime, guaranteed to catch some fun! All fishing materials provided, no license needed. [Registration is required and opens September 1.](#)



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 Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

September 1, 7PM | Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 6: *My Friends* by Fredrick Backman

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

September 8, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 13: *Black Sheep* by Rachel Harrison

Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Murder By Memory* by Olivia Waite

September 9, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 14: *Ministry For the Future* by Kim Stanley Robinson

Queer Reads Book Discussion: *Summer Sons* by Lee Mandelo

September 15, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 20: *Evocation* by S.T. Gibson

McAuliffe Book Discussion: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

September 17, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 15: *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry

Hot Takes: *Written in the Stars* by Alexandria Bellefleur

September 23, 6PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room | [Join the mailing list.](#)

October 28: *Soul Searching* by Layla Sage



FILMS

McAuliffe Matinee: *Selena*

September 9, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 1997, PG, 2h 7m

“The true story of Selena, a Texas-born Tejana singer who rose from cult status to performing at the Astrodome, as well as having chart-topping albums on the Latin music charts.”

McAuliffe Matinee: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*

September 16, 12:30PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 2003, PG-13, 2h 23m

“An intrepid blacksmith teams up with an eccentric pirate captain to save his love from an undead pirate crew.”

Musicals at McAuliffe: *The Pirates of Penzance*

September 17, 1PM | McAuliffe Community Room | 1983, G, 1h 52m

“After a young man leaves a band of pirates, hilarity ensues..”

Monday Matinee: *Project Hail Mary*

September 28, 1:30PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2026, PG-13, 2h 36m

“A science teacher wakes up alone on a spaceship. As his memory returns, he uncovers a mission to stop a mysterious substance killing Earth's sun, and realizes that an unexpected friendship may be the key.”

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.

**No appointments available on September 10.*

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.

**No services available on September 8.*

Recipe Readers Cookbook Group:

Latinísimo: Home Recipes from the Twenty-One Countries of Latin America: A Cookbook by Sandra A. Gutierrez

September 1, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

Writing Together on Wednesdays

September 2 & 16, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

Board Game Night

September 10, 6–8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

September 18, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Art Journal Jam for Adults

September 22, 6–8PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Space is limited. [Registration required.](#)

Mah Jongg

September 23, 6PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Open to experienced players with a National Mah Jongg League card.

McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

September 28, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch

Release, Relax, Reinvigorate: Meditation with Leslie

September 30, 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

Volunteer Information Session

September 11, 10AM | In-person & Zoom

September 28, 6PM | In-person & 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 register for the information session, visit framinghamlibrary.org/literacy.

SUPPORTERS

Friends Monthly Book Sale returns!

September 19, 10AM–3PM | Main Library

The Friends of Framingham Library monthly book sale returns with the biggest sale of the year on Saturday, September 19. Find CDs, DVDs, and books for adults, teens, and kids.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Danforth Summer Arts Exhibit

September 1–30 | Main Library, Lobby

This summer at Danforth, students explored ways to make art about space. Their studios were filled with color, imagination, and hands-on artmaking as students discovered the many ways to create—and find—space. Stop by this September to see works that reflect the wide variety of media, techniques, and themes explored in the Danforth Summer Art School program.



DID YOU KNOW

With the increase in food prices and changes to SNAP benefits, more and more of our neighbors rely on community resources, such as the Little Free Food Pantry at the Main Library, for assistance.

Patrons can stop by the pantry during our operating hours to find free snacks, ready-to-eat meals, staple goods, canned foods, and more.

To make the Little Free Food Pantry a dependable community resource, we rely on your kind donations. We welcome any non-perishable food items, including rice, pasta, and canned goods—vegetables, soups, and beans.

We also accept toiletries, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, menstrual products, and other goods. Maybe you have travel-sized toiletries to spare.

Help us overcome food insecurity in the Framingham community. If you can donate to the Little Free Food Pantry, we thank you.