SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES: May Phang

Sunday December 2, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Praised by critics and audiences for her imaginative programming and compelling performances, pianist May Phang enjoys discovering and performing a wide repertoire. Described as “vibrant,” “colorful,” and “evocative,” May strives to deeply understand and bring fresh insights to the masterpieces of composers such as Beethoven and Chopin, while equally committing to discovering and championing the works of today’s living composers.

May will be performing works by Schubert, Liszt and Chopin.

The series is sponsored in part by Metro Credit Union, Roche Brothers Markets, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, St. Mary’s Credit Union and Friends of the Framingham Library.

NOON YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATION

Monday December 31, 11am-12:15pm – Main Library, Costin Room and Lobby

It’s time to ring in the new year! All Ages.

The Library will be celebrating 2019 with an extraordinary balloon drop and cookie decorating. Get a jump on the new year and count down early with us! Balloon drop will happen promptly at 12 noon. Sponsored in part by Wegmans.

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE:
BlacKkKlansman (2018) 2hr. 15min. Rated R

Friday December 7, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Ron Stallworth, an African American police officer from Colorado Springs, CO, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. Based on actual events. Directed by Spike Lee. Enter on the Lexington Street side from 6:30-7:15pm.

COMING JANUARY 4-11

Healthy Living Series: Live Long, Die Short continues on January 4 & 11:
Lecture with Laila Vehvilainen 2-3pm, Qi Gong with Linda Bellefeuille 3-3:45pm – Main Library

January 10: Author Talk with Dr. Roger Landry 2-3pm – Main Library

Sunday Concert Series:
Calyx Piano Trio January 6, 3pm – Main Library

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**Films Around the World Series: Humanity in Close-up**

*Il Sorpasso (The Easy Life)* (1962) 105min.

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

Monday December 3, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room

This much loved commedia all’italiana stars Vittorio Gassman as an extroverted, middle-aged playboy and Jean-Louis-Trintignant as the shy young law student he takes on a whirlwind journey from Rome to Tuscany. *In Italian with English subtitles.*

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**Films at McAuliffe:**

*Puzzle* (2018) 1 hr. 43 min. Rated R

Wednesday December 19, 7-9pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

*Puzzle* is a closely observed portrait of Agnes, who has reached her early 40s without ever venturing far from home, family or the tight-knit immigrant community in which she was raised by her widowed father. That begins to change in a quietly dramatic fashion when Agnes receives a jigsaw puzzle as a birthday gift and experiences the heady thrill of not only doing something she enjoys, but being very, very good at it.

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**Framingham Community Song Circle**

Saturdays at 3-4:45pm

December 8 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

January 12 – Main Library, Costin Room

February 16 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

March 16 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

*Everyone can sing!* Come join us in singing old favorites and learning new songs too. Folk music from many traditions, the 60s folk revival, rounds, hymns, gospel and more. Bring your instrument and play along! Kid-friendly, and refreshments provided.

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**Framingham Community Artist’s Guild**

Monday December 3, 5:30-7pm – Main Library, Lobby

The Framingham Artists’ Guild is presenting its annual members’ art exhibit in the Library Gallery from December 2-28, complete with awards. Please join us for a reception on December 3. The Guild is open to anyone over age 17 and all levels of artistic achievement. Hope you enjoy the work of our members.

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**A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading**

With Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU

Thursday December 13, 7pm – 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.

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**Doggos Drop-In**

Monday December 10, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Look forward to Mondays again! Join us for our first ever doggos drop-in and craft. We’ll be making bath bombs while hanging out with dogs from the Pets and People Foundation. Geared towards ages 20 and up.

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**Telescope Time: Winter Sky**

Thursday December 13, 4-6pm, McAuliffe Branch Library (Rain date: Saturday December 15, 4-6pm) All ages.

Registration suggested but not required. Bundle up and join Bill and Russ of New England Sci-Tech for winter stargazing. Start outside, then head in to make a starviewer, touch a meteorite and learn about the night sky. Scan the skies for Saturn, Mars and lots of stars! Supported by a Framingham Cultural Council grant.
Poetry Workshop
Tuesdays December 4, 11 and 18, 7-9pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
(December 4 in Children’s Program Room)
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus at Framingham State Univ.
This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed should bring copies.

Healthy Living Series
Classes
Sponsored in part by a grant from the MetroWest Health Foundation

Stretch and Meditate with Laila Vehvilainen
Tuesdays December 4, 11 and 18, 1:15-4:15pm – McAuliffe Branch

Low Impact Exercise with Laila Vehvilainen
Wednesdays December 5, 12 and 19, 3:15-4pm – Callahan Center

Live Long, Die Short with Laila Vehvilainen and Linda Bellefeuille
Fridays December 7 and 21, 2-3:45pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Cultivating Resilience and Successful Aging – Workshop and Exercise Program. Laila Vehvilainen will lead a workshop from 2-3pm which will be followed by a Chi Gong exercise class taught by Linda Bellefeuille for 45 minutes.

