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## AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join us as we celebrate African American/Black History Month.

### THE EVOLUTION OF HIP-HOP POLITICS: From Conscious Hip-Hop to Presidential Elections

Tuesday February 16, 7pm, Online via Zoom

**GUEST SPEAKER: Bakari Kitwana**

A contributor to the newly released anthology *400 Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* (edited by Dr. Ibram Kendi and Dr. Keisha Blain), hip-hop author and activist Bakari Kitwana will speak on his essay, "The Convergence of Civil Rights/ Black Power and Hip-Hop 1984-1989," which documents the evolution of Black political thought from the Baby Boom generation to the Hip-Hop generation. **Dr. Maytha Alhassen** hosts the program. Email [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com) by 5pm on February 16 to register and receive the Zoom invitation.



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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, including about Covid-19

### 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.



### SUNDAY CONCERT: Jason Amos and Betsy Hinkle of the Boston Public Quartet

Sunday February 21, 3pm, Facebook Live:

[www.facebook.com/framinghamlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/framinghamlibrary) No registration required.

At home performing on a street corner in Mattapan Square or the Kennedy Center in DC, the Boston Public Quartet was created to connect, inspire and innovate as an ensemble-

in-residence in Boston's diverse neighborhoods. The BPQ is dedicated to presenting rarely heard and underrepresented composers alongside the traditional canon of classical chamber music. Violaist Jason Amos and Violinist Betsy Hinkle will perform works by W.A. Mozart, Adolphus Hailstork, Franz Schubert, and Jessie Montgomery.

The series is sponsored in part by Middlesex Savings Bank, Metro Credit Union, Brookdale Cushing Park, Roche Bros., Law Office of Framingham Attorney Jeffrey M. Steinberg, St. Mary's Credit Union, and Friends of the Framingham Library.



## LIFELONG LEARNING LECTURE: Racism and American Financial Systems

Thursday February 25, 7pm, Online via Zoom

**GUEST SPEAKER: Kimberly Atkins, Senior Opinion Writer, Boston Globe and MSNBC Contributor**

This lecture examines how racism in everything from home lending, student loans, access to business capital and investing for retirement is at the foundation of American financial systems. Please see page 3 for all February Lifelong Learning Lectures.

Email [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com) to register for our Lifelong Learning Lecture Series and receive the Zoom invitation. All requests to register must be received by 5pm on the day of a lecture to receive the link. **NOTE: If you registered for the Fall 2020 series, you do not need to re-register.**



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State University



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### Rising to the Challenge: Adapting to Life in a Changing Climate

Please join us on Monday February 22 for the first program in this series about understanding, preparing for, mitigating and adapting to climate change.

[Details on page 3.](#)

**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.

Please see [page 5](#) and our [Children's pages](#) for online resources.

## 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](http://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:** Closed Monday February 15 for Presidents' Day.

### 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.

#### Visit Info Hub



**Framingham PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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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.

[framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub](http://framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub)



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# INFO HUB



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 that you can check out with your library card.

[framinghamlibrary.org/browse/libraryofthings](http://framinghamlibrary.org/browse/libraryofthings)

**Library of Things**

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## STEP INTO OUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY!

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

- Browse nonfiction on the shelves of our Library within our online catalog
- Explore new materials in Wowbrary
- Book recommendations
- Snapshots of staff-curated display tables
- Book bundles for adults and children

[CLICK HERE TO START BROWSING](#)



## JOIN US FOR THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

[CLICK HERE](#) for our Online Events Calendar, including Young Adult and Children's events.

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## BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday February 5, 12-1pm

Please email [brownbagprogram49@gmail.com](mailto:brownbagprogram49@gmail.com) by 9am on February 5 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

### Thriving in the New Normal

**Presented by: Christopher Hauck, D.C.**

Is your stress level through the roof? Has your home and work life started blending together? We have learned that each day is unpredictable, and we aren't the only ones affected—our kids are struggling too. It's no longer enough to be surviving; we need to start thriving. Join Dr. Hauck as he discusses these topics:



- Working, learning, and teaching from your computer
- Better strategies for bigger challenges
- Stress reduction and effective recovery strategies
- Navigating through adversity



## RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE: Adapting to Life in a Changing Climate

Monday February 22 – Tuesday April 20

This series is brought to you by the Framingham Public Library in partnership with **Energize Framingham**.

