Join us for these online programs!

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Winter-Spring 2021
This free Thursday 7pm lecture series via Zoom is a partnership between Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library. The Winter-Spring series runs from January 28 to May 6. Email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to register for our Lifelong Learning Lecture Series and receive the Zoom invitations. All requests to register must be received by 5pm on the day of a lecture to receive the link. NOTE: If you registered for the Fall 2020 series, you do not need to re-register.

January 28 – Dickens and His Fictions of Childhood
GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, Framingham State University
This Lecture Series is sponsored by The Joseph L. and Ray L. Freund Foundation, courtesy of Elizabeth F. Fideler.

SUNDAY CONCERT: Constantine Finehouse and Mickey Katz
Sunday January 10, 3pm
Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/framinghamlibrary
Pianist Constantine Finehouse and cellist Mickey Katz, of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will perform works by Beethoven and Shostakovich. No registration required.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Evolution of Activism: A Discussion
Led by Rick Utaegbulam
Wednesday January 20, 7pm
Online via Zoom
Email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com by 5pm on January 20 for the link.
Join us for a discussion about how Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s influences today’s activism here in Framingham and across the U.S.
Before you join us for the discussion, we invite you to watch the film, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: A Historical Perspective – An Authorized Biography of a Civil Rights Hero ON KANOPY (with your library card).
Rick Utaegbulam is a youth leader at the Greater Framingham Community Church, and participant in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Conference at Framingham State University. He has led community discussions on race and racism.

We will be closed on Monday January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org

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Staff will pull the item and have it on the hold shelf by the next day.
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- **HOURS**
  - Monday and Tuesday 9am-2pm
  - Wednesday 1-4pm • Thursday 1-7pm
  - Friday and Saturday 9am-2pm

  **Holiday Hours:** Closed Friday January 1 for New Year’s Day, and Monday January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Discover ways to bring the Library experience to your home.

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The Library of Things is a collection of games, tools, consumer electronics and more that you can check out with your library card.
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**Library of Things**
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JOIN US FOR THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

CLICK HERE for our Online Events Calendar, including Young Adult and Children’s events.

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BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES
(Brown Bag Brain Boost)
Friday January 8, 12-1pm
Please email brownbagprogram49@gmail.com by 9am on January 8 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

Healthy Food and Lifestyle Choices to Boost Your Immune System
Presented by: Donna Kramer Merritt, LMT, RYT 200 and Diana Pruzinsky Abata, CHC
Start 2021 on a path to wellness. Join Donna and Diana for an informative talk about healthy food and lifestyle choices to boost your immune system. In this workshop you will learn:
• How stress and food choices impact your immune system
• Simple breathing and focusing techniques to reduce stress
• What foods to avoid and where they might be hidden in your diet
• How to choose foods that support your body’s health and wellness
• Supplements to support your immune system

STRETCH AND RELAX
Wednesdays January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2-2:45pm
Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress.

TONE AND STRETCH
Mondays January 4, 11, and 25, 4:30-5:15pm
A variety of functional fitness exercises to tone core, upper and lower body muscles followed by stretches. This is a low impact class designed to be adaptable to participants’ different levels.

Tea & Talk Tuesdays
TED Talk: The Brain-Changing Benefits of Exercise, by Wendy Suzuki
Tuesday January 26, 3-4pm – Online via Zoom

We all know that exercise is good for our bodies and January is the most popular time to start thinking about it. But did you know that exercise can not only have immediate long-lasting effects to your brain but it can also have longer lasting effects that can protect your brain from different conditions like depression, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia?

Listen to Wendy Suzuki’s Ted Talk HERE and then join us for a discussion. We’ll talk about our own experiences with exercise and how it may have transformed our bodies or changed our brains for the better. Email us at framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING
John L. Heineman InterSession 2021

Yarn Social Hour
Zoom Virtual Hangout
Mondays 11am-12pm (except Jan. 18) and Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Join us for a knitting, crochet, and yarn crafting social hour! This is not a learn to knit or crochet program. Please email us at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the program link to join either or both days.

Check out our YouTube Channel

Learn to Play the Guitar!

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the guitar? It’s time to check-off your bucket list! We have partnered with Centre Music House to offer beginner guitar lessons.

All you have to do is grab a guitar and join us on the Library’s YouTube Channel where you can view the lessons and follow along, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To help you along your musical journey, we have posted the accompanying lesson plans with links to the Q&As. So what are you waiting for?

CLICK HERE for more details.

