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Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month!

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

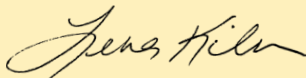


A New Look

This month we are launching the new design of our monthly newsletter, Look Here First. Our aim is to make it easier for you to discover and enjoy the exciting programming we offer at both libraries, highlight some of our learning resources, and deliver important news by:

- Enhancing readability and organization
- Adding additional interactivity, including more ways to navigate the newsletter and more links to details on our website (text and images)
- Including a printable children's calendar of events.

Please have a look, and we hope you join us at a program or event!



Lena Kilburn
Library Director



Author Janice Nimura Discusses *The Doctors Blackwell*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 7PM | ZOOM

Join Janice Nimura for a presentation based on her new *New York Times* bestselling book, *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine*. In partnership with the Ashland Public Library. [REGISTER](#).

Rebel Girls Celebrate International Women's Day! ALL AGES

TUESDAY MARCH 8, 7PM | ZOOM

Rebel Girls is a global empowerment brand dedicated to raising the most inspired and confident generation of girls. Authors Elena Favilli, Lilly Workneh, and CaShawn Thompson and Rebel Girls Art Director, Giulia Flamini will discuss their books and the mission of Rebel Girls! In partnership with the Ashland Public Library. [REGISTER](#).

She's Beautiful When She's Angry (2014) 1 hr. 33min. Not rated.

WATCH THE FILM: TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM or FRIDAY MARCH 11, 6:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM or ANYTIME ON [KANOPY](#) (with library card)

JOIN THE DISCUSSION: MONDAY MARCH 28, 7PM | ZOOM | [REGISTER](#) for the link.

A provocative and rousing account of the birth of the modern women's liberation movement in the late 1960s through to its contemporary manifestations. Directed by Mary Dore. Watch the film, then join our distinguished panel for a discussion. [DETAILS](#).

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

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

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 distancing.

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.

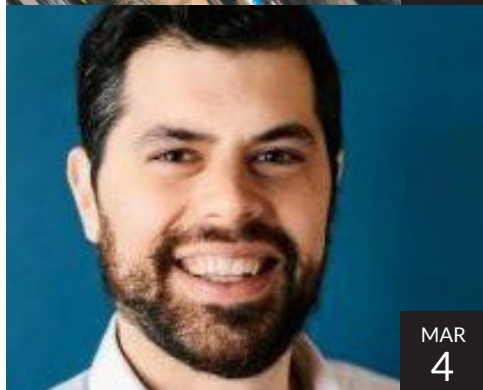


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Craft Ladies Present: Clay Pot Painting

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 7PM |
MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY
ROOM

Get ready for spring by joining us to paint
clay flower pots! [REGISTER](#). Space and
supplies are limited.

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LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS



LIFELONG LEARNING LECTURE SERIES

This Thursday evening [SERIES](#) is a
partnership between Framingham State
University (FSU) and Framingham Public
Library. If you have not registered for these
online lectures before, please [REGISTER](#).
Sponsored by The Joseph L. and Ray L. Freund
Foundation, courtesy of Elizabeth F. Fidelor.

MARCH 3, 7PM | ZOOM

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith (Salish)
with Dr. Erika Schneider, Associate
Professor, Art History, FSU

MARCH 31, 7PM | ZOOM

**Walking: Keeping Company with
Literature's Most Obsessive
Pedestrians** with Dr. Helen Heineman,
President Emerita, FSU

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING Spring 2022

TUESDAYS APRIL 5, 12,
26, AND MAY 3 | ZOOM

Enjoy remote courses for
seniors 60+ on Zoom!

Online registration opens Tuesday March 8
at 11am. More information [HERE](#).

ADVENTURES IN
LIFELONG
LEARNING

Winter Wildlife presented by Dan Stimson, Sudbury Valley Trustees

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 7-8PM |
MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY
ROOM AND ZOOM

Discover what animals you are likely to
see along the frozen trails in a cold, New
England winter. [REGISTER](#) for Zoom.

