FRAMINGHAM READS TOGETHER

Pioneers of Flight – From Kitty Hawk to Outer Space

Our “One Book” initiative continues throughout May

Join us for an exciting lineup of programs related to our theme for children and families, teens and adults. (Please see pages 2-4 for more Adult, Young Adult and Children's events.)

FEATURED BOOK:

_The Wright Brothers_ by David McCullough

KEYNOTE EVENT:

David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and renowned historian, speaks about his book: _The Wright Brothers_.
Saturday May 14, 10:30am – Memorial Building, Nevins Hall, 150 Concord Street
DOORS OPEN AT 9:30am

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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YOU ARE INVITED TO A Dedication Day Celebration at the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

Sunday, May 15
1:00-3:30pm
Program 1:15-2:15pm
_Dedication Celebration only – no Library services this day_
746 Water Street

Music by the Belfast Cowboys
Refreshments by Keefe Regional Technical School and Poland Spring

FAMILY EVENTS: Visit our craft table for children to make a space or science themed craft, and stop by for a henna tattoo by Mandy Roberge.
Parking on site or at the Hemenway School across the street.

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Celebrate Spring with the May Baskets Raffle!

The May Baskets Raffle benefits LVM Literacy Unlimited, the adult tutoring program in MetroWest. Tickets are available at the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Morse Institute Library and Bacon Free Library (Natick). Tickets cost $2 (or 6 tickets for $10). We have a basket for everyone—electronics, toys, wine, fun, and more! More info at www.framinghamlibrary.org/maybaskets.htm.

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**Framingham Reads Together Activities**

**Lita Judge: Flight School**
Exhibition continues until May 15 – Danforth Art, Children’s Gallery
Features original artwork by Lita Judge, the author/illustrator of the children’s book, *Flight School*.

**Book Discussion: The Wright Brothers by David McCullough**
Tuesday May 3, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

**Friday Night Film: The Martian** *(2015)* 144 min PG-13
Friday May 6, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
During a mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a storm and left behind. But Watney has survived, and tries to signal Earth that he is alive.

**Natick Labs Presents Food in Outer Space**
Wednesday May 11, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
*Guest Speakers: Michelle J. Richardson and Dan Nattress, Senior Food Technologists at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center*
The challenges of providing astronauts with food that is safe, nutritious, and tasty for the duration of their round-trip missions.

**Smithsonian Observatory’s Chandra X-ray Center Telescope** *(Grades 6+)*
Thursday May 12, 7:00 pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
*Guest Speaker: Dr. Harvey Tananbaum, Astrophysicist and Chandra Director*
Chandra X-ray Center’s telescope—its development and major discoveries.

**Walkalong Gliders** *(All Ages)*
Saturday May 21, 2-3:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
*Guest Speaker/Instruction: Phil Rossoni, commercial glider pilot and author*
Become an accomplished glider aviator in this make-and-fly workshop.

**Programs suitable for young people**

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**FILMS**

**MATINÉE FILM:**

**The Danish Girl** *(2015)* 120 min R
Monday May 23, 2:00pm – Town Hall, Blumer Room
The film is loosely based on the lives of Danish artists, Einar Wegener and his wife, Gerda. Einar becomes enamored with his feminine identity and undergoes one of the world’s first gender-reassignment surgeries in the 1930s, as he transfigures into Lili Elbe. Both Eddie Redmayne and Alicia Vikander won Oscars for their performances.

See Friday night film, *The Martian*, above.

**Ezekiel’s Wheels Concert**
Wednesday May 25, 7:00pm – Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.
This high-energy klezmer ensemble is internationally-recognized for their virtuosity and passion. “Boston has no shortage of klezmer bands, but Ezekiel’s Wheels has a playfully inventive style which makes it one of the best.” *(Boston Arts Review)*. Doors open at 6:30pm and close at 7:15pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Framingham Library.

**McAuliffe Branch Book Discussion**

**Where the Heart Is**
by Billie Letts
Thursday May 19, 10:00am – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Talk about unlucky sevens. Seven months pregnant Novalee Nation was heading for California with her boyfriend. Now she finds herself stranded in Oklahoma, with just $7.77 in change. But Novalee is about to discover hidden treasures in this small town. From Bible-thumping blue-haired Sister Thelma Husband to an eccentric librarian who loves Novalee more than she loves herself, they are about to take her—and you, too—on a moving, funny, and unforgettable journey.

