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JOIN US FOR THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

JOURNEYS WITH GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Online via Zoom – Please email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com for an invitation and Zoom link, and indicate the program(s) you would like to register for.

Creepy Christmas with Jeff Belanger



Friday December 4, 7pm

Based on Jeff Belanger's New England Legends "Creepy Christmas" special that aired on PBS.

From the origins of the holiday to the monsters like Krampus, the Belsnickel, and Gryla, to the ghosts that lurk in the red and green shadows, Jeff will take you on a multi-media journey of this haunting holiday! *Please note this program is NOT suitable for young children.*

A Christmas Carol: A Dramatic Reading

Performed by:
Dr. Helen Heineman,
President Emerita, FSU



Wednesday December 16, 7pm

This reading has become an annual tradition. 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.

JAZZ CONCERT: Trio-logy

Wednesday December 9, 7pm

Facebook Live *No registration required.*

www.facebook.com/framinghamlibrary

YouTube Live *No registration required.*

www.youtube.com/framinghampubliclibrary

Jazz musician, bass player and music educator, Tal Shalom-Kobi performs with fellow Trio-logy members, pianist and vocalist Reed Cournoyer and drummer Renato Malavasi. Trio-logy features repertoire ranging from jazz standards, to world music and pop songs. With unique arrangements and dynamic dialogue, the trio presents a blend of familiar favorites with fresh interpretations, playing Swing, Samba, Tango and Latin music. *Sponsored by the Framingham Cultural Council.*



MEET THE BLACK COMPOSERS:

a Deep Dive Series with Castle of our Skins Part III.

Join the Framingham Public Library and Ashleigh Gordon for a deep dive into the Black composers who have influenced classical music.

Monday December 14, 7pm – Online via Zoom

Singing for Freedom: the power of African American spirituals.

Please email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com for an invite and link to the Zoom session.



View recordings for **The Power of Her Voice** (Part I) and **Giving Thanks** (Part II) of this series on our [YouTube Channel](#). Click on the following links to view slides from [PART I](#) & [PART II](#).

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Library buildings are currently closed. Please see page 2 for hours and current services or check our [website](#) for more information.

Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

Remote Homework Center
tutoring for grades K-12 available
in all subjects! [See page 10.](#)

- For COVID-19 precautions and information about Library services during this time [CLICK HERE](#).
- Free WiFi is available in both Library parking lots. Please practice safe 6 ft. distancing and use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.
- No Late Fees for returned materials continues.
- Please remember to wear your face covering when picking up curbside holds or returning items!

Be AMAZED
Books are just the beginning!

CONNECT WITH US ON:



Sign up for [email updates](#) of Library news and events on our homepage!

Funding for this newsletter is provided by The Friends of the Framingham Library. 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.

Miss the Library? We miss you, too!

Get your FPL fix with FPL Curbside Pickup



HOW IT WORKS:

- ✓ Search for items from our website framinghamlibrary.org or log in to the [Minuteman Library Catalog](#) with your card number and password.
- ✓ Request the items you would like to pick up.
- ✓ When your items are ready, you'll receive a notification.
- ✓ Then, just sign in to the [Capira Reservation System](#) with your Library log in and choose a pickup time!

ONE STOP Curbside Pickups & Returns

Contact-free pick up and return of Library materials at BOTH Libraries.

Main Library: Lexington Street building walkup
McAuliffe Branch: building walk up

HOURS

Monday and Tuesday 9am-2pm
Wednesday 1-4pm • **Thursday** 1-7pm
Friday and Saturday 9am-2pm

Holiday Hours: Open 9am-12pm on Thursday December 24. Closed Friday December 25. Open 1-7pm on Thursday December 31. Closed Friday January 1.

ON-DEMAND HOLDS

Call the Main or McAuliffe Branch Library with your requests. Staff will pull the item and have it on the hold shelf by the next day. Once you get the notice that your items are ready for pickup, you can make your appointment for Curbside Pickup at your convenience.

Main Library: 508-532-5570
McAuliffe Branch: 508-532-5636

Available by appointment:

Public computer use, printing, scanning and copying. [See page 10 for details.](#)

Feature film DVDs and Blu-Rays and TV series are now FREE! Search from our website, or [sign up for Wowbrary](#), our weekly email about the latest additions to our collection with links to the catalog to request them.

NEW!

Library Of Things

Items can now be borrowed from our **Library of Things** and picked up curbside! The Library of Things is a collection of games, tools, consumer electronics and more than you can check out with your library card!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

STEP INTO OUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY!

Discover ways to bring the Library experience to your home.



Some of the ways you can browse our shelves and enjoy recommendations:

- Browse the shelves of our Library within our online catalog
- Explore new materials in Wowbrary
- Find your next favorite read with NoveList
- Book recommendations
- "If You Like"... staff & patron suggestions
- Snapshots of staff-curated display tables
- Book bundles for kids

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The weather may be getting chillier but our books, music, and movies will warm your hearts!

