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LOCAL AUTHORS' LITERARY FESTIVAL

Saturday December 9, 10:00am-1:10pm
Main Library, Costin Room and Lobby

Join us for our first Literary Festival!

Eight local authors will speak for fifteen minutes each about their book throughout the morning. Following their talk, they will be available in the Main Lobby for you to ask questions or purchase an autographed copy of their book. *A perfect gift for the holidays!*

Joining us are: Suzanna Parpos, Erica Ferencik, Melinda Ponder, Carrie Johnson, Carla Schwartz, Ted Elliman, Debbie Clark and Charles Beck. Refreshments.



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Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

Monday-Thursday 9-9

Friday-Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 1-5

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 close Saturday December 23 at 12:00noon, and be closed Sunday December 24-Monday December 25, as well as Sunday December 31.



Three Mediums Demonstration & Workshop

Two part series with Nan Hass Feldman

Tuesdays December 12 & December 19, 6:45-8:45pm –
McAuliffe Branch Library, Craft Room

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Class size is limited. You MUST attend both sessions. Please email asadkin@minilib.net or call 508-532-6347 and leave your name and contact info.

December 12 – Mixed Medium Art Demonstration Nan will show how to work with the Caran D'ache Crayons, oil pastels, and watercolor resist.

December 19 – Mixed Medium Workshop Participants will use materials provided to create a mixed-media work of their own.

Nan Hass Feldman has been painting for more than 40 years. In that time she has had 49 solo exhibitions and has been included in over 50 group shows, and 28 museum exhibitions. She recently appeared on Boston Public Radio with Margery Eagan and Jim Braude.

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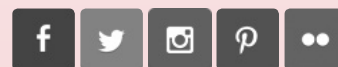
When you buy from Amazon, you can support the Framingham Public Library Foundation's effort to purchase a bookmobile!

A percentage of your purchase will go to the FPLF for the Bookmobile. Please click the button on our website or find it on the FPLF website (www.fplf.org).

(See more about the Bookmobile on page 3.)

Be AMAZED
Books are just
the beginning!

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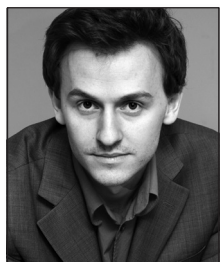
Funding for Library programs and refreshments is provided in part by The Friends of the Framingham Library.

Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

Sunday Concert Series – Igor Lovchinsky

Sunday December 3, 3:00pm –
Costin Room, Main Library

World-renowned pianist Igor Lovchinsky will perform the works of Bach/Busoni, Chopin, and Gershwin/Wild. Refreshments.



The series is sponsored in part by Roche Brothers, Metro Credit Union, Morton Shuman Law Offices and Friends of the Framingham Library.

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**FRIENDS of the
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A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading With Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU

Monday December 11, 7:00pm –
Main Library, Costin Room

This reading has become an annual tradition, so don't miss the opportunity to see Charles Dickens' masterpiece come to life! Dickens prepared a special reading version of *A Christmas Carol* that he used during reading tours in England and America, ending in Boston.

Dr. Heineman will perform a dramatized reading of this version, enhanced by a slideshow of over 250 illustrations. Refreshments.



COMING JANUARY 1-5

W.A. Mozart: The Keyboard Works
with Gil Harel – January 3, 7:00pm, Main Library, Costin Room

Friday Night Film: Dunkirk – January 5, 7:00pm, Main Library, Costin Room

Ballroom Blast: Learn to Dance

Friday December 1, 6-7:30pm – McAuliffe Branch Library

Join us for beginning ballroom fun! We'll start with performances by competitive dancers, then instructors from Ilta Dance Studios, Framingham will teach you some ballroom basics. Then stay and practice your moves. Already experienced? Come cut a rug! No partners needed. *Ballroom Blast* is generously supported by a Framingham Cultural Council grant.



FILMS

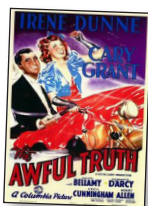
FRIDAY NIGHT FILM:

The Awful Truth (1937) 1hr. 31 min.

Friday December 1, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Enter on the Lexington Street side between 6:30-7:15pm.

Unfounded suspicions lead a married couple to begin divorce proceedings, whereupon they start undermining each other's attempts to find new romance. Starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. Refreshments.



