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.

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 in limited. You MUST attend both sessions. Please email asadkin@minlib.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.

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.

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

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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.

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 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
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:
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.

FILMS AROUND THE WORLD SERIES: Overlooked Gems
Fill the Void (Le male et ha’halah) (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 Burshtein’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

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.

Artistic Submissions:
All artists are welcome to submit works for the Sir Edmund Dulac Art Reception to be held on January 12, 2:30-4:30pm at the Main 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.
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.

SCIENCE FICTION 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.
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.

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/