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
RELEASE, RELAX, AND REINIGRATE VIA ZOOM
Thursday January 21, 11am
Email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com for an invitation and link to the Zoom session.
Start your week off right with a half hour of guided meditation and other opportunities for care free relaxation techniques! Join us the third Thursday of each month as Leslie teaches us valuable techniques to relax and reinvigorate before the stresses of the week take hold.
With Love and Gratitude is a nonprofit organization dedicated to service and education www.withloveandgratitude.com.

MARIL / MCAULIFFE
A Bookshop in Berlin: The Rediscovered Memoir of One Woman’s Harrowing Escape from the Nazis by Francoise Frenkel
(Available in our catalog in print, and as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby)
ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday January 5, 7-8pm RE_SCHEDULED TO JANUARY 12
The Sunday Times (London) praised the book as “An astonishing memoir … as gripping as any thriller.” “We can only remain grateful to the constellation of luck and chance that allowed, first, Frankel’s survival, and now, the recovery of her exceptional book.” – The Wall Street Journal. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com by noon on January 5 for the Zoom link to join.
The title for our February 2 discussion is The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich.

Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen by Jose Antonio Vargas
(Available in our catalog in print and audiobook, and as eBook on Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla)
ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday January 12, 7-8pm
Jose Antonio Vargas was born in the Philippines and sent to the United States when he was 12 to live with his mother’s parents. When he applied for a driver’s license at age 16, he learned that he was undocumented. Dear America is his story—but also the story of many others—who are caught in a system without a clear path to citizenship. This is a moving story about courage and determination and uncertainty in growing up undocumented. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email lgoldberg@minlib.net for the Zoom link to join.
The title for our February 9 discussion is The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone.

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
(Available as an eBook or audiobook on Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla, or request a copy being held at McAuliffe)
ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday January 19, 7-8pm
Unsheltered is the story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum, as they navigate the challenges of surviving a world in the throes of major cultural shifts. In this mesmerizing story told in alternating chapters, Willa and Thatcheber come to realize that though the future is uncertain, even unnerving, shelter can be found in the bonds of kindred—whether family or friends—and in the strength of the human spirit. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.
For our February 16 discussion, choose your own modern retelling of Shakespeare’s Romeo & Juliet.

SCFI
A Door into Ocean by Joan Slonczewski
(Available in our catalog in print and as an audiobook on Hoopla)
ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Wednesday, January 13, 7-8pm
A ground-breaking work both of feminist SF and of world-building hard SF that is about the Sharers of Shora, a nation of women on a distant moon in the far future who are pacifists, highly advanced in biological sciences, and who reproduce by parthenogenesis—there are no males in their society. A ground-breaking work both of feminist SF and of world-building hard SF that is about the Sharers of Shora, a nation of women on a distant moon in the far future who are pacifists, highly advanced in biological sciences, and who reproduce by parthenogenesis—there are no males in their society. Conflicts erupt when a neighboring civilization decides to develop their ocean world, and sends in an army. Led by Lucy Loveridge. Please email lloveridge@minlib.net to receive the Zoom invitation.
The title for our February 10 discussion is Mars by Ben Bova.

CITIZENSHIP CORNER
Applying for US Citizenship? Literacy Unlimited is offering a 12-week class to help you to prepare for the Naturalization test and interview. The program will review American History and Civics, and questions and terms you need to know to successfully complete the process.
The program will begin in February 2021 and be held on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm. You must be at least an intermediate level English speaker to benefit from the class. Classes will be held using Zoom, so access to a computer will be most beneficial.
For more information, please contact the Literacy program at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.
Thank you Framingham!
The City of Framingham is well on our way to a new goal of 15,000 homemade face coverings for our community. A huge thank you to all who have donated! As we reopen, more face coverings will be essential. Be part of this incredible effort to help your community. LEARN HOW HERE.

Obrigado Framingham!
A cidade de Framingham está a caminho de atingir uma meta de 15,000 coberturas faciais para a nossa comunidade. Um enorme obrigado a todos que têm doado! A medida que reabrimos, mais coberturas faciais serão essenciais. Ser parte de esse esforço incrível para ajudar sua comunidade. SAIBA COMO AQUI.

Gracias Framingham!
La ciudad de Framingham está en camino de alcanzar una meta de 15,000 cubiertas de tela para la cara para nuestra comunidad. Un enorme agradecimiento a todos los que tienen donado! A medida que volvamos a abrir, serán esenciales más cubiertas de tela para la cara. Ser parte de este increíble esfuerzo para ayudar a su comunidad. APRENDA COMO AQUI.

