SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES: The Zefira Trio
Sunday December 1, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Cellist Ashima Scripp, violinist Olga Patramanska-Bell and pianist Eleanor Perrone perform the works of Mozart, Zemlinsky and Bartok.

December 2019
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Main Library
49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570
Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday-Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 1-5
(see schedule for closed Sundays)

Christa McAuliffe
Branch Library
746 Water Street | 508-532-5636
Monday-Thursday 9:30-9
Friday-Saturday 9:30-5 | Sunday 12-4
(see schedule for closed Sundays)

Holiday Hours
Both Libraries will be closed Sunday December 22, will close Tuesday December 24 at 12noon, be closed Wednesday December 25 for Christmas Day and will close at 5pm on Tuesday December 31.

MACBETH: THE SCOTTISH PLAY
A Three-Part Lecture and Discussion with Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, Framingham State University
Tuesdays December 3, 10, and 17, 9:30-11:00am – Main Library, Costin Room
Shakespeare’s shortest tragedy begins in a dark world, on a blasted, windswept heath, empty, uninhabited, inhuman: it’s a world where “men must not walk too late.” Macbeth, its distinguished warrior hero, is quickly transformed into a brutal, murderous villain, consumed with ambition and self-doubt. Participants should attend the first meeting having read Act I of Macbeth. Any edition is acceptable. Participants should bring a copy of the play with them, as that will make it easier to follow the lecture and discussion.

Registration is requested. Please call 508-532-5570 x 4357 by Friday November 29.

Lifelong Learning Lectures Fall 2019
This free Thursday evening lecture series is a partnership of Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library. The series is sponsored by a grant from The Joseph L. and Ray L. Freund Foundation, courtesy of Elizabeth F. Fideler.

December 5, 7pm – Main Library
Fall and Rise: The Story of 9/11
Guest Speaker: Mitchell Zuckoff, Redstone Professor of Narrative Studies, Boston University.

Please note: this replaces a previous lecture.

COMING JANUARY 12-14
Sunday Concert Series: Liana Paniyeva
Sunday January 12, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Adventures in Lifelong Learning John L. Heineman Intersession – The Seventeenth Century: Reformation to Revolution begins Tuesday January 14, 9:30am – Main Library, Costin Room
Registration required. Please see details on page 2.

Be AMAZED
Books are just the beginning!

CONNECT WITH US ON:

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

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A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading
With Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU
Thursday December 12, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community 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. Please note location.

Make an Ugly Holiday Sweater!
Wednesday December 11, 6:30-8pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Be ready for those holiday parties with a custom “ugly sweater.” Bring a sweater, sweatshirt or shirt of your choice; we supply the crazy decorations. And snacks! Adults and kids 11+.

Boxing Day with Downton Abbey
Thursday December 26, 2-4pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join us for tea and sweets! Then settle in for the glamour of the Granthams’ Downton Abbey Christmas (from Season 3).

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE: Blinded By the Light (2019)
118 min. PG-13. Enter on the Lexington Street side from 6:30-7:15pm.
Friday December 6, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
In England in 1987, a teenager from an Asian family learns to live his life, understand his family and find his own voice through the music of American rock star Bruce Springsteen.

MCAULIFFE MATINEE: It Happened on 5th Avenue (1947) 113 min. Not rated.
Wednesday December 11, 2pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
A homeless man moves into a vacant NYC mansion for the winter, and is soon joined by more guests in the wake of the post-war housing shortage. Before he knows it, he is living with the actual home owners too.

MONDAY MATINEE: The Farewell (2019) 100 min. PG.
Monday December 16, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room
A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decide to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding to gather before she dies.

Reducing Holiday Stress through Calming and Centering Stretches and Meditation with Laila Vehvilainen
Fridays December 13 & 20, 1-1:50pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Laila will lead you through some yoga stretches to reduce holiday stress. You will also learn breathing and meditation techniques to calm and center yourself.
SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS: Trivia Brothers All ages.
Sunday December 15, 2-3pm – Main Library, Costin Room
The Trivia Brothers bring their “Challenge! Interactive Trivia” for families to Framingham. Hosted with personality and no boring questions! Sign your family up to play with a team name. Sunday Celebrations for families are one Sunday a month through May. Please see our website for more events.

Homework Center News
The Framingham Public Library Cookbook, “Food for Thought,” is done to perfection!
Library staff, patrons, families and friends have teamed up to compile their tastiest tried-and-true recipes. “Food for Thought” contains 150 recipes, everything you need to succeed in the kitchen! From appetizers to desserts, each recipe includes the contributor’s name. This priceless selection of scrumptious offerings is available for only $10.00, and can be purchased at the Main Library and the McAuliffe Branch. Proceeds will be used to fund our Library’s next community project. “Food for Thought” would be a lovely holiday gift for family and friends. The cookbooks are in limited supply, so purchase yours before we run out.

