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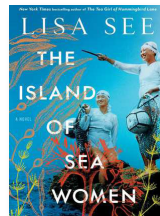
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Women's History Month! All programs are online via Zoom.

Book Discussion: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Tuesday March 2, 7pm

In this historical novel, two Korean women join their village's all-female diving collective and experience excitement, danger, and outside forces that challenge the women's friendship. [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on March 2.



Charitable Ladies: Women's Benevolent Work and Women's "Sphere" in 19th-Century America

A Lifelong Learning Lecture in partnership with Framingham State University (FSU).

Thursday March 11, 7pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Sarah Adelman, Associate Professor, History, FSU

This talk explores how charitable and reform activities allowed women to push the boundaries of gender norms. [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on March 11. (You do not need to register if you are signed up for the lecture series.)



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The New Vice Presidency: Dick Cheney to Kamala Harris

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Thursday March 18, 7pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. David Smailes, Associate Professor, Political Science, FSU



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This presentation will discuss the changing role of the vice president in American politics, the influence recent vice presidents have enjoyed and the likely role Vice President Harris will play. [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on March 18. (You do not need to register if you are signed up for the lecture series.)

Modern Heroines

Wednesday March 24, 7pm

FEATURING: Tilia Klebenov Jacobs and Lisa Lieberman from *Sisters in Crime New England*

Join mystery authors and "sisters in crime," Tilia Klebenov Jacobs and Lisa Lieberman as they spotlight recent heroines in crime fiction through images and book excerpts from mysteries featuring women. [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on March 24.



We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History

Monday March 29, 7pm

This is the story of how women got their rights in America, told by the women who were there. Join this troupe of dedicated women

for an entertaining and quick tour of history (an expanded version of their August 2020 performance), starting with the women of the 17th century Puritan Revolution to today's empowered politicians.

[REGISTER](#) by 5pm on March 29.

Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

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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.

- **Free WiFi** is available in both Library parking lots. Please practice safe 6 ft. distancing and use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.
- **No Late Fees** for returned materials continues.
- **Please remember to wear your face covering** when picking up curbside holds or returning items!

BeAMAZED
Books are just the beginning!

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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.

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 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 walk up
McAuliffe Branch: building walk up

HOURS

Monday and Tuesday 9am-2pm
Wednesday 1-4pm • Thursday 1-7pm
Friday and Saturday 9am-2pm

When return boxes are not available, the drop boxes will be open for returns.

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.

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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



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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

Library of Things

BE AMAZED ~ Books are just the beginning.



STEP INTO OUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY!

Virtual Browsing now includes "rooms" for children, teens, and the McAuliffe Branch! Enter the virtual rooms to:

- Browse our display tables and shelves
- Find out about new items
- Get recommendations
- Request items through our catalog
- Check out our Borrowing Bundles service — customized book and film recommendations, and book bundles for children.

[CLICK HERE TO START BROWSING](#)

For more information please visit our website: www.framinghamlibrary.org

JOIN US FOR THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

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Celtic Music in America The Atwater-Donnelly Duo

Friday March 12 at 7pm,
Online via Zoom

Join award-winning, internationally acclaimed duo, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly for an evening of traditional American and Celtic folk songs and percussive dance. The duo blends gorgeous harmonies, playing an astonishing array of instruments to create music for all ages.

To receive the Zoom link, [REGISTER](#) before 5pm on March 12.



Sunday Concert: The Arneis Trio

Sunday March 7, 3pm,
Facebook Live:

[CLICK HERE](#).

YouTube Live:

[CLICK HERE](#).

No registration required.

The Arneis Trio features violinist Heather Braun, violist Daniel Dona, and cellist Agnes Kim. The Boston-based trio will perform music by composers including Ludwig van Beethoven and Ernő Dohnányi.

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.