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Adults | Teens | Children

OUR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS:
Downloadable resources from Hoopla, Libby/Overdrive and Kanopy.
Overdrive/Libby: Race and Racism in America | Hoopla: Conversations about Race
• Talking with Kids about Race | Kanopy: Social and Systemic Injustice

OUR CURATED COLLECTION:
The Friends of the Framingham Library have generously donated an all-ages collection of books, ebooks and audiobooks pertaining to understanding systemic racism and its effect on our society and culture. Click here for more information.

FAMILY TAKE & BAKE KIT:
Heart Sugar Cookies
Monday February 1
All ages
Gather the family around and make some delicious sugar cookies together!
Kit includes all dry ingredients you need, plus a heart shaped cookie cutter...just in time for Valentine’s Day!
Please note: wet ingredients, cookie sheet, and oven not included!
Supplies are limited. Registration required; one kit registration per family.
Signups begin on January 25, pickups begin February 1. Please register HERE.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events at Framingham State University

AstroNights LIVE
Friday January 15, 7pm Ages 7+
AstroNights LIVE is a live, family-friendly exploration of your night sky that you can join from the comfort of your home. View live on YouTube or join the Zoom Webinar for extra interactive features! Our educators leave audiences with simple advice for observing your real night sky when the program is over. CLICK HERE for more information.

Arts & Ideas 2020-2021
Framingham State University is proud to present Arts & Ideas 2020-2021: a year of must-see speakers, performances, exhibitions and films, exploring the theme of THE PUBLIC SELF: CITIZEN AS CHANGE AGENT. CLICK HERE for more information.

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Music albums from Hoopla are available for 7 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents. *NEW: Search by language using Advanced Search.

Digital Movies & TV

Kanopy
Looking for indie or classic films, award-winning documentaries, or foreign titles a little off the beaten path? Kanopy and Kanopy Kids contain over 30,000 harder-to-find films that you can borrow online with your Framingham Public Library card! You may borrow up to 4 titles per month.

Streaming videos from Kanopy may be borrowed for 72 hours. Create a free account, then use on a computer or download the app to your device. And now, you can stream The Great Courses FREE on Kanopy! Kanopy users have free 30-day access to The Great Courses films. From the time you click play you will have 30 days to complete all of the videos in a course. This is without using any of your 4 monthly play credits.

Fils can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

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OverDrive
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Mango Languages
Mango is our online language-learning tool, with over 70 languages available. Home access is available for library card holders with a Framingham address. If you do not live in Framingham, come to the Library when we are open and sign up for a Mango account. You will then be able to sign in to your account on your home computer or via the Mango app on your phone or tablet.

Consumer Reports
Use your Framingham Public Library card to access Consumer Reports for information about consumer products.

Also check out our Research Resources and Information Guides

Multilingual Resources

Have you tried our World Languages Collection in Libby/Overdrive? CLICK HERE to see all that’s offered.
Libby now allows users to browse, search, and enjoy the app in nine additional languages. The newly supported languages include: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Swedish.

*If you do not live in Framingham, you can still use Hoopla through the Boston Public Library. All residents of Massachusetts may sign up for a Boston Public Library e-Card and use BPL’s e-Resources, which include Overdrive, Hoopla and Kanopy.
STAFF RECOMMENDS

Here are some recommendations from our staff that you can find on our digital resources, or in print from our catalog.

BOOKS

The Lost Girls of Paris
by Pam Jenoff
Available on Hoopla and Libby as an eBook and audiobook, and in our catalog.

The Lost Girls of Paris is an original telling of events during WWII. Told from the perspective of three different women—Grace the young war widow, Eleanor the British beaurocrat and Marie an unexpected operative—we learn about the female agents who secretly helped the allied forces win the war. This is a story of courage and friendship among a group of extraordinary women.

– Kiera

All the Devils are Here
by Louise Penny
Available on Libby/Overdrive as an eBook and audiobook and in our catalog.

I loved the new Louise Penny book, All the Devils are Here. I’ve been a fan for many years and this is one of her best—a complex mystery combined with further development of the characters of the series, especially the members of Inspector Armand Gamache’s family.

– Wilma S.

Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery
by Scott Kelly
Available on Libby/Overdrive as an eBook and audiobook and in our catalog

Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery, is a wonderful memoir. Kelly provides details of the training for and importance of the work of the multinational group who live and work on the Space Station. He made the science understandable.

– Wilma S.