Join us for Pop-up Browsing for Seniors and Adults*

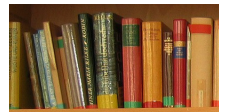
Saturday December 12, 9am-12pm

Special browsing hour for **Seniors only** (60 years+) from 9-10am.

Browse carts of books, movies and music set up in our **Learning Yard at the Main Library**. Staff will be on hand to help you check out your books. *Please be advised that masks are required to enter the Learning Yard and social distancing guidelines will be in place.*

*Weather permitting--please check our website for any update.

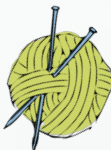
[See page 11 for a Pop Up Browsing Event for Kids!](#)



Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

Mondays 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. Please email us at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the program link to join either or both days.



Exercise Classes via Zoom With Laila Vehvilainen

Please email framinghamlibraryexercise@gmail.com by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes.

STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays December 2, 9, 16, 23 (**Special Solstice Meditation**), and 30, 2-2:45pm

Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress.

TONE AND STRETCH

Mondays December 7, 14, 21, and 28, 4:30-5:15pm

A variety of functional fitness exercises to tone core, upper and lower body muscles followed by stretches. This is a low impact class designed to be adaptable to participants' different levels.



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

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BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday December 4, 12-1pm

Please email brownbagprogram49@gmail.com by 9am on December 4 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

The Father, Son, and Holy Shuttle: Growing Up an Astronaut's Kid in the Glorious 80s



Join Patrick Mullane, Framingham resident and author of *The Father, Son, and Holy Shuttle: Growing Up an Astronaut's Kid in the Glorious 80s*, as he discusses what it was like to experience the early days of America's space shuttle program from a perspective few have experienced. You'll hear about his time growing up on military bases around the world until the moment when his father was selected in the first group of space shuttle astronauts in 1978.

Enjoy courses for seniors 60+ on Zoom!

ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING



JOHN L. HEINEMAN INTERSESSION 2021

The Eighteenth Century: The Evolution of Modern Europe

Tuesdays January 12, 19, and 26

Online Registration opens on Tuesday, December 15 at 11am

Join us for an integrated study of history, art, and literature during one of Europe's most tumultuous centuries.

Registration is required and is due by Monday, January 11.

Please go to www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures or www.framingham.edu/academics/continuing-education/community-education/adventures-in-lifelong-learning/ for full course descriptions, registration information, and instructions for using Zoom (by computer, tablet or phone).

QUESTIONS: Please email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or phone 508-626-4603.

To join our mailing list go to:

<https://bit.ly/Adventures-mailing-list>.



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Adventures in Lifelong Learning courses are free to all participants, thanks to partial funding support from the Older Americans Act as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc., and grants from Ashland Cultural Council, Holliston Cultural Council, and Framingham Cultural Council. Because federal funding is being used, we provide participants an opportunity to make a voluntary donation toward the cost of this service. Voluntary donations are put directly into program enhancement, allowing for expansion of services. Whether or not a participant makes a voluntary donation in no way informs or influences this service delivery.

COURSE SCHEDULE

9:00 - 10:15 am

HISTORY

Dr. Bridgette Sheridan

10:30 - 11:45 am

ART HISTORY

Dr. Erika Schneider

12:00 - 12:45 pm

Brown Bag Lunch

1:00 - 2:15 pm

LITERATURE

Dr. Helen Heineman

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Fall 2020

This free Thursday 7pm lecture series via Zoom is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library.

Please email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to join our Fall 2020 mailing list and receive Zoom links to lectures.

December 3 – Living on the Edge – Art and Culture of Ancient Armenia

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Christina Maranci, Professor and Department Chair, Art and Architecture, Tufts University

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



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Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Thursdays, December 3, 10, and 17, 7-9pm – Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus at Framingham State University

This class welcomes serious poets with experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry. Poets may discuss their work. If you are new to the group and would like to participate, please email FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com.



Tea & Talk Tuesdays

TED Talk: The Danger of a Single Story, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Tuesday December 29, 3-4pm – Online via Zoom

As a child in Nigeria, the internationally renowned author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was a voracious reader. One day, she realized that most of the children in the books she read were blond, blue-eyed, and played in the snow on Christmas Day, and wondered where were the books that featured children who looked like her? Years later, as a student at a prestigious American university, Adichie felt shocked and diminished by other students' narrow perceptions of her native country, and while traveling in Mexico, Adichie was embarrassed to discover her own single story about Mexicans. In this expressive and moving talk, Adichie discusses the dangers that arise from the unquestioned and unexamined single stories we unconsciously narrate about ourselves and each other.

Let's discuss the single stories we have heard about ourselves and with a bit of courage and honesty, examine those we harbor about others. Email us at framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

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

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Relax and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

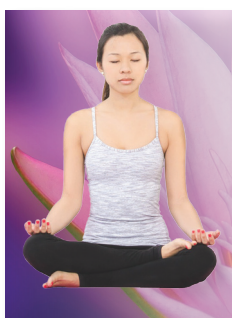
Thursday December 17, 11am

Email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com for an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

Start your week off right with a half hour of guided meditation and other opportunities for care free relaxation techniques!