RISE TO THE CHALLENGE: Adapting to Life in a Changing Climate

This February–April series is brought to you by Framingham Public Library in partnership with **Energize Framingham**. We hope that these programs and events help residents, young and old, to understand, prepare for, mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Monday March 8, 12pm – Building Community Resilience for Emergency Weather Preparedness, presented by Rev. Vernon K. Walker

Join Rev. Walker, Program Manager of Communities Respond to Extreme Weather (C.R.E.W.), for a talk about building community resilience to strengthen the capacity to respond to climate emergencies. He will discuss the impacts of climate change, particularly those who are disproportionately affected, and share ways to prepare for extreme weather as a community. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on March 8 for the Zoom link.

Tuesday March 9, 9am – ACTIVITY KIT: Prepare with Pedro. Supplies limited. Instructions available in English and Spanish. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a kit beginning on March 2.

Monday March 22, 7pm – Climate Change in Metrowest and Beyond, presented by Joy Marzolf, Owner of The Joys of Nature

Massachusetts has changed much in the last 400 years: from forest to farm to town and now in many places, suburbs. Now, more recently, we are seeing rapid changes going on around us. From weather extremes like warmer winters and colder, wetter springs to spells of drought and extensive heat, torrential downpours and tornado warnings. How are these and other changes affecting our area wildlife and us? Find out more and discuss what each of us can do to make a difference. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on March 22 for the Zoom link.

Tuesday March 23, 9am – ACTIVITY KIT: Bee House Take & Make Kit. Supplies limited. Instructions available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a kit beginning on March 23.

[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 continues through May 6. [LOOK HERE](#) for the complete schedule and descriptions.

[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.** Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

March 4 – From Poppies to Waterlilies, Claude Monet at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Erika Schneider, Professor of Art History, Framingham State University

March 11 – Charitable Ladies: Women's Benevolent Work and Women's "Sphere" in Nineteenth-Century America GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Sarah Adelman, Associate Professor, History, Framingham State University

March 18 – The New Vice Presidency: From Dick Cheney to Kamala Harris GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. David Smailes, Associate Professor, Political Science

March 25 – The Victorians and India: From Company Raj to Crown Raj GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Paul Fideler, Professor Emeritus of History and Humanities, Lesley University

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



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BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

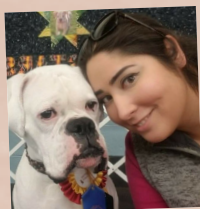
Friday March 5, 12-1pm

REGISTER by 9am on March 5 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

Dog Training 101

Presented by:
Ameera Skandarani, CCUI

Did you welcome a new puppy, rescue, or adult dog into your family? Join Ameera for some tips on proper care and effective dog training. Learn about topics like training your dog to obey simple commands, housebreaking, reactivity, the Control Unleashed program, and sports training like agility, obedience and nosework. Ameera will also talk about how to handle bad behavior, transitioning your pet when the time comes for you to return to work and what to look for in a dog walker.



Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 7:30-9:30pm

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 by noon on the day of the workshop.

Remote Courses with Adventures in Lifelong Learning!

SPRING 2021

ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING

TUESDAYS APRIL 6, 13, 20 AND 27

Online registration opens on Monday, March 8, at 11am.



Enjoy these courses for seniors 60+ on ZOOM!

Registration is required and is due by Monday, April 5.

Please go to www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures or bit.ly/Adventures-FSU for full course descriptions, registration information, and instructions for using Zoom (by computer, tablet or phone).

QUESTIONS: Please email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or phone **508-626-4603**. To join our mailing list **CLICK HERE**.

Adventures in Lifelong Learning courses are free to all participants, thanks to partial funding support from the Older Americans Act as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc., and grants from Ashland Cultural Council, Holliston Cultural Council, and Framingham Cultural Council. Because federal funding is being used, we provide participants an opportunity to make a voluntary donation toward the cost of this service. Voluntary donations are put directly into program enhancement, allowing for expansion of services. Whether or not a participant makes a voluntary donation in no way informs or influences this service delivery.