MCAULIFFE'S REEL LIFE MOVIES

PBS's POV Movie Series: Web Junkie

(2015) 74 min.

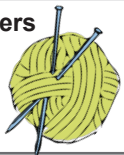
Friday December 15, 7:00pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Enter between 6:30-7:15pm

Web Junkie follows the treatment of three Chinese teenagers, obsessive gamers whose preference is for the virtual world over the real one. Israeli filmmakers Shosh Shlam and Hilla Medalia gained extraordinary access to a three-month military-style rehab program.



Join the Main Library Knitters every Wednesday and the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month, 10-11:00am! Beginners welcome.



Artists' Guild Art Reception –

Monday December 4, 5:30-7:00pm – Main Library Lobby

The Framingham Artists' Guild is presenting a members' art exhibit in the Library Gallery from December 2-30. Beautiful and unusual subjects interpreted in paint, fabric, and photography will be on display. A qualified judge will choose his/her winners. Do you agree? Which will be your favorites? Refreshments.



Low Impact Exercise: Keeping Fit Through the Holidays

Wednesdays December 6 and 13, 2:30-3:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Laila Vehvilainen is back to help keep you fit through the holidays. Come and learn exercises to maintain healthy joints, increase strength and flexibility and improve overall stamina based on the Arthritis Foundation's land exercise program.

Ongoing Food Drive at the Main Library

Please consider donating to our food drive to support the Hope Worldwide Framingham Food Pantry! If you prefer to write a check, you can mail it to: Hope Worldwide Food Pantry, 214 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702. THANK YOU!



FILMS AROUND THE WORLD SERIES: Overlooked Gems

Fill the Void (Lemale et ha'hala) (2012) 90min. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

Discussion Leader: Dr. Arthur Nolletti, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University

Monday December 4, 1:30-3:45pm – Main Library, Costin Room

In director Roma Burshstein's thoughtful comedy-drama, a young Hasidic woman is pressured by family and tradition to marry her deceased sister's husband. Refreshments. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market.



Veterans Coffee Hour

Friday December 15, 9:30-10:30am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

All Vets are welcome to join us for free coffee and light refreshments at this monthly event.

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING



Framingham State University



Framingham PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration for the January 2018 John L. Heineman

Intercession – The Medieval World, begins December 11. We encourage you to pay and register online at www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures. Questions: email Program Coordinator, Tricia Paolucci at: fpladventures@gmail.com.

Poetry Workshop

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

Tuesdays December 5, 12, 19, and 26, 7-9:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room (Dec. 5 in J Program Room)

This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. Each session begins with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed should provide copies to distribute. Alan's new collection, *Immortality*, was awarded the Massachusetts Book Award for Poetry in 2016.

BOOK SALE!

Saturday December 16 – Main Library



9:30-10:00am: Friends Members Only

10:00am-3:00pm: Open to the public

The monthly sale falls early enough this year for you to complete some quality holiday shopping. We have offerings to meet all your interests.

We have a new corporate member, The Optical View, and a renewing member, Shillman House Residence. Thank you.

The winner of the \$100 VISA Gift Card drawing in October was Roche Brothers. They very graciously donated it back to the Friends. Thank you to everyone who joined the Friends between May 1 and September 30. We appreciate your support of the Friends and the Library.

Drop-in Resume Help

Tuesdays December 5, 12, and 19, 10:00am-12:30pm – Main Library

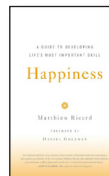
Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

BOOK CLUBS

MINDFULNESS

Happiness: A Guide to Developing Life's Most Important Skill by Matthieu Ricard

Saturday December 2, 10:00am – Main Library, Literacy Classroom
French author Matthieu Ricard is a Buddhist Monk living in Nepal. He has had a career as a geneticist, as a photographer, and is an active participant in scientific studies on the effects of meditation on the brain. Join us to discuss this positively joyful book. A short meditation will follow.



MAIN LIBRARY

City of Thieves by David Benioff

Tuesday December 5, 7:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
Join us in a discussion of this novel that *Kirkus* calls "glorious" and describes as "a wild action-packed quest, and much else besides: a coming-of-age story, an odd-couple tale and a juicy footnote to the historic World War II siege of Leningrad." Led by Mary Evans.