We hope that these programs and events help Framingham residents, young and old, to understand, prepare for, mitigate and adapt to climate change.



**Resilient Communities**  
LIBRARIES RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**Monday February 22, 7pm** – Virtual screening of *Decoding the Weather Machine*. Many scientists agree that the Earth is warming and it is a result of the weather and climate machine called Earth. Join scientists as they travel the globe to see the real and demonstrable effects of climate change. A NOVA production. [REGISTER HERE](#) by 9am on February 22 for the Zoom link.



**Tuesday February 23, 9am** – ACTIVITY KIT: Energy Star's *How Big is Your Carbon Footprint?* Supplies limited. Instructions available in English only. [CLICK HERE](#) to register and reserve your kit starting on February 16.

[LOOK HERE](#) for the complete schedule of programs and events.

*Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change is a pilot program of the American Library Association.*

## Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Winter-Spring 2021

This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series **via Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library. The Winter-Spring series runs from January 28 to May 6. [LOOK HERE](#) for the complete schedule and descriptions.



**Framingham State University**



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Email [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com) to register for our *Lifelong Learning Lecture Series* and receive the Zoom invitation. All requests to register must be received by 5pm on the day of a lecture to receive the link. **NOTE: If you registered for the Fall 2020 series, you do not need to re-register.**

### February 4 – Prospects for the Biden Administration

**GUEST SPEAKER: Jack Beatty, News Analyst for NPR and WBUR's On Point**

### February 25 – Racism and American Financial Systems

**GUEST SPEAKER: Kimberly Atkins, Senior Opinion Writer, Boston Globe and MSNBC Contributor**

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

## Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Tuesdays,  
February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 7:30pm  
**PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME**

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](mailto:FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com) by noon on the day of the workshop.



## Tea & Talk Tuesdays

**Discussion Topic: The Surprising Science of Alpha Males, TED Talk by Frans de Waal**

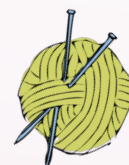
Tuesday February 23, 3-4pm – Online via Zoom

Based on extensive research on chimpanzees, biologist and primatologist Frans de Waal draws fascinating parallels between alpha males in human and chimpanzee societies. De Waal's often humorous observations shatter some commonly held myths about alpha males and compel you to examine the qualities that constitute effective leadership. Let's discuss how this talk confirmed or upended your prior beliefs about alpha males and then consider these concepts in the context of leadership in today's tumultuous world. Before you join us for the discussion, we invite you to watch the TED Talk [HERE](#). Email us at [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com) to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

## Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

Mondays 11am-12pm (except Feb. 15) 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](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) for the program link to join either or both days.



## MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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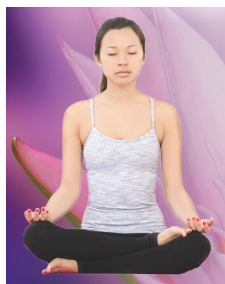
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## Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday February 18, 11am,  
Email [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com) for an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

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.

Leslie will teach valuable techniques to help you learn to release, relax and reinvigorate your mind. *With Love and Gratitude* is a nonprofit organization dedicated to service and education.



**About Leslie Gabriele:** Leslie founded *With Love and Gratitude* in 2001. Leslie is a clairaudient, clairsentient, clairrempath "energetic catalyst" who is trained in multiple healing modalities. Leslie's work is guided in the moment, done without attachment. Visit her website at [www.withloveandgratitude.com](http://www.withloveandgratitude.com).

## LVM Literacy Unlimited



Literacy Unlimited is now virtual and offering ESOL Conversation Classes and Tutoring remotely. Check out our website

[framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/).

- We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability.
- There will be a training in March for new ESOL tutors. Let us know if you are interested in attending an information session on **Thursday February 18 at 2pm** by emailing [fplmail4@minilib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minilib.net).

For new tutors or students, please register **HERE** or contact us at 508-532-5574 or at [fplmail4@minilib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minilib.net).