FILMS

No registration required, but space is limited; first come, first served.

Friday Night Film: *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*

(2021) 2hr. 35min. PG-13.

FRIDAY MARCH 4, 6:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Lexington St. doors open at 6pm.

McAuliffe Matinees: *A League of Their Own*

(1992) 2hr. 8min. PG.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH,
COMMUNITY ROOM

In the Heights (2021) 2h. 23m. PG-13.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16, 2PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM

Monday Matinee: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962) 2hr. 9min. Not Rated.

MONDAY MARCH 28, 2PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM

Brown Bag Learning Series Downtown Framingham, Inc. with Anthony Lucivero, Executive Director

FRIDAY MARCH 4, 12PM | ZOOM

Join us for a discussion on the ways in which
COVID-19 has impacted Framingham businesses,
and the innovative ways in which they have
adapted to these changing times. [REGISTER](#).

Sunday Classical Concert

SUNDAY MARCH 6, 3PM | MAIN LIBRARY,
COSTIN ROOM AND YOUTUBE LIVE

Pianist Sivan Etedgee and cellist Elena
Korablev perform. No registration required
to attend in person or online via [YouTube](#).

In-person space is limited; first come, first served.
The series is sponsored



Tea & Talk Tuesdays The Pandemic Stress Hack That Just Might Keep You Going

TUESDAY MARCH 29, 3PM | ZOOM

After two years of unpredictable,
ongoing, and intense stress related to
COVID-19, it is doubtful that our baseline
state is as relaxed as it should be. How
could we fix it? Before you join us, please
read the article [HERE](#). [REGISTER](#) for the
Zoom link.

Please visit our [WEBSITE](#) for more
event details.



BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Adult Book Club: *The Lost Apothecary*
by Sarah Penner

TUESDAY MARCH 1, 7PM | ZOOM | [REGISTER](#).
April 5: *The Color of Water* by James McBride

Club de Lectores: *Cuentos Completos*
por Jorge Luis Borges (continuación)
LUNES 7 DE MARZO, 8PM | ZOOM | Se requiere
[REGISTRACIÓN](#). 4 de abril: *Cuentos Completos 2*
por Julio Cortázar

Sci-Fi Book Club: *The Galaxy, and the Ground Within*
by Becky Chambers
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 7PM | ZOOM | [REGISTER](#).
April 13: *Dune Messiah* by Frank Herbert

NEW! Personal Growth Book Club & Workshop:
The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown
SATURDAY MARCH 26, 1PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
April 30: *Never Split the Difference* by Christopher Voss

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Evening Book Club: *The Witch's Heart*
by Genevieve Gornichec
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
AND ON ZOOM | [REGISTER](#) for the Zoom link. April 12: *The Kingdom of Back* by Marie Lu

Morning Book Club: *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*
by Jennifer Chiaverini
THURSDAY MARCH 17, 10AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM AND ON
ZOOM | [REGISTER](#) for the Zoom link. April 21: *The World Without Us* by Alan Weisman

Please click on book images to borrow these titles.



ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch
with Laila Vehvilainen

MONDAYS, 4:30PM | ZOOM
Tone your core and upper and lower body muscles followed by stretches. If you have not registered before, [REGISTER](#).

Stretch & Relax (Please note new time!)
with Laila Vehvilainen

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30PM | ZOOM
Maintain flexibility, improve balance, and reduce stress. If you have not registered before, [REGISTER](#).

Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation

THURSDAY MARCH 17, 11AM | ZOOM
Join Leslie Gabriele of With Love and Gratitude for guided meditation. If you have not registered before, [REGISTER](#).

Advanced Poetry Workshop
TUESDAYS, 7:30-9:30PM | ZOOM
Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University

This class welcomes serious poets with experience. If you are new to the group, [REGISTER](#) by noon on the day of the workshop.

