AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Join us as we celebrate African American/Black History Month with a variety of programs.

Wednesday February 6, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
From Slavery to Freedom: A Slave Narrative of Aunt Sally Williams as recorded by Edna Dean Proctor
Edna Dean Proctor, buried in Framingham, spent many years at the New York home of publisher Henry Bowen. When Aunt Sally showed up at Bowen’s offices in 1857, Edna was asked to record her story of slavery to freedom. Storyteller Libby Franck will portray abolitionist Edna Dean Proctor and Adrienne Williams will sing songs of the period. In collaboration with the Framingham History Center.

Tuesday February 19, 7-8:45pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Documentary: No Short Climb: “Race Workers” and America’s Defense Technology
Framingham State University Professor Robert Johnson, Jr. will screen his film and discuss the important contributions made to science and technology by African-Americans prior to and during WWII.

Wednesday February 27, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
The Kevin Harris Project presents “Embers”
New York-based jazz pianist Kevin Harris presents a timely performance. It’s easy for many to ignore racism, classism, sexism, and the likes when it takes place in much poorer neighborhoods, countries, and continents, outside of our comfort zones. These compositions are not about blame or taking sides…just the courageous ability to say and do what is right. Kevin will be joined by Zach Lober on Acoustic Bass and Tyson Jackson on drums.

Thursday February 28, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: Black Writers and Boston Publishing – At the Turn of the 20th Century
African American literature was just beginning to attract national attention. Black writers published their work for a predominantly white audience. This talk, presented by Dr. Lucas Dietrich, Visiting Lecturer, Framingham State University, explores two important authors, W.E.B. DuBois and Charles W. Chesnutt, who were both published by Boston’s Houghton Mifflin & Co.

Freedom’s Agenda: African-American Petitions to the Massachusetts Government 1600–1900
Month long exhibit – February 1-28 – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
Come see this unique exhibit of anti-slavery and anti-segregation legislative petitions, from the Commonwealth Museum.

COMING MARCH 3-7
Sunday Concert Series: Greater Worcester Opera – Leonard Bernstein’s Broadway March 3, 3pm – Main Library
Lifelong Learning Lecture: Art of Ancient Peru March 7, 7pm – Main Library
Poetry Workshop
Tuesdays February 5, 12, 19
and 26, 7-9pm –
Main Library,
Trustees Room
Led by Alan Feldman,
Professor Emeritus at
Framingham State Univ.
This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed should bring copies.

Stretch and Meditate
with Laila Vehvilainen
Tuesdays February 5,
12 and 26, 1-1:45pm –
Christa McAuliffe
Branch Library,
Community Room

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.

Films

Friday Night Flicks: The Wife
(2018) 1 hr. 40 min. Rated R
Friday February 8, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Enter on the Lexington Street side between 6:30-7:15pm.
Glenn Close stars as a wife who questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is slated to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Films Around the World
Series: Humanity in Close-up
Discussion Leader: Dr. Arthur Nolletti, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University

Aftermath (Poklosie) (2013) 110 min.
Monday February 11, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Called “the most controversial Polish film ever,” this stunning thriller focuses on two brothers who uncover a dark secret about their family’s history and their country’s past. Polish with English subtitles.

Close-Up (Namaye-e Nazdik) (1990) 98 min.
Monday February 25, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room
A fascinating investigation into the nature of identity, this film combines real documentary footage and fictional reenactments to tell the story of a young man who impersonates his idol, Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf. Persian with English subtitles.

Celebrating the Fandom Life
Featuring Documentary Filmmaker Hansi Oppenheimer
Saturday February 9, 2-4pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Hansi Oppenheimer, Director of the documentary series “Squee!” will be screening her film as well as shorts from other women directors that examine what it means to be part of the Fandom Life. Artist Kat Ell and costume player Chana Odom will be joining us for a discussion following the films. Costumes encouraged! Refreshments served.

Sunday Concert Series: Matt Graybil and Rhiannon Banerdt
Sunday February 24, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Graybil has performed as a recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician throughout North America and Europe. Banerdt is the assistant concertmaster with the Cape Symphony, on the violin faculty at Bloomingdale School of Music and a violinist for the Ulysses String Quartet in New York City. Together, they represent a small but mighty group of emerging musicians who are eager to keep classical music relevant—particularly to young ears. “Music represents who someone is, and that’s sort of the central question for a young person exploring different aspects of their identity,” Banerdt says. “Music is about personal expression, and that’s something we all share.” They will be performing works by Chopin, de Falla, Saint Saens and Prokofiev. Refreshments.