## BOOK GROUPS

### MAIN / McAULIFFE

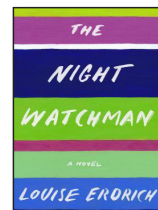
#### *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

(Available in our catalog in print and on CD, and as an eBook and audiobook on OverDrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday February 2, 7-8pm

Written by one of our most important Native American voices, *The Night Watchman* is based on the life of the author's grandfather, a tribal leader and night watchman from North Dakota who took the fight against Native dispossession to Washington D.C. "A knowing, loving evocation of people trying to survive with their personalities and traditions intact." – Kirkus Reviews. Please email [framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com) by noon on February 2 for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our March 2 discussion is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See.



#### *The Woman Who Smashed Codes: a True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies* by Jason Fagone

(Available in our catalog in print and audiobook, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday February 9, 7-8pm

The story of Elizabeth Smith, one of the founders of modern code breaking, reads like an espionage thriller. From World War I to the Cold War, her role in intercepting and decoding messages, to catching gangsters and smugglers and exposing a Nazi spy ring, is riveting. She and her husband, William Friedman, were important parts of American national security history. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email [lgoldberg@minilib.net](mailto:lgoldberg@minilib.net) for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our March 9 discussion is *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict.



#### Choose Any Modern Retelling of *Romeo & Juliet*

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday February 16, 7-8pm

This February, join us for an unconventional Book Group discussion! Choose any modern retelling of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and we'll be discussing the books which were chosen. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email [framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our March 16 discussion is *The Space Between Worlds* by Micaiah Johnson.



### SCI-FI

#### *Mars* by Ben Bova (in memoriam)

(Available in our catalog in print and as an eBook or audiobook on Hoopla)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Wednesday, February 10, 7-8pm

Jamie Waterman, a Native American geologist, is chosen at the last minute for the first manned exploration of the planet Mars. On touchdown, he makes a political mistake that sets off a chain reaction among the leaders and politicians on Earth. Thus starts Bova's sprawling space opera in which the expedition is really the protagonist, not the international cast of characters. Led by Lucy Loveridge, Library Liaison. Please email [lloveridge@minilib.net](mailto:lloveridge@minilib.net) to receive the Zoom invitation.

The title for our March 10 discussion is *Zed* by Joanna Kavenna.



## Citizenship Corner



Applying for US Citizenship? **Literacy Unlimited** is offering a 12-week class to help you to prepare for the Naturalization test and interview. The program will review American History and Civics, and questions and terms you need to know to successfully complete the process.

The program will begin in **February 2021** and be held on **Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm**. You must be at least an intermediate level English speaker to benefit from the class. Classes will be held using Zoom, so access to a computer will be most beneficial.

For more information, please contact the Literacy program at [fplmail4@minilib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minilib.net) or 508-532-5574.



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[CLICK HERE](#) for our Online Events Calendar, including Young Adult and Children's events.

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

Make an appointment for one-on-one **Resume Help and Job Searching Strategies**.

Thursdays February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9am-1:30pm, via Zoom\*

Please email [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) for your appointment.

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



## Coming soon to YouTube!

## fplkitchen

**fpl kitchen** is a new video series run by the Framingham Public Library where we'll teach you how to cook, bake, and blend lots of delicious food! We'll try to keep both the instructions and ingredients simple so that anyone can make these dishes alongside us. The first video will be arriving shortly, so we hope you enjoy watching us and eating the tasty treats you make!

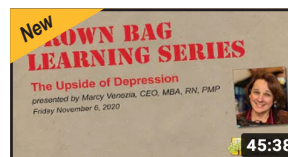


This program is supported in part by a grant from the Framingham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

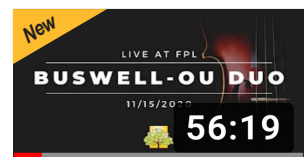


## Check out our YouTube Channel

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



Watch a selection of Brown Bag programs & Lifelong Learning Lectures.



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.



PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!