COURSE SCHEDULE

9:00 - 10:30 am

COURSE 101: Dickens' Little Dorrit: "Shades of the Prison-House"

Dr. Helen Heineman
OR

COURSE 102: Personal Responsibility & Civic Engagement in an Age of Post COVID-19

Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

COURSE 103: Is the Party Over? A Look at the Future of the Republican and Democratic Parties

Dr. David Smailes

1:15 - 2:45 pm

COURSE 104: An Academic Analysis of Islam

Dr. Yaser Najjar

OR

COURSE 105: The Equal Rights Amendment: 1920-2020

Atty. Barbara Berenson



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Looking Back, Moving Forward: Renaming the Woodrow Wilson School



Tuesday, March 23, 7pm, online via Zoom

(live interpretation available in Spanish and Portuguese).

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School is getting a new name! Join representatives from the Framingham Public Library, Framingham Public Schools, the Framingham History Center, and Framingham State University for a collaborative presentation on the process and see how you can get involved.

Click here to learn more and register today.



Tea & Talk Tuesdays

Discussion Topic: Sincerely, X – Soft Power on Apple Podcasts

Tuesday March 30, 3-4pm – Online via Zoom

An Orthodox Jewish woman with OCD speaks anonymously about how she is raising awareness of mental health issues in a society that perceives mental illness as a taboo subject. With her quiet voice and deep respect for her community, she shows that one can affect change in a gentle yet powerful way, proving that one doesn't have to present a bold or forceful personality to be an agent of progress. Before you join us for the discussion, we invite you to listen to the podcast [HERE](#).

Please **REGISTER** to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

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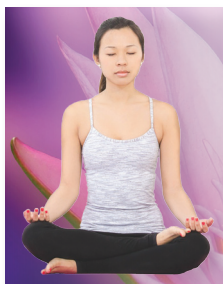
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Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday March 18, 11am

REGISTER by 9am on March 18. Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

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, clairpath "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.

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/.

- There will be a Zoom **ESOL tutor training** this month, **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-12noon, beginning March 9**. Please register by contacting fplmail4@minlib.net by Thursday, March 4.
- We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability.

For new tutors or students, please register **HERE** or contact us at 508-532-5574 or at fplmail4@minlib.net.

BOOK GROUPS

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The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

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

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

In this historical novel, two Korean women join their village's all-female diving collective and experience excitement, danger, and outside forces that challenge the women's friendship. Please **REGISTER** by noon on March 2.

The title for our April 6 discussion is *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann.

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

(Available as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla)

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

The bestselling author Marie Benedict uncovers the mystery of Agatha Christie's 11 days of disappearance in the year 1926. Investigators try to find out what is real and what is mystery. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email lgoldberg@minlib.net for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our April 13 discussion is *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom.

The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson

(Available in our catalog in print, as a copy on hold at McAuliffe, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Evening Discussion on Tuesday March 16, 7-8pm

Morning Discussion on Thursday March 18, 11am-12pm

Multiverse travel is finally possible, but there's just one catch: no one can visit a world where their counterpart is still alive. Enter Cara, whose parallel selves happen to be exceptionally good at dying. Cara's life has been cut short on 372 worlds in total. But trouble finds Cara when one of her 8 remaining doppelgängers dies under mysterious circumstances, plunging her into a new world with an old secret. Join us for either our morning or evening discussion or both! Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.

The title for our April 20 discussion is *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller.

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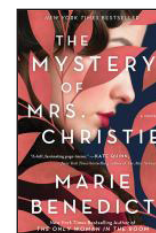
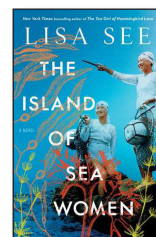
Zed: A Novel by Joanna Kavenna

(Available in our catalog in print and as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby)

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

One corporation has made a perfect world based on a perfect algorithm...now what to do with all these messy people? Dazzlingly original and darkly comic, *Zed* asks profound questions about who we are, what we owe to one another, and what makes us human. Led by Lucy Loveridge, Library Liaison. Please email lloveridge@minlib.net to receive the Zoom invitation.

The title for our April 14 discussion is *Luna: New Moon* by Ian McDonald.



Citizenship Corner



Do you know someone applying for US Citizenship?

We are offering a 12-week class to help prepare applicants for the Naturalization test and interview. The program will review American History & Civics, and questions and terms that applicants need to know to successfully complete the process. The program will begin on **March 16** and will be held on Tuesday evenings from **7-8:30pm**. Students must be at least an intermediate level English speaker to benefit from the class. Classes will be held using Zoom, so computer/internet access is required.