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

Doggos Drop-In
Monday February 11, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Join us for our second Doggos Drop-In. Pets and People Foundation will return with their lovable pets to help you de-stress after a long day. This month’s program will feature board games. Drop in to play a game and pet a pup. Look forward to Mondays again. No registration necessary. Geared towards ages 20 and up.
Framingham Community
Song Circle
Saturdays at 3-4:45pm
February 16 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
March 16 – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

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

The Seed Lending Library
Re-opening at both Libraries on March 2! The Seed Lending Library has scheduled three seed-packaging “parties” in preparation for their re-opening and is looking for volunteers.
Monday February 11, 1-3pm
Main Library, Children’s Craft Room
Thursday February 14, 7-8:30pm
McAuliffe Branch Library, Craft Room
Wednesday February 27, 7-8:30pm
Main Library, Children’s Craft Room

Citizenship Corner News
Are you interested in becoming a citizen? Come to a workshop on Tuesday February 19, 7-8:30pm in the Citizenship Corner (Framingham Main Library, 3rd floor). We will review eligibility to apply, documents needed to apply, how to file your application, and more!

BOOK SALE!
Saturday February 16
– Main Library
9:30am-3pm: Open to Friends Members
10am-3pm: Open to the Public
Most Books $1.00 or less, Children’s $.50 or less, single DVDs $2.00
3 Rooms + the lobby chock full of books
This month we have an assortment of interesting and diverse books at $2.00 each in our lobby. We are also featuring DVDs in our lobby 2 for $1.00. We have a huge children’s section, books of all genres, and a selection of foreign books.
Because of your support of the Friends, we are able to provide free movies, concerts, programs, museum passes, audio books, CDs, Children’s Room apps and more.

Making Sparks Creativity
The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to equip a Makerspace in the Main Library. Makerspace visitors will be able to learn, collaborate and create using 3D printers, textiles, coding software and devices, electronic components, building equipment, photography equipment, and craft materials.
To help us reach our $27,000 target, please send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702 or donate online at www.fplf.org. For more information call or email Ruth Winett, 508-877-1938 or rwinett@rcn.com.

U.S. Civics and American History Class
Thursdays, March 7-May 16, 6-8pm
Intermediate Level English Speakers
Participants must be eligible for citizenship to attend. Registration required. Contact the Literacy Office to register.

LVM Literacy Unlimited
Are you interested in tutoring with Literacy Unlimited? Come to an information session to find out more about our adult tutoring program! Wednesday March 6, 5:30-7:30pm, Framingham Main Library, Trustees Room.
Training for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) will meet Wednesdays, March 13 to April 17, 5:30-8:30pm in the Trustees Room.
We require registration for the 6-week tutor training. Please see the website https://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/become-a-tutor/ for more information and to register.

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY, BOOK LOVERS!
Purchase copies of the Book Lover’s Journal for only $7.00 each. Created by the Journal Writer’s Group of the Framingham Public Library, with generous support from the Friends of the Framingham Library, this 76-page journal is a unique gift for readers and writers, and you’ll be supporting your Library, too.
Available only at the Main Library and the McAuliffe Branch Library. Quantities are limited, so buy your copy today—cash or check made payable to Friends of the Framingham Library.
For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
**February Break Movies**

**Mission: Impossible – Fallout** – Tuesday February 19, 1-4pm – McAuliffe Library, Community Room

**Venom** – Wednesday February 20, 1-4pm – Main Library, Costin Room

It’s February Break week, so let’s watch some movies! Join us for either or both!

**Duct Tape Wallets (& More!)
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Thursday February 21, 1-3pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Who doesn’t want a wallet covered in rubber duckies or galaxies? Join us to make your own, or anything else you can think of using duct tape.

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**AniManga Club**

Saturday February 2, 1:30-3:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room

AniManga club is for everyone who enjoys all things Anime and Manga. We’ll be watching an assortment of your favorite anime TV shows, and eating some delicious Japanese snacks.

