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Advanced Winter Hiking

with Doug Lowry from Mass Audubon

Tuesday December 14, 7pm — on Zoom Join Mass Audubon naturalist and certified NOLS instructor Doug Lowry as he discusses winter hiking in MA! He'll cover safety tips and places to hike during the winter months. This presentation is geared towards more experienced hikers. Please REGISTER by 5pm on

December 14. Mass Audubon

Friday Night Film: The Lodger (1927) 1hr. 30min. Not Rated. Friday December 10, 6:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Enjoy Hitchcock's suspenseful masterpiece, brought to life by live pianist Richard Hughes! No registration required, but space is limited; first come, first served. *Lexington St. doors open at 6pm.*

MORE FILMS ON PAGE 2.



McAuliffe Craft Ladies Snowman Photo Holder

Wednesday December 15, 7-8:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us to make a winter wonderland

perfect snowman holder to hold up your photos, or recipe cards, or whatever you would like! Space is limited and registration is required. Please **REGISTER** starting December 1.



ALL AGES!

Winter Book Bingo

Wednesday December 29, 6-7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Play some winter themed bingo and win books! No registration required. All Ages! Adults, Teens, Childrens!

Framingham Public Library's Downtown U: Entrepreneurship

and Career Support

We invite the community to participate in this exciting partnership with Framingham State University! Work with Mark Hardie, Director of Framingham State University's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center and a leader in his field. More details HERE. All offerings are via Zoom. Single workshops or webinars may be attended. Please REGISTER HERE.



Tuesdays December 7 and 21, 7pm

Career Building Webinars Led by Mark Hardie. Thursdays December 2 and 16, 11am

One-on-one Mock Interviews, and Resume Building Led by Ed Lawrence.

One-on-one Mock Interviews: Thursday December 2, 2-3:30pm

One-on-one Resume Building: Thursdays December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9am-1:30pm

This pilot program of the new Downtown U made possible by grant funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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Framingham Public Libraries Are Open!

Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570 Monday-Thursday 9-9 Friday-Saturday 9-5 Sunday 1-5

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636 Monday-Thursday 9:30-9 Friday-Saturday 9:30-5 Sunday 12-4

Holiday Hours

Both Libraries will be closed Friday December 24 through Sunday December 26 for Christmas, and will be closed Friday December 31 through Sunday January 2 for New Year's.

- Be safe and keep others safe.
 If you feel unwell, please don't enter the Library. A face mask is required for everyone over the age of 5 and please maintain proper social distance from others.
- No Late Fees for returned materials continues.

Free tutoring for grades K-12 available in all subjects! See page 5.

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

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

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JOHN L. HEINEMAN INTERSESSION 2022





Enjoy remote courses for seniors 60+!

Romanticism and Beyond: 1800-1860 Fridays January 7, 14, 21 and 28

Online Registration opens December 6 at 11am

Please go to www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures or bit.ly/ Adventures-FSU for course descriptions and registration information.

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 Framingham Cultural Council, Marlborough Cultural Council, Natick Cultural Council and Sudbury Cultural Council.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Fall 2021

This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series **via Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library. If you have not registered for any online Lifelong Learning Lectures before, register HERE.

December 2 – The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Guest speaker: Dr. Maria Bollettino, Associate Professor of History, FSU

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

Sunday Classical Concert

Sunday December 12, 3pm -Main Library, Costin Room and

YouTube Livestream Pianist Roman Rodnytsky performs. No registration required to attend in person or online via YouTube. In-person space is limited; first come, first served.

The series is sponsored in part by Metro Credit Union, Roche Brothers Markets, Brookdale Cushing Park, St. Mary's Credit Union, and Friends of the Framingham Library.







Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Read by: Dr. Helen Heineman, President

Thursday December 16, 7pm on Zoom

This event has become an annual tradition!

Dr. Helen Heineman will perform a dramatized reading of Dickens' classic, enhanced by a slideshow of over 250 illustrations. Please **REGISTER** by 5pm on December 16.

