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## From Outcasts to First Families: The Salem Witch Tragedy and the Founding of Framingham

Monday October 25, 7pm – on Zoom

Presented by Anita Danker, Ed.D.

Witches are always timely for October, but, in the case of the Salem story, a tragic injustice was at the heart of the legends that have evolved about the accused and the accusers over the years. Framingham's own Anita Danker will share with us stories of the resilience of the families who suffered terrible losses and became outcasts in their communities, yet went on to help found new ones. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on October 25.



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## Framingham Public Libraries Are Open!

### Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570  
Monday-Thursday 9-9  
Friday-Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 12-4

### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636  
Monday-Thursday 9:30-9  
Friday-Saturday 9:30-5  
Sunday 12-4

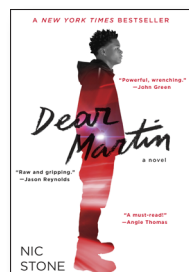
### Holiday Hours

Both Libraries will be closed Sunday  
October 10 and Monday October 11 for  
Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day.

## Framingham Reads Together 2021

Continues through October 6

Join us for this unique multigenerational experience concerning an issue that touches all our lives. Framingham Reads Together is a shared community experience around one book, *Dear Martin*. This is our sixth "one book, one community" initiative.



## KEYNOTE EVENTS

### Author Talk: Nic Stone

Author Nic Stone joins us virtually to discuss her book *Dear Martin*. Join us at these all-ages, community-wide discussions.

**Framingham State University: Tuesday October 5, 7pm – on Zoom.** Please [REGISTER](#) by 4pm on October 5.

**Framingham Public Library: Wednesday October 6, 7pm – on Zoom (new location).** Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on October 6.



## Join us for our Lifelong Learning Programs!

See page 2 for details.



## COMING IN NOVEMBER! Framingham Public Library's Downtown U: Entrepreneurship and Career Support

Framingham Public Library invites the community to participate in this exciting partnership with Framingham State University! We will be offering Entrepreneur Workshops, Career Building Webinars, One-on-one Mock Interviews, and Resume Building. This pilot program of the new Downtown U made possible by grant funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



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Framingham State University

Event Questions: [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com).

## GO ANATOLY!

Team Framingham's Anatoly Prekrasny is running the **Boston Marathon 2021** on **Monday October 11** and raising funds for the Friends of the Framingham Library.

### GO the distance!

Be a part of the Library's "Go Anatoly!" team. You can:

- Make a donation to support the Library
- Cheer for him on Monday, October 11!

To support Anatoly and the Friends, scan the QR code or click [HERE](#).

**"I'm running 26.2 miles for you! Please consider donating \$1 per mile to help me reach my goal."**



**Come in and upgrade  
your access! Convert  
your online account into  
a Framingham Public  
Library card.**

- **Be safe and keep others safe.** If you feel unwell, please don't enter the Library. A face mask is required for everyone over the age of 5 and please maintain proper social distance from others.
- **No Late Fees** for returned materials continues.

**Free tutoring for grades K-12  
available in all subjects! See page 5.**

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.

## Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Fall 2021

This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series via **Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library.

If you have not registered for any online Lifelong Learning Lectures before, register [HERE](#).



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### October 7 – Great Leaders, Great Legends II

**Guest speaker:** Rabbi Rifat Sonsino, Ph.D., *Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth Shalom, Needham*

**October 14 – Early Industrial Manchester and Charles Dicken's *Hard Times: The Real and Imagined City*** **Guest speaker:** Dr. Paul Fideler, *Professor Emeritus of History and Humanities, Lesley University*

**October 21 – What is it About Time and Human Nature that Allowed Us to Experience the Time of Covid in Such Unexpected Ways?**

**Guest speaker:** Dr. Larry McKenna, *Professor Physics and Earth Science and Co-Founder of the Center for Climate Change Education, Framingham State University*

**October 28 – A Highway Runs Through It: American Cities and Modernization before 1956** **Guest speaker:** Dr. Amy Finstein, *Assistant Professor, Visual Arts, College of the Holy Cross*

This Lecture Series is sponsored by The Joseph L. and Ray L. Freund Foundation, courtesy of Elizabeth F. Fideler.