Start the new year with perfect vision! Announcing the 2020 Essay Contest. It’s all about your vision for the future of Framingham.
In 500 words or less, tell us three ideas you would like to see implemented in Framingham. Tell us why these ideas are important to you and why they would be important for our City. One winning middle and high school essay author will be awarded a $100.00 cash prize. Essays are due on January 31, 5pm. Please submit essays to jgatlin@minlib.net.
For more information or to schedule tutoring for students K-12, contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

Friends’ Monthly Book Sale!
Saturday December 21 – Main Library
9:30am-3:00pm: Open to Friends Members
10:00am-3:00pm: Open to the Public
Most Books $1.00 or less, Children’s $.50 or less, single DVDs on sale this month only $1.00.
We Have Something for Everyone!!
3 rooms + the lobby chock full of books
Stock up for the winter ahead! We have an assortment of stocking stuffers like toys, games, puzzles, flash cards and craft kits. Many of these like-new items make perfect gifts, so get in some last-minute holiday shopping.
The Friends provide free movies, concerts, programs, museum passes, audio books, CDs, Children’s Room apps, and many other services to the Framingham community because of your continued support. Thank you!

Friends of the Framingham Library Brown Bag Learning Series
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 6: That’s eEntertainment:
Discover the World of Digital Books, Movies, Music and More!
Presented by Marcy Maiorana

JANUARY 3: Exercise Strategies for Busy People
Presented by Dr. Chris Hauck

Framingham Public Library Foundation News
You can help the Framingham Public Library Foundation support Library projects and programs when you make Amazon purchases.
Go to framinghamlibrary.org; click on Support the Library (top right of banner); and then click on the Amazon icon (right middle of screen). Amazon will contribute a small percentage of the prices of many purchases to the FPLF. Thank you and Happy Holidays!
**Early Release Hangout**
Thursday December 5, 12:30-2:30pm – Main and McAuliffe Branch Libraries
Since we just watched a movie last week, this time we’ll have games, snacks, and other hangout activities at both Libraries.

**AniManga Club**
Saturday December 7, 1:30-3:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room
AniManga club is for everyone who enjoys all things Anime and Manga.

**McAuliffe Craft: DIY Wrapping Paper**
Tuesday December 10, 3-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch
The holidays are coming up quick, so stop by the Library to make your own wrapping paper! Use rubber stamps and different dyes to create your unique paper to wrap presents in.

**Dungeons and Dragons Drop-in**
Friday December 13, 3:30-5pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
Kick off your weekend with some D&D! Dungeon masters are especially welcome!

**SparkLab: Mason Jar Candles**
Wednesday December 18, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, SparkLab (Downstairs)
Learn how to melt and scent wax to make your own DIY mason jar candles! Make one as a present, or keep it for yourself.

**Video Game Hangout**
Thursday December 19, 3-5pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Only one more day ‘til vacation, so hang out after school with video games and snacks!

**BOOK GROUPS**

**SCI-FI**

**Stars in My Pocket Like Grains of Sand** by Samuel Delany
Wednesday December 11, 7-8pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
Rat Korga is a man who submits to voluntary slavery on his homeworld, and the only survivor of a cataclysm that has destroyed his planet. Marq Dyeth, an interstellar diplomat, has been paired with Korga under mysterious circumstances, knowing nothing more than that Korga has been calculated as his “ideal erotic object.” Published in 1984 and considered a sci-fi masterpiece, *Stars in My Pocket Like Grains of Sand* is prescient in its anticipation of the ways in which technology, globalization, gender, sexuality, and multiculturalism affect 21st century society. Led by Marcy Maiorana.

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Beartown** by Fredrik Backman
Tuesday December 3, 7-8pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
In *Beartown*, a remote, struggling Swedish town whose people are hoping that their junior hockey team might bring them national glory and with it economic revival, suffers a terrible incident that changes everything, not only shattering the dream but also tearing the community apart. Join us in discussing this riveting novel by the author of *A Man Called Ove*.

**McAULIFFE BRANCH**

**The Library of Lost and Found** by Phaedra Patrick
Tuesday December 10, 7-8pm – McAuliffe Library, Community Room
Join Martha, a quirky, lovable woman, on an adventure that will change her life. A novel full of interesting characters, family issues, secrets, books and writing. Led by Linda Goldberg.