Job Search Assistance on Zoom*
One-on-one Resume Building
THURSDAYS 9AM-1:30PM
One-on-one Mock Interviews
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2-3:30PM
[REGISTER](#). *If you need access to a computer, email fplmail6@minilib.net or call the library at 508-532-5570.

Yarn Social Clubs

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
MARCH 12 AND 26, 10AM | MAIN LIBRARY
Beginners welcome.
WEDNESDAYS AND MONDAYS
MARCH 7 AND 21, 11AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH AND ON ZOOM
[REGISTER](#) for the Zoom link.

Puzzles

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 7PM | MAIN LIBRARY
Stop by and grab a free puzzle to keep!
MONDAY MARCH 28, 7-8:30PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH
Swap a puzzle you've already completed or take a new one home to try!

What's on Your TBR Pile?

with author Gail Carriger

TUESDAY MARCH 29, 7PM | ZOOM
We'll hear from author Gail Carriger—one of the best Steampunk authors out there! Wonder what she's read and loved lately? Join us! In partnership with the Ashland Public Library. [REGISTER](#). April 25: Joseph Finder

FPL's Downtown U

Entrepreneurship & Career Support

In partnership with Framingham State University. Work with Mark Hardie, Director of FSU's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center. All sessions are via Zoom. [REGISTER](#) for one session or more.

Small Business Workshops
Tuesdays March 1 and 15, 7pm

Career Building Workshops
Thursdays March 3 and 17, 11am

Job Search Assistance
Led by Ed Lawrence.
(See dates on right.)
More details [HERE](#).

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



Check out the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

Click [HERE](#) for our calendar.



RESOURCES

Literacy Unlimited

Learn more [HERE](#), or contact us at 508-532-5574, fplmail4@minlib.net.

Call for volunteer tutors! We need you 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.

Applying for U.S. Citizenship?

We will work with you one-on-one to help prepare you for the Naturalization test and interview.

Homework Center

The Homework Center provides in person and virtual tutoring in all subjects to students K-12, **Monday through Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm.**

We also facilitate **Academic Enrichment Book Groups** reading Framingham Public School recommended books for all grade levels, K-12.

To sign up for tutoring sessions or participate in a book group, contact jgatlin@minlib.net. Visit us [HERE](#).



Framingham Business Resource Center

Starting a business, expanding your career or furthering your education? Visit the FBRC for thousands of online resources and video courses! Located on the 3rd floor of the Main Library. Learn more [HERE](#).

IDEAS HAPPENING HERE

Check out our [YouTube channel](#)! Watch many of our programs, and find recipes, crafts, lessons, and more!

YOUNG ADULTS

Join Our Free 24/7 Minecraft Server! Grades 4-12.

The Library (with support from the Framingham Cultural Council) has created a private Minecraft server for any Framingham residents in 4-12th grades to join! For more info, and to fill out an application, visit [HERE](#).



Play Minecraft Grades 4-12.

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 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 and chat with others, join us during these times. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate.

Pixel Art – Early Release Day Program Grades 4-12.

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 3-4:30PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Create your own Pixel Art using fuse beads, then turn it into a magnet/keychain/jewelry!



Mason Jar Air Freshener (Take & Make Kit) Grades 6-12.

PICK UP IN THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH. Limited supplies. [REGISTRATION](#) required. Create your own reusable air freshener with just a few simple ingredients.

Learn Arduino Grades 5-12.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 4-6PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB

Learn how to use Arduino to do lots of different projects in the next installment of our ongoing series. If you can, please bring your own laptop. [REGISTRATION](#) required.



The Seed Lending Library Reopens March 13!

Seeds will be available at both libraries. Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for more information. The Seed Lending Library is a joint project of the Framingham Public Library and Transition Framingham.

SUPPORTERS

Friends Book Sale – March 19

This sale will be a big one! Because the January and February sales were cancelled, our inventory is bursting. Mark your calendar.

All four book sale areas at the Main Library will be open from **10am to 3 pm**. Friends can have early access to the Bag Room and Monthly Book Sale Room at 9:30am. Books in The Friends Bookstore and Lobby can be purchased from 9am onward.