MOVIES

A Face in the Crowd
Available on DVD and Blu-Ray in our catalog.

One of the best films I watched during lockdown this past year was Elia Kazan’s 1957 masterpiece A Face in the Crowd. Starring Andy Griffith in a role unlike any other he ever played, it’s the story of the rise of a charismatic figure from obscurity to power by harnessing the media. It remains just as relevant today as a sardonic look at the power of radio and television to manipulate and be manipulated. An overlooked classic I highly recommend digging up; it might make a good double feature with Network.

– Jon

I’ve been reading the Virgin River series by Robyn Carr and watching on Netflix. Normally not my genre of choice, but for some reason I can’t stop. All available on Hoopla. I recommend the series as an escape from reality.

– Dawn

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. edited by Clayborne Carson and Kris Shephard
Available in print and as spoken CD.

The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement by Taylor Branch
Available in print and as spoken CD.

Why We Can’t Wait by Martin Luther King, Jr.
Available in print.

“Browse” our New Year, New You Display Table, full of resources to jump start your resolutions. CLICK HERE for links to these titles.

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Borrowing Bundles! Try our recommendation services.

Answer a few questions on our forms, and we'll select titles for you to enjoy. You can access the individual online forms by clicking on an image below. Please give us 3 business days to assemble your bundle.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

The donations are pouring in, but we still need your help! Help us create a state-of-the-art Teen Room in the Main Library. Let’s give 6th-12th graders a place where they can study, play games, find books and videos—or hang out with friends.

To donate, please go to www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/ or mail a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, contact Ruth Winett at 508-877-1938 or rwinett@rcn.com.

Another Way To Help the Framingham Public Library Foundation and the FPL

Order ALL your Amazon items, not just books, through Amazon Smile and support your Library for free! CLICK HERE for details.

A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge

Join us in making a thousand paper cranes to decorate the Libraries upon our reopening. An instructional video by Lucas Gustafson, our Origami Club leader, on how to make an origami crane is on our YouTube Channel.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE LIBRARY?

Consider becoming a Friends member in 2021. The Friends support book purchases and the Library’s initiatives—Sunday concerts, adult and children’s programs, meditation, yoga, and more. With no book sales, we are relying on memberships, special fundraisers, and donations to raise money. We hope you’ll join us! Please CLICK HERE to become a member today.

We have a new email address. Please contact us at FPLFriends@minlib.net.

Fudge Fundraiser – Just in Time for Valentine’s Day!

The Friends has partnered with The Fudge Lady in Uxbridge to sell a variety of her delicious and decadent fudge. Satisfy your sweet tooth or buy a special gift for friends and family. Ordering information will be available soon.

Personalized Book Bundles

Missing the Friends monthly book sales? With in-person sales on hold, now you can order a book bundle! Choose a category (such as cookbooks, crafts, history, home improvement) and request a personalized book bundle for just $10. Bundles can also be requested from Adult Hardcover Fiction, Children’s, Large Print Fiction, Young Adult books, and even DVDs. For more information and to place an order, please email Marsha Farmelant at mfarmelant@aol.com or call 508-875-1918.

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**YOUNG ADULTS**
**GRADES 6-12**

**JANUARY PROGRAMS**

**Take & Make Kit:**
**DIY Bath Bombs**
Pick up anytime in January
LIMITED SUPPLIES – Register to reserve your kit
Everyone went through a lot in 2020 and it’s not quite over yet, so make your own bath bomb and relax for a bit.

**Take & Make Kit:**
**Old CD Mandala Art**
Pick up anytime in January
LIMITED SUPPLIES – Register to reserve your kit
Make Mandala art from old CDs!

**Among Us Game Time!**
Saturday January 9, 1-3pm
Register online
Let’s play Among Us! We’ll hunt down imposters and attempt to survive together. Registration required. Visit our website to sign up.

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Birthday**
by Meredith Russo
Available in our catalog and on Overdrive/Libby as an ebook and audiobook.
This story is told only on the shared birthday of two best friends as they navigate life and changes from middle to high school. Instant best friends from birth, this eye opening story is about friendship, self-acceptance, grief, family, and coming to terms with who you are and want to be as a person. This book is equally heartwarming and soul crushing and worth the read! – Jillian

**FAMILY TAKE & BAKE KIT:**
**Heart Sugar Cookies**
Monday February 1
All ages
Gather the family around and make some delicious sugar cookies together! Kit includes all dry ingredients you need, plus a heart shaped cookie cutter...just in time for Valentine’s Day! Please note: wet ingredients, cookie sheet, and oven not included!
Supplies are limited. Registration required; one kit registration per family.
Signups begin on January 25, pickups begin February 1. Please register HERE.

