AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Join with us as we celebrate African American/Black History Month with a variety of adult, young adult, and children's events and programs.

Monday February 5, 2:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Matinee Film: Marshall 1hr. 58min. (PG-13)
About a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases.

Tuesday February 13, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Singing Our Story with Dr. Leonard Brown
The roles and functions of music as social and political commentary in the lives of enslaved Africans and African Americans, highlighting the Georgia Sea Island Singers.

Friday February 16, 7:00pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
PBS’s POV Movie Series: Revolution ’67 (2007)
Revolution ’67 is an illuminating account of events too often relegated to footnotes in U.S. history—the black urban rebellions of the 1960s. Enter between 6:30-7:15pm.

Wednesday February 21, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Documentary: Alice’s Ordinary People with filmmaker Craig Dudnick
This is the story of Alice Tregay, an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement. Her remarkable story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama.

Wednesday February 28, 7:00pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Some Great Blacks of Framingham: Crispus Attucks and the Fuller Legacy with Dr. Leonard Brown and David Fuller
Dr. Brown will speak about Crispus Attucks, the first man to die in the Revolutionary War. Attucks was a Black Framingham native whose early life was as an enslaved person. Following his talk, Framingham resident David Fuller will speak about the accomplishments of his grandparents, Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller and Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller.

Healthy Living Series KICK OFF EVENT
Friday February 9, 2:00pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
In collaboration with the Callahan Center, the Library is excited to announce the Healthy Living Series. This one year program is designed to help those over age 55 make lasting healthy lifestyle changes. The series consists of free drop in exercise and health/nutrition classes offered at three locations. The Kickoff Event will include an overview of the program, a presentation by dietitian Jane Polley and senior fitness specialist Laila Vehvilainen on “Healthy Habits: Moving from Survive to THRIVE”. Light refreshments will follow. See page 2 for a list of winter classes.
Support for this project is provided in part by the MetroWest Health Foundation.

COMING MARCH 1-2
Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: Sputnik with Dr. Gary Hylander March 1, 7:00pm, Main Library, Costin Room
Healthy Living Series: Qi Gong with Linda Bellefeuille March 2, 2:00pm, Main Library, Costin Room
Marc Berger – RIDE Concert
Thursday February 8, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Marc has performed at Austin’s SXSW Music Festival and The Kerrville Folk Festival, and showcased at the 2016 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. He has opened shows for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His song, “The Last One,” was a staple of Richie Havens’ concerts for over twenty years. His current release, RIDE, presents ten cinematic recordings capturing the vastness and romance of the American West. Refreshments.

FILMS

Stronger (2017) 1 hr. 59 min. Rated R
FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: Friday February 2, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room Enter on the Lexington Street side between 6:30-7:15pm.
The real life story of Jeff Bauman, an ordinary man who captured the hearts of his city and the world to become a symbol of hope after surviving the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal. Refreshments. Please see additional films on page 1.

As One Opera Selections and Discussion
Tuesday February 27, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
As part of a course overseen by Dr. Judith Bose and in collaboration with the Boston Opera Collaborative, students of the school will present excerpts from the opera, a story surrounding Hannah and the many facets of her own transgender experience.

Celebrate '88: 30th Anniversary Film Celebration!

All ages event (some movies rated R)
The last Wednesday of every month, 6:30-9:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
The Library’s 30th Anniversary film series continues to celebrate the movies of 1988! Next up, the original John Waters’ Hairspray.

February-April Schedule:
February – Hairspray (PG) – Feb. 28
March – Beetlejuice (PG)
April – Bull Durham (R)

Poetry Workshop
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus at Framingham State Univ.
Tuesdays February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7-9:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room (Feb. 6 in J Program Room)
This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed should bring copies.

Journal Writer’s Group
Tuesday February 27, 7-9:00pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Drop-in or join the group as we discuss and discover the many ways to journal for personal growth and enrichment.

Veterans Coffee Hour
Friday February 16, 9:30-10:30am – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
All Vets are welcome to join us for free coffee and light refreshments at this monthly event.

Adult Coloring Night
First and Third Thursdays of the Month, 6:30-8:30pm – Main Library, Homework Center
Join us for coloring, tea, and music. We provide colored pencils and coloring pages, or bring your own materials.

