SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES: Opera on Tap
Sunday January 15, 3:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Opera on Tap returns for a fantastic program from their exquisitely talented, fun-loving, and enthusiastic singers! Singing the tunes of your favorite operas, musicals, art songs and even jazz standards, Opera on Tap singers let down their hair and give the audience a taste of what feels like an after-hours back stage party. So come join the fun! Refreshments.

The series is sponsored in part by the The Saul B. and Naomi R. Cohen Foundation, Cumberland Farms, Roche Bros., Metro Credit Union, Hammond Residential Real Estate, Morton Shuman Law Offices and Friends of the Framingham Library.

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING: Intersession on Ancient Rome
Tuesdays January 17, 24, and 31 (Makeup date of February 7) 9:30-2:35 – Main Library, Costin Room

Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library proudly present lifelong learning classes geared to seniors. Registration for the January 2017 Intersession is open to all. Member registration continues (we encourage members to register and pay online prior to January 5) and non-members are accepted on a space available basis, beginning on Friday January 6 and can only be done online at www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures.

Intersession Basic Membership fee: $25. Intersession fee is included at Supporter and Platinum levels. Questions: email Adventures Coordinator, Karen Woo at: fpladventures@gmail.com

Trio con Anima
Wednesday January 18, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Romanian pianist Ana Sorina Popa, Swedish violinist Marie Louise Sjöberg, and Austrian cellist Susanne Friedrich perform the works of Ludwig van Beethoven, Howard Frazin, and Dimitri Shostakovich. Refreshments.

COMING FEBRUARY 1-5

Lifelong Learning Lecture:
A Journey Through Six Poetic Masterpieces from Blake’s “The Tyger” to Yeats’ Rough Beast
February 2, 7:00pm

Brown Bag Learning Series:
The Link Between Chronic Disease & Nutrition
February 3, 12:10pm

Friday Night Film:
Florence Foster Jenkins
February 3, 7:00pm

Sunday Concert:
Arneis String Quartet
February 5, 3:00pm

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**Bettyville: A Memoir**
by George Hodgman
Tuesday January 3, 7:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
George Hodgman’s debut is both an indelible portrait of a family and an exquisitely told tale of a prodigal son’s return. Hodgman leaves Manhattan for his hometown of Paris, Missouri, and finds himself the unlikely caretaker of his aging mother, Betty, a woman of wit and will. As these two unforgettable characters try to bring their different worlds together, Hodgman reveals the challenges of Betty’s life and his own struggle for self-respect. Led by Nancy Coville-Wallace.

**Game Night!**
Wednesday January 4, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Back by popular demand! Ever play Settlers of Catan? How about Balderdash? Join our own game aficionado Thomas Samblanet and play old favs like Scrabble and Monopoly or try something new! Bring friends and family. All ages are welcome. Refreshments.

**INTRODUCING Adult Coloring Night!**
Thursday January 5, 6:30-7:30pm – Main Library, J Program Room
Join us for an evening of coloring, calming tea and music. Coloring is relaxing and therapeutic! We will provide colored pencils and coloring pages. You are welcome to bring your own materials. No registration is required.

**Ongoing Food Drive at the Main Library**
Please consider donating to our food drive to support the Hope Worldwide Framingham Food Pantry! If you prefer to write a check, you can mail it to: Hope Worldwide Food Pantry, 214 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702. THANK YOU!

**FILMS**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FILM:**
*Sully* (2016) 96 min PG-13
Friday January 6, 7:00pm
A stirring tribute to an everyday hero, Clint Eastwood’s latest directorial effort is *Sully*, starring Tom Hanks as Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who managed a successful emergency landing on the Hudson River in order to save the passengers and crew. Refreshments. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please use the Lexington St. entrance.

**FILM MINI SERIES:**
Kirk Douglas – Rugged and Resilient
Join us for the final installment of our film tribute to the great Kirk Douglas.

*Lonely are the Brave* (1962) 107 min.
Wednesday January 11, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
A self-reliant and idealistic cowboy (Douglas) encounters modern society when he comes to the aid of an imprisoned friend. This is Kirk Douglas’s favorite among his films. Refreshments.

**Leaving Cancer for the Circus:**
An American Odyssey Inspired by Love and Recovery
Tuesday January 24, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Award-winning Framingham native and Kansas City sportscaster Danny Clinkscale presents his new memoir, a humorous and heartbreaking account of the eventful year that brought him both the exhilarating experience of the Royals’ back-to-back World Series appearances, as well as a devastating cancer diagnosis. Books will be available for purchase. Partial proceeds will go to Coaches for Cancer.