If you have questions or know a student who may be interested, contact us at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.

MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

Please email elawrence@minlib.net 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.

Exercise Classes via Zoom

Please **REGISTER** by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes. Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2-2:45pm

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



TONE AND STRETCH

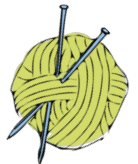
Mondays March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 4:30-5:15pm

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.

Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

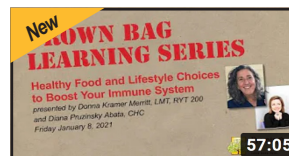
Mondays 11am-12pm and Wednesdays 6-7pm

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 for the program link to join either or both days.



Check out our YouTube Channel

CLICK HERE for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts, guitar lessons and more.



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



Missed one of our special events? Many are on our YouTube channel.

Coming soon to YouTube!

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events at Framingham State University

Arts & Ideas – Spring 2021

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

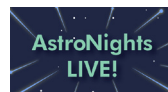
must-see speakers, performances, exhibitions and films, focusing on the theme of the public self. All events are free and open to the public. **CLICK HERE** for more information.



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AstroNights LIVE

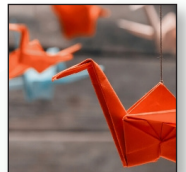
Friday March 19, 7pm Ages 7+



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.

A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge

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**.



Seed Lending Library

The Seed Lending Library reopens on March 10.



We start the season with over 40 types of seeds from arugula to zucchini, available at both the Main Library and the

McAuliffe Branch Library. For a list of available seeds, see our Seed Library 2021 Catalog **HERE**. To request seeds or to ask questions, email framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com.



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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.

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



*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.

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

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

BOOKS

A Theft of Swords by Michael J. Sullivan

Available in print and on CD in our catalog.

If you've read *The Lord of the Rings* too many times and are looking for something new, check out *A Theft of Swords*. A brooding thief and a cheerful swordsman get caught up in an epic buddy adventure alongside reluctant kings, a powerful princess, a handless wizard, and a brewing war between elves and men. There's sweeping world-building, subverting expectations, and a globe-spanning adventure, all resulting from one ill-conceived heist. – *Lara*



The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw

Available on OverDrive/Libby as an audiobook and in print in our catalog.

The ladies in Deesha Philyaw's *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* are trying to get free. These nine stories follow women from four different generations as they struggle to define themselves despite and in light of their own desires and how those desires brush up against the church's teachings and double standards. Nuanced, complex and immediately entertaining, these stories grab the reader from the first sentence. If you're looking for stories that are short and titillating yet layered and introspective, you can't go wrong with this debut collection. – *Jael*



“Browse” our *Comforting Soups and Stews* cookbooks display table. [CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles.

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.](#)

The digital library is **always open**.

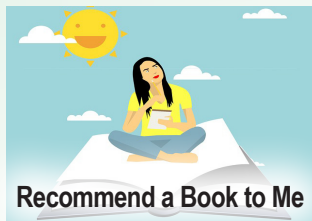
OPEN 24 HOURS

Libby.
The one-tap reading app from our library.

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



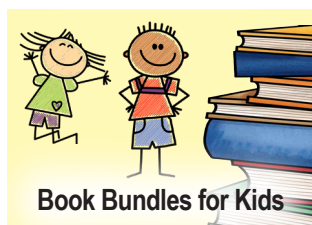
Food Lovers Books



Create and Decorate



Magazines



Book Bundles for Kids



Framingham Public Library Foundation News

A space in the Main Library dedicated to our teens is more important now than ever.

Please help us by making a donation at www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/.

Or, send a check to FPLF; 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, email Ruth Winett at 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

Spring is here! Print out a coloring page, grab a blanket, a thermos of hot tea and enjoy the sunshine. [CLICK HERE](#).