**Video Game Hangout**

Thursday February 14, 3-5pm – Main Library, Costin Room

It’s Valentine’s Day, and the last day of school before February break! Celebrate at the Library with video games and snacks!

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**Book Groups**

**MAIN LIBRARY** *(Please note location this month)*

**Nora Webster** by Colm Tóibín

Tuesday February 5, 7:15pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us to discuss this “luminous” novel (Jennifer Egan, *The New York Times Book Review*) from one of contemporary literature’s bestsellers, critically acclaimed, and beloved authors. *Nora Webster* is about a fiercely compelling young widow navigating grief, fear, and longing, and finding her own voice —“heartrendingly transcendant” (*The New York Times*, Janet Maslin).

**SCI-FI Book Discussion and Movie!**

**The Martian** by Andy Weir

Wednesday February 13, 6-9pm – Main Library, Trustees Room

Six days after astronaut Mark Watney joins a team on Mars, a severe dust storm strikes, leaving him stranded alone and without communications. While NASA concocts a rescue plan, Watney applies a combination of true grit, engineering skills, and ingenuity to survive until help arrives. Book discussion from 6-6:40pm, movie *The Martian* (2015, 2 hr. 21 min., rated PG-13) from 6:40-9pm. Led by Marcy Maiorana.

**MINDFULNESS**

**An Appeal to the World: The Way to Peace in a Time of Division – His Holiness the Dalai Lama with Frank Alt**

Saturday February 16, 10am – Main Library, Children’s Program Room

In *An Appeal to the World*, the Dalai Lama inspires us and reminds us of our common humanity. He urges us to transcend our religious leanings and proposes secular ethics as the pathway to changing the world. Are we truly one in our pursuit of joy, in our wish to live in a more peaceful world? Reading this book will make you thankful for the Dalai Lama’s loving voice in these times of divisiveness. Join our book discussion followed by a short meditation. Led by Harriet Weiner.

**MCAULIFFE BRANCH**

**The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick

Thursday February 21, 10-11am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Arthur Pepper is merely existing one year after the death of his wife—dutifully rising at the same hour, wearing the same clothes, and watering his plant. He remains in this emotional stasis until the discovery of a gold charm bracelet that belonged to his wife, which launches him on a mission to uncover the secret life his wife led prior to their marriage. Led by Marcy Maiorana.

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**Veterans Coffee Hour**

Friday February 15, 9:30-10:30am – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

All Vets are welcome to join us for free coffee and light refreshments.

**Ongoing Food Drive at the Main Library**

Please consider donating to our food drive to support the Hope Worldwide Framingham Food Pantry! If you prefer to write a check, you can mail it to: Hope Worldwide Food Pantry, 214 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702. THANK YOU!
Main Library Special Events

Dads, Donuts and Discoveries
Saturday February 2, 10-11am, Costin Room. All ages.
Bond with your dad (and with donuts) through stories and songs and while discovering new friends and activities. Mothers, siblings and other family members welcome!

Movie Matinee: *The Princess and the Frog* (2009) 98 minutes, rated G.
Saturday February 2, 2-4pm, Children’s Program Room. All ages at parents’ discretion.
Prince Naveen is transformed into a frog by a magician. Waitress Tiana follows suit when she kisses the amphibian royalty. With the help of a trumpet-playing alligator, a Cajun firefly, and an old blind lady, they must race to break the spell and fulfill their dreams.

Valentine’s Day Open Craft
Saturday February 9, 10am-3pm, Children’s Craft Room. All ages.
Drop in and make some handmade Valentines for your friends and family. Or some sweet room decorations!

Origami Club
We will be folding a variety of animals and geometric shapes. Led by Lucas Gustafson, a high schooler who started folding at the age of 6 and is a longtime member of the Origami Club at MIT.

Bookmarkers
Thursday February 28, 7-7:30pm, Children’s Program Room. Grades 3-5.
Enjoy reading by meeting with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together. You’ll increase your comprehension, discuss what you know, and turn reading into a social activity that encourages more reading.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

Open Play
Saturday February 2, 10-11:30am, Craft Room. All ages.
Drop in and make something creative with Keva Planks, Legos, Magnatiles, and more!

