November 2021
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Framingham Public Libraries Are Open!
Main Library
49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570
Monday-Thursday 9-9
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Sunday 1-5
Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
746 Water Street | 508-532-5636
Monday-Thursday 9:30-9
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Holiday Hours
Both Libraries will be closed Thursday November 11 for Veterans Day and will close at 5pm on Wednesday November 24 through Thursday November 25 for Thanksgiving.

• 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 3.

CONNECT WITH US ON:

Framingham Public Libraries
Framingham State University

Sign up for email updates of Library news and events on our homepage!

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Framingham Public Library’s Downtown U: Entrepreneurship and Career Support
We invite the community to participate in this exciting partnership with Framingham State University! Work with Mark Hardie, Director of Framingham State University’s Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center and a leader in his field. More details HERE.
All offerings are via Zoom. Single workshops or webinars may be attended. Please REGISTER HERE.

Entrepreneur Workshops
Led by Mark Hardie.
Tuesdays November 16 and 30, 7pm

Career Building Webinars Led by Mark Hardie.
Wednesdays November 3 and 17, 11am

One-on-one Mock Interviews, and Resume Building Led by Ed Lawrence.
One-on-one Mock Interviews: Thursday November 4, 2-3:30pm
One-on-one Resume Building: Thursdays November 4 and 18, and Wednesdays November 10 and 24 (due to holidays), 9am-1:30pm

This pilot program of the new Downtown U made possible by grant funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

OPENING EVENT!

Framingham Business Resource Center at Framingham Public Library
Monday November 1, 12pm – Main Library, 3rd floor
Please join Mayor Yvonne Spicer and other guests for our formal opening and ribbon cutting!

Come see why 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. The FBRC was funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development’s FY21 Urban Agenda Grant Program.

NEA Big Read: American Sunrise Poetry Discussion
Wednesday November 17 and Monday November 22, 7pm – on Zoom
Come discuss An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo, the first Native American Poet Laureate of the United States. Please REGISTER by 5pm on November 17 or 22.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. El proyecto NEA Big Read es una iniciativa del National Endowment for the Arts (el Fondo Nacional para las Artes de Estados Unidos) en cooperación con Arts Midwest.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Fall 2021
This free Thursday 7pm lecture series via Zoom is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library.
If you have not registered for any online Lifelong Learning Lectures before, register HERE.

November 4 – Walk With Me: The Life and Times of Fannie Lou Hamer
Guest speaker: Dr. Kate Clifford, Brandeis WSRC Scholar

November 18 – Moving Beyond the Walls that Separate Us
Guest speaker: Dr. Deborah McMakin, Associate Professor, Psychology and Philosophy and Program Coordinator – Counseling and Psychology, FSU

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

Reinterpreting the “Eames Massacre”
A recorded event by Stacen Goldman, Framingham History Center Curator

Friday November 19, 7pm – Link will be sent out to registrants on 11/19, and will be live until December 1. Framingham History Center Curator Stacen Goldman will reconsider all aspects of the “Eames Massacre”—its context and its reverberations into the present. Please REGISTER by 5pm on November 19.

Sunday Classical Concert
Sunday November 21, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room and YouTube Livestream
Violinist Li-Mei Liang and pianist Chi-Wei Lo perform. 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 supported in part by a grant from the Framingham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

FILMS
FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: News of the World
(2020) 1hr. 58min. (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, thematic material and some language)
Friday November 5, 6:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room
News of the World was our 2018 Framingham Reads Together book, come watch the film with us! REGISTRATION is required.
Lexington St. doors open at 6pm.

MONDAY MATINEE: 42
(2013) 2h. 8min. (PG-13 for thematic elements including language)
Monday November 15, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Chadwick Boseman stars in a biography about baseball legend Jackie Robinson. REGISTRATION is required.

MCAULIFFE MATINEE: Here Today
(2021) 1hr. 57min. (PG-13)
Wednesday November 17, 2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
When veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz meets New York street singer Emma Payge, they form an unlikely yet hilarious and touching friendship that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of love and trust. Starring Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish. No registration required.

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

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

Library of Things
BE AMAZED ~ Books are just the beginning.

NovelList
Not sure what to read next? Find read-a-likes, recommendations, and more, all curated by librarians and publishing insiders. CLICK HERE and log in with your Minuteman library card.
Yoga and Meditation with Nissa / Yoga y meditación con Nissa
Saturday November 13, 12:30pm – Backyard at McAuliffe Branch
Sábado 13 de noviembre, 12:30pm – Fuera de McAuliffe Branch
Join the Framingham Public Library and Nissa Diantina for an hour of yoga and meditation.
Únase a la biblioteca pública de Framingham y a Nissa Diantina durante una hora de yoga y meditación.

Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom
Thursday November 18, 11am
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. If you have not registered before, please REGISTER by 9am on November 18.

Yarn Social Hour
Mondays November 1 and 15, 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.

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.

Money Management for Military Personnel and Veterans
presented by Sue Katz, American Consumer Credit Counseling and Craig Sullivan, Director of Veterans Services, City of Framingham

Wednesday November 10, 1pm – on Zoom
Join Sue Katz for a talk about how to evaluate current financial situations and how to create a targeted plan to solve financial problems. Then Craig Sullivan will discuss veterans services and benefits. REGISTER by 9am on November 10.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies
Pumpkin Take & Make Kit
Monday November 8 – McAuliffe Branch
The McAuliffe Craft Ladies present their first adult craft Take & Make Kit! Create a fabric pumpkin for your home and holiday decor.
Sign-ups begin on November 1, pick-ups begin November 8. Supplies are limited. Please REGISTER starting November 1.

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.

STRETCH AND RELAX
Wednesdays November 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2-2:45pm
Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies
Bag Learning Series (Brown Bag Brain Boost)
Friday November 5, 12-1pm
REGISTER by 9am on November 5 to receive the link to the Zoom session.
Your Book Publishing Journey
Presented by: Lynne Damianos and Brett Peruzzi
Learn how you can turn your book idea or completed manuscript into a professionally edited and attractively designed printed book that will fulfill your publishing goal.

Puzzle Swap!
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.
BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Club de Lectores: Cuentos Completos 1 por Julio Cortázar
(continuación de discusión)
Lunes 1 de noviembre, 8pm – Zoom
Se requiere REGISTRACIÓN.
Discusión del libro 6 de diciembre:
Los funerales de Mama Grande por Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Adult Book Club: Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff
Tuesday November 2, 7-8pm – on Zoom
Please REGISTER by noon on November 2.
The title for our December 7 discussion is The Illusion of Separateness by Simon Van Booy.

Sci-Fi Book Club: Polaris by Jack McDevitt
Wednesday November 10, 7-8:30pm – on Zoom
Please REGISTER for the Zoom link or email lloveridge@minlib.net.
The title for our December 8 discussion is Wild Seed by Octavia Butler.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Evening Book Club: Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley
Tuesday November 9, 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 December 14 discussion is The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd.

Morning Book Club: Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Thursday November 18, 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 December 16 discussion is The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden.

Applying for U.S. Citizenship?

Citizenship Corner

Look ahead to the Citizenship Corner! Call for volunteer tutors! We will host several online/in-person tutor training sessions this winter, and we need you to join our community and help students achieve their English learning goals. We are hosting a Calendar Fundraiser. Click HERE to order your one-of-a-kind, LVM Literacy Unlimited Calendar for 2022!

Please click on book images to borrow these titles.

Check out our YouTube Channel

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Fall Mason Jar Candles – Take & Make Kit
Pick up in the second half of November
LIMITED SUPPLIES – REGISTER to reserve your kit.
Create your very own holiday season table centerpiece with our Mason Jar Candle kit.

Chocolate Pretzel Treats – Take & Bake Kit
Pick up in the second half of November
LIMITED SUPPLIES – REGISTER to reserve your kit.
All the ingredients you need to make some super easy treats for Thanksgiving (or any other day!).

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on Switch (Play from Home)
Saturday November 20, 1:30-3pm – Anywhere!
Registration Required
Let’s play Smash Bros! From the comfort of our homes! NOTE: You’ll need your own Nintendo Switch, copy of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, and Nintendo Online subscription to join.

Framingham Public Library Foundation Sneak Peak
Our next project is creating a Technology & Learning Center for all ages in the Main Library.
The TLC will include classrooms and individual workstations and provide a range of courses, including using technology.
Please make a donation HERE. Or, send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

Homework Center News
The Homework Center is open, providing free in-person and virtual tutoring, and homework and school project help, in all subjects, to students K-12 Monday through Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm.
We have over 50 tutors, proficient in all academic subjects taught in the Framingham Public Schools. Our tutors are retired professionals, college interns and National Honor Society high school students from Framingham and surrounding communities.
We also facilitate Academic Enrichment Book Groups for all grade / reading levels K-12. Groups read Framingham Public School recommended books. Groups meet on a weekly basis to share journal entries, discuss their books and plan reviews.
For more information, to be matched with a tutor and schedule weekly tutoring sessions, or to sign up to join a book group, contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

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.

FRIENDS of the FRAMINGHAM LIBRARY
Anatoly Is Our Marathon Hero
In 3 hours, 28 minutes and 49 seconds, Anatoly Prekrasnyy raised more than $6,000 for the Friends. Nice pace! Even 26 million thank you’s would not express our gratitude for his running the 2021 Boston Marathon for the Friends. And, this is the second year he has given us this honor. We were most fortunate to have had Anatoly in our corner in 2021.

