WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Join us as we celebrate Women’s History Month with these programs.

McAuliffe Matinee: Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice
Wednesday March 4, 2pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
The musical biography of one of the most successful and versatile female singers of the 20th century—and one of the most successful recording artists of all time. (2019) 1 hr. 35 min. Rated PG-13 (for brief strong language and drug material)

This is Part I of our 100 Years Strong: Celebrating Women’s Suffrage Film Series in partnership with League of Women Voters of Framingham.

American Experience: One Woman, One Vote
Tuesday March 17, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Introduced by Fredie Kay, President of Suffrage 100MA

How could America call itself the world’s greatest democracy, but continue to deny the right to vote to more than half of its citizens? Witness the 70-year struggle for women’s suffrage. (1995) 1 hr. 46 min. Not rated.

This lecture is part of our Lifelong Learning Lecture Series in partnership with Framingham State University. (Please see more lectures on pg. 2.)

Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World
Thursday March 12, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Guest Speaker: Eileen McNamara, Director of Journalism Program, Brandeis University and Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for The Boston Globe

While Joe Kennedy was grooming his sons for high office, his daughter was tapping her father’s fortune and her brother’s political power to engineer one of the great civil rights movements of our time on behalf of millions of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

2020 Census: Pop up! Pop in! Be Counted!
Beginning in March come to the Library to fill out your census and be counted!
• The 2020 Census is ONLINE!
• Both Libraries will have workstations available for completing the census and staff available for answering questions.
• We’ll be hitting the road in our Bookmobile helping everyone get counted!
• The census is important, confidential, and easy!
• Get counted at the Library and get your “I Count!” swag!
• Let’s make sure that everyone COUNTS!

COMING APRIL 2-5
Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: The Presidential Election of 2020 in Perspective Thursday April 2, 7pm – Main Library
Sunday Concert – Carol Ou & James Buswell April 5, 3pm – Main Library

BOOKMOBILE NEWS
As the weather gets warmer the Bookmobile will be stopping by more community events. Keep an eye on the website for the regular schedule and announcements about our special events.

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Main Library
49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570
Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday-Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 1-5
(see schedule for closed Sundays)

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library
746 Water Street | 508-532-5636
Monday-Thursday 9:30-9
Friday-Saturday 9:30-5
Sunday 12-4
(see schedule for closed Sundays)

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. Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe’s.
SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES: Calyx Piano Trio
Sunday March 15, 3pm – Main Library, Costin Room

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

Learn to Crochet: Flowers
Tuesday March 10, 11:30am-12:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Learn the basics of crocheting while making a flower! We are partnering with the Framingham Makerspace who will be installing a Yarn Flower Community Art Project in the Arlington Street Park during ArtWeekMA in May. All materials provided, but if you have your own crochet hooks please bring them.

Stretch and Relax with Laila Vehvilainen
Wednesdays, 2:30-3:15pm

Poetry Workshop
Thursdays March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7-9pm – McAuliffe Branch Library, Craft Room

FILMS
Friday March 13, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room

A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Featuring Ana de Armas and an all-star cast including Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Christopher Plummer, and Jamie Lee Curtis.

MONDAY MATINEE: It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (2019) 1h 49min. PG.
Monday March 30, 2pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Lloyd Vogel. Starring Tom Hanks.

MCAULIFFE MATINEE: Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice Please see page one for details.

Inspired for Change
Tuesday March 31, 7-8pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Team Framingham’s Anatoly Prekrasnyy is running his first Boston Marathon and raising funds for the Friends of the Framingham Library. Come meet Anatoly and hear his inspirational story, from losing 45 lbs to pursuing his dream of running in the Boston Marathon. Learn tips on how to get motivated and achieve your goals, or simply to get active and eat healthier. Whatever you hope to accomplish this year, start here and be inspired for 2020.