**Puzzle Swap is Back!**
McAuliffe Branch Library
Request a puzzle to pick up at McAuliffe by CLICKING HERE and then take it home!
Choose how many pieces you’d prefer the puzzle to contain and bring home some fun. Just like with our in-person Puzzle Swap, you can choose to return it to the Branch when you are finished, or bring back a completely different puzzle (or any extra puzzles you wish to join the swap!).

**Birthday by Meredith Russo**
Available in our catalog and on Overdrive/Libby as an ebook and audiobook.
This story is told only on the shared birthday of two best friends as they navigate life and changes from middle to high school. Instant best friends from birth, this eye opening story is about friendship, self-acceptance, grief, family, and coming to terms with who you are and want to be as a person. This book is equally heartwarming and soul crushing and worth the read! – Jillian

**CONTACT US!**

The phone lines at Framingham Public Library are open! Call us!
We are here at both Libraries to take your call.
Main Library 508-532-5570 (press 2)
Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-3pm

McAuliffe Branch 508-532-5636 (press 4)
Monday-Tuesday: 9am-3pm
Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-7pm
Friday-Saturday: 9am-3pm

**We want to Chat with you!**
Library staff are available for live chat Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.
Click on the chat icon at the bottom right of the Library webpage www.framinghamlibrary.org.

**Adult Coloring**
Happy New Year! Coloring is a wonderful way to relieve stress. Grab a beverage of your choice, download a coloring sheet and give it a try. CLICK HERE.

The Library may be closed, but you may still access free WiFi throughout the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch Library parking lots. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 feet apart from others) to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.
By using the free wireless service, you are agreeing to abide by the Framingham Public Library Internet Policy. All users are expected to use the Library’s wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.

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Homework Center News

The Homework Center is offering a 3-PART VIRTUAL STEM WORKSHOP for girls, grades 3-8.

**WEEK 1:** Introduction to Computer Programming

**WEEK 2:** Participate in fun Science Experiments

**WEEK 3:** Learn about famous women in science and explore career opportunities for women in STEM related fields.

To sign up contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

The Homework Center provides free remote tutoring to students K-12, in all subjects. To be matched with a tutor, contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

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**Academic Enrichment Book Groups**

Almost 100 students in grades K-12 are reading in our Library’s Book Groups. Students read, journal and meet weekly via Zoom, to discuss, research and write essays about each book they read. We want to keep these groups going and growing.

**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR BOOK WISH LIST.** Your donations will enable us to offer this opportunity to even more students. Please bring these (gently used) titles to the Library in a bag marked “Homework Center Book Groups.”

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FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER ESSAY CONTEST

I SURVIVED THE PANDEMIC OF 2020

In 500 words or less, tell us about the ways in which you and your family have survived the pandemic. Tell us the three things you think are most important when surviving during difficult times and why they are most important to you. Middle school, high school, and elementary school students grades 4 and 5 are invited to submit an essay. Essays can be submitted in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Winners in each age group will receive a $100 cash prize.

We are extending the essay due date. Stay tuned. The new date will be announced in the next Library newsletter.

For submission or more information, please contact Judy Gatlin at jgatlin@minlib.net.

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The Library staff wants to share with YOU.

BEGIN READING
SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

This month, check out our online programs, Take and Make Kits, at home craft, online resources and more.

SPECIAL EVENT

**Book Buddy Reading to Dogs**  All ages
Sundays January 3, 17 and 31, 2-3pm (10 minute appointments every 15 minutes), Online via Zoom

Therapy Dog Lilah listens as children read aloud from a book of their choice. Register at Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com; leave your email, your child’s name, and your preferred time for the appointment. You will receive the Zoom link and the time of your appointment in a response email.

**Take and Make Kits**

**Take & Make Craft: “Snow” Sand**
Tuesday January 12  Ages 6-12
*Signups begin January 5, pickups begin on January 12.*

Make some taste safe “snow sand” (aka: moon dough) and create indoor snow scenes and more! This kit contains potato starch, coconut oil, and flour—anyone with related allergies should not request this kit. All materials (except mixing tools) are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup.

