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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



CELEBRATE CREATORS!

with Margo Gabriel and Sarah Nwafor

Month Friday February 18, 7pm – Zoom Freelance writer and cookbook author Margo Gabriel and poet Sarah Nwafor will share some of their projects and creative experiences! **REGISTER**.



META VAUX WARRICK FULLER: Artist and Activist with Anita Danker

Tuesday February 22, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and YouTube Livestream



Anita Danker, Ed.D. will discuss the life and works of the great Meta Warrick Fuller (1877-1968). Groundbreaking and world-renowned sculptor "anticipating themes," of the Harlem Renaissance movement, Fuller was also a suffragist, civil rights activist, and poet.



DEI AND YOU: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace

with Mark Hardie, Director of the Entrepreneur Innovation Center



Wednesday February 23, 7pm – Zoom

DEI is now the norm, from corporate America to small and medium-sized businesses. What does it mean for you as a business owner, a manager, and a job-seeker? **REGISTER**.

ANTI-RACIST MOVIE NIGHT: Marshall

(2017) 1h. 58min. PG-13. in partnership with Community Vibes Framingham

Friday February 25, 6pm – Main Library Costin Room

Admission @ 6:00pm | Showtime @ 6:15pm | Discussion @ 8:15pm | Dismissal @ 9:00pm. Masks are required at all times inside the library, and due to COVID restrictions, only liquid beverages will be served. To register, email Rick Utaegbulam at wriz879@hotmail.com. Space is limited, so please RSVP by 02/21.





MCAULIFFE MATINEE: Respect (2021) 2h. 25min. PG-13.

Wednesday February 16, 2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Following the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom, Respect is the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.

Registration or program questions: email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com or call 508-532-5570.

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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 Monday February 21 for Presidents' Day.

- 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.



Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Winter-Spring 2022

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 Lifelong Learning Lectures before, please register HERE.



Guest speaker: Dr. Jessica Roscio, Director and Curator, Danforth Art Museum at FSU

February 10 – Humor in Contemporary American Poetry Guest speaker: Dr. Rachel Trousdale, Associate Professor of English, FSU

February 24 – Moments That Matter in the Learning and **Development of Children: Reflections from Educators**

Guest speaker: Dr. Kelly Ann Kolodny, Professor of Education and Program Chair for Child and Family Studies, FSU

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

Toys, Trinkets, and **Treasures:** The Story of the **Nesting Doll**

Tuesday February 15, 6pm -McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This program, led by Laura Garrity-Arquitt from the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, explores the

(2021) 2h. 43min. PG-13.

Lexington St. doors open at 6pm.

evolution of the matryoshka doll, the Russian nesting doll, with an emphasis on the folktale and storytelling dolls.

Zero Carbon, Zero Bills

with author David Green

Wednesday February 16, 7pm -Zoom

Local author David Green will be joining us (virtually) to talk about how he brought both his house and pool to a zero carbon footprint, saving thousands of dollars a year. Each attendee will receive a digital copy of

Mr. Green's book, Zero Carbon Home. **REGISTER**. In partnership with Ashland Public Library.



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Zero Carbon Home

Sunday Classical Concert: Eliko Akahori and

Sunday February 6, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room and

perform works by Brahms, Faure and Dvorak. 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.







Friday February 4, 6:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room No registration is required but space is limited; first come, first served.

MCAULIFFE MATINEE: Anastasia

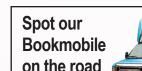
FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: No Time to Die

(1956) 1h. 45min. Not rated. Wednesday February 9, 2pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room No registration is required but space is limited; first come, first served.

MONDAY MATINEE: Dear Evan Hansen (2021) 2h. 17min. PG-13. Monday February 28, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room No registration is required but space is limited; first come, first served.

Please see additional films on page 1.





Framingham Public Library's Downtown U: Entrepreneurship and **Career Support**

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In partnership with Framingham State University! More details HERE. All offerings are via Zoom. NTO Single workshops or webinars may be attended. Please **REGISTER HERE.**



Small Business Workshops Tuesdays February 8 and 22, 7pm Career Building Workshops Thursdays February 10, 11am and 24, 1pm

Led by Mark Hardie, Director of Framingham State University's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center.

