FRAMINGHAM READS TOGETHER APRIL-MAY 2016
Pioneers of Flight – From Kitty Hawk to Outer Space

Join us as we kick off our fourth “One Book” initiative in April.

FEATURED BOOK:

The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough

Mark your calendars for the keynote event on May 14 at 10:30am, featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author and renowned historian David McCullough speaking about his book.

An exciting lineup of programs related to our theme will take place in April and May for children and families, teens and adults. (Please see the Young Adult and Children's sections for more events.)

PBS Film The Makers: Women in Space
(approximately 1 hour)
Wednesday April 20, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
This inspiring film traces the history of women pioneers in the United States Space Program.

BOOK DISCUSSION:
The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough
Thursday April 21, 10:00am – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
The dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly: Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Wednesday April 13, 7:00pm – Town Hall, Blumer Room (lower level)
Discussion Leader: Dr. Arthur Nolletti, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University
Two Russian brothers have conflicted emotions when their father—who has been gone for 12 years—returns home. Starring Vladimir Galin and Ivan Dobronravov.

We thank TD Bank for their grant, and the New England Mobile Book Fair for being the bookseller for the David McCullough event. In addition, we thank our collaborative partners: the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest/Pearl Street Clubhouse, the Callahan Center, Danforth Art, the Town of Framingham and Framingham State University.

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See page 2 for other collaborative programming
Sunday Concert Series: Arneis Quartet
Sunday April 3, 3:00pm – Callahan Center, 535 Union Avenue

The prize-winning Arneis Quartet perform the works of Haydn and Mendelssohn. The series is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library, The Saul B. and Naomi R. Cohen Foundation, Hammond Residential, the Metro Credit Union and Whole Foods Market. Doors open at 2:30 and close at 3:15pm.

Main Library Book Club
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania
by Erik Larson
Tuesday April 5, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Poetry Workshop
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State Univ.*
Tuesdays April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 7:00-9:00pm – Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room 113)
This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience.
*February 12 and 19 workshops led by Dr. Bernard Horn

A Conversation with Our Neighbors
Led by Shaheen Akhtar of The Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland
Sunday April 10th, 2:00-4:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
You are invited to a presentation and discussion on Islam.
Shaheen Akhtar is an educator and interfaith liaison for the Muslim community at large.

Chocolate: The Secret Indulgence
Guest speaker: Dr. Mike Cross, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Northern Essex Community College
Wednesday April 6, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Learn which chemicals elicit biochemical reactions in the human brain, making chocolate the perfect indulgence. You will also learn how to taste chocolate for quality and how to eat it, too!

Framingham Reads Together Activities
**Lita Judge: Flight School
Exhibition runs from March 6 to May 15 – Danforth Art, Children’s Gallery
Features original artwork by Lita Judge, the author/illustrator of the children’s book, Flight School.

**Artist visit with Lita Judge (free for children and their accompanying adult)
Sunday April 3, 2:00-4:00pm – Danforth Art
Meet the author and books are available for purchase/signing.

**Planetarium Program
Friday April 15, 6:30pm – Framingham State University’s McAuliffe Center on Integrated Science Learning
A voyage to the International Space Station. Registration required: http://tinyurl.com/FSUPlanetariumShow. Free parking is available on campus.

**FSU Science Festival – Science on State Street (All ages)
Saturday April 23, 10:00am-2:00pm – Framingham State University
www.framingham.edu/science-on-state-street. Free parking is available on campus.

Book Discussion: The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
Thursday April 28, 10:00am – Callahan Center
Registration required. Call 508-532-5980

Framingham Seeding Together Library
Saturday April 2 the FRAMINGHAM SEED LENDING LIBRARY will be opening in the lobby of the new Christa McAuliffe Branch Library. Once the Main Library is re-opened, it will be housed there. Patrons will be able to sign out packages of seeds (mostly vegetables) and are encouraged to try their hand at saving some seeds from the plants they have grown at the end of the season, though this is not a requirement. Watch the newsletter for upcoming events. There will be a seed saving workshop in the fall.
LVM Literacy Unlimited

LVM Literacy Unlimited is the adult tutoring program of FPL. Our present location is the Boys & Girls Club, 154 Pearl Street. During the week of April 4, we are opening our waitlist for students needing a tutor! Hours are: Monday April 4 and Tuesday April 5, 9-11am and 7-8pm; Wednesday April 6, 9-11am; Thursday April 7, 9-11am and 7-8pm. (The wait list for a tutor is 6-9 months)

We are starting a new monthly book club, designed for intermediate students who can read English, and their tutors. The April book selection is Who Were the Wright Brothers? by James Buckley. Meetings are Tuesday April 26, 7pm and Friday April 29, 10am. Join us!

