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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. [LOOK HERE](#) for the complete schedule and descriptions.

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.



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Main Library

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Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

Remote Homework Center
tutoring for grades K-12 available
in all subjects! See page 10.

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.*



The series is sponsored in part by Middlesex Savings Bank, Metro Credit Union, Brookdale Cushing Park, Roche Bros., Law Office of Framingham Attorney Jeffrey M. Steinberg, St. Mary's Credit Union, and Friends of the Framingham Library.

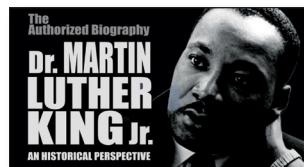


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Evolution of Activism: A Discussion Led by Rick Utaegbulam

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 COVID-19 precautions and information about Library services during this time [CLICK HERE](#).
- Free WiFi is available in both Library parking lots. Please practice safe 6 ft. distancing and use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.
- No Late Fees for returned materials continues.
- Please remember to wear your face covering when picking up curbside holds or returning items!

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Books are just the beginning!

CONNECT WITH US ON:



Sign up for [email updates](#) of Library news and events on our homepage!

Funding for this newsletter is provided by The Friends of the Framingham Library.

Funding for Library programs and refreshments is provided in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library.

Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

Miss the Library? We miss you, too!

Get your FPL fix with FPL Curbside Pickup



HOW IT WORKS:

- ✓ Search for items from our website framinghamlibrary.org or log in to the [Minuteman Library Catalog](#) with your card number and password.
- ✓ Request the items you would like to pick up.
- ✓ When your items are ready, you'll receive a notification.
- ✓ Then, just sign in to the [Capira Reservation System](#) with your Library log in and choose a pickup time!

ONE STOP Curbside Pickups & Returns

Contact-free pick up and return of Library materials at BOTH Libraries.

Main Library: Lexington Street building walkup
McAuliffe Branch: building walk up

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.

Feature film DVDs and Blu-Rays and TV series are now FREE! Search from our website, or [sign up for Wowbrary](#), our weekly email about the latest additions to our collection with links to the catalog to request them.

ON-DEMAND HOLDS

Call the Main or McAuliffe Branch Library with your requests.

Staff will pull the item and have it on the hold shelf by the next day.

Once you get the notice that your items are ready for pickup, you can make your appointment for Curbside Pickup at your convenience.

Main Library: 508-532-5570

McAuliffe Branch: 508-532-5636

Available by appointment:

Public computer use, printing, scanning and copying. [See page 10 for details.](#)

Visit Info Hub



for the latest news and resources from Framingham Public Library, along with important information—about COVID-19 and more—from the City of Framingham.

framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub



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Items can now be borrowed from our **Library of Things** and picked up curbside!

The Library of Things is a collection of games, tools, consumer electronics and more that you can check out with your library card.

framinghamlibrary.org/browse/libraryofthings

Library of Things

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Discover ways to bring the Library experience to your home.

Some of the ways you can browse our shelves and enjoy recommendations:

- Browse the shelves of our Library within our online catalog
- Explore new materials in Wowbrary
- Find your next favorite read with NoveList
- Book recommendations
- "If You Like..." staff & patron suggestions
- Snapshots of staff-curated display tables
- Book bundles for kids

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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



Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Thursdays, January 7, 14, and 21, 7-9pm –

Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus at Framingham State Univ.

This class welcomes serious poets with experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry. Poets may discuss their work. If you are new to the group and would like to participate, please email FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com by noon on the day of the workshop.



Exercise Classes via Zoom With Laila Vehvilainen

Please email framinghamlibraryexercise@gmail.com by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes.

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

This is just a reminder to students who have registered, that classes begin on Tuesday January 12 and continue on January 19 and 26. Questions: email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or phone 508-626-4603.



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Yarn Social Hour

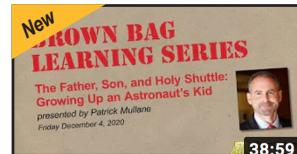
Zoom Virtual Hangout

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts and more.



Watch a selection of Brown Bag programs & Lifelong Learning Lectures.



Missed our live concerts? You can still enjoy them here.

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.



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Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate via Zoom

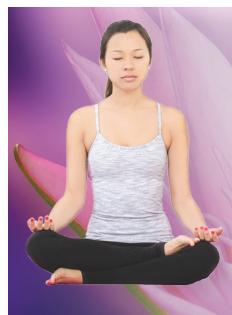
Thursday January 21, 11am

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.



About Leslie Gabriele: Leslie founded With Love and Gratitude in 2001. Leslie is a clairaudient, clairsentient, clairempath "energetic catalyst" who is trained in multiple healing modalities. Leslie's work is guided in the moment, done without attachment.

LVM Literacy Unlimited



Literacy Unlimited is now virtual and offering ESOL conversation classes and tutoring remotely. Check out our website

framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/.

- We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability.
- We are planning tutor trainings for the upcoming months and will hold a virtual information session **Thursday January 21 at 6pm**.