One-on-one Mock Interviews, and Resume Building Led by Ed Lawrence. One-on-one Mock Interviews: Thursday February 3, 2-3:30pm One-on-one Resume Building: Thursdays February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 9am-1:30pm

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

Michal Shein

YouTube Livestream Pianist Eliko Akahori and cellist Michal Shein will



What's on Your TBR (To Be Read) Pile?

with author Alana Quintana Albertson

Wednesday February 2, 7pm – Zoom



We'll spend some time

with bestselling romance author Alana, hearing all about her favorite books and authors and about her new release *Ramón and Julieta*. **REGISTER**. Next month's



TBR: March 29 with Gail Carriger. In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday February 11, 12-1pm REGISTER by 9am on February 11 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

FPL's Library of Things Presented by: Alison Beattie

As patron needs have become more diverse and ever-expanding, libraries have responded by broadening their collections beyond the typical books and DVDs, and the Framingham Public Library is no exception. And so, the Library of Things was born! Join FPL's new Head of Research and Information Services, Alison Beattie, as she takes you through some of the highlights of this unique and everexpanding collection.

Tea & Talk Tuesdays

Libraries Around the World Tuesday February 22,

3-4pm – Zoom In this video, we circumnavigate the globe in search of some of the most unusual and awe-



inspiring libraries collecting more than just books. We begin in Alaska at a particularly *macabre* library checking out preserved and taxidermied animals, head on over to China to kick back in a surreal, infinite reading room, and get a whiff of history at the library of smells. Before you join us, please watch the video HERE, and register HERE by 9am on February 21 to receive a Zoom invitation.

BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Adult Book Club: The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes Tuesday February 1, 7pm – Zoom Please REGISTER for the Zoom link. The title for our March 1 discussion is *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.

Club de Lectores: *Cuentos completos* por Jorge Luis Borges

Lunes 7 de febrero, 8pm – Zoom Se requiere REGISTRACIÓN. Discusión del libro 03/07: *Cuentos completos* por Jorge Luis Borges (continuación).

Sci-Fi Book Club: We Are Satellites by Sarah Pinsker

Wednesday February 9, 7pm – Zoom Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our March 9 discussion is *The Galaxy, and the Ground Within* by Becky Chambers.

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Evening Book Club: *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam

Tuesday February 8, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person. The title for our March 8 discussion is *The Witch's Heart* by Genevieve Gornichec.

Morning Book Club: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Thursday February 17, 10am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room and on Zoom.

Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. No registration needed for in-person. The title for our March 17 discussion is *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Please click on book images to borrow these titles.



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 February 2, 9, and 16, 2-2:45pm

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



TONE AND STRETCH

Mondays February 7 and 14, 4:30-5:15pm

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

Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation Thursday February 17, 11am – on Zoom

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 January 20.



Registration or program questions: email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com or call 508-532-5570.

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

One-on-one Resume Building

Thursdays February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 9am-1:30pm – via Zoom*



One-on-one Mock Interviews

Thursday February 3, 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 2 for more information.





Framingham Business Resource Center

at Framingham Public Library

Thinking about starting a business, expanding your career, or furthering your education? **FBRC** invites you to:

- LinkedIn Learning's database of 16,000 video courses!
- **O'Reilly's** online resources for 1,000 business and technology topics!

Click **HERE** to get started.

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!

Anti-Racism Resources Visit our WEBSITE for resources for learning and taking action.

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.

McAuliffe Craft Ladies Gratitude Box

Advanced Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom

Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State Univ.

or more sessions. We begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry. Poets may discuss

This class welcomes serious poets with experience who would like to participate for one

Wednesday February 9, 7pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Join us to make a gratitude box. Use it to keep notes about things that make you happy or grateful throughout the year, and take one out when you need some inspiration. **REGISTRATION** required. Supplies and space are limited.