Join us the third Thursday of each month as Leslie teaches us valuable techniques to relax and reinvigorate before the stresses of the week take hold.

With Love and Gratitude is a nonprofit organization dedicated to service and education www.withloveandgratitude.com.



About Leslie Gabriele: Leslie founded With Love and Gratitude in 2001. Leslie is a clairaudient, clairsentient, clairpath "energetic catalyst" who is trained in multiple healing modalities. Leslie's work is guided in the moment, done without attachment.

LVM Literacy Unlimited



Literacy Unlimited is now tutoring and conversing in the virtual world (check out our updated website framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/).

We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact us at 508-532-5574 or fplmail4@minilib.net.

We are planning tutor trainings for the upcoming months. Don't miss out! **CLICK HERE** for more information about becoming a tutor.

BOOK GROUPS

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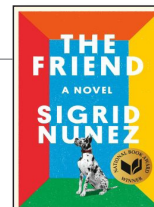
The Friend by Sigrid Nunez

(Available in our catalog, and as an eBook and Audiobook on Overdrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday December 1, 7-8pm

When a woman unexpectedly loses her lifelong best friend and mentor, she finds herself burdened with the unwanted dog he has left behind. Her own battle against grief is intensified by the mute suffering of the dog, a huge Great Dane traumatized by the inexplicable disappearance of its master, and by the threat of eviction: dogs are prohibited in her apartment building. Isolated from the rest of the world, increasingly obsessed with the dog's care, determined to read its mind and fathom its heart, she comes dangerously close to unraveling. But while troubles abound, rich and surprising rewards lie in store for both of them. (Excerpt from *Minuteman Library Network* catalog.) Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our January 5 discussion is *A Bookshop in Berlin* by Francoise Frenkel.



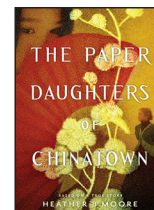
The Paper Daughters of Chinatown by Camron Wright

(Available in our catalog, and as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday December 8, 7-8pm

Paper Daughters was the term given to young Chinese girls who were given false papers to come to America; they believed they would become wives or workers but they were forced into prostitution and slavery instead. Donaldina Cameron, a real-life pioneer for social justice, fights corrupt officials and violent gangs to rescue thousands of enslaved women. This book is based on true events in 19th century San Francisco. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email lgoldberg@minilib.net for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our January 12 discussion is *Dear America* by Jose Antonio Vargas.



The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

(Available as an eBook or audiobook on Overdrive, or request a copy being held at McAuliffe)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday December 15, 7-8pm

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart—and in a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone—but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. This little girl seems to be a child of the woods. As Jack and Mabel struggle to understand this child who could have stepped from the pages of a fairy tale, they come to love her as their own daughter. But in this beautiful, violent place things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our January 19 discussion is *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver.



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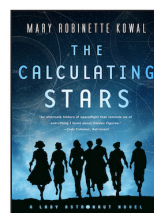
The Calculating Stars by Mary Robinette Kowal

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Wednesday, December 9, 7-8pm

(Available in our catalog in print and as an Audiobook, and as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby)

Elma York's experience as a WASP pilot and mathematician earns her a place in the International Aerospace Coalition's attempts to put man on the moon, as a calculator. But with so many skilled and experienced women pilots and scientists involved with the program, it doesn't take long before Elma begins to wonder why they can't go into space, too. Elma's drive to become the first Lady Astronaut is so strong that even the most dearly held conventions of society may not stand a chance against her. Led by Lucy Loveridge. Please email lloveridge@minilib.net to receive the Zoom invitation.

The title for our January 13 discussion is *A Door into Ocean* by Joan Slonczewski.



FOUND ONLINE! Seasonal specials you can enjoy from home.

Songs of Light: A Multi-Genre Musical Celebration of Hanukkah

Sunday December 13, 4-5:30pm, on Zoom. *Registration Required.* **CLICK HERE** for details.

The Boston Ballet Nutcracker 2020 – Various dates and times

A special, free, one hour performance, on TV and their website. **CLICK HERE** for details.

First Night Boston 2021 – December 31, 2020

Boston's First Night Celebration will be on TV and live streamed. **CLICK HERE** for details.

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That's eEntertainment! Discover the World of Digital Books, Movies, Music and More! Online via Zoom

Do you want to read eBooks, download digital music or watch a movie online—but without paying fees or signing up for a subscription? Learn how Framingham Public Library and the Minuteman Library Network provide you access to thousands of digital books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music titles—all for free and with no late charges ever.



Join Framingham Public Library librarians Marcy and Chris for one or both sessions:

SESSION ONE: Monday December 21, 2-3pm: eBooks and Digital Audiobooks
Learn to use Libby and Overdrive for accessing eBooks and digital audiobooks.

SESSION TWO: Monday December 28, 2-3pm: Movies and TV shows, digital magazines and newspapers, online language learning.

Learn about Hoopla for digital music and movies, Kanopy for indie and foreign movies off the beaten path, Mango for online language learning and how to access digital magazines and digital newspapers such as *The New York Times*.