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**Third Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser**

**It’s all about the Accessories!**
Sunday May 1, 7-9:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
Join us for this evening fundraiser. Watch Susan Mancall of SKM Jewelers accessorize our models in a variety of formal and casual ways. Enjoy elegant desserts, fancy coffees, tea and lemonade.

Tickets are $20.00 and will be sold at both the Christa McAuliffe Branch and at the door on the evening of the event. Following the Fashion Show, accessories will be available for purchase. SKM Jewelers will donate 20% of the evening’s proceeds to the Framingham Public Library Foundation!

The Fashion Show is sponsored by the Homework Center Student Advisory Board. The Homework Center Program is funded with a grant from Impact Framingham.

For more information, email Judy Gatlin at jgatlin@minlib.net.

Proceeds benefit the Framingham Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization.
Poetry Workshop
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus at Framingham State University
Tuesdays May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 7-9:00pm – Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room 113)
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’s new collection, Immortality, was awarded the Four Lakes Prize, from the University of Wisconsin Press in 2015.

Gustav Mahler, Tragedy and Triumph: Symphony no. 2, ‘Resurrection’
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gil Harel, Professor, Baruch College, CUNY
Wednesday June 1, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Gustav Mahler might be thought of as a “keeper of the classical flame.” Born a Bohemian Jew, he would move to Vienna and convert to Catholicism. Mahler’s struggles with acceptance and identity haunted him throughout his career, and this struggle is thought to figure prominently in his music. This lecture will analyze Mahler’s 2nd Symphony, connecting the music with the composer’s remarkable biography and worldview.

The Homework Center
The Homework Center offers free tutoring for all Framingham students K-12. We are open Monday through Thursday from 2:30-5:30pm. The Center is operating from the Boys & Girls Club, 154 Pearl Street until the Main Library reopens.
For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

FPL Foundation News
The FPLF greatly appreciates the March 9 Whole Foods Library Day. The proceeds will underwrite programming for the re-opening of the Main Library. We will soon announce details for a second engraved bricks campaign for the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library. Stay tuned!

Robots on the Run (Grades 6-8)
Thursday May 19, 3-5:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Guest Instructor: Dan Berman, Rhode Island Computer Museum
This fun program invites gadget geeks, science nerds, and budding engineers to build a robot! Bring broken electronics, take them apart, and learn about circuits. Registration required: MMajorana@minlib.net.

Henna Tattoos
Sunday May 15, 1-3:30pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
Stop by our Dedication Day Celebration at the Christa McAuliffe Branch for a henna tattoo by Mandy Roberge! (See page one for more details.)

Starting a Garden This Year?
Visit the Seed Lending Library at the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library and try a few easy to grow crops. There is plenty of growing advice in a red binder and also on our website. May is prime planting month!
Special Events

**Framingham Reads Together Activities**

**Drop Into Art: Storytelling**
Sunday May 1, 2-4:00pm – Danforth Art. (Free for children and their accompanying adult.)
Families are invited to participate in gallery and studio activities inspired by Lita Judge's *Flight School.*

**Matinee Film: *Fly Away Home*** (Rated PG for an opening accident scene and some mild language.)
Saturday May 7, 2-4:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room. *All Ages at Parents’ Discretion.*
A 13-year old girl and her estranged father learn what family is all about when they adopt an orphaned flock of geese and teach them how to fly.

**Walkalong Gliders**
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**Guest Speaker/Instructor: Phil Rossoni, commercial glider pilot and author**
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**Dads and Donuts/Baby Lapsit Crossover Event with Special Guest: Playful Tunes**
Saturday May 7, 10-11:00am – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room. *Ages 0-6.*
Come join us for the usual stories, activities and, of course, donuts but also for the musical interactions with Playful Tunes. There's time for informal guy talk while donuts are consumed. Mothers and siblings welcome.

**Chinese Fun Time**
Saturday May 14, 11:00am-12:00 noon – 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:** Chinese Songs and Games. Come and have fun learning songs and playing games from China!

**Dedication Day Crafts Table**
Sunday May 15, 1-3:30pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library. *All ages.*
Stop by the craft table during our Christa McAuliffe Branch Library Dedication Day Celebration to make a space or science themed craft. (**See page one for more details.**)

**Early Release Open Keva Planks Build**
Thursday May 19, 2-4:00pm, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Craft Room. *All ages.*
Drop in and make some Keva plank constructions with our newly donated bags of Keva planks.

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