SCI-FI Book Discussion and Movie!

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Wednesday December 13, 6-8:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room
The classic story of a Martian invasion of Earth that inspired Orson Welles' infamous broadcast, which led to nationwide panic. After discussing the book, we'll watch the 1953 screen adaptation. Popcorn and beverages provided. Discussion from 6-7:00pm, movie from 7-8:30pm.



MCAULIFFE BRANCH

The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman

Thursday December 21, 10-11:00am – McAuliffe, Community Room
The lives of the daughter of the sinister impresario behind a boardwalk freak show, and a Russian immigrant photographer, intersect. Set against the backdrop of the Coney Island heyday and a volatile New York City, this is a spellbinding story of mystery, love and loss.



Adult Coloring Night

First and Third Thursdays of the Month,
6:30-8:30pm – Main Library, Homework
Center Join us for coloring, tea, and music.
We provide colored pencils and coloring pages,
or bring your own materials.

Homework Center News Framingham's 4th Annual Essay Contest

*We have elected Framingham's first
mayor. Congratulations Dr. Spicer!*

Although middle and high school students weren't old enough to vote, we know you have ideas, hopes and dreams for Framingham. We want to give you a voice by inviting you to tell us (and our new mayor) three things you would like Dr. Spicer to do for Framingham. Tell us how you arrived at each idea, why you think each idea would be good for Framingham and why you think it's important the mayor gets on board to support each idea.

Essays are due Monday January 8 at 5:00pm.
One winning middle school and one winning high school essay will be chosen. Each winning author will be awarded a \$100.00 cash prize at the Essay Authors' Reception which will be held at the Library in January.

Questions? Contact Judy Gatlin jgatlin@minlib.net.
The Annual Essay Contest is facilitated by the Homework Center which provides free tutoring and enrichment programming for students K-12.



Get on Board!

The Framingham Public Library Foundation
wants to purchase a bookmobile that will
reach children, teens, and adults with
limited access to the Library.

Please help us meet our \$150,000 target.
Donations from individuals will be matched
up to \$20,000 if made by February 15, 2018.

Donate at www.fplf.org/donate-now
or by check c/o the FPLF, 49 Lexington Street,
Framingham, MA 01702.

BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Join us from 12-1:00pm one Friday a month
for an educational and entertaining lunch time
program featuring speakers from local
businesses and organizations.

The Series is free to the public. Guests are
welcome to bring their lunch; refreshments will
be provided. Main Library, Costin Room.

**DECEMBER 1: LUNCHTIME HYPNOSIS
STRESS-BUSTER** Presented by Marisa Fanelli
JANUARY 5: KILL YOUR LAWN
Presented by Mark Richardson of The New
England Wild Flower Society

YOUNG ADULTS

Movie Time: *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets* *vs. War for the Planet of the Apes* Event for grades 6-12

Thursday December 7, 2-4:30pm –
Main Library, J Program Room
Tuesday December 12, 3-5:30pm –
McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Two movies enter, only one gets watched!
Everyone who shows up gets to vote, and
snacks will be had regardless of what
gets chosen.

Half Day Board Games

Event for grades 6-12

Friday December 22, 12:30-2:30pm –
Main Library, Costin Room and
McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

We played video games in November,
so in December we're
breaking out the board
games. We can play
one of the games we've
played before like Munchkin or Ticket to
Ride, or we can try something new. We'll
have a selection of games to choose from,
as well as some tasty snacks.



Magic Jars Event for grades 6-12

Tuesday December 26, 3-4:30pm –
McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Thursday December 28, 3-4:30pm –
Main Library, Costin Room

It's school vacation week! Join us to
celebrate by creating your very own
magic lantern jar. Use it to decorate
your room, or as a late holiday gift for
someone else.

All Ages Star Wars Movie

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Thursday December 14, 6:30-
9:00pm –

Main Library,
Costin Room



*Star Wars: The
Last Jedi* comes

out the day after this, so bring the whole
family to catch up on *The Force Awakens*
on the big screen at the Library! Get
caught up in the adventures of Rey, Finn,
Poe, Kylo Ren, and the whole original
Star Wars cast all over again, while you
eat some tasty movie popcorn.

DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS DECEMBER 2017

Main Library Special Events

Special Play Space Activities Funded in part by a LSTA grant awarded from the MBLC.

Thursdays 6-8:00pm and Fridays 11:00am-1:00pm, J Room. Preschool ages. Drop in to play with the additional, rotating stations in our new Play Space. Check out our Facebook page to discover which rotating station we will showcase each week.

Movie Matinee: *Cars 3* (Rated G)

Saturday December 2, 2-4:00pm, Costin Room, All ages at parents' discretion. The legendary Lightning McQueen is suddenly pushed out of the sport he loves by a new generation of racers. To get back in the game, he will need the help of an eager young technician.

Early Release Book Bingo

Thursday December 7, 3-4:00pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Prizes, laughs, and best of all—books! Join us for our ever-popular Book Bingo to win some bookish treats, and pick up some fun books to read during School Vacation Week.

Winter Holiday Open Crafts

Saturday December 9, 10:00am-1:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages. Drop in and make some holiday cards for your loved ones. Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa, prepare now for springing a heartfelt card on your friends and relatives!

KEVA Plank Building

Saturday December 16, 2-4:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages.

Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with KEVA planks.

Early Release Open Lego

Friday December 22, 2-4:00pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Make something creative with our supplied LEGOs! Use our idea books or design your own structure.

Vacation Week Maker's Workshop

Thursday December 28, 3-4:30pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Join us for an afternoon of constructing "Gingerbread" houses out of cardboard and lots of luscious-looking decorations.

Vacation Week Family Game Afternoon

Friday December 29, 2-4:00pm, Costin Room. All ages at parents' discretion. Got friends and relatives visiting and need some entertainment? Drop in and enjoy a variety of board and card games with them. Also watch *Jumanji* (rated PG for menacing fantasy action and mild language).

Returning in January: Mother Goose on the Loose!

Wednesdays January 10-February 28, 10:15-10:45am, J Program Room. Ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. *Pre-register beginning on Dec. 4 at the J Dept. desk. Please commit to all 8 weeks.* 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.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

Stop-Motion Animation Workshop With Empow Studios

Thursday December 7, 3:30-5:30pm, Community Room. Grades 2-5. *Registration required.* Learn to create your own mini movies in this hands-on computer and webcam workshop. Use paper and clay to create characters, backgrounds and props which will then become animated.

Vacation Week Book Chat Registration required.

Thursday December 28, 11:00am-12:00noon, Children's Room. Grades 2-5. Join us to talk about your favorite books or new books you received during the holiday season. Everyone gather around for the sharing and enjoy some morning refreshments!

Find more details on our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org/kids-teens/kids/

Main Library Ongoing Events

Stories for Scooters

Wednesdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3. Twenty fun-filled minutes of tiny tales and tunes in interactive fashion for little library-goers and their adults, with playtime afterward!

Weekly Story Times

Thursdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 3-5. Get in the library habit—drop in every week for age appropriate stories, school readiness activities, and the occasional thematic craft.

Drop-In Baby Lapsit

Fridays Dec. 8 and 22, and Saturdays Dec. 16 and 30, 10:30-11:00am, ages 0-2 with caregiver. Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time!

Dads and Donuts

(and Baby Lapsit) meets Money Matters – Saturday Dec. 2, 10-11:00am, all ages.*

Bond with your dad through stories, songs and fun, plus consumer education from Matt Paradise. Mothers, siblings and other family welcome! Volunteer readers and donut donators needed; call 508-532-5570 x4, for details.

Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs

Sundays TBD, 2-3:00pm, Tuesday Dec. 19, 6-7:00pm, and Saturday Dec. 9, 3-4:00pm, 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 Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read aloud from a book of their choice.

*All in J Program Room (*Costin Room)*

McAuliffe Branch Ongoing Events

Weekly Story Times

Mondays 10-10:20am, ages 2-4. Get in the library habit—drop in every week for age appropriate stories, school readiness activities, and the occasional thematic craft.

Drop-In Baby Lapsit

Tuesdays 10-10:30am, ages 0-2 with an adult. Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time!

Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs

Saturday Dec. 9, 10-11:00am, all ages.* *Registration required. Call 508-532-5636 x5 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot.*

Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to our Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dog, Chewie, listens as children read aloud from a book of their choice.

*All in Children's Room (*Craft Room)*