Healthy Living Series
Winter classes as part of this series:
Stretch and Meditate beginning on Tuesday February 13, 1:30-2:15pm, McAuliffe Branch Library
Qi Gong beginning on Friday February 23, 2-3:00pm, Main Library
Low Impact Exercise beginning on Wednesday March 7, 3:15-4:00pm, Callahan Center (535 Union Ave).

Vinylpalooza Party!
Thursday February 22, 6-8:00pm McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Celebrate the return of vinyl by bringing your favorite album from ANY decade, ANY genre! Step up to the mic and tell us what this album means to you and our DJ will spin a track. Wear one of your old concert t-shirts and enter our t-shirt contest. Munch on retro snacks. Featuring DJ Jesse Kaminsky.

Seed Lending Library
In preparation for the Seed Lending Library's third season we have scheduled two seed packaging “parties,” at the Main Library, J Craft Room, on Monday February 12 from 1-3:00pm and at the McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room, on Tuesday February 13 from 7-9:00pm. Preview the seeds we're offering this year and exchange gardening tips.

Stronger

1988: The library, in celebration of its 30th anniversary, presents a film series that commemorates the iconic films of 1988. The series kicks off with the premiere of the original John Waters' Hairspray, followed by Beetlejuice and Bull Durham. This month's screening will be Hairspray, offering a nostalgic look at one of the most beloved comedies of the decade.

Healthy Living Series

Stretch and Meditate, Qi Gong, and Low Impact Exercise classes are available to help you maintain your well-being. These classes are offered at various locations, including the Main Library and Callahan Center.

Vinylpalooza Party!

A vinyl-themed party is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, where you can bring your favorite album from any decade and genre. The DJ will spin tracks based on what you share.

Seed Lending Library

Join the Seed Lending Library for two seed packaging “parties” in February. These events are held at the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch, offering you the opportunity to preview the seeds for the upcoming season and exchange gardening tips.
BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

The Last Painting of Sara De Vos by Dominic Smith
Tuesday February 6, 7:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room
This critically acclaimed novel is a rich and detailed story that connects a 17th-century Dutch painting to its 20th-century American owner and the lonely but fervent art student who makes the life-changing decision to forge it. Led by Liz Fidelier.

CSI–FI

The Bone Clocks by David Mitchell
Wednesday February 14, 7-8:00pm – Main Library, Homework Center
In a series of interlocking stories that traverse the 1980s through the 2040s, The Bone Clocks relates the battle between evil “soul decanters” and the “Night Shift” vigilantes. Mitchell, the author of Cloud Atlas, has written a critically acclaimed novel that combines elements of sci-fi, fantasy, and the supernatural.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Mrs. Poe by Lynn Cullen
Thursday February 15, 10-11:00am – McAuliffe, Community Room
Inspired by literature’s most haunting love triangle, award-winning author Lynn Cullen delivers a pitch-perfect rendering of Edgar Allan Poe, his mistress’s tantalizing confession, and his wife’s frightening obsession. An intelligent and addictive masterpiece of historical fiction. Led by Kim Jung.

MINDFULNESS

How to Train a Wild Elephant: and Other Adventures in Mindfulness by Jan Chozen Bays, MD
Saturday February 24, 10:00am – Main Library, Trustees Room
How restful it is to find a book that guides our untamed minds through waking up to our daily lives. In a series of 53 exercises, you will discover tips, discoveries, and deeper lessons. Meditation will follow.

BOOK SALE!

Saturday February 17 – Main Library
9:30-10:00am: Friends Members Only
10:00am-3:00pm: Open to the public
We will feature paperback fiction in the Library lobby and Young Adult materials in the Bookroom. Because of your support of the Friends, we are able to provide free movies, concerts, museum passes, audio books, CDs, DVDs, Children’s Room apps and many other services to patrons.
Donations are needed and are gratefully accepted during the sale. Smaller donations may also be made at the Main Library during the week. Please check with the Library. Herb Connolly Auto Group has become our newest corporate member. The full list may be found online at the Friends website.

BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES

(Brown Bag Brain Boost)
Join us from 12-1:00pm one Friday a month for an educational and entertaining lunch time program featuring speakers from local businesses and organizations.
The Series is free to the public. Guests are welcome to bring their lunch; refreshments will be provided. Main Library, Costin Room.
FEBRUARY 2: ROAD SCHOLAR
Presented by Donita Brock
MARCH 2: KILL YOUR LAWN
Presented by Mark Richardson of The New England Wild Flower Society

Help Put Our Bookmobile on the Road!
A generous supporter has issued a matching challenge of $20,000 to help the Framingham Public Library Foundation raise money to purchase a Bookmobile. We are grateful to those who have already donated, however, we have not yet met our goal. Please help us bring Library services to people with limited access. The matching challenge ends on February 15. To learn more or to donate, please go to www.fplf.org.