For new tutors or students, please register **HERE** or contact us at **508-532-5574** or at **fplmail4@minlib.net**.

BOOK GROUPS

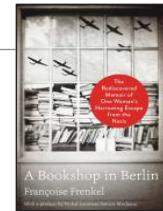
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A Bookshop in Berlin: The Rediscovered Memoir of One Woman's Harrowing Escape from the Nazis by Francoise Frenkel

(Available in our catalog in print, and as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday January 5, 7-8pm

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 framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com by noon on January 5 for the Zoom link to join.



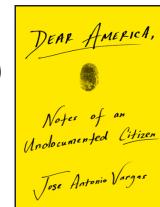
The title for our February 2 discussion is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

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.



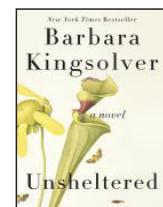
The title for our February 9 discussion is *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone.

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 Thatcher 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*.

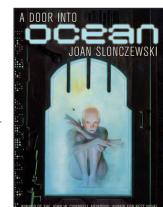
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A Door into Ocean by Joan Slonczewski

(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. Conflicts erupt when a neighboring civilization decides to develop their ocean world, and sends in an army. Led by Lucy Loveridge. Please email loveridge@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.

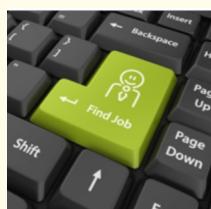
For more information, please contact the Literacy program at fplmail4@minlib.net or **508-532-5574**.

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**Looking for a job?
Need to create or update a resume?**



Make an appointment for one-on-one **Resume Help and Job Searching Strategies**.

Thursdays January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 9am-1:30pm, via Zoom*

Please email elawrence@minlib.net for your appointment.

*If you need access to a computer, please email us at fplmail6@minlib.net or call the Main Library at 508-532-5570 and speak with one of the staff.

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](#).

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! À 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 CÓMO AQUI](#).

Over 10,000 face coverings donated and counting!

GOAL: 15,000

If you would like to request face coverings, please [CLICK HERE](#).
Se desear solicitar coberturas faciales, [CLIQUE AQUI](#).
Si usted quiere ordenar máscaras faciales, por favor [OPRIMA AQUI](#).

Framingham Public Library Stands Against Racial Injustice

Black Lives Matter

RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE:

Anti-Racism resources for learning and taking action.

[Adults](#) | [Teens](#) | [Children](#)

See page 7 for featured resources.

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](#).

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.



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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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eBooks & Digital Audiobooks

Meet Libby, the New OverDrive App!

Libby, the new app from OverDrive, makes it easy to borrow ebooks and audiobooks and enjoy them on a smartphone or other portable device. Just download the free Libby app, then enter your library card number to browse, or search, thousands of digital titles. The virtual bookshelf lists all the titles you have borrowed or have placed on hold. You will get notified when a book on hold is available. **Libby no longer offers email notification. It offers in-app or push notifications. However, if one goes to minuteman.overdrive.com they can sign up for email notifications there and get both email and in-app notifications from Libby if they choose.*

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OverDrive

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Hoopla

Digital books, comics and audiobooks from



Hoopla are available for 21 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.

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.

Digital Magazines

Libby

In addition to eBooks and audiobooks, you can access over 50 digital magazines. Our magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting list and no limit to the number you may check out. Loan period is 7, 14, or 21 days.



OverDrive

You can also borrow magazines with OverDrive. Magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting lists. Magazine loans never count against your standard limit in OverDrive.

Digital Newspapers

The New York Times

NYTimes.com: Read today's *New York Times* through our digital subscription.

Boston Globe online: Full text articles from 1985-present.

Infotrac Newsstand: Access to more than 2,300 major U.S. regional, national, and local newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world.

Digital Music

Hoopla

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.*



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.

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

Hoopla

Movies and TV episodes from Hoopla are available for 3 days (72 hours).

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.

OverDrive

Streaming videos from OverDrive may be borrowed for 3, 5, or 7 days. Use on a computer or stream on a mobile device.

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.



MANGO

Consumer Reports

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



*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.

Also check out our Research Resources and Information Guides

STAFF RECOMMENDS

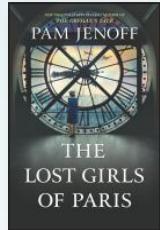
Here are some recommendations from our staff that you can find on our [digital resources](#), or in print from [our catalog](#).

BOOKS

The Lost Girls of Paris

by Pam Jenoff

Available on Hoopla and Libby as an eBook and audiobook, and in our catalog.

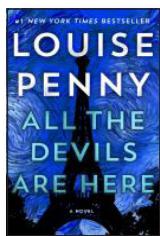


The Lost Girls of Paris is an original telling of events during WWII. Told from the perspective of three different women—Grace the young war widow, Eleanor the British beaurocrat and Marie an unexpected operative—we learn about the female agents who secretly helped the allied forces win the war. This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

MUSIC

Blackbirds

by Bettye LaVette
Available on Hoopla

Here is the voice that expresses the depth and breadth of all the artists who have inspired her. Bettye LaVette's latest release *Blackbirds*, is a collection of songs celebrating the formative work of what she calls "black birds," black female singers, including Nina Simone, Billie Holiday and Dinah Washington. These are powerful women whose songs inspired Bettye. Her rendition of Nina Simone's "Strange Fruit" touches deeply, with LaVette's voice a perfect vehicle for the tragedy and ache of the story.