We will set aside some time after each presentation for questions, and to book individual appointments with people who would like a one-on-one session.

To register for one or both sessions, please call the Callahan Center: 508-532-5980, ext. 0.

This program is co-sponsored by the Callahan Center and the Framingham Public Library.

Check out our YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE](#) for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts and more.



Watch a selection of Fall Lifelong Learning Lectures here.



Missed our live concerts? You can still enjoy them here.

Learn to Play the Guitar!

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the guitar? It's time to check-off your bucket list! We have partnered with **Centre Music House** to offer beginner guitar lessons.

All you have to do is grab a guitar and join us on the Library's **YouTube Channel**, where you can view the lessons and follow along, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To help you along your musical journey, we have posted the accompanying lesson plans with links to the Q&As. So what are you waiting for? [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events at Framingham State University

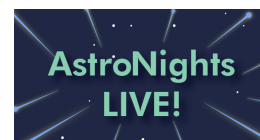


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AstroNights LIVE: Home for the Holiday (Skies)

Friday December 18, 7pm Ages 7+

AstroNights LIVE is a live, family-friendly exploration of your night sky that you can join from the comfort of your home. View live on YouTube or join the Zoom Webinar for extra interactive features! Our educators leave audiences with simple advice for observing your real night sky when the program is over. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Arts & Ideas 2020-2021

Framingham State University is proud to present **Arts & Ideas 2020-2021**: a year of must-see speakers, performances, exhibitions and films, exploring the theme of **THE PUBLIC SELF: CITIZEN AS CHANGE AGENT**. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Framingham Public Library Stands Against Racial Injustice

Black Lives Matter

RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE:

Anti-Racism resources for learning and taking action.
[Adults](#) | [Teens](#) | [Children](#)

OUR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS:

Downloadable resources from Hoopla, Libby/Overdrive and Kanopy.
Overdrive/Libby: [Race and Racism in America](#) | Hoopla: [Conversations about Race](#)
• [Talking with Kids about Race](#) | Kanopy: [Social and Systemic Injustice](#)

OUR CURATED COLLECTION:

The Friends of the Framingham Library have generously donated an all-ages collection of books, ebooks and audiobooks pertaining to understanding systemic racism and its effect on our society and culture. [Click here for more information.](#)

See page 7 for featured resources.

ONLINE RESOURCES GUIDE www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online

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eBooks & Digital Audiobooks

Meet Libby, the New OverDrive App!



Libby, the new app from OverDrive, makes it easy to borrow ebooks and audiobooks and enjoy them on a smartphone or other portable device. Just download the free Libby app, then enter your library card number to browse, or search, thousands of digital titles. The virtual bookshelf lists all the titles you have borrowed or have placed on hold. You will get notified when a book on hold is available. **Libby no longer offers email notification. It offers in-app or push notifications. However, if one goes to minuteman.overdrive.com they can sign up for email notifications there and get both email and in-app notifications from Libby if they choose.*

If you are new to ebooks, we recommend that you download the Libby app. If you currently use the OverDrive app, you may continue to use it or replace it with Libby. For help installing and using Libby, please go to help.libbyapp.com.

OverDrive

Borrow eBooks and digital audiobooks from Overdrive for 7, 14, or 21 days. Use on a computer or download the app.



Hoopla

Digital books, comics and audiobooks from Hoopla are available for 21 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.* **NEW:** Search by language using Advanced Search.



Multilingual Resources

Have you tried our **World Languages Collection** in Libby/Overdrive? [CLICK HERE](#) to see all that's offered.

Libby now allows users to browse, search, and enjoy the app in nine additional languages. The newly supported languages include: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Swedish.

Digital Magazines

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In addition to eBooks and audiobooks, you can access over 50 digital magazines. Our magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting list and no limit to the number you may check out. Loan period is 7, 14, or 21 days.



OverDrive

You can also borrow magazines with OverDrive. Magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting lists. Magazine loans never count against your standard limit in OverDrive.

Digital Newspapers

The New York Times

NYTimes.com: Read today's *New York Times* through our digital subscription.

Boston Globe online: Full text articles from 1985-present.

Infotrac Newsstand: Access to more than 2,300 major U.S. regional, national, and local newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world.

Digital Music

Hoopla

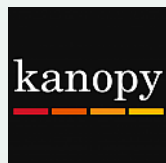
Music albums from Hoopla are available for 7 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.*



Digital Movies & TV

Kanopy

Looking for indie or classic films, award-winning documentaries, or foreign titles a little off the beaten path? Kanopy and Kanopy Kids contain over 30,000 harder-to-find films that you can borrow online with your Framingham Public Library card! You may borrow up to 4 titles per month.



Streaming videos from Kanopy may be borrowed for 72 hours. Create a free account, then use on a computer or download the app to your device.

And now, you can stream **The Great Courses** FREE on Kanopy! Kanopy users have free 30-day access to The Great Courses



films. From the time you click play you will have 30 days to complete all of the videos in a course. This is without using any of your 4 monthly play credits.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Hoopla

Movies and TV episodes from Hoopla are available for 3 days (72 hours). There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.* **NEW:** Search by language using Advanced Search.