FALL 2021

## ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING



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**Enjoy classes for seniors 60+ on ZOOM!**

**Tuesdays October 5, 12, 19 and 26**

Please go to [www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures) or [bit.ly/Adventures-FSU](http://bit.ly/Adventures-FSU) for full course descriptions and registration information.

**\*Online registration is required and is due by Monday, October 4.**

Adventures in Lifelong Learning courses are free to all participants, thanks to partial funding support from the Older Americans Act as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc., and grants from Ashland Cultural Council, Framingham Cultural Council, Marlborough Cultural Council, Natick Cultural Council and Sudbury Cultural Council.

Because federal funding is being used, we provide participants an opportunity to make a voluntary donation toward the cost of this service. Voluntary donations are put directly into program enhancement, allowing for expansion of services. Whether or not a participant makes a voluntary donation in no way informs or influences this service delivery.



## FILMS ARE BACK!

### MONDAY MATINEE: *Roman Holiday*

(1953) 1h. 58min. NR.

Monday October 4, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for the Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck classic as we say goodbye to the last of the warm weather and head into fall! Space is limited and **REGISTRATION** is required.



### MCAULIFFE OUTDOOR: *Addams Family Values*

(1993) 1h. 34min. Rated PG-13 for instances of smoking, mild sexuality, fright, and the use of profanity.

Wednesday October 20, 6:30pm – McAuliffe Branch,

Outdoor Space **Bring a chair or a blanket.** (For weather updates check events calendar listing.)

A murderous nanny with her sights set on Uncle Fester (or his money) sends the older Addams kids to a perfectly normal summer camp, where they're sure to be miserable. **No registration required.**



### FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: *A Quiet Place Part II*

(2020) 1hr. 37min. Rated PG-13 for terror, violence and bloody/disturbing images.

Friday October 29, 6:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Join us for the scary *A Quiet Place Part II*, newly released on DVD!

From IMDB: "Following the events at home, the Abbott family now face the terrors of the outside world. Forced to venture into the unknown, they realize the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats lurking beyond the sand path." Space is limited and **REGISTRATION** is required. Lexington St. doors open at 6pm.



## Upgrade Your Access!

If you signed up from home for an online account this past year, come into either of our libraries and convert it to a Framingham Public Library card and upgrade your access. With a library card, you will enjoy additional borrowing and resource opportunities. *Hope to see you soon!*



Visit **Info Hub** for news and resources from Framingham Public Library, along with

important information from the City of Framingham.

[framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub](http://framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub)

- Online Library Resources
- Technology Services
- Library Events
- Library and Community News
- Support and Hotlines
- Covid-19 Testing and Face Coverings
- Especially for Seniors
- City Press Releases

## Anti-Racism Resources

Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for resources for learning and taking action.



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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/browse/libraryofthings)

## Library of Things

BE AMAZED ~ Books are just the beginning.

## Sunday Classical Concert

Sunday October 24, 3pm – Costin Room and YouTube Livestream

Pianist Constantine Finehouse performs.

In-Person **REGISTRATION** required (space is limited). No registration required to attend online via **YouTube**.

The series is sponsored in part by Metro Credit Union, Roche Brothers Markets, Brookdale Cushing Park, St. Mary's Credit Union, and Friends of the Framingham Library and is also made possible by a grant from the Framingham Cultural Council.





## Advanced Genealogy

Monday October 18,  
7pm – on Zoom

Uncover your family records and history through this advanced level genealogy program. We will cover adoption, a brief summary of interpreting DNA test results, and will cover local Framingham genealogy with special guest Ruthann Tomassini from the Framingham History Center. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on October 18.



## Tea & Talk Tuesdays

### Don't Be Optimistic. Be Hopeful.

Tuesday October 26,  
3-4pm – on Zoom



It's difficult to look at the many problems that plague society and be optimistic about our future. But it's a lot easier to be hopeful. What's the difference between optimism and hope? The difference is subtle but powerful. Join us for a conversation about the distinctions between optimism and hope, and how we can continue to believe we will shape our world for the better.