ToBe Fit, the Juggling Nutrition Magician Show
Saturday March 14, 2-3pm – Main Library, Costin Room

To support Anatoly and the Friends, check out his GoFundMe page https://bit.ly/2PP8FoZ.
SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS:
Circus Arts Workshop  All ages.
Sunday March 29, 2-3pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Learn how to juggle scarves, balls, clubs, and spin plates with Marvelous Marvin who has been performing children's theatre for over 25 years. He uses circus arts to educate and entertain.
Sunday Celebrations for families are one Sunday a month through May. Please see our website for more events.

MAKE IT AT THE SPARK LAB
Main Library, Lower Level

ADULTS (Teens if there is space):
Intro to Machine Sewing Tuesdays
March 10, 17 and 24, 6-7:30pm
Preregistration required as machines are limited.
Always wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? Now's your chance! Join us for an introduction to the machine, threading and creating an even seam. Then we'll construct a basic tote bag out of donated fabrics or your own materials (ask for a materials list at registration). You'll have the chance to add options to your bag that expand your machine sewing skills.

CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS:
No School Bridge Construction Tuesday March 3, 1-4pm All ages
Building Boom Afternoon Thursday March 5, 3-5pm Ages 5+
Origami Club Wednesdays March 11 and 25, 4-5:15pm Ages 7+
LEGO Star Wars Club Wednesdays March 11 and 25, 5:30-7pm Ages 6+
VSCO Girl Basics: Stickers Wednesday March 18, 3-4:30pm Grades 6-12
Constellation Viewer Wednesday March 18, 6-7pm Ages 8+
Maker’s Workshop: Frida Kahlo Headband Saturday March 21, 3-4:30pm Grades 6-12
Book Planters Thursday March 26, 3-4:30pm Grades 6-12
Open LEGO Saturday March 28, 2-4pm Grades K+

WOMEN IN STEAM EVENTS:
(These are at the McAuliffe Branch)
Constellation Building Thursday March 5, 1-2pm, Craft Room Ages 7-12
Fossil Making Saturday March 21, 11:30am-12:30pm, Craft Room Ages 7-12
Planting Craft Saturday March 28, 10am-12pm, Craft Room Ages 7-12
Please visit our website or see our Children’s flyer or Young Adult section for more information on these programs.

The Seed Lending Library Re-opening at both Libraries on March 14!
The Seed Lending Library will have plenty of seeds for you to take so you can start your garden indoors.
We have scheduled three seed-packaging “parties” in preparation for the re-opening and we are looking for volunteers.
Monday March 2, 1-3pm and Wednesday Monday March 9, 7-8:30pm – Main Library, Children's Program Room
Wednesday March 11, 7-8:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

LVM Literacy Unlimited
Are you interested in becoming a tutor? Join us for an information session on Wednesday March 25, 5:30-7:30pm in the Trustees Room. For more information, please contact jgatlin@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.

Homework Center News
March Math Madness!
Tuesday March 24, 7pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Join us for our Middle School Math Competition. Our Master of Ceremonies is State Representative Jack Patrick Lewis! Teams of students from Framingham's middle schools will pit their wit against one another to solve fun, complex and tricky math problems! FHS math teacher Ilana Killgoar will be serving as the judge. For more information please contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News
The donations are pouring in but we still need your help! Support our teens by helping us create a larger, state-of-the-art Teen Room in the Main Library. This will give 6th-12th graders a place to go where they can study, play games, find books and videos—or just hang out with friends. Help us give our teens the space they deserve!
To donate, please go to www.fplf.org/donate-now or contact Ruth Winett at 508-877-1938 or rwinnett@rcn.com for more information.

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
YOUNG ADULTS
PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-12*

Early Release Day Fun
Thursday March 5, 12:30-3pm – Main & McAuliffe Branch Libraries
We’ll be showing a movie at the Main Library, and playing video games at the McAuliffe Branch, so take your pick!

McAuliffe Craft: Fuse Beads
Thursday March 12, 3-4:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
We haven’t done a fuse bead craft in a while, so join us and make your own keychains, magnets, earrings, etc!