OverDrive

Streaming videos from OverDrive may be borrowed for 3, 5, or 7 days. Use on a computer or stream on a mobile device.

Mango Languages

Mango is our online language-learning tool, with over 70 languages available. Home access is available for library card holders with a Framingham address. If you do not live in Framingham, come to the Library when we are open and sign up for a Mango account. You will then be able to sign in to your account on your home computer or via the Mango app on your phone or tablet.



Consumer Reports

Use your Framingham Public Library card to access *Consumer Reports* for information about consumer products. **CR** Consumer Reports



*If you do not live in Framingham, you can still use Hoopla through the Boston Public Library. All residents of Massachusetts may sign up for a Boston Public Library e-Card and use BPL's e-Resources, which include Overdrive, Hoopla and Kanopy.

Also check out our **Research Resources and Information Guides**

STAFF RECOMMENDS

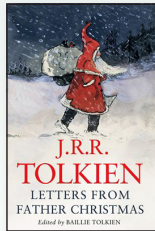
Here are some recommendations from our staff that you can find on our [digital resources](#), or in print from [our catalog](#).

BOOKS on Hoopla and in our catalog

FOR ALL AGES:

Letters From Father Christmas

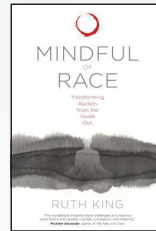
by J.R.R. Tolkien
Available on Hoopla as an eBook and in our catalog.



What began as simple letters to his own children addressed from Father Christmas soon became an annual tradition of storytelling. Tolkien creates fun adventures and characters for *Father Christmas*, accompanied with Tolkien's own color illustrations. All the original letters are reproduced in full color. A delightful fanciful treat for the holidays. – Jon

Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism from the Inside, Out

by Ruth King
Available on Libby/Overdrive as an eBook and in our catalog.



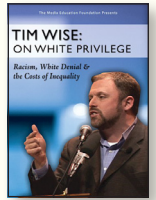
Of all forms of oppression, racism is the one most enmeshed with our sense of social normalcy. And, while it has been discussed the longest, it hasn't penetrated many hearts enough in ways to uproot its harm. Ruth King's words can show us racial habits of injury so pointedly that uprooting can begin with this book. – Janet

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Tim Wise: On White Privilege

Available on Kanopy.



For years, acclaimed author and speaker Tim Wise has been electrifying audiences on the college lecture circuit with his deeply personal take on whiteness and white privilege. In this spellbinding lecture, the author of *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son* offers a unique, inside-out view of race and racism in America.

Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for more resources including books, films, ways to take action and more.

MOVIES on Kanopy or DVD

The Assistant

Available on Kanopy or on DVD in our catalog.



In this 2019 release, a recent college grad lands her dream job as assistant to a powerful movie producer. We follow Jane through one workday, and realize it is as mundane as any other entry level position. However, abuse and humiliation abound. Jane is faced with deciding whether to go along with it all or fight the status quo and say goodbye to her dreams. Julia Garner is magnificently compelling in this quiet, unique and powerful film. – Kiera

The Curse of the Cat People

Available on DVD in our catalog.



One of my favorite Christmas movies is barely one, and barely a sequel to 1942s *Cat People*. It concerns a lonely little girl and some uncanny goings on. It's beautiful and sad and spooky and simple. Directed by Robert Wise (*The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *The Sound of Music*). If you're tired of the old holiday standbys, try this one. – Jon

Do you need something to binge read (and watch!)?

There's an older **eight book romance series** (2000) by Julia Quinn that's being turned into a Netflix series, releasing on Christmas, which gives you plenty of time to read them all in preparation! The series surrounds one family, the Bridgertons, and the eight children who need to be married off in Regency high society. The first book, *The Duke and I*, follows Daphne and her coming out season to find a husband. She soon (accidentally) falls in love with her brother's best friend, which causes all kinds of family drama. They are steamy, let's call them a semi-R rated *Downton Abbey*. The Netflix series is produced by Shonda Rhimes of *Scandal* and *Grey's Anatomy* fame. Available in all formats. – Jennifer R.



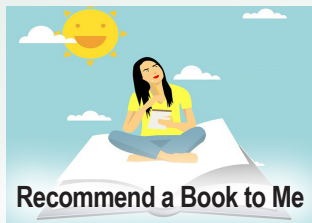
"Browse" our Feel Good Display Table, full of resources to help you feel healthy and calm. [CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles.

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

STAFF RECOMMENDS So many books to read, so many films to watch, and so little time! Let us help you make the right choices.

Borrowing Bundles! [Try our recommendation services.](#)

Answer a few questions on our forms, and we'll select titles for you to enjoy. You can access the individual online forms by clicking on an image below. **Please give us 3 business days to assemble your bundle.**



Recommend a Book to Me



Films to Go



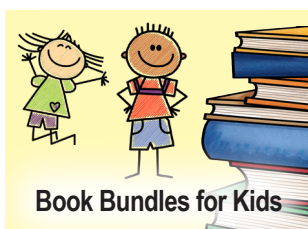
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for the latest news and resources from Framingham Public Library, along with important information—about COVID-19 and more—from the City of Framingham.