Before you join us, please read the article on Medium.com [HERE](#). Please [REGISTER](#) by 9am on October 26 to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

## BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday October 1, 12-1pm

[REGISTER](#) by 9am on October 1 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

### A Tour of Fashion History

**Presented by:**  
Catherine Byrne,  
Danforth Art School at  
Framingham State University



Take a virtual walk through time to see how people have expressed themselves through the cultural language of fashion—from the earliest known “fashion magazines” to the dawn of haute couture. Learn fun facts and what fashion can reveal about the times and the fascinating stories of the people living through them.

## Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday October 21, 11am

[REGISTER](#) by 9am on October 21.

Join Leslie Gabriele of *With Love and Gratitude* on the third Thursday of each month for a half hour of guided meditation and other opportunities for carefree relaxation. Leslie will teach valuable techniques to help you learn to release, relax and reinvigorate your mind. *With Love and Gratitude* is a nonprofit organization dedicated to service and education.



## Yoga y meditación con Nissa

Jueves 21 de Octubre,  
de 7 a 8 p.m.

Únase a la biblioteca pública de Framingham y a Nissa Diantina durante una hora de yoga y meditación. Los asistentes aprenderán a calentar y estirar el cuerpo de una forma divertida y funcional. Nissa lo guiará a través de las técnicas de respiración y cómo aplicarlas en la práctica y en la vida cotidiana. Aprenderá asanas (posturas) básicas de yoga, flujo básico de vinyasa y meditación.

Para registrarse y recibir un enlace de zoom visite [bit.ly/FPL-yoga-y-meditacion](https://bit.ly/FPL-yoga-y-meditacion). Esta clase es en español.



## Exercise Classes via Zoom

If you have not registered before, please [REGISTER](#) by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes. Questions: [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com).

### STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays October 6, 20, and  
27, 2-2:45pm (no class October 13)

Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress.



### STONE AND STRETCH

Mondays October 4, 18, and 25,  
4:30-5:15pm (no class October 11)

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.



## Seed Lending Library

The time to harvest winter squash is before the first frost, and when the rind is hard and the squash has turned a deep solid color. Cut them carefully from the vines and leave two to three inches of stem on each squash.

To cure, leave them in a sunny part of the garden, or on a windowsill if frost is forecast, for a couple of days. You can store the squash, laid in a single layer, in a dark cool place for up to 6 months, checking them every few weeks.

Any questions are welcome here: [framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com).

## Financial Literacy Series

This series is brought to you by the Framingham Public Library in collaboration with Sue Katz of American Consumer Credit Counseling, and Bradley Baskir of Morgan Stanley.



### Raising Money Savvy Kids

with Bradley Baskir,  
Morgan Stanley



Wednesday  
October 13, 1pm –  
on Zoom

Parents want to prepare their children for a lifetime of success, but money is a complex topic that can bring up a range of complicated feelings. This seminar explores strategies that parents can leverage to help their children establish a healthy relationship with money and make smart, informed decisions about their financial futures. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on October 13.

## McAuliffe Craft Ladies – Fall Craft

Wednesday  
October 13, 7pm –  
McAuliffe Branch,  
Community Room



The McAuliffe Craft Ladies are back with an adult craft night! Create your own rustic fall pumpkin decorative box. Use it to hold your keys, candy, dog biscuits or fake votive candle. Space is limited and [REGISTRATION](#) is required.

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

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

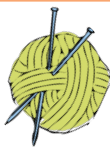


Thursdays October 7, 21 and 28, 9am-1:30pm, and Thursday October 14, 1-5:30pm – via Zoom\* Please email [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) for your appointment.

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

## Yarn Social Hour

Mondays October 4 and 18, 11am-12pm 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. **REGISTER** for the Zoom link or drop by in person at the McAuliffe Branch.

## LVM Literacy Unlimited



New student registration will be **October 4-9, 2021!** In-person registration sessions will be held on:

**Monday October 4, 10am-2pm**  
**Tuesday October 5, 12-4pm; 6-8pm**  
**Wednesday October 6, 10am-2pm**  
**Thursday October 7, 12-4pm**

We help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or reading ability. We are open now for in-person and online tutoring and English conversation classes. To learn more about us, and opportunities for volunteer tutors and new students, click [HERE](#), or contact us at 508-532-5574, [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).