Visit Info Hub for news and resources from Framingham Public Library, along with

important information from the City of Framingham. framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub

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- Technology Services
- Library Events
- · Library and Community News
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- · Covid-19 Testing and Face Coverings
- · Especially for Seniors
- · City Press Releases



Framingham Business Resource Center

at Framingham Public Library The FBRC is your one stop shop for: Expert guidance for City business resources, forms, and procedures, small business and entrepreneurship support, LinkedIn Learning's 16,000 video courses, resources and databases, plus our state of the art Business Center PC is equipped with Adobe Creative Cloud. Come visit us on the 3rd floor of the Main Library.



The Library of Things is a collection of games, tools, consumer electronics and more that

you can check out with your library card. framinghamlibrary.org/browse/ libraryofthings

Library of Things

BE AMAZED ~ Books are just the beginning.

Spot our **Bookmobile** on the road this winter!



Anti-Racism Resources

Visit our **WEBSITE** for resources for learning and taking action.

Emerita, FSU

FILMS

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: The Lodger (details on page one)

MCAULIFFE MATINEE: Finding Your Feet

(2017) 1h. 54min. PG-13.

Wednesday December 15, 2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

After she learns that her husband has been having an affair with her best pal, Sandra flees the scrutiny of her bourgeoisie social circle by

moving in with her free-spirited sister. Soon, she finds herself while attending a dance class with her sibling. Starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, and Timothy Spall. *No registration required.*

MONDAY MATINEE: Little Women

(2019) 2h. 5min. PG for thematic elements and brief smoking

Monday December 20, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room A new spin on an old favorite; come see this Academy-Award nominated film directed by Greta Gerwig. No registration is required but space is limited; first come, first served.



DIY Ugly Sweater Craft

Wednesday December 1, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room Adults, Teens, and kids 11+.

Be ready for those holiday parties with a custom "ugly sweater." You bring a sweater, sweatshirt or shirt of your choice; we supply the crazy decorations. Please register HERE. Space and supplies are limited.

Yarn Social Clubs

Main Library

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

McAuliffe Branch Library

Join us for a knitting, crochet, and yarn crafting social hour, Wednesdays 6-7pm and the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, 11am-12pm. This is not a learn to knit or crochet program.

REGISTER for the Zoom link or drop by in person at the McAuliffe Branch.

Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation *via Zoom*

Thursday December 16, 11am

Join Leslie Gabriele of *With Love and Gratitude* on the third
Thursday of each month
for a half hour of guided
meditation and other
opportunities for carefree
relaxation. If you have not
registered before, please

REGISTER by 9am on December 16.

Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays December 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State Univ.

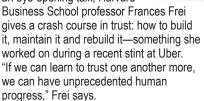
This class welcomes serious poets with experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry. Poets may discuss their work. If you are new to the group and would like to participate, please email FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com by noon on the day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

Tea & Talk Tuesdays

TED Talk: How to Build (and Rebuild) trust

Tuesday December 28, 3-4pm – on Zoom

Trust is the foundation for everything we do. But what do we do when it's broken? In an eye-opening talk, Harvard



Before you join us, please watch the video HERE. Please REGISTER by 9am on December 28.

BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday December 3, 12-1pm
REGISTER by 9am on December 3 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

A Tour Through Fashion History – Part 2

Presented by: Catherine Byrne, Danforth Art School at Framingham State University



Continuing from Part One, join us for a virtual walk through time to see how people have expressed themselves through the cultural language of fashion. Part One is available on the FPL YouTube page.

Financial Literacy Series

This series is brought to you by the Framingham Public Library in collaboration with Sue Katz of American Consumer Credit Counseling, and Bradley Baskir of Morgan Stanley.

The Psychology of Money: Taking a Rational Approach to Managing Your Finances

presented by Bradley Baskir

esday December 8,

Wednesday December 8, 1pm – on Zoom

Money is a complex concept. Personal perceptions, biases, and emotions about money can affect the financial decisions people make. This seminar is designed to help you develop strategies for making objective decisions about money so you can manage your finances more wisely **REGISTER** by 9am on December 8.