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TWO NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES!

Personalized Book Bundles

Missing the Friends monthly book sales? We are too! With in-person sales on hold, now you can order personalized book bundles. For just \$10 per bundle you can get Adult Hardcover Fiction, Large Print, Children's (including many holiday books), or Young Adult books. For all the details and to place an order today, please email Marsha Farnelant, mfarnelant@aol.com, or call 508-875-1918.

Marianne Orlando Note Cards



The Friends has partnered with Framingham artist Marianne Orlando to sell a selection of her illustrated cards. Seasonal and generic designs available.



So beautiful you can frame them for gifts!

For more information, please go to the Friends [WEBPAGE](#) or contact Marsha Farnelant at

mfarnelant@aol.com or 508-875-1918.

There will be no December book sale because of restrictions due to COVID-19. Sorry, but we cannot accept book or DVD donations at this time.

Many thanks to our renewing corporate member:

Gudrun Hord of Coldwell Banker Realty

Another Way To Help the Framingham Public Library Foundation and the FPL

Order ALL your Amazon items, not just books, through Amazon Smile and support your Library for free! [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



Framingham Public Library Foundation News

A space in the Main Library dedicated to our teens is more important now than ever.

Please help us by making a donation at www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/.

Or, send a check to FPLF; 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

YOUNG ADULTS

GRADES 6-12

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Among Us Crewmate

Feltie Keychain:

Take & Make Craft

Pick up anytime in December
LIMITED SUPPLIES - Register to reserve your kit

Hand sew your own little crewmate to help you take care of day to day ship tasks. But watch out, because Red is sus...



Among Us Game Time!

Saturday December 12, 1-3pm
Register online

Let's play *Among Us*! We'll hunt down imposters and attempt to survive together. Registration required. Visit our website to sign up.

Hot Cocoa Kit

Pick up anytime in December
LIMITED SUPPLIES - Register to reserve your kit

This has certainly been a year, and it's now apparently December. So celebrate the coming cold by curling up with a book and a cup of hot cocoa.



CONTACT US!

The phone lines at Framingham Public Library are open! **Call us!**

We are here at both Libraries to take your call.

Main Library 508-532-5570 (press 2)

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 9am-3pm

McAuliffe Branch

508-532-5636 (press 4)

Monday-Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 9am-5pm

Thursday: 9am-7pm

Friday-Saturday: 9am-3pm



We want to Chat with you!

Library staff are available for live chat Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.

Click on the chat icon at the bottom right of the Library webpage
www.framinghamlibrary.org.

Thank you Framingham!

The City of Framingham is well on our way to a new goal of 15,000 homemade face coverings for our community. A huge thank you to all who have donated! As we reopen, more face coverings will be essential. Be part of this incredible effort to help your community. **LEARN HOW HERE.**

Obrigado Framingham!

A cidade de Framingham está a caminho de atingir uma meta de 15.000 coberturas faciais para a nossa comunidade. Um enorme obrigado a todos que têm doado! À medida que reabrimos, mais coberturas faciais serão essenciais. Ser parte de esse esforço incrível para ajudar sua comunidade. **SAIBA COMO AQUI.**

Gracias Framingham!

La ciudad de Framingham está en camino de alcanzar una meta de 15,000 cubiertas de tela para la cara para nuestra comunidad. Un enorme agradecimiento a todos los que tienen donado! A medida que volvamos a abrir, serán esenciales más cubiertas de tela para la cara. Ser parte de este increíble esfuerzo para ayudar a su comunidad.

APRENDA CÓMO AQUI.

Over 10,000 face coverings donated and counting!

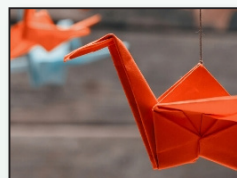


If you would like to request face coverings, please **CLICK HERE.**
Se desejar solicitar coberturas faciais, **CLIQUE AQUI.**
Si usted quiere ordenar máscaras faciales, por favor **OPRIMA AQUI.**



A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge:

Join us in making a thousand paper cranes to decorate the Libraries upon our reopening. An instructional video by Lucas Gustafson, our Origami Club leader, on how to make an origami crane is on our [YouTube Channel](#).



Adult Coloring

Winter is coming! Get cozy with a warm blanket, a hot cup of tea and some coloring pages. **CLICK HERE.**



The Library may be closed, but you may still access free WiFi throughout the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch Library parking lots. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 feet apart from others) to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

By using the free wireless service, you are agreeing to abide by the Framingham Public Library Internet Policy. All users are expected to use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.



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

Reserve a COMPUTER SESSION at the Main Library



We are offering public computer use by appointment – *printing, scanning and copying appointments, too!*

Safety for our patrons, staff and the community is our first priority. Library staff observe all safety precautions and computers are cleaned after each use.

We ask that you consider utilizing computer access at this time for priority needs, such as: job search, filing for unemployment benefits, maintaining email contact with friends and family, business needs, etc.