## Citizenship Corner

### Applying for U.S. Citizenship?

Literacy Unlimited will offer an online Citizenship Class **Tuesdays October 19 - December 21, 7-9pm.**

You must be at least an *intermediate-level English speaker* to benefit from the sessions; a device (laptop or smartphone) and good internet is strongly recommended.

For more information about the class, or to learn more about the resources available at the Citizenship Corner, please contact us at 508-532-5574, [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).

## BOOK GROUPS

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Available in print and as an eBook and audiobook on OverDrive/Libby.

Tuesday October 5, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Please **REGISTER** by noon on October 5.

### MCAULIFFE BRANCH

#### *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager

Available in print and as an eBook and audiobook on Overdrive/Libby.

Tuesday October 12, 7-8pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person. The title for our November 9 discussion is *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley.

#### *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

Available in print, spoken CD, and as an eBook and audiobook on Overdrive/Libby.

Thursday October 21, 10-11am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person. The title for our November 18 discussion is *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

### SCI-FI

#### *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Available in print, and as an eBook and audiobook on Overdrive/Libby.

Wednesday October 13, 7-8:30pm – on Zoom

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our November 10 discussion is *Polaris* by Jack McDevitt.

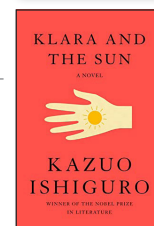
### CLUB DE LECTORES

#### *Cuentos Completos 1* de Julio Cortázar

Lunes 4 de Octubre, 8pm – Main Library, Costin Room / Zoom

Se requiere **REGISTRACIÓN**. Discusión del libro 1 de Noviembre: *Los funerales de Mama grande* (compilación de cuentos) por Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

**NUEVO!**



## Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays October 5 and 12, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom

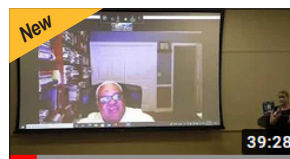
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University

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](mailto:FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com) by noon on the day of the workshop.

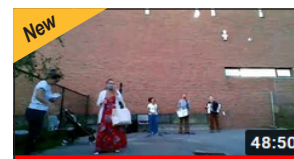
## Check out our YouTube Channel

**CLICK HERE** for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, author talks, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts, guitar lessons and more.

**PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!**



Missed some of our Framingham Reads Together 2021 programs? Join us here for the recordings.



Enjoy the music of Trio Let's Vamos at the 26th Festival da Independencia do Brasil held in our Learning Yard!



# YOUNG ADULTS

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Toothy Pumpkins Grades 6-12

Wednesday October 20, 3-4pm – Main Library, Outside

Thursday October 21, 12:30-1:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Outside



Spooky Season is now well underway, so you need your very own Toothy Pumpkin Buddy to watch scary movies with.

Any leftover supplies after the in-person programs will be offered as Take & Make kits.

### Early Release Day Halloween Slime Grades 4-8

Thursday October 28, 12:30-2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Backyard

Just in time for your cauldron, make some Halloween themed slime.

### Pumpkin Jars – Take & Make Kit Grades 6-12

Pick up in the second half of October. **LIMITED SUPPLIES** – [REGISTER](#) to reserve your kit.

Create your own little Halloween candy stash with our Pumpkin Jar Take & Make kit.



### KEYNOTE EVENT

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**Nic Stone**

Author Nic Stone joins us virtually to discuss her book, *Dear Martin*. All-ages.

**Wednesday October 6, 7pm** – on Zoom (new location). Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on October 6.

Framingham Reads Together is a shared community experience around one book, *Dear Martin*.



**Monday October 25**  
**7-8:30pm** – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

What to do with jigsaw puzzles you've completed?

Swap them! Bring your puzzles to exchange with others. No puzzle to swap? Come anyway; there are always extras for you to take. All ages and levels welcome.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

### Framingham State University Arts & Ideas 2021-2022

Look [HERE](#) for information about this series of speakers, exhibitions, and films—exploring the theme of GOOD TROUBLE, in honor of the late congressman and civil rights icon, John Lewis.

