Dolley Madison Remembers Friends & Foes
Featuring Professional Historical Interpreter Patricia Perry
Thursday January 14, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room
Of the early First Ladies in the United States, Dolley Madison, wife of James Madison, fourth President of the United States, has been considered the most colorful. In her eight years in Washington, D.C. (1809-1817), she made the President’s Mansion a delightful place to visit.
She met twelve American Presidents and their wives, inventors, politicians and visiting European royalty. She helped lay the cornerstone of the Washington Monument and was threatened by the invading British in 1812. You will hear her personal memories of George Washington, Francis Scott Key and more.

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES:
Opera on Tap
Sunday January 24, 3:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.
Members of the Opera on Tap group perform a pleasing selection of popular opera arias. The series is sponsored in part by 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.

Come Visit Our Pop-up Library!
During the Main Library closure, our temporary Pop-up Library at St. Stephen’s School, 25 Clinton Street in downtown Framingham, is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Pop-up Library features the NEWEST materials, and borrowing DVDs and printing are FREE. Public internet stations are also available for your use.

Please Support the Friends of the Framingham Library
For a limited time anyone who donates $25 or more to the Friends will receive a coupon for $5 to be used at a regular book sale. The Friends have not been able to hold book sales for several months and our revenues, which are used in support of the library, are significantly behind. Will you please consider a (tax deductible) donation to the Friends at this time?
Mail it to Nancy Grifone, Treasurer, 1 Crosby Circle, Framingham MA 01701. Thank you.

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**Orphan Train**
by Christina Baker Kline
Tuesday January 5, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room113)

Orphan trains ran regularly from the cities on the East coast to the farmlands of the Midwest from 1854 to 1929, transporting thousands of abandoned children whose fate was determined by pure luck. Vivian Daly, one such orphan, returns to the East later in life and meets a turbulent teen, Molly Ayer, who eventually bonds with Vivian.

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**Main Library Book Club**

**Friday Night Film:**
**Show Boat** (1936) 113 min NR
Friday January 8, 7:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.

This film version stars Irene Dunne as Magnolia Hawks. The daughter of showboat impresario Captain Andy, Magnolia is swept off her feet by dashing gambler Gaylord Ravenal. Starring Irene Dunne and Allan Jones. This film was rated 100% by Rotten Tomatoes, the film critic site!

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**Films**

**Matinee Film:**
**The Intern**
(2015) 121 min PG
(some suggestive content, brief strong language)
Monday January 25, 2:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room

Seventy-year-old Benn Whittaker decides that he is not thrilled with retirement, and seizes an opportunity to become a senior intern at an online fashion site. “A light comedy that offers great entertainment and also touches on women’s rights and the elderly at the workplace.” –En Filme

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**J.S. Bach’s Musical Offering: Bach Battles a King**
Wednesday January 6, 7:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.

Guest Speaker: Professor Gil Harel, CUNY Baruch College

Johann Sebastian Bach composed what many regard to be the most profound body of music in history. Frederick the Great was his philosophical and aesthetic antipode. That these two—a humble, deeply religious composer and a flamboyant militant monarch—would meet, was less a clash of two personalities as it was a clash of two eras or two worlds.

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**New Inca Son Duo in Concert**
Thursday January 7, 7:00pm – Location: Callahan Center, 535 Union Ave.

The Library welcomes the New Inca Son Duo to perform the compelling sounds of Peruvian music. They strive to “take the listener on a memorable journey to the Andes Mountains.” (Los Angeles Times). Don’t miss the opportunity to see this highly-acclaimed group!

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**Boston and the Civil War**
Thursday January 21, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room

Guest Speaker: Barbara F. Berenson, Senior Attorney, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

Barbara F. Berenson discusses her latest book, Boston and the Civil War: Hub of the Second Revolution. The book explains how Boston, for the second time, changed the fate of the nation. Inspired by their Patriot forefathers and nurtured in the nation’s “cradle of liberty,” Boston’s abolitionists sparked a Second American Revolution—this one intended to force the nation to live up to the promises of liberty and equality contained in the Declaration of Independence.