May Baskets are coming! Starting May 1, purchase a ticket to have the opportunity to win a May Basket. They will be on display at McAuliffe and the Morse Institute and Bacon Free Libraries. All proceeds benefit Literacy Unlimited. Call 508-834-0425 or email fplmail4@minlib.net.

Gaming and Coding Workshop with the Rhode Island Computer Museum

Thursday April 7, 3:00-5:00pm Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Whether you’ve got programming experience or you’re a newbie, enjoy creating a game using SCRATCH. After the workshop, we will upload your game to the RICM SCRATCH Studio online for later access. Pre-registration required; contact Marcy Maiorana, 508-532-5636, mmajorana@minlib.net. Limited to 16.

Walsh Middle School and Framingham High School Robotics Team Demos!

Saturday April 30, 10:00am-12:00noon, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Meet Framingham’s award-winning robot creators and their robots!

Brown Bag Learning Series (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

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. Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room.

FRIDAY APRIL 1: CONTAINER GARDENING Presented by Jennifer Porter.

FRIDAY MAY 6: SELF-DEFENSE Presented by Debbie Nau.

Drop-In Resume Help

Tuesdays April 12, 19, and 26, 10:00am-12:30pm – Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room 113)

Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

The Homework Center

All Framingham Students K-12 are welcome for free tutoring, Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:30pm.

The Homework Center is currently at the Boys & Girls Club, 154 Pearl St., until Main Library reopens. Drop in for homework help or schedule an appointment with jgatlin@minlib.net.

The Lancers are Coming!

Saturday April 9, 10:00am – Main Library Parking Lot, 49 Lexington Street

A public meet and greet with The National Lancers, a ceremonial cavalry troop in the Organized Militia based in Framingham. This is a FAIR WEATHER event only, and will be cancelled if it is raining.

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.

April 7 – In the Footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh

Presenter: Dr. Erika Schneider, Associate Professor, Framingham State University. Although he was born in the Netherlands, Van Gogh traveled throughout France during his short painting career and immortalized these sites in his paintings.

April 14 – Common Carrier: The Post Office in American Life

Presenter: Dr. Joseph Adelman, Assistant Professor, Framingham State University. An examination of the role of the Post Office as both a civic institution and a revenue-generating business enterprise.
Children’s Programs April 2016

Special Events

Movie Matinee: The Peanuts Movie (Rated G).
Saturday April 2, 2:00-4:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library Community Room. All ages at parents’ discretion.
Charlie Brown and his best pal Snoopy embark upon a heroic quest.

Chinese Fun Time
Saturday April 9, 11:00am-12:00noon, Christa McAuliffe Branch Community Room. Ages 5+. Join us for our series of monthly explorations of Chinese culture led by Manman, a visiting teacher from China. This month: Chopsticks and Counting. Learn how to wield chopsticks like a pro and how to count from 1-99 in Chinese. Once you become expert at these skills, you can compete to win prizes.

Chinese Fun Time
Join us for a hands-on Music Technology program with Playful Tech. Grades 2-5.

Kites: Science and Structure
Wednesday April 20, 3-4:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Community Room. Ages 5+. Guest Instructor: Glenn Davison, author of 5 books on kites. Join us to learn about the aerodynamics behind kite flying and build your own kite. Glenn will also demo indoor kite flying.


Backyard Astronomy – Star Hopping Tips to Share with Family and Friends
Thursday April 21, 7:00-8:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Community Room. Ages 5+. Speaker/Guide: Jim J. Zebrowski, President of the Aldrich Astronomical Society.
A guide to recognizing constellations, bright stars and planets using an easy-to-follow process called star hopping! Children have a chance to win a “spacey” prize!

K&os Music Technology Program
Thursday April 21, 1:00-3:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library Community Room. Grades 2-5. Join us for a hands-on Music Technology program with Playful Tunes! Learn exciting ways to use technology to create and explore music. Registration required. Call 508-532-5636 x4314 or drop by to sign up.

Vacation Week Open Keva Plank Build
Saturday April 23, 2:00-4:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library Craft Room, Ages 5+. Drop in and make some Keva landscapes and buildings with our newly donated Keva Planks.

SOAR 55
We regret to report that as of June 2016, SOAR 55 will be ceasing its operations at Framingham Public Library. We are saddened to see the SOAR 55 satellite office close and to lose SOAR 55’s Volunteer Coordinator Lois Levick. A consummate professional and an accomplished community connector, Lois will be sorely missed by all.

Although no new volunteer interviews will occur after March 31, 2016, the Newton office will remain open through June to make sure that all volunteers already interviewed will be successfully placed.

Contact Jan Latorre-Stiller, SOAR 55 Director, 617-969-5906, x120, or email jlatorre-stiller@soar55.org and please see a special message on our website for more about this change.

Find more details at www.framinghamlibrary.org/kidspage.htm