### Council on Aging/ Callahan Center

The Raymond J. Callahan Center, known as the Callahan Center, welcomes older adults from all backgrounds to learn about the services we offer, participate in our programs and make new friends.

The Center provides a broad range of support services, assistance with applying for benefits and referrals for services that other organizations can provide. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



**We are LITERALLY dancing in the aisles...**

... Book Sale aisles, that is. We are so pleased with the success of our first indoor, monthly book sale since February 2020. Whether you bought or browsed, we thank all who joined us at the September Friends Monthly Book Sale. We look forward to seeing you at the next book sale on **October 16**.

### Square Dancing Event Postponed

Our evening of fun and motion will be postponed until everyone is comfortable to join such an event. Our caller is on-call and ready when we are. We will let you know when a new date is scheduled.

### Indispensable Yet?

Join the Friends. Thank you to those who recently joined us online and to those who joined during the Book Sale. All fees go directly to support the library's activities and programs. Click [HERE](#) to join or renew.

### MANY THANKS to our Corporate Members

Welcome to new members **Framingham Animal Hospital** and the **Law Offices of Veronica Viveiros, LLC**. And...With much appreciation to our renewing members **Bernardi Toyota in Framingham**, **Nelson Zide ERA Key Realty Services**, and **True Salon and Color Cafe**.



### GO ANATOLY!

You still have time to support Anatoly who is running the **Boston Marathon 2021** on **Monday October 11** and raising funds for the Friends. See [page 1](#) for more details.



## Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Honor or remember loved ones by donating to the Framingham Public Library Foundation. [CLICK HERE](#) or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For questions or information, email Ruth Winett at [rwinnett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinnett@rcn.com).

## Homework Center News

The Homework Center provides in-person and virtual tutoring, in all subjects, Monday through Thursday 2:30-5:30pm.

### Sign up to participate in an Academic Enrichment Book Group!



Groups of K-12 students read grade level Framingham Public School recommended books and journal about characters, setting, themes and plot development. Groups meet in-person or virtually with their book facilitator on a weekly basis to share journal entries and discuss their book. The Library provides all books and journals.

To be matched with a tutor or sign up to participate in an academic enrichment book group contact [jgatl@minlib.net](mailto:jgatl@minlib.net).

## Framingham Business Resource Center

at Framingham Public Library  
**The FBRC is your one stop shop for:** Expert guidance for City business resources, forms, and procedures, small business and entrepreneurship support, LinkedIn Learning's 16,000 video courses, resources and databases, plus our state of the art Business Center PC is equipped with Adobe Creative Cloud. Come visit us on the 3rd floor of the Main Library.



# DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

## CHILDREN'S OCTOBER 2021

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Nature Mobile Drop-In Craft

Saturday October 2, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove. All Ages.

Stop by the backyard of the McAuliffe Branch to make your own nature mobile out of sticks, pinecones, and other pieces of nature.



#### Popsicle Stick Spider Craft

Tuesday October 5, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 2-6.

Join us for a drop in craft to make spider webs with popsicle sticks!

#### No School Kids Yoga with Nissa Diantina

Friday October 8, 2-2:45pm – Main Library, Learning Yard (weather permitting) or Costin Room. Ages 8+.

Pre-registration required at [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com).

Join Nissa Diantina from Backyard Yoga for this live, in-person bilingual English and Spanish kids' yoga class that is fun and interactive, and includes stretching, breathing, and learning the basics of yoga for kids! If possible, bring your own mat or blanket to soften the ground.

#### Drop In Monster Bookmarks

Friday October 8, 3-4pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 5-12.

Create your own scary (or not so scary!) monster corner bookmark!

#### Fall Leaf Bowl

Saturday October 16, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 6 and up.

The leaves are changing colors and it's time to bring some of those beautiful colors indoors!

Make a brightly colored fall leaf bowl using a paper mache technique to make bowls that can be used to hold your jewelry, figurines, and knick-knacks. *The bowls will need to dry overnight so you can pick them up later at the Library or carefully bring them home to dry.*



#### Spooky Circuits

Thursday October 21, 1:30-2:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room. Ages 8-12.