## 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:

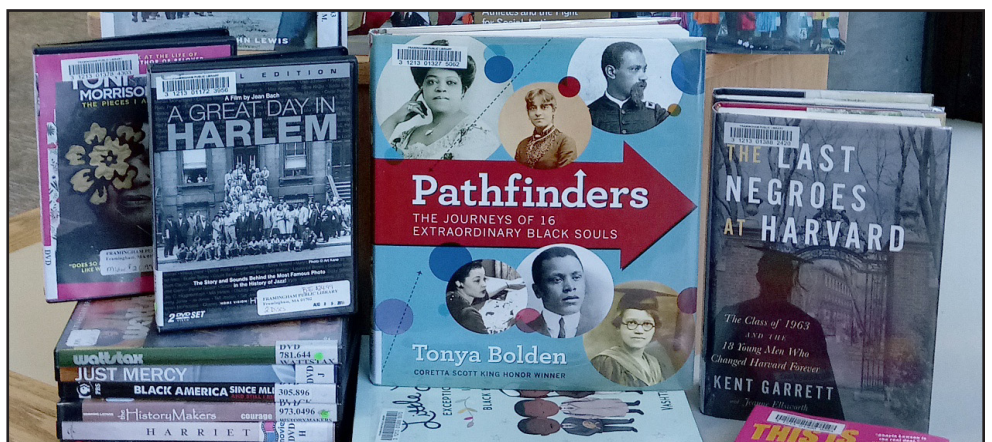
Downloadable resources from Hoopla, Libby/Overdrive and Kanopy.

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.](#)

Please see our website for a special **Black History Month** collection.



**"Browse"** our **Black History Month Display Table**.

[CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles and more.

For more information please visit our website: [www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org)

# ONLINE RESOURCES GUIDE [www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

## 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](http://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](http://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

### Libby

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

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

\*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.



# STAFF RECOMMENDS

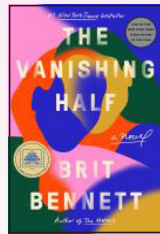
Here are some recommendations from our staff that you can find on our [digital resources](#), or in print from [our catalog](#).

## BOOKS

### **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett

Available on OverDrive as an eBook and audiobook, and in our catalog

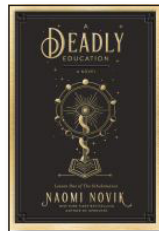
This *New York Times* Bestseller is a stunning portrait of a set of twins, who run away from their village in America's Deep South to California. A family drama, stretched over many years, about racial identity, sisterhood and systemic racism, that points out you can escape your village but you cannot escape your history. This very well-written story made me think a lot about family tabus and how to overcome them, or not...  
– Brigitte



### **A Deadly Education** by Naomi Novik

Available on OverDrive as an eBook and audiobook and in our catalog.

Galadriel (or El) has been at the Scholomance, an automated school for teenage wizards that is a far cry from Hogwarts since it exists in the Void for their protection as well as their education with no teachers or other adults around, for three years—fighting for her life every day against Maleficaria and checking for tainted food, as well as taking classes in languages, artifice and alchemy. And no one has helped her at all. True, they're fighting for their own lives, too, but no one can survive graduation on their own so Galadriel needs to make some alliances before her senior year, and it's not looking good. Then Orion, the class hero, saves her life. But only losers need their lives saved so Orion is ruining her reputation and not doing her any favors; she could have saved herself. Thus begins an exploration of the nuanced social structure inside a very unusual high school within a very unfair society and an exciting new fantasy series. – Lucy



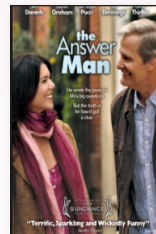
## MOVIE

### **The Answer Man**

(2009) 97 mins. Rated R for language.

Available on Kanopy, Hoopla, and on DVD in our catalog.

*The Answer Man*, starring two of my personal favorites, Jeff Daniels and Lauren Graham, is not your typical Rom-com. When Arlen, a world famous author and self imposed hermit goes to a chiropractor, Elizabeth, for an emergency adjustment, the journey begins—for both of them. With side stories effortlessly woven in, this movie is all at once sweet, sad, heartbreaking and heartwarming with a hopeful if not fairytale happy ending. Daniels and Graham did not disappoint. I was sorry to say goodbye to these characters at the movie's conclusion. – Kiera



## MOVIE

### **Just Mercy**

(2019) 136 mins. Rated PG-13.