It's a Bargain...

Joining the Friends, that is. A Friends annual membership costs about the same as seven cups of Dunkin' coffee or five cups of Starbucks coffee. All dues go directly to support the library's activities and programs. Click [HERE](#) to join or renew.



Framingham Public Library Foundation Sneak Peak

Our next project is creating a **Technology & Learning Center** for all ages in the Main Library.

The TLC will include classrooms and individual workstations and provide a range of courses, including using technology. Please make a donation [HERE](#). Or, send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING CENTER
@FFPL

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for links to our partners.



CHILDREN'S

MARCH 2022 PROGRAMS



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Take & Make Kit: Cat in the Hat Craft Ages 3+. **REGISTRATION** required.
SIGNUPS BEGIN FEBRUARY 21; PICKUPS ARE FROM MARCH 1-12 | MCAULIFFE BRANCH
Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day this March by creating your own Cat in the Hat craft. Supplies are limited.

Tweens: Pixel Art Grades 4-8.
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 12-2PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CRAFT ROOM
Create your own Pixel Art using fuse beads. Then turn it into a magnet/keychain/jewelry if you'd like!

Arduino for Kids Ages 7-12. **REGISTRATION** required.
SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB



Learn the basics of Arduino, and how you can use these microcontrollers in all sorts of projects. If you can, please bring your own laptop.

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt Ages K+.
MARCH 7-17 | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CHILDREN'S ROOM

Begin this St. Patrick's theme scavenger hunt at the Children's Desk and see if you can solve all the riddles. A book prize will be waiting for those who solve it!

Drop-in Craft: Cardboard Creations Ages 5+.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 6-8PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB



Drop in and use recycled cardboard and paint markers to design an everlasting bouquet of flowers.

Popsicle Stick Snap Snakes Ages 7+.
THURSDAY MARCH 10, 10AM-12PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CRAFT ROOM
Using snaps and popsicle sticks, drop in to create your own bendable snake!

Open LEGO Ages 5+.
THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Drop in and make something amazing with our LEGOs.



Spring Storytimes at McAuliffe Ages 3+.
SATURDAYS MARCH 12 AND 19, 11-11:30AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, ASTRONAUT GROVE
Join us outdoors for these spring theme stories. Weather dependent and may be moved indoors.

Popsicle Stick Rainbows Ages 5+.
THURSDAY MARCH 17, 6-8PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Drop in and use popsicle sticks and paint markers to make your own rainbow to take home.



Open LEGO and Block Build Ages 5+.
FRIDAY MARCH 18, 3-4:30PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CRAFT ROOM
Drop in and make something creative with Keva Planks, LEGOs, MagnaTiles, and more!

Family Movie Matinee: PAW Patrol: The Movie All ages.
SATURDAY MARCH 19, 12PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
The PAW Patrol joins forces to save the city. (2021) 98 min. Rated G.

Self Watering Planter Ages 7+. **REGISTRATION** required.
SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Join us to make a self watering planter in celebration of spring.



Drop-in Bird Craft Ages 3+.
TUESDAY MARCH 22, 11AM-12PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CRAFT ROOM
Drop in and make a wintry bird scene using your handprint!


Spider-Man Mania Grades 2-5.
SATURDAY MARCH 26, 3-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY, CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM
Join other Spider-Man fans and talk about why Spidey is one of the world's most popular superheroes! Thwipp!

Rebel Girls Celebrate International Women's Day! All Ages. **REGISTER.**
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 7-8PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us for a virtual talk by the authors of *Rebel Girls* on their books and mission.



Dads Donuts and Discoveries

SATURDAY MARCH 5, 10-11AM – MAIN LIBRARY, LEARNING YARD OR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM (depending on weather).