Join us after school for some spooky October themed LED circuit building.

#### Movie Matinee: *Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween* (2018) 90 min., Rated PG.

Wednesday October 27, 3:30-5pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room. All ages.

Two young friends find a magic book that brings a ventriloquist's dummy to life. Based on R.L. Stine's Goosebump series.



#### Outdoor Halloween Storytime

Thursday October 28, 10:15-11am – Main Library, Learning Yard. Ages 3-5.

Join Mr. Dana and Miss Jill for a special Halloween storytime with a costume parade through the library and craft to-go after this in-person program! Costumes welcome but not required! This program is weather permitting, and may be moved inside the library. No Zoom link provided for this program.

#### TWEEN Halloween Slime

Thursday October 28, 12:30-2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Backyard. Grades 4-8.

Just in time for your cauldron, make some Halloween themed slime.



#### Open Lego

Saturday October 30, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 5 and up.

Drop in and play with our buckets of Legos. Leave your name, and we will display your amazing creation for a month. There is a limit on room occupancy so you may have to wait a few minutes until you can drop in, but we have some books to browse in the meantime!



## ONGOING EVENTS

### Weekly Hybrid Storytimes (in person or on Zoom)

Join your familiar children's librarians for some stories and a craft (in person only) and keep adding to your 1000 Books before Kindergarten list. No registration for in person attendance; for Zoom invite, please contact [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com). Thursdays\* 10:15-10:45am – Main Library, Program Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5.

\*October 28: Outdoor Halloween Storytime (see pg. 6 for details)

Mondays 10-10:20am – McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5.

### Zoom Baby Lapsits

Tuesdays 10-10:20am, Fridays October 8 and 22, and Saturdays October 2, 16 and 30, 10:30-11am – on Zoom. Ages 0-2 and their caregivers.

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Share some fun time with your little one as you lay the foundations for literacy and later success in school! For Zoom invite, please contact [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com).



### Book Buddy Reading to Dogs Returns in Person!

Sundays October 3 and 24, 2-3pm – Main Library, Program Room. All Ages.

**Registration required.** Call 508-532-5570 x4 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot. 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.

### Bookworm Book Club with Max! Grades 3-6.

Sundays October 3 and 24, 2-3pm – Online via Zoom

Join us for Bookworm Book Club led by 9th grader Max! Email us to receive an invite to join on Zoom at [framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com). Sunday October 3: *Fourth Grade Rats* by Jerry Spinelli. Sunday October 24: *Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire* by Sundee Frazier.

Find these books in person at the McAuliffe Branch, or check on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.



## Children's Book Review

### *Eva Evergreen: Semi-Magical Witch* and *Eva Evergreen and the Cursed Witch*

by Julie Abe Recommended for Grades 4 and up.

Eva Evergreen is a twelve year old who has been an apprentice witch for 3 months since her powers finally manifested. Yes, her powers are pretty weak, almost nothing compared to her Grand Master Witch mother's powers or to her rival Conroy's powers that manifested at birth, but they are there and qualify her for a Novice Quest to become a full member of the Council of Witches and Wizards. Despite the disdain of the Head of the Council and Conroy and some others she meets on her way, Eva pushes forward with her pinch of magic, trying to do good in her assigned town, and trying to believe in herself as much as her friends and family do. Available on the shelves and as an eBook in Overdrive/Libby.



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### Fall Session Schedule

October 4 - December 3

For More Info click [HERE](#).

**Play, Learn & Grow Together w/ Gracie**  
Tuesdays, 11am - 12pm (All ages)

**Let's Go To Kindergarten w/ Jeanette**  
Wednesdays, 12 - 1pm (Ages 3-5)

**PJ Family Story Time w/ Jane**  
1st Thursday of the month, 6 - 7pm  
(All ages)

**Baby Talk w/ Jane**  
Fridays, 1 - 2pm (Ages birth - 9 months)

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### Remote Tutoring

The Homework Center is providing free weekly remote tutoring and homework help to students K-12. To sign up, please contact Judy Gatlin at [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### October is Global Diversity Awareness Month.

Look [HERE](#) for resources for kids.

Look [HERE](#) for resources for parents and teachers.