Yarn Social Clubs Main Library

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

McAuliffe Branch Library

Join us for a knitting, crochet, and yarn crafting social hour, Wednesdays 6-7pm and the 1st and 3rd Monday (except Feb. 21) 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.



Wednesday February 9, 7pm – Main Library, Circulation

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

Monday February 28, 7pm – 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.

LVM Literacy Unlimited



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

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?

Check out the Citizenship Corner on the second floor (walk upstairs and turn right)! There are print resources to help you prepare for the Naturalization test and interview. Check out Literacy Unlimited to see if we have a tutor **who will work with you one-on-one.** Tutors are available on a limited basis and work remotely; a device (laptop or smartphone) and good internet is recommended.

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

MULTILINGUAL RESOURCES

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



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

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YOUNG ADULTS

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS



JOIN OUR FREE 24/7 Minecraft Server! Grades 4-12

The Framingham Public Library (with support from the Framingham Cultural Council) has created a private Minecraft server for any Framingham residents in 4-12th grades to join! Whether you like crafting and fighting Creepers in survival mode, or building cities in creative mode, this server is right for you. For more info, and to fill out an application, click HERE.

Play Minecraft Grades 4-12 Every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-4pm – Framingham Public Library Minecraft Server

Once you've signed up for the server, you'll be able to use it whenever you want. But if you want to build when you know there will be other people on too,

join us every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-4pm. We can chat, work on group builds, and/or explore the map together. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate.

Kirigami Diorama (Take & Make Kit) Grades 6-12 Pick up in the second half of February. LIMITED SUPPLIES -Register to reserve your kit.

Learn the Japanese art of paper cutting (as opposed to Origami, which is paper folding). Create a tiny detailed diorama in a tin box with nothing more than paper, a pen, and a pair of scissors!

REGISTRATION required.

Coconut Macaroons

(Take & Bake Kit) Grades 6-12 Pick up in the second half of February.

LIMITED SUPPLIES -Register to reserve your kit.

Make your own chewy and tasty coconut cookies with our ingredients and instructions. **REGISTRATION** required.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Help create a Technology & Learning Center (TLC) at the Main Library.

Soon adults and children will come to the TLC classroom to learn TECHNOLOGY how to use the Internet and other technology. & LEARNING Please donate **HERE**. CENTER

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Or, send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington

Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

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Ask your employer about matching your donation. For more information email Ruth Winett at rwinett@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.

Homework Center News

The Homework Center will continue to provide free virtual tutoring, homework and school project help in all subjects for students K-12.



All Academic Enrichment Book Groups will also continue to meet virtually on a weekly basis. Book Group Facilitators will be in touch with links for group meetings. Book group books are available for pick up at the library.

Please keep reading, researching and reaching out to the Homework Center, jgatlin@minlib.net with any questions or ideas as to how we can be of help to you and your students!

Fudge, Anyone? You have just a few days to order.



Just in time for Valentine's Day, we are again offering the delicious (and popular) fudge from The Fudge Lady in Uxbridge. Deadline for orders is February 4. Click **HERE** for the list of flavors and how to place your order.

Friends Book Sale

The Friends book sale is cancelled this month due to an abundance of caution with Covid 19. We look forward to welcoming you in March.

Do You Know?

The Friends Bookstore is open the same hours as the library. Our inventory of closeto-new books is regularly restocked from the generous donations of our patrons. CDs and DVDs are available as well.

Join the Friends ...

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

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

Registration or program questions: email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com or call 508-532-5570.

DISCOVER GROW CREATE! CHILDREN'S FEBRUARY 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

Paper Dragon Puppet

Tuesday February 1, 11am-12pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 2-5. Celebrate the Chinese New Year making a paper dragon puppet.

DIY Musical Instruments

Thursday February 10, 3:30-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 6+. Jazz things up with some homemade musical instruments and learn about the big musicians and artists for Black History Month!

Valentine's Day Drop-in Craft

Saturday February 12, 10am-1pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Grade K+.

