Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Winter/Spring 2016

This free Thursday night 7:00pm lecture series is a partnership of Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library (FPL). The series is sponsored in part by a grant from Constellation, an Exelon Company.

LOCATION: Town Hall, Blumer Room.

February 11 – The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (1798) by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Presenter: Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU. This poetic morality tale, with its great and enchanting verse, has a lesson for all of humanity, namely, that all of creation deserves our praise.

February 18 – Cabaret Germany: Society and Culture in the Weimar Republic (1919-1930)
Presenter: Dr. John Heineman, Professor Emeritus, Boston College. A richly illustrated lecture on the German Republic, analyzing the role of cultural innovations in art, music and literature.

February 25 – The Founders Were Not Cowards: Louis Brandeis and Freedom of Speech
Presenter: Dr. Dan Breen, Lecturer, Brandeis. This year celebrates the 100th anniversary of the nomination of Louis Brandeis to the Supreme Court.

Sunday Concert Series: Omer Quartet
Sunday February 7, 3:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.

The acclaimed quartet will perform the works of Haydn, Debussy and Bartok. The series is sponsored in part by the The Saul B. and Naomi R. Cohen Foundation and Hammond Residential Real Estate, Metro Credit Union, Whole Foods Market, and Friends of the Framingham Library.

Please Support the Friends of the Framingham Library

The Friends have set up a GoFundMe campaign (www.gofundme.com/fe23mzxw) to make up some of the revenues lost because we have not been able to hold book sales and the Book Store has been closed. The longer we go without the normal revenues that we use to maintain our level of service to the Library, the more difficult it is to fund the Library’s needs. Please make a donation now and let us hope that the Library will be open soon!

We are still offering (for a limited time) to anyone who donates $25 or more to the Friends, a coupon for $5 to be used at a regular book sale. Please mail your tax deductible donation to Nancy Grifone, Treasurer, 1 Crosby Circle, Framingham MA 01701. Thank you.

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Main Library
49 Lexington Street  I  508-532-5570
Temporarily closed. Regular hours below will resume upon re-opening:
Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday-Saturday 9-5  I  Sunday 1-5

McAuliffe Branch
10 Nicholas Road  I  508-532-5636
Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday-Saturday 9-5  I  Open Sundays 1-5 during Main Library closure

Holiday Hours
All Libraries will be closed Monday February 15 for Presidents’ Day.

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The McAuliffe Branch is open on Sundays during the Main Library closure. You can also visit us at our temporary Pop-up Library at St. Stephen’s school, 25 Clinton Street, Framingham.

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American Whaling in the Age of Sail
Thursday February 4, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room
Guest Speaker: Dr. Curtis Martin, Professor Emeritus, Merrimack College
This powerpoint presentation is an introduction to the subject, and covers broadly the nature of the whaling industry—the importance of the industry, the whaling crews and their life at sea, the ships and the products of whaling, and the demise of whaling.

Friday Night Film:
Grandma (2015) 79 min R (language and some drug use)
Friday February 12, 7:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.
A teenager facing an unplanned pregnancy seeks help from her acerbic grandmother, a woman who is long estranged from her daughter. Starring Lily Tomlin, Julia Garner and Marcia Gay Harden. Doors are open 6:30-7:15pm.

Matinee Film:
Suffragette (2015) 106 min PG-13 (some intense violence, thematic elements, brief strong language and partial nudity)
Monday February 22, 2:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room
In this galvanizing feminist drama, a working-class laundress (Carey Mulligan) in 19th century London becomes radicalized when she meets a brave cadre of women organizing to obtain the vote. Also starring Meryl Streep and Helena Bonham-Carter.

Main Library Book Club
The Secret History of Wonder Woman by Jill Lepore
Tuesday February 9, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room113)
Wonder Woman was created in 1941, and reigns as the single most popular female superhero of all time. She also has a secret history. Through methodical research, Lepore unfolds the story of William Moulton Marston, a Harvard-educated psychologist best known for inventing the lie detector test and Wonder Woman. Wonder Woman's origins start in the feminist movement of the early 1900s, and the dramas surrounding her creation are both dramatic as well as scandalous.