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



BOOK SALE IN A BAG

Thinking about your Book Sale in a Bag? Think **Histories!** Think **Mysteries!**

We will work with you to create a personalized bag of books. Just ask. If we have it and you want it, it can go in your bag...all for just \$10/bag. For more information and to place an order, please email Marsha Farmelant at mfarmelant@aol.com or call 508-875-1918.

Thank you to this year's Corporate Members!

- Alta Union House
- Automatic Appliance Service, Inc.
- Bernardi Toyota in Framingham
- Herb Connolly Auto Group
- Susan "Gudrun" Horde of Coldwell Banker Realty
- Market Basket
- Metrowest Podiatry Services
- Murphy's Automotive
- Optical View
- Paul Flaherty Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc.
- Roche Brothers
- Shillman House Residents' Association

To become a corporate member or to learn more about the Friends, please click [HERE](#).

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

MARCH PROGRAMS

Among Us Game Time!

Saturday March 13, 1-3pm

Register online



Let's play *Among Us*! We'll hunt down imposters and attempt to survive together. *Registration required.* Visit the [TEEN EVENT CALENDAR](#) in early March to sign up.

Take & Make Kit: Birdseed Cookies

Pick up in the second half of March

LIMITED SUPPLIES – [REGISTER](#) to reserve your kit

Winter's coming to a close, but we're still in for some cold nights. Make sure your local birds stay happy as the seasons change with these birdseed cookies!



Take & Make Kit: Candy Sushi

Pick up in the second half of March

LIMITED SUPPLIES – [REGISTER](#) to reserve your kit

Have your candy sushi kit at the ready to hang out and watch whatever we want on Crunchyroll! Visit the [TEEN EVENT CALENDAR](#) in early March for the link to watch.



Virtual Anime Club

Saturday March 27, 1-3pm

This will be our first virtual Anime Club in a while, so make sure to grab your Candy Sushi kit so you have a snack to make while we watch. Visit the [TEEN EVENT CALENDAR](#) for the link to watch.



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.

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!



GOAL: 15,000

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.](#)



LOOKING FOR MORE COMMUNITY LINKS?

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.

The Center provides a broad range of support services, assistance with applying for benefits and referrals for services that other organizations can provide.

For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

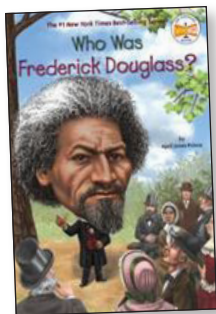
Homework Center News

Academic Enrichment Book Groups

The **Homework Center** has close to 100 students reading in Academic Enrichment Book Groups. Students read and meet remotely on a weekly basis to discuss and write reviews/critiques on Framingham Public School recommended books.

The Homework Center's Middle School Book Group

recently read *Batman: Nightwalker* by Marie Lu. This fast-paced novel chronicles the adventures of 18-year-old Bruce Wayne as he falls under the spell of a beautiful criminal, confronts evil and grows into his Batman persona. All participants commented on the specific images the author creates, as well as the convoluted plot. They enjoyed learning new vocabulary and imagining the legendary Gotham City. They recommend the book to students in grades 6-12. "It's not for younger readers, though," Jason cautioned. Joao explained: "It might give you nightmares." **Read the book group members' reviews [HERE](#).**



The **Fourth Grade Book Group** recently read *Who Was Frederick Douglass?* by April Jones Prince. One of the most famous abolitionists of the 19th century, Douglass gave

many speeches in the North about the evils of slavery. In fact, he spoke right here in Framingham at Harmony Grove. This group was so inspired by Frederick Douglass they went on to research other civil rights leaders. **Read the book group members' comments [HERE](#).**

If you would like to read with a book group, we would love to have you participate!



We also provide remote tutoring for students K-12, in all subjects. To sign up, contact 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-2pm

Wednesday: 1-4pm

Thursday: 1-7pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am-2pm

HOW IT WORKS:

- ✓ Go to our website 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. (Printouts and copies limited to 10 pages per day.)

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 later this spring.

For submission or more information, please contact Judy Gatlin at 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

Language learning that works at home.



DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S MARCH 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) and Discoveries

Saturday March 6, 10-10:30am, contact ECAF to sign up (link below).

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. We love when parents take the lead!