Morgan Stanley

Wednesday
December 8, 7pm
– Main Library,
Circulation

Stop by our table and grab a free puzzle to keep!

Monday December 27, 7-8:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

What to do with jigsaw puzzles you've completed? Swap them! Bring your puzzles to exchange with others. No puzzle to swap? Come anyway; there are always extras for you to take. All ages and levels welcome.

Exercise Classes via Zoom

If you have not registered before, please **REGISTER** by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes.

STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays December 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2-2:45pm (no class Dec. 29)

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



TONE AND STRETCH

Mondays December 6, 13, and 20, 4:30-5:15pm (no class Dec. 27) 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.

Looking for a job? Need to create or update a resume?

One-on-one Resume Building

Thursdays December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9am-1:30pm – via Zoom*

One-on-one Mock Interviews

Thursday December 2, 2-3:30pm – via Zoom*

Please **REGISTER HERE** for your appointment.

*If you need access to a computer, please email us at fplmail6@minlib.net or call the Main Library at 508-532-5570 and speak with one of the staff

These programs are part of our new Downtown U, an exciting partnership with Framingham State University!

Please see page 1 for more information.



MAKE IT AT THE



Drop in Craft: Cardboard Creations

Wednesdays December 1 and 15, 6-8pm, *Children, ages 5+.*

Machine Sewing Reusable Gift Bags

Monday December 6 and Tuesday December 7, 7-8:30pm or Saturday December 11, 3-4:30pm. Adults with basic machine sewing skills. Pre-registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4330 to schedule your appointment.

A Hands-on Introduction to Arduino

Wednesdays December 8 and 22, 6-8pm *Grades 5-12.*

Please visit our website or see our Children's or Young Adult sections for more information.

Check out our YouTube Channel

CLICK HERE for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, author talks, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts, guitar lessons and more.

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!

BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Club de Lectores: Los Funerales de la Mamá Grande por Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Lunes 6 de diciembre, 8pm – Zoom

Se requiere **REGISTRACIÓN**.

Discusión del libro 3 de enero: Los Jefes y Los Cachorros por Mario Vargas Llosa.

Adult Book Club: The Illusion of Separateness by Simon Van Booy

Tuesday December 7, 7-8pm - on Zoom

Please **REGISTER** by noon on December 7.

The title for our January 4 discussion is *The Hare With Amber Eyes:* A Hidden Inheritance by Edmund DeWaal.

Sci-Fi Book Club: Wild Seed by Octavia Butler

Wednesday December 8, 7-8:30pm - on Zoom

Please REGISTER for the Zoom link or email lloveridge@minlib.net.

The title for our January 12 discussion is Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Evening Book Club: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Tuesday December 14, 7-8pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person.

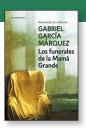
The title for our January 11 discussion is Sea of Rust by C. Robert Cargill.

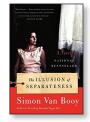
Morning Book Club: *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden

Thursday December 16, 10-11am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please REGISTER for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person. The title for our January 20 discussion is *This Time Next Year* by

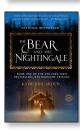
Please click on book images to borrow these titles.











LVM Literacy Unlimited



Sophie Cousens.

Call for volunteer tutors! We need you to join our community and help students achieve their English learning goals.

Our next Social Hour for tutors, students, and newcomers will be December 6 at 4:30pm in the Main Library, Costin Room.

We help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or reading ability. We are open for in-person and online tutoring and English conversation classes.

To learn more about us click **HERE**, or contact us at 508-532-5574, **fplmail4@minlib.net**.

Citizenship Corner

Applying for U.S. Citizenship?

Literacy Unlimited has tutors who will work with you one-on-one to help prepare you for the Naturalization test and interview. You must be at least an intermediate-level English speaker to benefit from the sessions. Tutors continue to work remotely; a device (laptop or smartphone) and good internet is strongly recommended.