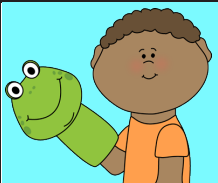
Ages 2-6.  **EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE**
Uniting for Young Children... the Heart of our Community
Framingham, MA
See the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham **WEBSITE** for more information and their winter schedule of events, or contact Jane DeHaven at jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us or 508-782-6932.

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Please visit our **WEBSITE** for more event details.



CHILDREN'S MARCH 2022 PROGRAMS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			2 MGOTL (Zoom) 10:15-10:45 am	3 Tweens: Pixel Art 12- 2 pm @ McA	4 	5 Dads, Donuts and Discoveries 10-11 am @ Main Arduino for Kids 2-4 pm @ Main
6	7 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10-10:30 am @ McA & Zoom	8 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10-10:20 am Virtual Author Talk 7-8 pm ALL AGES on Zoom	9 MGOTL (Zoom) 10:15-10:45 am Cardboard Creations: Flowers 6-8 pm @ Main	10 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10:15- 10:45 am @ Main & Zoom Popsicle Stick Snap Snakes 10 am- 12 pm @ McA Open Lego 2- 4 pm @ Main	11 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10:30- 11 am	12 Spring Storytime 11-11:30 am @ McA PAW Patrol: The Movie 12- 1:30 pm @ McA
	14 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10-10:30 am @ McA & Zoom	15 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10-10:20 am	16 MGOTL (Zoom) 10:15-10:45 am	17 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10:15- 10:45 am @ Main & Zoom Popsicle Stick Rainbow 6-8 pm @ Main  St. Patrick's Day	18 Open Lego & Block Build 3-4 pm @ McA	19 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10:30- 11 am Spring Storytime 11-11:30 am @ McA Self Watering Planter 2-4 pm @ Main
20  Spring Equinox	21 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10-10:30 am @ McA & Zoom	22 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10-10:20 am Drop In: Bird Craft 11 am- 12 pm @ McA	23 MGOTL (Zoom) 10:15-10:45 am	24 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10:15- 10:45 am @ Main & Zoom	25 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10:30- 11 am	26 Spider-Man Mania 3-4 pm @ Main
27	28 Weekly Hybrid Storytimes 10-10:30 am @ McA & Zoom	29 Zoom Baby Lapsit 10-10:20 am		31	Try the Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt from March 7-17 at McAuliffe!	

In-person events subject to change. View our website for our most up-to-date event listings.

For an invite to the zoom events email: McAuliffeChildrensRoom@gmail.com

Take & Make Kits of the month- Cat in the Hat (register starting 2/22) and Purim Masks (register starting 3/1)

ONGOING EVENTS

Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose (FULL!)

Ages 0-2 with a caregiver.

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 2, 9, 16, AND 23, 10:15-10:45AM | ZOOM

Join us for an eight-week, thirty-minute program that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. For Zoom link and scheduling kit pickup, email jrosenberg@minlib.net. Registration was previously required.

Weekly Storytimes (in person or on Zoom) Ages 2-5.

Join us for stories and a craft (in person only) and keep adding to your 1000 Books before Kindergarten list. No registration to attend in person; for Zoom link, email McAuliffechildrensroom@gmail.com.

THURSDAYS 10:15-10:45AM | MAIN LIBRARY, CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM OR ON ZOOM

MONDAYS 10-10:20AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, CHILDREN'S ROOM OR ON ZOOM

Zoom Baby Lapsits Ages 0-2 and their caregivers.

TUESDAYS 10-10:20AM, FRIDAYS MARCH 11 AND 25, AND SATURDAY MARCH 19, 10:30-11AM | ZOOM

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets! For Zoom link, email McAuliffechildrensroom@gmail.com.

Bookworm Book Club with Max! Grades 3-6.

ALTERNATING SUNDAYS (DATES TO BE DECIDED), 2-3PM | ZOOM

For Zoom link, email McAuliffechildrensroom@gmail.com.

Please check our [EVENTS](#) calendar for dates and book titles.

Find books in person at the Library or check on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.

Please visit our [WEBSITE](#) for more event details.