Monday & Tuesday: 9am-12pm

Wednesday: 1-4pm

Thursday: 1-7pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am-12pm

HOW IT WORKS:

- ✓ Go to our website framinghamlibrary.org/technology-services or call 508-532-5570 to make a **45 minute reservation** (1 per day).
- ✓ Parking is available in the spots on the right, just past the Pearl Street entrance.
- ✓ You will be admitted through the Pearl Street entrance 2 minutes before your appointment time.
- ✓ All safety precautions must be observed (see on right).
- ✓ Free printing, scanning, and copying services will be available.

SAFETY FIRST

- If you are feeling ill, including a fever or cough, do not keep your appointment.
- Masks are required at all times. If you do not have one, we will provide one.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Please make use of our hand sanitizing stations.

Don't have a library card?



Sign up for an eCard to request books, music, movies and more in our catalog for curbside pickup at our Libraries and to use our online resources!

[CLICK HERE](#)

The Bookmobile wants to visit YOU!*



The Bookmobile can't wait to get back on the road and to celebrate we want to visit you!

Get out your crayons and pens and draw us a picture or write us a story (or both) about why we should visit your house *when we are back on the road. The Bookmobile will throw a party at the home of five lucky winners to be selected at random! For ages K-12. Entry deadline date to be decided.

TO ENTER: [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out a form and attach your picture or drawing.

Puzzle Swap is Back!

McAuliffe Branch Library

Request a puzzle to pick up at McAuliffe by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then take it home! Choose how many pieces you'd prefer the puzzle to contain and bring home some fun. Just like with our in-person Puzzle Swap, you can choose to return it to the Branch when you are finished, or bring back a completely different puzzle (or any extra puzzles you wish to join the swap!).



The Library staff wants
to share with YOU.
[BEGIN READING](#)

Homework Center News

The [Homework Center Program](#) provides free remote tutoring for students K-12 in all subjects.

There are some spaces for students K-12 to participate in academic enrichment book groups.

For more information, to request tutoring, or sign up to participate in a book group, please contact Judy Gatlin, at jgatlin@minlib.net.



FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER ESSAY CONTEST



I SURVIVED THE PANDEMIC OF 2020

In 500 words or less, tell us about the ways in which you and your family have survived the pandemic. Tell us the three things you think are most important when surviving during difficult times and why they are most important to you.

Middle school, high school, and elementary school students grades 4 and 5 are invited to submit an essay. Essays can be submitted in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Winners in each age group will receive a \$100 cash prize.

Essays are due on **January 11th.**

Winners will be announced on **January 28th.**

For submission or more information, please contact Judy Gatlin at jgatlin@minlib.net.

Language learning that works at home.



DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S DECEMBER 2020

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

This month, check out our holiday Pop Up Browsing event, [online programs](#), Take and Make Crafts, plus new YouTube videos, book reviews and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Book Buddy Reading to Dogs All ages

Sundays December 6 and 20, 2-3pm (10 minute appointments every 15 minutes)
Online via Zoom

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.

Register at Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com; leave your email, your child's name, and your preferred time for the appointment. You will receive the Zoom link

and the time of your appointment in a response email.

Winter Holiday Pop Up Browsing for Kids

Saturday December 19, 9am-12pm –
Main Library Learning Yard All ages

Celebrate the light that books bring to your life while maintaining social distancing, keeping your masks on, and disinfecting your hands on entering. Joyfully look through shelves of Children's Books and AV—Graphic Novels, Picture Books, Easy Readers, Chapter Books, holiday books, books in other languages, movies, even nonfiction for school reports—and pick your own!! Library staff will be on hand to answer questions and help you make selections. Once you've picked an item (or more!!), check the book out using our mobile library setup or our new mobile checkout app.



ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Zoom Storytimes with Jillian and Dana

Mondays 10-10:20am and Thursdays 10:15-10:45am Ages 2-6, all welcome.

Contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com to get an invite to join.

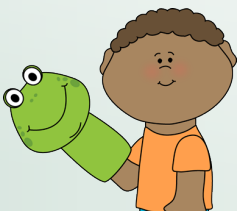
Join your familiar children's librarians for some stories, perhaps catch a glimpse of your friends on the gallery screen, and keep adding to your 1000 books before Kindergarten or since Kindergarten list. Keep your library habit going even during stay at home time!

Weekly Zoom Baby Lapsits with Joanne and Lucy

Tuesdays 10-10:20am and Fridays 10:30-11am Ages 0-2 and their caregivers, all welcome.

Contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com to get an invite to join.

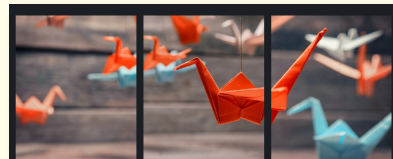
Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Break up your stay at home time or take a break from your work from home time with some fun time with your little one, catch a glimpse of your friends on the gallery screen, and keep adding to your child's 1000 books before Kindergarten (retroactive sign up when we reopen)!