COMING IN JANUARY
Author Talk: Live Long, Die Short
Thursday January 10, 2-3pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Meet author Dr. Roger Landry who will give a brief overview of his book Live Long, Die Short, and then sign books.

SMOC Advisor at the Main Library
Starting in December, a South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC) representative will be at the Main Library every Tuesday (except holidays) from 2-4pm to provide information about housing, health insurance, and other basic services. No appointment necessary; just stop by the Reference Desk on the top floor.

TEC talks
Google Basics: Finding What You Want...Faster
Friday December 28, 10-11am – Main Library, Costin Room
Do you have trouble finding information online? Learn about how modern search engines like Google and Bing work, explore some of their more helpful features, and get some advice on how to tell good search results from bad. Bring your device if you’d like to follow along!

Brown Bag Learning Series (Brown Bag Brain Boost)
Join us from 12-1pm one Friday a month for an educational and entertaining free lunch time program featuring speakers from local businesses and organizations. Guests are welcome to bring their lunch; refreshments will be provided. Main Library, Costin Room.

December 7: Library of Things Showcase
Presented by Kara McNeil-Pepin
January 4: Rocket-Fueled Metabolism
Presented by Dr. Chris Hauck

Framingham Public Library Foundation News
Did you know you can order ALL your Amazon items, not just books, through the Library website portal and support your Library for free? You can find the link on our webpage, or go to smile.amazon.com and enter Framingham Public Library Foundation.

BOOK SALE!
Saturday December 15 – Main Library
9:30am-3pm: Open to Friends Members
10am-3pm: Open to the Public
Most Books $1.00 or less, Children’s $.50 or less
3 Rooms + the lobby chock full of books
Check out the Stocking Stuffer Pop-Up with puzzles, games, & toys.
Holiday music CDs are just $1.00. BOGO: Buy One holiday book for $1.00, Get One free.
DVDS just $1.00 in the lobby, $2.00 in the book room.
Thank you to Bernardi Toyota for renewing as a corporate member.
*Shop the sale, support the Library!*

The Homework Center
The Homework Center Program provides free tutoring, homework and school project help to all Framingham students K-12. We are open Monday through Thursday 2:30-5:30pm.
For more information and to schedule tutoring, please contact Jatlin@minlib.net.

Watch Shelf Life, our half hour talk show on the Government Channel.
Check your local listings for show times. You can also view previous episodes on our website.

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
Purchase copies of the Book Lover’s Journal for only $7.00 each. Created by the Journal Writer’s Group of the Framingham Public Library, with generous support from the Friends of the Framingham Library, this 76-page journal is a unique gift for readers and writers.
Available only at the Main Library and the McAuliffe Branch Library. Quantities are limited, so buy your copy today—cash or check made payable to Friends of the Framingham Library.

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
YOUNG ADULTS
PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-12

Early Release Teen Movie: The Meg
Thursday December 6, 1:30-3:30pm – Main Library and McAuliffe Branch Library
Early release day for middle and high school, so let’s watch Jason Statham fight a giant shark! Don’t worry, there will be snacks.

AniManga Club
Saturday December 8, 1:30-3:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room
AniManga club is for everyone who enjoys all things Anime and Manga. We’ll be watching an assortment of your favorite anime TV shows, and eating some delicious Japanese snacks.

Card-A-Rama
Tuesday December 11, 3:30-5pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Make fancy greeting cards. You’ll learn the arts of kirigami, pop-up, and iris folding. We’ll provide instructions and materials, you bring your imagination!

Video Game Hangout
Thursday December 20, 3-5pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Video games and snacks, what more could you want?!

Maker’s Workshop
All Ages Kids Program
Friday December 28, 2-4pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Rube Goldberg machines, ping pong ball catapults, domino pyramids and more! Jay Mankita is bringing his traveling Maker’s Workshop to Framingham.

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BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

The Children Act by Ian McEwan
Tuesday December 4, 7-8pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
A British judge faces a complex case concerning medical care and religious freedom, while dealing with her husband’s infidelity in this thoughtful, well-wrought novel by the celebrated author of Atonement, Ian McEwan.

MINDEFULNESS

Full Catastrophe Living by Jon Kabat-Zinn
Saturday December 8, 10am – Main Library, Children’s Program Room
Stress can sap our energy and even shorten our lives. It can make us more vulnerable to depression and disconnection. Jon Kabat-Zinn’s classic book on mindfulness-based stress reduction shows you how to use the power of focused awareness to meet life’s challenges, using medically proven mind-body approaches derived from meditation and yoga. Join us for the book discussion followed by a short meditation. Led by Harriet Weiner.