The Homework Center
The Homework Center offers free tutoring for all Framingham students K-12. We are open Monday through Thursday from 2:30-5:30pm, at the Main Library. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

Join the Main Library Knitters every Wednesday and the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month, 10-11:00am! Beginners welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS Grades 6-12

Munchkin 2018! 3:30-5:00pm
Thursday February 1 – Main Library, Costin Room
Thursday February 15 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join us to loot dungeons, fight monsters, and make & break alliances in the pursuit of glory. Also, there will be snacks.

Hip-Hop Dance Workshop
Tuesday February 20, 12-1:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Boston Mobile Dance Studio is taking over the Library during vacation week to teach teens how to pop and lock.
Register online, or call or email Teen Librarian, John Garrigan, at 508-532-5570 x4335 or jgarrigan@minlib.net.

Giant Games
Wednesday February 21, 2-3:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
It’s winter break, which probably means cold and snow outside. Warm up at the Library and play giant Jenga, giant Connect 4, giant checkers and more!

Video Game Hangout
Thursday February 22, 3-5:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Video games are back! Due to popular demand, we’ll be hosting a video game hangout every month from now on. Face off with friends in games of your choosing.

AniManga Club
Saturday February 24, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, J Program Room
We are now hosting an AniManga club for everyone who enjoys all things Anime and Manga.

LVM Literacy Unlimited
We are currently registering for Saturday Conversation Classes! Stop by the office at the Main Library or contact us at 508-532-5574 or fplmail4@minlib.net.

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!
Main Library Special Events

Special Play Space Activities Funded in part by a LSTA grant awarded from the MBLC. Thursdays 6-8:00pm and Fridays 11:00am-1:00pm, J Room. Preschool ages. Drop in to play with the additional, rotating stations in our new Play Space. Check out our Facebook page to discover which rotating station we will showcase each week.

Movie Matinee: Akeelah and the Bee (Rated PG for some language) Saturday February 3, 2-4:00pm, Costin Room. Ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. Registration required.

Mother Goose on the Loose! Continues Wednesdays February 7-February 28, 10:15-10:45am, J Program Room. Ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. Registration required.

Origami Workshop Series Wednesdays February 14 and 28, 4:15-5:00pm, J Craft Room. Ages 7+. We will be folding animals and geometric shapes. Led by Lucas Gustafson, a middle schooler who is a longtime member of the Origami Club at MIT.

Book Bingo Friday February 16, 3-4:00pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Prizes, laughs, and books!

VACATION WEEK

Makers’ Pop-Up Workshop Saturday February 17, 3-4:30pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Join us as we make Mancala boards for an ancient game first enjoyed in Africa!

KEVA Plank Building Tuesday February 20, 10:00am-12:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages. Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with KEVA planks.

StoryWalk with Craft: The Hallelujah Flight Wednesday February 21, 11:00am-12:00pm or 5:30-6:30pm. All ages. Meet in the Children's Room for a new librarian-led StoryWalk around the Library. Finish with an airplane activity in the Craft Room! StoryWalk will be up until March 17!

Special Storycraft: The Skin on My Chin – Read by author Michelle Chalmers Friday February 23, 10-11:00am, J Program Room. Ages 5+. A program that explores diversity, ancestry, and conversation about skin, followed by a craft.

Open Lego Saturday February 24, 2-4:00pm, J Craft Room. Grades K+. Make something creative with our supplied LEGOs! Use our idea books or design your own.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

Celebrating African American Authors Fridays February 2 and 9, 3:30-4:15pm, Community Room. Family event. Cheryl Brown, local professor, will read and share her favorite authors and illustrators, and their stories with families.

Vacation Week Duct Tape Craft Thursday February 22, 2-3:00pm, Craft Room. Grades K+. Use duct tape to create a treasure box or something of your own design.

Empow Studios Video Game Design Workshop Friday February 16, 10:00am-12:00pm, Community Room. Grades 2-5. Registration required. Envision and create your own video game.