McAuliffe Charter School Presents: A Science Morning!
Saturday March 14, 10-11am, McAuliffe Branch, Community Room *Grades 4-8.
Science teachers of McAuliffe Charter School bring interactive science experiments to the Library. Family fun!

VSCO Girl Basics: Stickers
Wednesday March 18, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab
We’ve made scrunchies and friendship bracelets, so now we need some stickers for your water bottle! Design your own to take home.

Video Game Hangout
Thursday March 19, 3-5pm – Main Library, Costin Room
Video games and snacks!

Dungeons and Dragons Drop-in *Ages 11+
Friday March 20, 3:30-5pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
Kick off your weekend with some D&D. Dungeon masters are especially welcome!

Spark Lab: Book Planters
Thursday March 26, 3-4:30pm – Main Library, Spark Lab
It’s spring, so let’s create really cool planters using old books. Plant a succulent or small cactus in it to take home with you.

AniManga Club
Saturday March 28, 1:30-3:30pm – Main Library, Costin Room
AniManga club is for everyone who enjoys all things Anime and Manga.

BOOK GROUPS

MAIN LIBRARY (Please note location this month)

Circe by Madeline Miller
Tuesday March 3, 7:15pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
Join us to discuss this exhilarating novel the New York Times calls “A bold and subversive retelling of the goddess’s story.”

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The Power by Naomi Alderman
Wednesday March 11, 7-8pm – Main Library, Spark Lab
In this dystopian novel, teenage girls have acquired immense physical power: they can cause agonizing pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world drastically resets. Will women be kinder, gentler rulers, or would they be just as ruthless as their male counterparts? Led by Marcy Maiorana.

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey
Tuesday March 10, 7-8pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
India in the 1920s is the setting for this richly detailed historical mystery. Perveen Mistry, the first female lawyer in Bombay, is the only person that can help three women living in seclusion from men. Led by Linda Goldberg.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Thursday March 19, 10-11am – McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that had prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting fifth grade, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face. Wonder is a portrait of one community’s struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. Led by Jillian Holmberg.

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.

Journal Writer’s Group
Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7-8pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room
Discover the joy of journaling for personal growth and enrichment. Please join us as we read and work through the book Writing Down the Bones by Natalie Goldberg. Copies available at both libraries.

Community Puzzle Swap!
Monday March 16, 7-8:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Craft 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.

Veterans Coffee Hour
Friday March 13, 9:30-10:30am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room Monthly Event
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!

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org
Main Library Special Events

No School Bridge Construction Tuesday March 3, 1-4pm, Spark Lab. All ages, drop-in. Make a Popsicle stick bridge in honor of Emily Warren Roebling who helped oversee the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Building Boom Afternoon Thursday March 5, 3-5pm, Spark Lab. Ages 5+. Problem solve and play with KEVA planks and our new Q-Ba-Maze marble run set.

Movie Matinee: Frozen II (2019, running time: 103 minutes, rated PG for action/peril and some thematic elements). Saturday March 7, 2-4pm, Children’s Program Room. All ages at parents’ discretion. Anna, Elsa, and friends travel to a enchanted land to save their kingdom.

Origami Club Wednesdays March 11 and 25, 4:15-5pm, Spark Lab. Ages 7+. 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.

Spark Lab: Lego Star Wars Club Wednesdays March 11 and 25, 5:30-7pm, Spark Lab. Ages 6+. Do you love Star Wars and engineering? Help put together our new Lego Droid kit. You will be able to build various droids including R2-D2! Once built, we will use our iPads and go on exciting missions.

ToBe Fit, the Juggling Nutrition Magician Show Saturday March 14, 2-3pm, Costin Room. All Ages. This fun-filled performance turns kids on to healthy eating and active living. Special guest, Anatoly, will add a few words about the healthy eating and active living which led him to run the Boston Marathon in April in support of the Friends of the Framingham Library!

Spark Lab for Kids: Constellation Viewer Wednesday March 18, 6-7pm, Spark Lab. Ages 8+. In this Women’s History Month, we will be celebrating the women of NASA. Make constellation viewers so you can study the skies.