Were the first Victorian Valentine's Day cards in America produced in Central Massachusetts? There are rumors that they were! Drop in, continue the tradition, and make your own Victorian style Valentine's Day card for your loved ones.

Tweens: Snow Sand

Saturday February 19, 3-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Grades 3-8.

Stop by for a STEAM based activity making taste safe "snow sand" (aka: moon dough) and create indoor snow scenes and more! Materials used contain potato starch, coconut oil, and flour; anyone with related allergies should be aware.

DIY Bird Feeder

Wednesday February 23, 11am-12pm (ages 3-7), and 2-3pm (ages 8+) McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room

Drop in and make your own bird feeder to put out this winter! Join us in the morning for a younger themed version, and the afternoon for the older kids. This craft does not contain peanut butter.

Mars Rover: Crop Curiosity

Wednesday February 23, 2-3pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Ages 8+. Registration required as attendance is limited to 12. Contact jrosenberg@minlib.net beginning February 1 to register.

Bring your imagination on a journey to Mars! Together we will learn why food cannot be grown directly in the Martian landscape and what we would need to grow food on Mars. We will play a card game and see who can be the first team to grow food in space!

Snowflake Tinker Craft

Thursday February 24, 6-7:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab. Grades K+.

Drop in to make a snowflake creation using a variety of objects from toothpicks to glitter! Like snowflakes, each creation will be unique.

Open Lego

Friday February 25, 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 books to browse in the meantime!

Special Winter Storytime

Saturday February 26, 10-11am – Main Library, J Program Room. Ages 3-7.

Come spend a fun hour with Mr. Dana as he reads several classic winter-themed stories by Jan Brett, followed by a fun craft based on one of her favorite tales! Trolls and hedgehogs welcome! Continued on next page

Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose



with Jennifer

Wednesdays February 16 -March 23, 10:15-10:45am Ages 0-3 accompanied by a caregiver. Contact jrosenberg@minlib.net beginning February 1 to pre-register,

schedule your supply pick up and get the Zoom invites. Spaces are limited.

Mother Goose on the Loose is an eight-week, thirty-minute program that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. A bag of supplies including books, shakers and more is required to participate; remember to schedule a pickup time when you register.

Saturday February 5, 10-11am - Main Library, Costin Room. Ages 2-6. See ECAF* WEBSITE for more information. *Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham.











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Foil Moon Craft

Thursday February 24, 4-5pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. Ages 6+. Some important "Hidden Figures" who helped us get to the moon were African American women. Drop in and paint the moon using tinfoil.

Open Winter Colorina

Saturday February 26, 11am-1pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room. All ages. Drop in to color winter themed pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

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 February 11 and 25, and Saturday February 19, 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.

Bookworm Book Club with Max! Grades 3-6.

Sundays February 6 and 13, 2-3pm -McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room Sunday February 6: The Knight at Dawn by Mary Pope Osborne.

Sunday February 13: Mummies in the Morning by Mary Pope Osborne.

Join us for this book club led by 10th grader Max! Find these books in person at the Library or check on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.

Take & Make Kit: Valentine's Craft

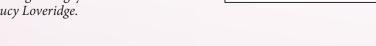
Registration begins Tuesday February 1. Pick-ups at the McAuliffe Branch from February 7-14, 11am-12noon.

Make a Valentine's Day themed craft for the ones you love! Supplies are limited. **REGISTRATION** required.

Children's Book Review

Willodeen by Katherine Applegate For Grades 3+. Willodeen is a young girl who has lost her family but not her family's love for nature. She is particularly drawn to screechers, rather ugly, smelly and unloveable creatures to most. Unfortunately, her town depends on tourism that is attracted to the cute hummingbears that come annually to nest in the local trees. A bounty has been placed on the screechers since the town fathers think they scare the tourists off.

When the last screecher in the area is killed, Willodean gets angry and a whole bunch of strange things begin happening. - Reviewed by Lucy Loveridge. Available in print and as an ebook in the network.





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