For more information, please contact Literacy Unlimited at **fplmail4@minlib.net** or 508-532-5574.

YOUNG ADULTS

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

A Hands-on Introduction to Arduino *Grades 5-12.*

Wednesdays December 8 and 22, 6-8pm – Main Library, SparkLab

Join us for an introduction session to basic electronics using Arduino. We will build simple circuits and learn how to control them using an Arduino. Arduino is an open-source, single-board, microcontroller for building devices that can sense and control objects in the physical world. You will need a laptop to participate in this program. Space is limited to 5 spots, and REGISTRATION is required.

Squid Game Dalgona Candy *Grades 6-12*

Tuesday December 14, 3-4pm -

McAuliffe Branch Thursday December 16, 3-4pm – Main Library

Make your own Dalgona Candy and attempt to carve the central stamped shape out without breaking it. We'll do this in person at first, and any remaining supplies will be offered as a Take & Make kit afterwards. **REGISTRATION** required.

Nordic Design Ornament or Coaster Grades 6-12.

Pick up in the second half of December

LIMITED SUPPLIES – **REGISTER** to reserve your kit.

Paint your own Nordic design on a wood slice that can be used as a rustic ornament or coaster, the choice is yours!



Winter Book Bingo All Ages. Wednesday December 29,

6-7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Play some book bingo and win books! No registration required.

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Happy Holidays from the Friends

Thank you for participating in our fundraising activities in 2021. All monies raised go directly to the support the library. We appreciate your participation which helps the Friends help the library.

Friends Book Sale – December 18, Main Library

Be sure to include the Friends Book Sale on your list of things to do this month. From 10 am to 3 pm (Friends may enter at 9:30 am), you'll be able to shop for books to give or to buy for yourself.

Can't Make the Book Sale?

Visit the Friends Bookstore at the Main Library. It's open when the Library is open.

Become a Friend

It's a bargain. Click **HERE** to join or renew.

Corporate
Members Update
Many thanks to

Market Basket for renewing its Friends membership

Thank!

Framingham Public Library Foundation Sneak Peak

Our next project is creating a Technology & Learning Center for all ages in the Main Library.

The TLC will include classrooms and individual workstations and provide a range of courses, including using technology. Please make a donation HERE. Or, send a check to FPLF,

49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

TECHNOLOGY
& LEARNING
CENTER

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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.

Homework Center News

The Homework Center provides in person and virtual tutoring in all subjects to students K-12, **Monday through Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm.**

We also facilitate **Academic Enrichment Book Groups** reading
Framingham Public School

recommended books for all grade levels, K-12.

To sign up for tutoring sessions or participate in a book group, contact **jgatlin@minlib.net**.

COMMUNITY LINKS

Framingham State University Arts & Ideas 2021-2022

Look HERE for information about this series of speakers, exhibitions, and films—exploring the theme of GOOD TROUBLE, in honor of the late congressman and civil rights icon, John Lewis.

Council on Aging/ Callahan Center

The Raymond J. Callahan Center, known as the Callahan Center, welcomes older adults from all backgrounds to learn about the services we offer, participate in our programs and make new friends. For more info, CLICK HERE.

Flyers by Night

Flyers By Night aims to increase access to affordable educational opportunities for families and residents of Framingham. Conveniently located within Framingham High School, FBN offers continuing education courses in the following areas: Arts, Language, Health & Wellness, Culinary, Finance, Trades. Look HERE for more information

DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S DECEMBER 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

Drop in Craft: Cardboard Creations

Wednesday December 1, 6-8pm — Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 5+. Drop in and use some recycled cardboard and paint markers to design a gingerbread house to add to our winter village display.

DIY Holiday Cards

Thursday December 2, 1-2:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Make your own holiday cards for family and friends in this drop-in program.

Special Holiday Storytime

Saturday December 4, 3-4pm – Main Library, Program Room. Grades K-2. Make the holiday season extra jolly with this special story & craft time with Mr. Dana! We'll start off the program by reading some holiday classics, to be

followed by the making of a keepsake ornament.