SCI-FI

Three Short Works by Harlan Ellison
Wednesday December 12, 7-8pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
We will read and discuss two short stories: “I Have No Mouth & I Must Scream,” and “A Boy and His Dog,” plus the teleplay “The City on the Edge of Forever,” which inspired the beloved Star Trek episode by the same name. All three titles are available as eBooks on Hoopla; please contact the Reference Department at 508-532-5570, ext. 4361 for assistance if you are new to Hoopla. Led by Marcy Maiorana.

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
Main Library Special Events

Dads, Donuts and Discoveries
Saturday December 1, 10-11am, Costin Room. All ages.
Bond with your dad (and with donuts) through stories and songs and while discovering new friends and activities.
This month Outdoor Rx makes another visit. Mothers, siblings and other family members welcome!

Saturday December 1, 2-4pm, Costin Room. All ages at parents’ discretion.
Bob Parr (Mr. Incredible) is left to care for the kids while Helen (Elastigirl) is out saving the world.

Origami Club
Wednesdays December 5 and 19, 4:15-5pm, Children’s Craft Room. Ages 7+.
We will be folding a variety of animals and geometric shapes. Led by Lucas Gustafson, a high schooler who started folding at the age of 6 and is a longtime member of the Origami Club at MIT.

Bookmarkers: with Haley Hein
Wednesdays December 5 (Grades K-2) and December 19 (Grades 3-5), 7-7:30pm, Children’s Program Room.
Enjoy reading by meeting with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together. You'll increase your comprehension, discuss what you know, and turn reading into a social activity that encourages more reading!

Early Release KEVA Plank Building
Thursday December 6, 3-5pm, Children’s Craft Room. Grades K+.
Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with the deceptively simple KEVA planks.

Open LEGO
Wednesday December 26, 2-4pm, Children’s Craft Room. Grades K+.
Drop in and make something creative with our supplied LEGOs. Look through our LEGO idea books to make something super exciting or design your own structure! Leave your name with the creation, and we’ll display it on top of our shelves for a month!

Whale Alert! Reading by local author Angela Kakabeeke
Thursday December 27, 2-3pm, Children’s Program Room. Grades K+.
Join us and learn about the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale and what people can do to save them. There will be educational hands-on activities for children and adults. Sponsored by W2O (Women Working for Oceans) in partnership with NEAQ. Children attending will receive a copy of *Whale Alert!* courtesy of W2O.

Special Makers’ Pop-Up Workshop with the Playful Engineers
Friday December 28, 2-4pm, Costin Room. All Ages.
Get in the habit of making! This month Jay Mankita brings his travelling Makerspace to the Framingham Public Library for both the Children’s and Young Adult Departments.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

Early Release Open Play
Thursday December 6, 2-4pm, McAuliffe Branch Craft Room. All ages.
Drop in and make something creative with Keva Planks, Legos, Magnatiles, and more!

Open Craft
Saturday December 22, 10am-Noon, McAuliffe Branch Craft Room. All ages.
Make and take a seasonal winter craft. Don’t forget to pick up some boredom-busting entertainment for Vacation Week while you’re here.

Vacation Week Craft: Make Your Own Glowing Luminaria!
Thursday December 27, 10:30am-Noon, McAuliffe Branch Community Room.
Ages 8-12. Registration Required.
Join Pop Up Art School as they help you design a cityscape luminaria using paper mosaics.

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**Main Library Ongoing Events**

**Weekly Story Time**
Thursdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 3-5.
Stories, school readiness activities, and a craft.

**Stories for Scooters**
Wednesdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver.
Twenty fun-filled minutes of interactive tales and tunes with playtime afterward!

**Special Play Space Activities**
Thursdays 6-8pm and Fridays 11am-1pm, preschool ages.*
Play with the rotating stations in our new Play Space. Check out our Facebook page to discover which station we will showcase each week.

**Drop-In Baby Lapsit**
Friday December 21, 10:30-11am, ages 0-2 accompanied by a caregiver.
Sing and play with rhyme, and puppets!

**Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs**
Sundays December 16 and 30, 2-3pm,
Tuesdays December 4 and 18, 6-7pm, and
Saturday December 8, 3-4pm, all ages.
Registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot.
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read.
All in Children's Program Room. (*Children's Room)

**McAuliffe Branch Ongoing Events**

**Weekly Story Time**
Mondays 10-10:20am, ages 2-4.
Stories, school readiness activities, maybe a craft.

**Drop-In Baby Lapsit**
Mondays 10-10:20am, ages 0-2 with an adult.
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

**Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs**
Saturday December 8, 10-11am, all ages.*
Registration required. Call 508-532-5636 x5 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot.
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read.
All in Children's Room. (*Craft Room)