**Once Upon a River** by Diane Setterfield
Thursday December 19, 10-11am – McAuliffe Library, Community Room
In 1887, the seemingly lifeless body of a young girl is brought to an ancient inn on the river Thames. Hours later, she takes a breath and returns to life. The mystery of her identity is deepened by her inability to speak, and the appearance of three families trying to claim her. What follows is a suspenseful story of folklore and science, magic and myth. Led by Kim Jung.

**JOURNAL WRITER’S GROUP**

Tuesday December 10, 7-8pm – McAuliffe Library, Craft Room
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**VETERANS COFFEE HOUR**

Friday December 13, 9:30-10:30am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
All Vets are welcome to join us for free coffee and light refreshments.

**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!

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

Origami Club Wednesdays December 4 and 18, 4:15-5pm, SparkLab. Ages 7+. 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.

Early Release Open LEGO Thursday December 5, 3-5pm, SparkLab. Grades K+. Drop in and make something creative with our supplied LEGOs.

Dads, Donuts and Discoveries! Saturday December 7, 10-11am, Costin Room. All ages. Bond with your dad (and with donuts) through stories and songs while discovering new friends and activities.

Movie Matinee: *Dora and the Lost City of Gold* (2019, 102 min., rated PG for action and some impolite humor) Saturday December 7, 2-4pm, Program Room. All ages at parents’ discretion. Dora, a teenage explorer, leads an adventure to save her parents and solve the mystery behind a lost city.

Makers’ Workshop: *Binary Code Bracelets* Wednesday December 18, 5-6:30pm, SparkLab. Ages 7+ with adult supervision. Let’s warm up with candle making. Craft, scent, and pour your own candle to take home. We’ll be handling hot wax so children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Portuguese Story Time World/ Mundo das Estorinhas em Português Saturday December 21, 10:30-11:30am, Program Room. Ages 2-5. Join Alexa Chew as she brings a delightful hour of resourceful, playful interactions and stories in Portuguese to your children. É um programa artisticamente projetado e impulsionado pela importância do brindar no desenvolvimento infantil.

Vacation Week Open Craft Saturday December 21, 11am-2pm, SparkLab. All Ages. Make some decorations for the winter equinox. Instructions and materials provided; you bring the clever hands!

No School Building Boom Afternoon Thursday December 26, 3-5pm, SparkLab. Ages 5+. Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with KEVA planks and our new Q-Ba-Maze marble run set.

SparkLab for Kids: Binary Code Bracelets Saturday December 28, 3-4:30pm, SparkLab. Ages 5+. Binary is a base 2 number system that is the basis for all binary code, which is used to write data for computer programing. Stop by the Library and make a bracelet or keychain with your name or a phrase written in binary.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

DIY Holiday Cards and Gift Tags Thursday December 5, 1-3pm, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Stop by this drop-in craft to make your own holiday gift tags and card this year.

SparkLab Pop-Up at McAuliffe: *Candle Making* Monday December 9, 6-7:30pm, Community Room. All ages. Make your own candles.

Pinecone Birdfeeders Saturday December 14, 11:30am-12:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Create a birdfeeder out of a pinecone and birdseed. This program is peanut butter free.

Snowman Book Bingo Wednesday December 18, 5:30-6:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Play snowman bingo and win books!

Snowflake Craft Saturday December 21, 1-3pm, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Make your own snowflake themed craft!

Open LEGO & Block Build Monday December 23, 11am-1pm, Craft Room. All ages. Make something creative with Keva Planks, Legos, Magnatiles, and more!

Movie Matinee: *Angry Birds 2* (2019, 97 min., rated PG for rude humor and action). Saturday December 28, 2-4pm, Community Room. All ages. With Bird and Pig Island in danger, the birds must team up with the pigs to forge an unsteady truce and form an unlikely superteam to save their homes.

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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.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**

Wednesdays November 6 to December 18, 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. Pre-registration required. **PROGRAM FULL** Rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more. Sign up for January/February begins. Call 508-532-5570 x4.

**Special Play Space Activities**

Thursdays 6-8pm and Fridays 11am-1pm, preschool ages.* Play with the rotating stations.

**Weekly Story Time**

Fridays December 4 and 18, and Saturdays December 14 and 18, 10:30-11am, ages 0-2 with an adult. Sing and play with rhyme, and puppets!

**Drop-In Baby Lapsit**

Sundays December 1, 2-3pm, all ages. Registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4 for a 15 minute slot. Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read aloud from a book of their choice.

All in Children’s Program Room. *(Children’s Room)*

**Weekly Story Time**

Mondays 10-10:30am, ages 2-4. Stories, school readiness activities, maybe a craft.

**Drop-In Baby Lapsit**

Tuesdays 10-10:30am, ages 0-2 with an adult. Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

**Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs**

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