Dads Donuts and Discoveries with Emotions in Motion

Saturday December 4, 10-11am – Main Library, Learning Yard or Children's Program Room (depending on weather). Ages 2-6.

Join us as you and your child have fun moving and strengthening your body, mind, and connection. Bring a mat or blanket and water. See ECAF* WEBSITE for more information.

*Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham.



Melted Snowman Craft

Tuesday December 7, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 2-5. Drop in and make a cute melted snowman craft!

Family Movie Matinee: *Arctic Dogs* All ages @ parental discretion. Saturday December 11, 1-3pm — McAuliffe Branch, Community Room. All ages. An Arctic fox works in the mailroom of a package delivery service, but wants to be doing the deliveries. (2019) 92 minutes, Rated PG.

Puzzle Piece Winter Craft

Monday December 13, 3:30-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 6+. Using upcycled puzzle pieces, turn them into fun winter shapes like snowflakes, snowmen, and more!

Drop in Craft: Cardboard Creations

Wednesday December 13, 6-8pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 5+. Drop in and use some recycled cardboard and paint markers to design a unique gingerbread person!

Open LEGO and Block Build

Friday December 17, 3-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 5+. Drop in and make something creative with Keva Planks, Legos, MagnaTiles, and more!

Polar Bear Twirler Craft

Tuesday December 21, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 2-5. Drop-in and make a fun polar bear paper twirler craft.

American Girl Doll™ Spa Day & Craft

Tuesday December 28, 1-2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room. Ages 6-12.

Bring your well loved American Girl Doll™ and we'll show you how to wash their hair and skin, then make an American Girl Doll™ themed craft. REGISTRATION required starting December 6, as space is limited.

Winter Book Bingo

Wednesday December 29, 6-7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room. All Ages (Adults, Teens, Kids). Play some book bingo and win big with books!

Open Lego

Thursday December 30, 2-4pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 5+.

Drop in and play with our buckets of Legos. Leave your name, and we will display your amazing creation for a month. There is a limit on room occupancy so you may have to wait a few minutes until you can drop in, but we have some books to browse in the meantime!



ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Hybrid Storytimes (in person or on Zoom)

Join your familiar children's librarians for some stories and a craft (in person only) and keep adding to your 1000 Books before Kindergarten list. No registration for in person attendance; for Zoom invite, please contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com. Thursdays 10:15-10:45am — Main Library, Children's Program Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5. Mondays 10-10:20am — McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room or on Zoom. Ages 2-5.

Zoom Baby Lapsits

Tuesdays 10-10:20am, Fridays December 3 and 17, and Saturdays December 11, 10:30-11am – on Zoom. Ages 0-2 and their caregivers.

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Share some fun time with your little one as you lay the foundations for literacy and later success in school! For Zoom invite, please contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com.

Book Buddy Reading to Dogs



Sundays December 5 and 19, 2-3pm — Main Library, Children's Program Room. All Ages. Registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot. Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dog Lilah listens as children read aloud from a book of their choice.

Bookworm Book Club with Max! Grades 3-6.

Sundays December 5 and 19, 2-3pm - Online via Zoom

Email us to receive an invite to join on Zoom at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com. Sunday December 5: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. Sunday December 19: Magic Tree House: Winter of the Ice Wizard by Mary Pope Osborne.

Find these books in person at the Library or check on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.







Fall Session Schedule

October 4 - December 3
For More Info click HERE.

Play, Learn & Grow Together w/ Gracie Tuesdays, 11am - 12pm (All ages)

Let's Go To Kindergarten w/ Jeanette Wednesdays, 12 - 1pm (Ages 3-5)

PJ Family Story Time w/ Jane 1st Thursday of the month, 6 - 7pm (All ages)

Baby Talk w/Jane

Fridays, 1 - 2pm (Ages birth - 9 months)

CONTACT US:

Strengthening Families Newsletter

Email: jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us Phone: 508-782-6932

Tutoring and Academic Enrichment Book Groups

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KANOPY KIDS

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



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