Weekly Virtual Challenges

A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge: Ongoing

Join us in making a thousand paper cranes to decorate the Libraries upon our reopening. An instructional video by Lucas Gustafson, our Origami Club leader, on how to make an origami crane is on our [YouTube Channel](#). Watch it, then make away in any spare minutes. To find out why we're folding paper cranes check out the Wikipedia entry on "Orizuru" or read *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr (available in Overdrive/Libby).



Building Boom Virtual Challenge: Posted every Friday

Have the weekend free from schoolwork? How about building something fun out of Legos, blocks, cardboard, tin cans, or whatever you have around your house! Every Friday we will post a challenge on [Instagram](#) and the [Kids' Page](#) on our website for you to work on over the weekend. Then tag us when you post a picture and explanation of your finished construction so we can share the creativity around. Check back often to see what other people created with their building materials and to get your brain revving up for the next week's challenge!



Take and Make Crafts

Take & Make Kit: Snowman Snow-globe Craft Tuesday December 1 Ages 4-8

Using construction paper and a paper tube, create a winter wonderland scene with a snowman inside of a snow-globe. All materials (except glue) are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup starting December 5. Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.



Take & Make Kit: Snowflake Craft

Tuesday December 15 Ages 4-12

Create a fun snowflake out of popsicle sticks and craft materials to hang up anywhere in your home! Materials (except glue) are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup starting December 19. Get creative! Imagination of what you can do to design and build your snowflake has no limits! Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.

YouTube Channel Highlights

NEW! Spooky Stories

Check them out [HERE](#).



DIY Crafts

Need some ideas for DIY gifts for any upcoming holidays? Check them out [HERE](#).

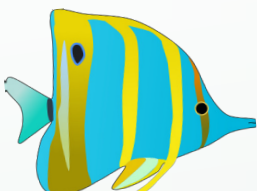


ONLINE RESOURCES

Enjoy these online resources, and visit our [website](#) for more!

We may not be able to travel this winter but we can still escape to some warm and colorful places!

- [Visit a coral reef](#) to admire the beautiful creatures that live there.
- [Visit the United States Botanical Garden](#) for a colorful and calming experience.



- [Join Elmo](#) on a visit to the Grand Canyon National Park.
- [Visit the jungle](#) in Panama to see some local flora and fauna.



Children's Book Reviews

The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead

Bea's dad is getting married! Her dad's new husband has a daughter so she'll be getting a sister. She can't wait to meet her. She may have new things now, like a sister, two houses and a dog named Rocco. But there are also things that will not change, like the fact that both her parents love her. Bea is such a positive force, but she also goes to therapy and has eczema. She's not perfect. This middle-grade novel, by a Newbery award winning author, goes back and forth telling you about Bea's life before her parents got divorced. **Recommended for Grades 5-9.** Reviewed by Jennifer. Available in all formats: book, audio, and playaway in our catalog, and eBook and eAudio in Overdrive/Libby.



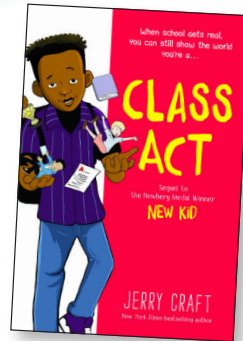
BOOK BUNDLES FOR KIDS!

Need Children's Books but don't know what to choose? Let us pick some for you! Simply [fill out our form](#) and a staff member will make you a customized bundle of 3-5 books. Available at both Libraries.



Class Act by Jerry Craft

In this companion to the Newbery winning *New Kid*, 8th grader Drew Ellis begins his second year at Riverdale Academy Day School in the Bronx with his best friends Jordan and Liam. Drew and Jordan, who are both African American, face different struggles throughout this novel which, unlike in *New Kid*, offers the perspectives of not just Jordan, but also his two friends. Instantly I was hooked on the story and I realized I didn't want to put the book down! The book touches on a number of social themes and is a must read for all ages. **Recommended for Grades 4-8.** Reviewed by Jillian. Available as a book in our catalog, and eBook in Overdrive/Libby.



KANOPY KIDS

Have you tried Kanopy Kids, our online video resource for kids?



Enjoy quality educational content like *Sesame Street* and *Arthur*, and even benefit from language learning series. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE
Uniting for young children...the heart of our community
Framingham, MA

Our team is here to help children, families, and community partners navigate common pathways that support children's healthy growth and development and promote early education right from the start.

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OUR VIRTUAL
WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Strengthening
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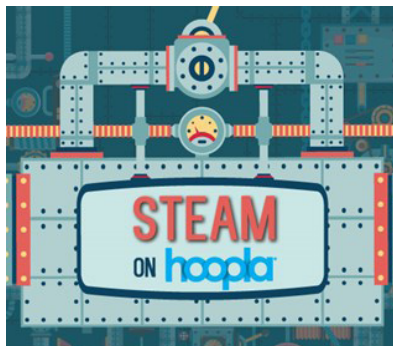
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Remote Tutoring

The Homework Center is providing free weekly remote tutoring and homework help to students K-12. To sign up, please contact Judy Gatlin at jgatlin@minilib.net.



Happy Holidays!