Makers’ Workshop: Frida Kahlo Headband Saturday March 21, 3-4:30pm, Spark Lab. Ages 8+. For Women’s History Month, we will celebrate the Mexican Artist, Frida Kahlo. Known for her use of bold colors and natural elements, we will tie-dye colorful coffee filter flowers to use as a flower headband (reminiscent of the floral crowns she wore in self-portraits).

Portuguese Story Time World/ Mundo das Estorinhas em Português Saturday March 28, 10:30-11:30am, Program Room. Ages 2-5. Join Alexa Chew as she brings a delightful hour of resourceful, playful interactions and stories in Portuguese to your children. É um programa artisticamente projetado e impulsionado pela importância do brincar no desenvolvimento infantil.

Open LEGO Saturday March 28, 2-4pm, Spark Lab. Grades K+. Drop in and get creative with our LEGO's.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Special Events

Dr. Seuss Day Monday March 2, 3:30-4:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 4-12. Celebrate with a themed craft and play book bingo!

Women in STEAM: Constellation Building Thursday March 5, 1-2pm, Craft Room. Ages 7-12. For Women’s History Month, we will learn about women astronomers while we make flashlight constellation projectors and build our own constellation.

Bookworm Book Club with Max! Sundays March 8 and 22, 2-3pm, Craft Room. Grades 2-4. Join us for an exciting book club discussion on Frindle by Andrew Clements on the 8th and Lunch Money by Andrew Clements on the 22nd with a craft and light refreshments, led by 8th grader Max!

Learn to Crochet: Flowers Wednesday March 11, 6-7pm, Community Room. Ages 9+. Registration required. Learn the basics of crochet while making a flower! We are partnering with the Framingham Makerspace who will be installing a Community Art Project. All materials provided, but if you have your own crochet hooks please bring them. Call 508-532-5636 x5 or drop by the McAuliffe Branch Children’s Desk to register before the program.

McAuliffe Charter School Presents a Science Morning! Saturday March 14, 10-11am, Community Room. Grades 4-8. Join the science teachers of McAuliffe Charter School for interactive science experiments. Fun for the whole family!

St. Patrick’s Day Leprechaun Traps & Scavenger Hunt Tuesday March 17, 3-4:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 4-12. Drop in to build a Leprechaun trap that we’ll set in the Library overnight. Then join a themed scavenger hunt in the Children’s Room to win a prize!

Women in STEAM: Fossil Making Saturday March 21, 11:30am-12:30pm, Craft Room. Ages 7-12. In celebration of Women’s History Month, we will learn about women paleontologists and how real fossils are made while we make fossil records from air drying clay.

Open LEGO and Block Build Thursday March 26, 3:30-5:30pm, Craft Room. All ages. Get creative with Keva Planks, Legos, MagnaTiles, and more!

Women in STEAM: Planting Craft Saturday March 28, 10am-12pm, Craft Room. Ages 7-12. In celebration of Women’s History Month, we will learn about women botanists and plant seeds in homemade planters.

Find more details on our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org/kids-teens/kids/
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**Main Library Ongoing Events**

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

- **Stories for Scooters**
  Wednesdays 10:15-10:45am, ages 0-3 with an adult. Twenty fun-filled minutes of interactive tales and tunes with playtime afterward!

- **Dads, Donuts and Discoveries**
  Saturday March 7, 10-11:00am, all ages. **Note:** this program is in the Costin Room. Bond with your dad (and with donuts) through stories and songs while discovering new friends and activities. Mothers, siblings and other family members welcome!

**McAuliffe Branch Ongoing Events**

- **Weekly Story Time**
  Mondays 10-10:30am, ages 2-4. Stories, school readiness activities, maybe a craft. Children's Room.

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

- **Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs**
  Saturdays March 7, 14 and 21, 10-11am, all ages. **Registration required.** Call 508-532-5636 x5 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. Craft Room.