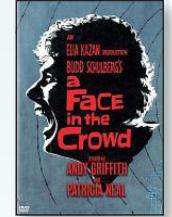
– Carol



MOVIES

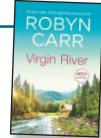
A Face in the Crowd

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

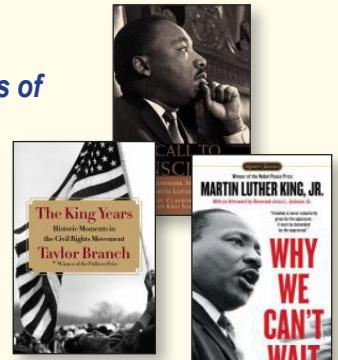
I've been reading the *Virgin River* series by Robyn Carr and watching on Netflix. Normally not my genre of choice, but for some reason I can't stop. All available on Hoopla. I recommend the series as an escape from reality. – Dawn



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.



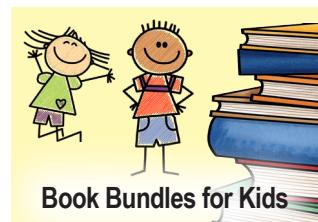
"Browse" our New Year, New You Display Table, full of resources to jump start your resolutions. [CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles.

STAFF RECOMMENDS

So many books to read, so many films to watch, and so little time! Let us help you make the right choices.

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.



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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.

There will be no January book sale because of restrictions due to COVID-19. Sorry, but we cannot accept book or DVD donations at this time.

Many thanks to our renewing corporate members:

Herb Connolly Chevrolet
Murphy's Automotive

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.



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](#).



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.



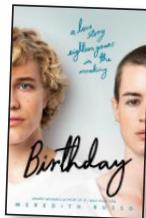
BOOK REVIEW

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



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](#).



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!).



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.

Reserve a COMPUTER SESSION at the Main Library



We are offering public computer use by appointment – printing, scanning and copying appointments, too!

Safety for our patrons, staff and the community is our first priority. Library staff observe all safety precautions and computers are cleaned after each use.

We ask that you consider utilizing computer access at this time for priority needs, such as: job search, filing for unemployment benefits, maintaining email contact with friends and family, business needs, etc.

HOW IT WORKS:

- ✓ Go to our website framinghamlibrary.org/technology-services or call 508-532-5570 to make a **45 minute reservation** (1 per day).
- ✓ Parking is available in the spots on the right, just past the Pearl Street entrance.
- ✓ You will be admitted through the Pearl Street entrance 2 minutes before your appointment time.
- ✓ All safety precautions must be observed (see on right).
- ✓ Free printing, scanning, and copying services will be available.

Monday & Tuesday: 9am-12pm

Wednesday: 1-4pm

Thursday: 1-7pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am-12pm

SAFETY FIRST

- If you are feeling ill, including a fever or cough, do not keep your appointment.
- Masks are required at all times. If you do not have one, we will provide one.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Please make use of our hand sanitizing stations.

Don't have a library card?



Sign up for an eCard to request books, music, movies and more in our catalog for curbside pickup at our Libraries and to use our online resources!

The Bookmobile wants to visit **YOU!***



The Bookmobile can't wait to get back on the road and to celebrate we want to visit you!

Get out your crayons and pens and draw us a picture or write us a story (or both) about why we should visit your house *when we are back on the road. The Bookmobile will throw a party at the home of five lucky winners to be selected at random! For ages K-12. Entry deadline date to be decided.

TO ENTER: [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out a form and attach your picture or drawing.

Language learning that works at home.



The Library staff wants to share with **YOU.**
[BEGIN READING](#)

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.

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."



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.

DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S JANUARY 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

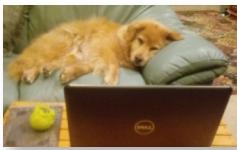
This month, check out our [online programs](#), Take and Make Kits, at home craft, online resources and more.

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



Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Certified Reading/

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.

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](mailto: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 or since 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)



At home craft for January

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)



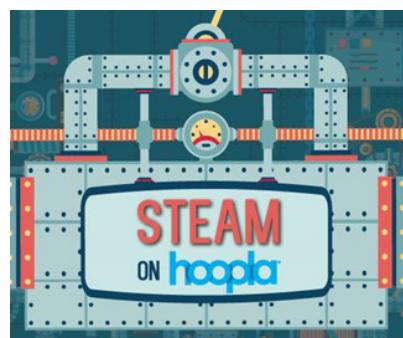
Instructions:

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](#).



EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE
Uniting for young children...the heart of our community
Framingham, MA

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO PREVIEW OUR VIRTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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