Book Buddy Reading to Dogs

Sundays March 14 and 28, 2-3pm (10 minute appointments every 15 minutes), Online via Zoom All ages

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; 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.

Spring is Here! Pop Up Browsing for Kids

Saturday March 27, 9am-12pm, Main Library Learning Yard All Ages

Celebrate better weather (we hope!) while maintaining social distancing, keeping our mask on and disinfecting our hands on entering, by looking through shelves of Children's Books and AV—Graphic Novels, Picture Books, Easy Readers, Chapter Books, Thanksgiving and other holiday books, books in other languages, movies, even nonfiction for school reports. You'll get to pick your own!! Library staff will be on hand to answer questions and help you make selections. Once you've picked an item (or more!!), we'll check the book out using our mobile library setup.



ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Zoom Storytimes with Jillian and Dana

Mondays 10-10:20am and Thursdays 10:15-10:45am Ages 2-6, all welcome.

Contact 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 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)!

Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose with Jennifer SECOND SESSION REGISTRATION BEGINS

Wednesdays April 14 through June 9, 10:15-10:45am, online via Zoom Ages 0-3 and their caregiver.

Contact JRosenberg@minlib.net beginning March 29 to pre-register, schedule your supply pick up and get 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.



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).

Go Outside! Posted every other Wednesday, March 10 and 24

Check the [Kids' Page](#) on our website and [Instagram](#) every other Wednesday for new activities and a challenge that you'll have to do outside. Take a break from home/remote/hybrid schooling and go outdoors. Each challenge will include instructions for how to tag us to share evidence of your outdoor activities all week. But remember, you don't have to just go out on Wednesdays!

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 Women's History Month

Good Night Rebel Girls

Podcast A Podcast about extraordinary women in history and women who are making history. Stories are 5-20 minutes long.

Little Apple Meet your new favorite superhero. Apple is a young girl growing up in Harlem taking a stand against gentrification, racism and complicity—all while developing special abilities.

Storytime from Space Join Astronaut Kate Rubins from the International Space Station as she reads Rosie Revere, Engineer.

New Children's and YA Books 18 new books for March by Black authors.

Children's Books to Celebrate Women's History Month List of books for children about 5-8 to learn about some incredible women in history.



Take and Make Kits



Take & Make Kit: Constellation Building

Monday March 8, 9am-2pm Ages 5-12

Signups begin on Monday March 1, pickups begin on Monday March 8.

In celebration of Women's History Month, make constellation flashlight projections and build your own constellation with this multi-craft kit! All materials are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. *Supplies are limited.* Please [REGISTER HERE](#) starting **March 1 and schedule a time to pick up your kit.**

Take & Make Kit: Spoon Den Den Drums

Tuesday March 23, 9am-2pm Ages 5 and up

Signups begin on Monday March 15, pickups begin on Tuesday March 23.

A Den Den Drum (also known as a Japanese Pellet Drum) is a musical instrument with a two headed drum on a rod with beads or pellets hanging on threads on either side of the body of the drum. Create your own in our take and make kit this month! All materials are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. *Supplies are limited.* Please [REGISTER HERE](#) starting **March 15 and schedule a time to pick up your kit.**

Children's Book Review

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

by Cynthia Smith Recommended for Grades 4-6

This fiction book is a mixture of short stories, poems, and more about families from Native American tribes across Canada and the United States who are meeting together for an intertribal powwow in the US. Young readers will enjoy these stories whether they are learning about contemporary Indigenous life,



or looking for a good read that features different aspects of life and relationships between the characters. Even though many different authors contributed stories, it feels like there is a common thread that connects them and makes reading it seem like one person wrote it. I enjoyed the purpose behind this book and hope readers, too, enjoy these voices of Native American authors which we need more of in literature! *This book is available through the Minuteman Catalog.*

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](#)



YouTube Channel Highlights

Magic Mondays start in March!

Each Monday a new video explaining a magic trick for aspiring magicians will be posted thanks to Ed Popielarczyk, Magician of Springfield, Massachusetts, who has filmed and donated 16 magic trick lessons. Have a magic spring!