Available on DVD and Blu-Ray in our catalog.

This prison/courtroom adaptation of the 2014 memoir by civil rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson stars Jamie Foxx and Michael B. Jordan. The movie was tense and moving, largely due to the great performances by Jordan and Foxx, and how it presents racial injustice and those on death row. It does justice to the memoir by remaining largely accurate to the information around the main case the film primarily features. – Jillian



Please see our website for a special **Black History Month** collection.



**NOW IN OUR PRINT COLLECTION!** Dr. Helen Heneiman, Professor Emerita, Framingham State University has written a mystery novel set in part in the English Lake Country, with visits to sites associated with William Wordsworth, the Brontes and Virginia Woolf. Inspired by the author's own leading of tours in this beautiful part of England, *In England Now That Murder's There* will be of particular interest to those who attended our November Lifelong Learning lecture on Wordsworth, who might enjoy another look at that landscape in the pages of a novel.



**"Browse" our February Love Is in the Air Display Table.**

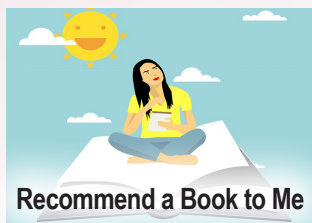
[CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles.

Please see our **Black History Month Display Table** on [page 5](#).

**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



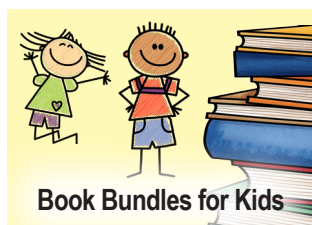
Food Lovers Books



Create and Decorate



Magazines



Book Bundles for Kids



## Framingham Public Library Foundation News

The donations are pouring in, but we still need your help! Help us create a state-of-the-art Teen Room in the Main Library.

Let's give 6th-12th graders a place where they can study, play games, find books and videos—or hang out with friends.

To donate, please go to [www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/](http://www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/) or mail a check to the FPLF,

49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, contact Ruth Winett at 508-877-1938 or [rwinnett@rcn.com](mailto:rwinnett@rcn.com).

## 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.



## Adult Coloring

Let's remember to take care of ourselves. Coloring is an enjoyable way to relieve stress. Get cozy with a warm blanket, a hot cup of tea and some coloring pages. [CLICK HERE](#).



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



## SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR THE LIBRARY – JOIN THE FRIENDS!

The Friends support book purchases and the Library's initiatives—Sunday concerts, adult and children's programs, meditation, yoga, and more. With no book sales, we are relying on memberships, special fundraisers, and donations to raise money. We hope you'll join us! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to become a member. (Memberships run from July to June.)

## Last chance to order fudge from the Fudge Lady!

The Friends has partnered with **The Fudge Lady in Uxbridge** to sell a variety of her delicious and decadent fudge. Satisfy your sweet tooth or buy a special gift for friends and family. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Last day to order is February 5.



*The Fudge Lady*  
Handmade Specialty Fudge

## Book Sale in a Bag

Missing the Friends monthly book sales? You can buy a bag of books for just \$10. Choose your selections by author, title, subject, or genre. We have Adults, Young Adults, Children, English and a few other languages, and we will create a bag just for you. We even have DVDs and some puzzles. For more information and to place an order, please email Marsha Farnelant at [mfarnelant@aol.com](mailto:mfarnelant@aol.com) or call 508-875-1918.

## 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!).





# YOUNG ADULTS

## GRADES 6-12

### FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

#### Among Us Game Time!

Saturday February 13, 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.*

#### Take & Make Meal: Overnight Oats (w/ Chia Seeds!)

Pick up anytime in February  
**LIMITED SUPPLIES – Register to reserve your kit**

Don't want to make breakfast in the morning? Throw together a quick jar of overnight oats the night before, and have a tasty meal waiting for you when you wake up!



#### Take & Make Kit: Homemade Lip Balm

Pick up anytime in February  
**LIMITED SUPPLIES – Register to reserve your kit**

The weather is cold and dry, but lip balm can be expensive. Learn how to make your own with our next Take & Make kit!