Valentine’s Day Open Craft
Thursday February 14, 3:30-4:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 4+.
Join us on Valentine's Day to create your own Love Bug craft.

VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Keva Plank Build
Tuesday February 19, 10am-12noon, Children’s Craft Room. Grades K+.
Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with the deceptively simple KEVA planks. Come amaze us with your creations!

Makers’ Workshop
Thursday February 21, 2-3:30pm, Children’s Craft Room. Ages 5+.
Escape from the winter doldrums with a fun and colorful flower making craft! There will be three paper flower tutorials but you are welcome to come up with your own, unique, flower.

Secrets of the Super Heroes
Friday February 22, 3-4pm, Costin Room. Ages 6-106!
Question: What’s the difference between Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel, and Captain Marvel? And where does Captain Marvel Jr. fit in? Find out this and much more by attending this super event hosted by Marvel freelancer and Framingham Public Library employee Dana Perkins! SHAZAM!

Open LEGO
Saturday February 23, 2-4pm, Children’s Craft Room. Grades K+.
Drop in and make something creative with our supplied LEGOs. Use our idea books or design you own.

VACATION WEEK MOVIE

Snowtime! (2015) 82 min., rated PG for mild thematic elements and rude humor).
Friday February 22, 2-3:30pm, Community Room. All Ages at parents discretion. Bring your own snacks.
The kids in a small village decide to have a massive snowball fight. The winning side gets to occupy an elaborate snow fort, but a more serious conflict arises. Can they work things out and become friends again?

Find more details on our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org/kids-teens/kids/
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS FEBRUARY 2019
See more details on page 1 and below

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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• Weekly Story Time 10-10:20am, McAuliffe

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10-10:30am, McAuliffe

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• Mother Goose 10:15-10:45am, McAuliffe

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• Weekly Story Time 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Play Space Activities 6-8pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Play Space Activities 6-8pm, Main

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• Play Space Activities 11am-1pm, Main

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• Valentine’s Day Open Craft
10am-3pm, Main
• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10:30-11am, Main

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• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 2-3pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10-10:20am, McAuliffe

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Lincoln’s Birthday
• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10-10:30am, McAuliffe
• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 6-7pm, Main

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• Mother Goose 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Origami Club 4:15-5pm, Main

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Valentine’s Day
• Weekly Story Time 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Open Craft 3:30-4:30pm, McAuliffe
• Play Space Activities 6-8pm, Main

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10:30-11am, Main
• Play Space Activities 11am-1pm, Main

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• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 10-11am, McAuliffe

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Both Libraries Closed

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10:10-10:30am, McAuliffe
• Keva Planks 10am-Noon, Main

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• Mother Goose 10:15-10:45am, Main
• (Program Full)
• Origami Club 4:15-5pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Makers’ Workshop 2-3:30pm, Main
• Play Space Activities 6-8pm, Main

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Washington’s Birthday
• Play Space Activities 11am-1pm, Main
• Movie Matinee: Windy 2-3:30pm, Main

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10:30-11am, Main
• Open Lego 2-4pm, Main

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• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 2-3pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10-10:20am, McAuliffe

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10-10:30am, McAuliffe

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• Mother Goose 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Origami Club 4:15-5pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10:15-10:45am, Main
• Play Space Activities 6-8pm, Main
• Bookmarks (3-5) 7-7:30pm, Main

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• Weekly Story Time 10-10:20am, Main
• Play Space Activities 11am-1pm, Main

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• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 10-11am, McAuliffe

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• Drop-in Baby Lapsit 10-10:30am, Main
• Open Play 10-11:30am, McAuliffe
• Movie Matinee: Princess and the Frog 2-4pm, Main
• Book Buddy Reading to Dogs 3-4pm, Main

Main Library Ongoing Events

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

Mother Goose on the Loose
Wednesdays February 6-27, 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. Registration required. PROGRAM FULL Rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more.

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

McAuliffe Branch Ongoing Events

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

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

Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs
Saturday February 2, 3-4pm, Sundays February 10 and 24, 2-3pm, and Tuesday February 12, 6-7pm, all ages. Registration required. Call 508-532-5570 x4 or drop by to sign up for a 15 minute slot. Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your Book Buddy. Certified Reading/Therapy Dogs listen as children read.

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

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