Heads Up for the Holidays
Looking for something unique and meaningful for yourself or a friend? FairTrade Caravans can help with your holiday shopping. FairTrade offers products responsibly produced from around the world. Products can be purchased from its website from November 5-15. More information and a link to the website will be provided in future communications from the Friends.

Did You Know?
The Friends Bookstore is open the same hours as the Library. With the holidays rapidly approaching, consider browsing our inventory for gifts of close-to-new books, CDs, and DVDs. Check out the cart of holiday books while you’re there.

Save the Date – November 20
It’s the date of the Friends Book Sale. This month’s sale will feature books signed by their authors. Sale is open from 10am - 3pm (Friends may enter at 9:30 am).

It’s a Bargain...
Joining the Friends, that is. Click HERE to join or renew.

New Corporate Members
Welcome to our newest corporate members Coldwell Banker Realty, McCarthy, McKinney and Lawler Funeral Home, and Murphy’s Automotive, Inc. Thank you for your support.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Tree Painting Craft
Tuesday November 2, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 2-5.
Join us for a drop in craft painting fall trees!

Open Fall Coloring
Thursday November 4, 12-2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. All Ages.
Drop in to color fall themed pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

Kid’s Adventure Club
Saturday November 6, 3-4:15pm – Main Library, Children’s Program Room. Grades 3-5.
Attention True Believers! Welcome to the all-new Kids’ Adventure Club! Here's the place where we can talk about fun-filled and exciting topics such as Mythology, Mysteries, Star Wars, Super Heroes, Comic Books, and more! For our first meeting, we’ll read a famous Greek myth, talk about mythology, and work on a cool craft!

Sand Painting
Saturday November 13, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 8-12.
Sand Painting is a well-known tradition in many cultures, like Navajo and Tibetan, which use many different colors of sand to create beautiful and complex patterns. Join us in making your own sand painting.

Fred Birthday Craft and Singalong
Saturday November 13, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Children’s Room. All ages.
Fred turns 20 years old sometime this month! Please send/bring her a birthday card (templates available if you need it) for display on our bulletin board and stop by for a turtle craft and some happy birthday singing.

Open LEGO
Saturday November 27, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 5+.
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!

Open LEGO and Block Build
Tuesday November 30, 3-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch Craft Room. Ages 5-12.
Drop in and make something creative with Keva Planks, Legos, MagnaTiles, and more!

Take & Make Kit:
Foam Owls
Ages 6-12. Registration Required.
Sign-ups begin Monday October 25, pick-ups begin Thursday November 4.
Using foam pieces, pompoms, and more, make your own fall themed owl. Supplies are limited. Please REGISTER HERE.

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
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.
Thursdays 10:15-10:45am – Main Library, Program Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5.
Mondays 10-10:20am – McAuliffe Branch, Children’s Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5.

Zoom Baby Lapsits
Tuesdays 10-10:20am, Fridays November 5 and 19, and Saturdays November 13 and 27, 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.

Book Buddy Reading to Dogs
Sundays November 14 and 28, 2-3pm – Main Library, Children’s 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 November 14 and 28, 2-3pm – Online via Zoom
Email us to receive an invite to join on Zoom at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com.
Sunday November 14: I was a Third Grade Spy by Mary Jane Auch
Sunday, November 28: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Find these books in person at the Library or check on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Circle Round is a podcast geared towards children 4-10 years old that shares folktales from around the world. There are new episodes every Thursday and years worth of episodes to listen to while you wait for the newest episode to drop. The episodes are 10-20 minutes long, perfect for a car ride.
The Folktale Project is a podcast for children, adults, and anyone who loves a good story. This podcast features folktales, fairy tales, and stories from around the world. It has a section focused on Native American folktales that are especially wonderful. There are new episodes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Children’s Book Review

Eric vs. Everything
by Christina Uss
Recommended for Grades 4-6.
Erik is a member of the Sheepflattener clan, proud descendants of Vikings, who choose and tattoo a motto for life on their arm when they grow up. Erik thinks his should be “Avoid Stuff” as he is afraid of everything: school, a ringing telephone, sports, any after school event his mother signs him up for. When he is sent with his sister Brunhilde (whose motto is “Conquer”) to spend the summer with his wild cousins in Minnesota, Brunhilde decides that Erik, as a good Viking, should name and defeat his fears. From then on, Erik’s summer is even wilder than he expected. Lots of fun and you learn the scientific names of a many different phobias! – Reviewed by Lucy.
Available as a book in the network.

CONTACT US:
Email: jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us
Phone: 508-782-6932

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)

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org