#### Tween Take & Make Kit: Macrame Jar Hangers

Monday February 22

Ages 11-14. Registration Required.

**Signups begin on Monday February 15**  
**Pickups begin on Monday February 22.**

Make a DIY mini macrame jar hanger using minimal macrame knots. Perfect for beginners to macrame! All supplies included in a kit available for pickup at the Main and McAuliffe branches. **Please REGISTER HERE and schedule a time to pick up your kit.**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Events at Framingham State University

##### Arts & Ideas – Spring 2021

Framingham State University is proud to present **Arts & Ideas Spring 2021:**

must-see speakers, performances,



**Framingham**  
State University

exhibitions and films, focusing on the theme of the public self. All events are free and open to the public. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



##### AstroNights LIVE

Friday February 19, 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.

### 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](http://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.](#)



## Homework Center News

The **Homework Center** is offering a **VIRTUAL STEM THEMED WORKSHOP SERIES** for girls, grades 3-8. Each program will include fun hands-on activities and games.



### GRADES 3-5

#### WORKSHOP #1: Clever Computer

**Coders:** Learn all about computer programming. Write your own code in a beginner coding language called Scratch. Learn about output by looking at and editing a Python program.

**WORKSHOP #2: Silly Scientists:** Watch and try fun science experiments with materials found in your home. See what happens when you poke a pencil through a bag of water and when you try to mix water and oil.

**WORKSHOP #3: Your Future:** Discover some of the many STEM career options. Be inspired by famous women who had or have success in these careers.

### GRADES 6-8:

#### WORKSHOP #1: Passionate Programmers:

Learn about computer programming and what it is used for. Practice making algorithms using Scratch and learn about input, output, and debugging looking at and editing a Python program.

#### WORKSHOP #2: Successful Scientists:

Watch or try fun science experiments with materials found in your home. See what happens when you poke a pencil through a bag of water and when you sprinkle salt on ice.

**WORKSHOP #3: Your Future:** Learn about some of the many STEM career options. Be inspired by famous women who had or have success in these careers. Learn more about what you can do now, as you prepare for high school to explore STEM options and open the doors to a career in a STEM field.

These workshops were created with the goal of inspiring girls to become interested in STEM, even if they do not like math or science.

These 3-part series will be held on **Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 4-5pm**. Exact dates will be scheduled when registrations are complete. Please let us know if you have questions or would like to register your student at [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

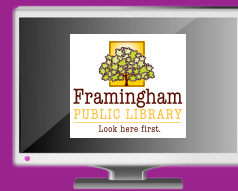
### Academic Enrichment Book Groups



Students K-12 are reading and meeting remotely on a weekly basis to share ideas and discuss books. There are spaces open at each grade level.

The Homework Center provides free remote individual tutoring to students K-12 in all subjects. For more information or sign up for tutoring contact [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

# 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/technology-services) or call 508-532-5570 to make a **45 minute reservation** (1 per day). *Limited availability. Walk-ins welcome but appointment preferred.*
- ✓ 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.



## 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.

**We are extending the essay due date. Stay tuned. The new date will be announced this spring.**

For submission or more information, please contact Judy Gatlin at [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

### 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.



# DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

## CHILDREN'S FEBRUARY 2021

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

This month, check out our [online programs](#), Take and Make Kits, online resources and more.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### Dads and (BYO Donuts) Discoveries resumes

Saturday February 6, 10-10:30am, contact ECAF to sign up.

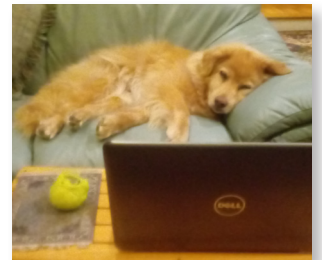
A time for dads to enjoy special time with their children. Of course the whole family is welcome to join us for a story, music, movement, and more. Sign up to receive a Zoom link by completing the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and, if you would like to read a favorite story or lead an activity, email us at [jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us](mailto:jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us). We love when parents take the lead!



##### Book Buddy Reading to Dogs All ages

Sundays February 14 (*will Lilah wear a costume for Valentine's Day?*) and 28, 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](mailto: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.