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**Master Thieves**
Wednesday January 27, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room

Guest Speaker: Author Stephen Kurkjian, Boston Globe Investigative Reporter, retired

The story of the biggest theft in art history is a case defined by superlatives. Two men trick their way into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum after midnight and make off with an estimated half billion dollars’ worth of artwork. Kurkjian reveals how the two criminal gangs battling for control of the Boston under-world knew of the museum’s poor security and had motive to pull off the theft. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.
Poetry Workshop
Led by Alan Feldman*
Tuesdays January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 6:30-9:00pm – Location: Town Hall
Jan. 5, Conference Room 1, Jan. 12,19 and 26, Nevins Conference Room (Room113)
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.
* January 5 and 12 workshops led by Bernard Horn.

Drop-In Resume Help
Tuesdays January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00am-12:30pm – Location: Town Hall, Nevins Conference Room (Room113)
Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

Faint Promise of Rain – A Storytelling and Indian Classical Dance Program
Thursday January 28, 7:00pm – Location: Town Hall, Blumer Room
Author Anjali Mitter Duva presents a unique and engaging evening of storytelling combining elements of literature and Indian classical dance based on her historical novel, Faint Promise of Rain. Set in 1554, the story is told from the perspective of Adhira, an exquisite dancer, and is filled with the sounds, sights and flavors of the Indian desert. The event will include a presentation on the classical dance kathak as well as readings from the book and a dance demonstration. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Help Launch the New McAuliffe Branch
The new Christa McAuliffe Branch Library is opening soon! You can still be a part of bringing it to life! Consider making a holiday donation to the Framingham Public Library Foundation. For more information about naming opportunities, visit www.fplfl.org or contact Ruth Winett (508-877-1938 or rwinett@rchn.com).

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. We work with students who are struggling to pass their courses, honors students wanting to work beyond the parameters of their classes and everyone in between! Students are welcome to drop in for homework help or to schedule appointments for ongoing tutoring. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

News from LVM
Literacy Unlimited
Are you interested in a volunteer opportunity for the New Year? Literacy Unlimited is recruiting volunteers to work as tutors for adult students learning English. Join us for an informational session on Thursday, January 7 (10:00-11:30am) to learn more! The 6-week training session for new tutors will begin on January 14 (10:00am-1:00pm; no class on February 18). You will learn techniques of English language learning and methods of lesson preparation. The information session and training classes will be held at the Boys & Girls Club (154 Pearl Street; downtown Framingham).

For the latest information please visit us at www.framinghamlibrary.org
**Main Library Special Events**

**Chinese Fun Time**
Saturday January 9, 11:00am-12:00noon, all ages. **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 numbers. Come and learn how to count in Chinese from 1 to 99! All ages welcome. Drop in, no registration required.

**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. 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.

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

**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.

With over 90 local nonprofit and public partners, SOAR 55 provides interested individuals with easy access to a myriad of volunteer positions. In addition, our staff uses a personalized, professional and unique approach to finding you the right volunteer experience by facilitating connections based on your interests, skills, experience, and schedule.

Some of our opportunities include:
- work with military and civilian media organizations to promote public understanding of the Employer Support Program of the Guard and Reserve
- as a team member, assist third-grade students in homework help in an after-school program
- write grants for a global educational network enabling members of disparate communities to recognize and accept their differences as they work toward a civil society
- conduct home visits for sight-challenged consumers
- assist a local museum with the inventory, record keeping, and data entry for the Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller Special Collection
- teach inmates the skills to help prepare them for the workforce
- work with culturally diverse families in early childhood literacy training
- identify and develop relationships with real estate developers and investors with the goal of selling fine art in public buildings benefiting cancer research
- assist low income elders and disabled individuals with their routine financial needs
- and much more!

For information please contact Lois Levick at 508-532-5570, ext. 4353 or at llewick@minlib.net. To learn more go to www.soar55.org and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/soar55volunteer. SOAR 55 is a Corporation for National & Community Service RSVP Program.

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