**Supplies are limited. Registration required. This STEM inspired kit is thanks to STEAM Powered Family. Please REGISTER HERE and schedule a time to pick up your kit.**

**Take & Bake Kit: Heart Sugar Cookies**
Monday February 1  All ages
*Signups begin on January 25, pickups begin February 1.*

Gather the family around and make some delicious sugar cookies together! Kit includes all dry ingredients you need, plus a heart shaped cookie cutter...just in time for Valentine’s Day! Please note: wet ingredients, cookie sheet, and oven not included! Supplies are limited. Registration required; one kit registration per family. Please REGISTER HERE and schedule a time to pick up your kit.

ONGOING EVENTS

**Weekly Zoom Storytimes** with Jillian and Dana
Mondays 10-10:20am (except Monday January 18) and Thursdays 10:15-10:45am
Ages 2-6, all welcome.

*Contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com to get an invite to join.*

Join your familiar children’s librarians for some stories, perhaps catch a glimpse of your friends on the gallery screen, and keep adding to your 1000 books before Kindergarten list. Keep your library habit going even during stay at home time!

**Weekly Zoom Baby Lapsits** with Joanne and Lucy
Tuesdays 10-10:20am and Fridays 10:30-11am (except Friday, Jan. 1) Ages 0-2 and their caregivers, all welcome.

*Contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com to get an invite to join.*

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Break up your stay at home time or take a break from your work from home time with some fun time with your little one, catch a glimpse of your friends on the gallery screen, and keep adding to your child’s 1000 books before Kindergarten (retroactive sign up when we reopen)!

**Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose** with Jennifer
Wednesdays January 27 through March 17, 10:15-10:45am Ages 0-3 and their caregiver.

*Contact JRosenberg@minlib.net beginning January 11 to pre-register, schedule your supply pick up and get Zoom invites. Spaces are limited.*

Mother Goose on the Loose is an eight-week, thirty-minute program that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. A bag of supplies including books, shakers and more is required to participate; remember to schedule a pickup time when you register.
Weekly Virtual Challenges

**A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge:** Ongoing
Join us in making a thousand paper cranes to decorate the Libraries upon our reopening. An instructional video by Lucas Gustafson, our Origami Club leader, on how to make an origami crane is on our YouTube Channel. Watch it, then make away in any spare minutes. To find out why we’re folding paper cranes check out the Wikipedia entry on “Orizuru” or read Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr (available in Overdrive/Libby).

**Building Boom Virtual Challenge:** Posted every Friday
Have the weekend free from schoolwork? How about building something fun out of Legos, blocks, cardboard, tin cans, or whatever you have around your house! Every Friday we will post a challenge on Instagram and the Kids’ Page on our website for you to work on over the weekend. Then tag us when you post a picture and explanation of your finished construction so we can share the creativity around. Check back often to see what other people created with their building materials and to get your brain revving up for the next week’s challenge!

Online Resources

Looking for a podcast to listen to on quick car rides or trips to and from the store? Here are some shorter podcasts for you and your little ones to enjoy.

**Noodle Loaf**
- Episodes are 10-15 minutes long
- “Noodle Loaf is an interactive music education podcast for kids that teaches fundamental music concepts through play, song and laughter.”

**Sesame Street Podcast**
- Episodes are 5-10 minutes long
- “Sing songs with Elmo, Abby, Cookie Monster and Grover. Learn about friendship, patience and sharing with Bert and Ernie. Celebrate sunny days with all of your favorite Muppets with new episodes every Monday!”

**Fierce Girls**
- Episodes are 8-20 minutes long
- “The inspiring tales of some of Australia’s most extraordinary women.”
- Episode to check out: Bindi Irwin (17 minutes)

Salt Dough
Three pantry staples is all it takes to make this moldable dough. Once the dough is made you can use it to create all sorts of keepsakes.

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup salt,
- 1 cup cold water,
- food coloring & acrylic paint (optional)

**Instructions:**
Mix your flour and salt together in a bowl. Add in your water a few tablespoons at a time, until the dough is smooth and easy to handle. Knead dough for 10 minutes and let rest for 20 minutes.

Once the dough has rested, you can use it to form the dough into whatever creations you choose! The dough will be workable until it is baked.

Once you are ready to preserve your creations, preheat your oven to 250°F. Place your finished works on a baking sheet lined with parchment and bake in the 250° oven until the dough has dried and hardened, about two hours. Allow to completely cool. Feel free to paint your creations once they have cooled.

Find STEAM resources in our digital library that will help students of all ages excel! LOOK HERE.

At home craft for January

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Our team is here to help children, families, and community partners navigate common pathways that support children’s healthy growth and development and promote early education right from the start.

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