##### Yeti Storytime

Tuesday February 16, 11-11:30am Ages 3+

Join Miss Jill and Mr. Dana for a special winter-themed Yeti Storytime with a snack, and a craft! Registration required; kit available for pickup at the Main Library and McAuliffe branch with all your supplies and treat. **Sign-ups and pick-ups begin on February 8.** Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.



##### Lego Zoom Challenge

Thursday February 18, 11:00am-12:00noon, Online via Zoom Ages 5+

Join Dana, your children's librarian, as he poses some live Lego challenges with an historical theme in honor of Presidents' Day! Participants will use their Lego blocks to design some creations such as monuments, dwellings of the past and outmoded systems of transportation to show off their Lego building imagination and skill! Register at [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com)

specifying "Lego challenge" to receive the Zoom link. *Please note: Bags of Legos are available if needed, but please feel free to use your own for this challenge. If Legos are needed, tell us in your registration email so we can arrange a pick up time for you.*

#### ONGOING EVENTS

##### Weekly Zoom Storytimes with Jillian and Dana

Mondays 10-10:20am (except Monday February 15) and Thursdays 10:15-10:45am Ages 2-6, all welcome.

Contact [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com) to get an invite to join.

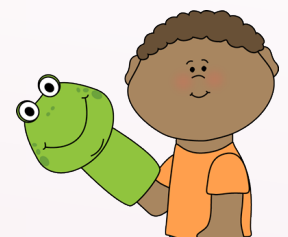
Join your familiar children's librarians for some stories, perhaps catch a glimpse of your friends on the gallery screen, and keep adding to your 1000 books before Kindergarten or since Kindergarten list. Keep your library habit going even during stay at home time!

##### 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](mailto: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)!

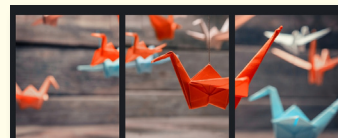


## Weekly Virtual Challenges

### 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!

## ONLINE RESOURCES

for Black History Month

### PODCASTS:

#### Why Black History Month

with Janus Adams (2:52)

**Learn about Bessie Coleman:** The first Black woman to earn a pilot's license (12:12)

**Learn about Robert Smalls:** The slave who stole a Confederate Ship (11:47)

**Hey Black Child** A podcast centering on Black excellence and teaching about lesser known African American Heroes (Each episode is about 10 minutes).



## Take and Make Kits



### Take & Make Kit: Valentine Critters

Monday February 8 Ages 4-12

**Signups begin on Monday February 1, pickups begin on Monday February 8.**

Make your own fuzzy, googly eyed valentine critter. All materials and instructions provided. *Supplies are limited.* Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.

### Take & Make Kit: STEM Valentine's Circuit Bookmarks

Thursday February 11 Ages 9-14

**Signups begin on Monday February 1, pickups begin on Monday February 8. Join us on Zoom to build together on Thursday February 11 from 5-6pm.**

Create a light up Valentine's Day themed bookmark using circuits, LED light, and a battery! All materials are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. *Supplies are limited.* Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit. When you sign up, you also will automatically receive the Zoom link emailed the day of the program.

### Tween Take & Make Kit: Macrame Jar Hangers

Monday February 22 Ages 11-14. Registration required.

**Signups begin on Monday February 15, pickups begin on Monday February 22.**

Make a DIY mini macrame jar hanger using minimal macrame knots. Perfect for beginners to macrame! All supplies included in a kit available for pickup at the Main and McAuliffe branches. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.



### VIDEOS:

**Kids Black History** Black and African history for kids! Learn about African hair, African art, African foods and more! Hosted by kids, for kids.

**Learn about Mansa Musa:** The richest man in the world.



## YouTube Channel Highlights

### NEW! Can't make weekly Zoom storytimes?

Discover fun [STORYTIME VIDEOS](#) on the Library's YouTube page! We'll be uploading a new video each week, and our first few will feature picture books read by our 9th grade volunteer Molly!



## Strengthening Families Newsletter

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.

[CLICK HERE FOR A PREVIEW OF THE ECAF VIRTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE](#)