Poetry Workshop
Led by Alan Feldman*
Tuesdays February 2, 9, and 16, 7-9:00pm – Location: Town Hall
Feb. 2 & 16: Nevins Conference Room (Rm. 113)
Feb. 9: Room 209
This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. Each session begins with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed need to provide copies to distribute during the session. Alan Feldman is a professor emeritus at Framingham State University.
*February 16 workshop led by Bernard Horn.
PLEASE NOTE: The workshop originally scheduled for February 23 has been cancelled.

Adventures in Lifelong Learning – Winter/Spring 2016
Classes will take place on the following Tuesdays: March 8, 15, 22, 29 (Snow date – April 5). The brochure will be available by the first week of February, and Member Registration begins on February 9. Visit www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures for more information.

Andy & Judy in Concert!
Wednesday February 10, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room
Folk duo Andy and Judy perform cover versions of songs written by John Prine, Bob Dylan, Ian and Sylvia and Peter, Paul & Mary, as well as a growing list of their original songs. Their close harmonies blend Judy's evocative alto with Andy's deep baritone, accompanied by guitar and mandolin.
Join us from 12-1:00pm one Friday a month for an informal lunch time program featuring speakers from local businesses and organizations. A wide range of topics will be discussed that are educational and entertaining.

The Brown Bag Learning Series is free to the public. Guests are welcome to bring their lunch; refreshments will be provided.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5: MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS 101 FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES**
Presented by Susan Petroni.
**Location: Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak St.**

**FRIDAY MARCH 4: INTRODUCTION TO HOMEOPATHY**
Presented by Vera Volfson, CCH, RSHom (NA).
**Location: TBD**

**Drop-In Resume Help**
Tuesdays February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10:00am-12:30pm – **Location: Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room113)**
Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

**SOAR 55: Your Local Resource for Volunteering**
At SOAR 55, we place, train, and support volunteers, age 55 and over, who want to use their skills and experience to strengthen local non-profits and public organizations in Newton and MetroWest.
Please contact Lois Levick at 508-532-5570 x4353 or at llewick@minlib.net. To learn more go to [www.soar55.org](http://www.soar55.org) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/soar55volunteer](http://www.facebook.com/soar55volunteer).

SOAR 55 is a Corporation for National & Community Service RSVP Program.
Main Library Special Events

Chinese Fun Time
Saturday February 13, 11:00am-12:00noon, ages 5+. Location: Boys & Girls Club, 154 Pearl Street.
Join us for our series of monthly explorations of Chinese culture led by Manman, a visiting teacher from China. This month: Chinese Spring Festival and Chopsticks!

Come and learn what people do during the most important festival—Spring Festival in China! You can enjoy some authentic Chinese activities like making a red pocket, Chinese lucky words and paper cutting. We’ll also discuss the importance of chopsticks to the Chinese, learn to hold them, and have a little contest to see who’s the best at it.

Vacation Week Open Lego Build
Tuesday February 16, 2-4:00pm, all ages. Location: Pop-up Library, St. Stephen’s School, 25 Clinton Street.
Drop in and have some fun with our small, colorful, creative bin of Legos.

Vacation Week Movie Matinee
Thursday February 18, 2-3:30pm, all ages at parents’ discretion. Location: Pop-up Library, St. Stephen’s School, 25 Clinton Street.

Shaun the Sheep Movie (Rated PG for rude humor)
When Shaun decides to take the day off and have some fun, he gets a little more action than he bargained for. A mix up leads them all to the Big City and it’s up to Shaun and the flock to return everyone safely to the green grass of home.

McAuliffe Branch Events

Weekly Storytimes
Mondays 10-10:20am, Children’s Room, ages 2-4, Drop-in.

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. This informal program for babies and their parents/caregivers runs about 20 minutes and introduces the pleasures of the library to your baby or toddler.