**Beethoven: The Late Works**
with Professor Gil Harel, (CUNY Baruch College)
Wednesday January 25, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Ludwig van Beethoven is often described as a composer whose work straddles two musical periods: the classical, and the romantic. But what exactly does that mean? Professor Harel will examine three works: the *Missa Solemnis*, the op. 131 string quartet, and the final piano sonata (op. 111). He will show how these works anticipate a new era in music history, and cement the legacy of the man who created them. Refreshments.

**Leaving Cancer for the Circus:**
**Dining Out in Boston**
Thursday January 26, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Join author Jim O’Connell as he shares his new book *Dining Out in Boston: A Culinary History*. The first comprehensive history of Boston restaurants, the book draws on hundreds of menus dating back to 1800 and features 35 historic menus and photographs. Refreshments.

**FPL Foundation: The Costin Room Experience**
The Framingham Public Library Foundation’s focus for 2017 is on raising funds to upgrade the audio and video systems in the Main Library’s Costin Room to current standards and also to add recording and broadcast capabilities. This will allow us to share many of the great events you see in this newsletter as they take place. We have already received a grant of $91,000, plus help with furnishings from the Friends of the FPL. Your donation will help us reach our goal of raising a total of $256,000, the cost of the project. You can donate at www.FPLF.org or with a check made out to the FPLF and sent to the Main Library, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.
Sci-Fi Book Club

Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein
Wednesday January 11, 7-8:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room

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McAuliffe Branch Book Discussion

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent
Thursday January 19, 10:00am – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

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Drop-in Resume Help

Tuesdays January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 10:00am-12:30pm – Main Library
Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

Join the Homework Center Coding Club!

Students grades 2-5 are invited to come for a fun hands-on opportunity to learn computer programming. The Coding Club will meet Thursdays 4-5:00pm beginning January 5. Computer themed snacks will be served. To sign up contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

The Homework Center provides free tutoring and homework help to students K-12 each Monday-Thursday 2:30-5:30pm.

Poetry Workshop

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Main Library Ongoing Events

Stories for Scooters
Wednesdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3.
Twenty fun-filled minutes of tiny tales and tunes in interactive fashion for little Library-goers and their adults, with playtime afterward!

Weekly Story Times
Thursdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 3-5.
Get in the library habit—drop in every week for age appropriate stories, school readiness activities, and the occasional thematic craft.
And on the first Thursday of the month, meet some of our community police officers as they help out with Story Time!

Main Library Special Events

Movie Matinee: The BFG (Rated PG)
Saturday January 7, 2-4:00pm, Costin Room.
All ages at parents’ discretion.
A girl named Sophie encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kind-hearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because, unlike them, he refuses to eat children.

KEVA Plank Building
Saturday January 14, 2-4:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages.
Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with the deceptively simple KEVA planks. Come amaze us with your creations!

Open Lego
Saturday January 28, 2-4:00pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+.
Drop in and make something creative with our supplied LEGOs. Look through our LEGO idea books to make something super exciting or design your own structure! Leave your name with the creation, and we’ll display it on top of our shelves for a month!

Christa McAuliffe Branch Events

Weekly Storytimes
Mondays 10-10:20am, Children’s Room. Ages 2-4, drop-in.
On January 9, Framingham community police officers will come in to share our story and craft time!

Drop-in Baby Lapsit Storytime
Tuesdays 10-10:30am, Children’s Room. Ages 0-2 with an adult.
Come sing and play with words, rhyme and puppets at baby lapsit time! Parents can network while babies pick up phonological awareness, one of six foundations of future reading success.

Book Buddy Reading to Dogs
Saturdays January 7 and 28, 10:30-11:00am, ages 0-2 with caregiver.
Registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot.
Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to your Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read aloud from a book of their choice.

Dads and Donuts
Saturday January 7, 10-11:00am, Costin Room, all ages.
Bond with your dad (and donuts) through stories, songs and fun. Mothers, siblings and other family members welcome! Volunteer readers and donut donators needed; contact the Children’s Room, 508-532-5570 x4 for details.

Book Bingo
Saturdays January 7 and 28, 10-11:00am, Craft Room, all ages.
Prizes, laughs, and best of all, books! Join us for our ever-popular Book Bingo.

Find more details on our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org/kids-teens/kids/