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Dear Library Community,

Hoping that this edition of the Framingham Public Library's newsletter, *Look Here First* finds you well and your family well. I wish to take only a moment of your time to share with you what has been happening at your Library during these unprecedented times. On March 13th, Framingham Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer closed several City facilities, including the Libraries, to the public as a measure to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Since the moment of that decision Library staff have been working diligently to keep as many Library services as possible available to you and your family. I'll highlight a few of these in a moment, but first an answer to a question we receive frequently — there will be NO late charges on any Library materials. Please keep all the items you have checked out at home.

We have expanded, and in several cases enhanced your access to the Library's electronic resources. These services are available 24/7. Please see the Library webpage www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online for more information. We are expanding ways for you to reach out to a librarian with questions or help accessing electronic resources. We are moving many of our programs online. And we are posting the latest information from the City and other reliable sources pertaining to this crisis prominently on our website. I encourage you to check the website often. Please be safe. We look forward to seeing all of you again very soon!

For the Trustees, Staff, Friends of the Library, and our volunteers,

Sincerely yours,

Mark Contois
Library Director



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**The Libraries will be
closed until May 4.**

Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

**did you
know?**

**APRIL 22 IS THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
EARTH DAY**

Learn about the first Earth Day—what started it, the enormous size of the protests, and the changes it spurred. See page 3 to read about it.



STAYING CONNECTED!

Digital Collection

Access us from home with our online digital services—FREE with your library card. Visit www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online. E-books, audiobooks, magazines, comic books and graphic novels, plus downloadable and streaming audio and video, databases and more are all available. Please see page 2 for more about our e-resources and special offers.



Online Library Events

We are adding online events using video conferencing. Try attending an online event! [Click here](#) for a listing of events for all ages.

You can also watch videos of our **Brown Bag Learning Series**, an educational and entertaining series featuring local experts speaking on topics such as retirement, health, travel, personal finance, and more. [Watch now!](#)

Join us LIVE on **zoom**
for Storytime & Baby Lapsit!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **For resources about the Coronavirus** and appropriate precautions, [click here](#).
- **NO late charges** on any materials. Please keep items at home.
- **Free WiFi** is available in both Library parking lots. Please practice safe 6 foot distancing and use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.
- **We will keep you updated** on any changes to our status.

Be AMAZED
Books are just
the beginning!

CONNECT WITH US ON:



Sign up for [email updates](#) of Library news and events on our homepage!

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Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

ONLINE RESOURCES GUIDE www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online

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FOR BOOK, MOVIE,
MUSIC AND MAGAZINE
RECOMMENDATIONS

eBooks & Digital Audiobooks

Meet Libby, the New Overdrive App!

Libby, the new app from OverDrive, makes it easy to borrow ebooks and audiobooks and enjoy them on a smartphone or other portable device. Just download the free Libby app, then enter your library card number to browse, or search, thousands of digital titles. The virtual bookshelf lists all the titles you have borrowed or have placed on hold. You will get an email notice when a book on hold is available.

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.

**Rakuten
OverDrive**

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.*

hoopla

**Hoopla Increases the Number of Items You May Borrow

While we are in the midst of the coronavirus crisis we have temporarily increased the number of Hoopla items you can borrow from five to ten items in a calendar month.

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

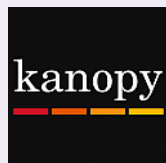
Music albums from Hoopla are available for 7 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5** Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.*



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 5 titles per month.



Note: Kanopy Kids now has unlimited access until at least April 16!

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 5 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.*

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 65 languages available. Home access is available for library card holders with a Framingham address. If you do not live in Framingham, come to the Library when we are open and sign up for a Mango account. You will then be able to sign in to your account on your home computer or via the Mango app on your phone or tablet.



Consumer Reports

Use your Framingham Public Library card to access *Consumer Reports* for information about consumer products. **CR** Consumer Reports

Also check out our Research Resources and Information Guides

*If you do not live in Framingham, you can still use Hoopla through the Boston Public Library. All residents of Massachusetts may sign up for a Boston Public Library e-Card and use BPL's e-Resources, which include Overdrive, Hoopla and Kanopy.

Kicking off a Naming Contest!

The Homework Center does so much more than homework!

With over 50 tutors proficient in all subjects taught in the Framingham Public Schools, we provide:

- Free individualized tutoring
- School project help
- Guided research and crafting assistance in project creation
- SAT, ACT, subject test tutoring, college essay writing, mentoring college search process
- Membership on the Student Advisory Board – community service, leadership training, event planning
- Annual academic enrichment programming: Environmental Awareness Fair, Essay Contest, Robotics Day, March Math Madness, Fashion Show, Spelling and Geography Bee, academic enrichment classes, Just Another Mandarin Monday, The Road to Code, Annual Kids Ham Radio Day, Rock Talk and more!



Remote Tutoring

We are currently tutoring a number of students remotely with the Zoom app. If this is something that would interest your K-12 student, please contact jgatlin@minlib.net. We will be happy to work with your student!

Help us choose a new name for this Library program that encompasses all we do! **Start sending your ideas now to jgatlin@minlib.net. Submissions due by June 1st. [CLICK HERE](#)** for more information on the Homework Center.

Pop Up! Pop In! Be Counted!



Fill out your Census and be counted!

- The 2020 Census is **ONLINE!**
- The Census is **important, confidential** and **easy!**

Preencha o seu censo e seja contado!

- O censo de 2020 está **ONLINE!**
- O censo é **importante, confidencial** e **fácil!**

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- ¡El censo de 2020 está **EN LÍNEA!**
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United States®
**Census
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<https://my2020census.gov>

BOOK GROUPS Now online!

MAIN / McAULIFFE

Wonder by R.J. Palacio ALL AGES AND FAMILIES WELCOME!

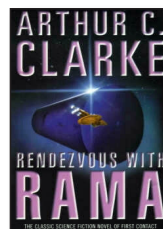
ZOOM SESSION, Tuesday April 21, 7-8pm In this novel, August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that had prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder* begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include that of his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com to participate.



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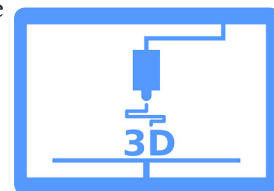
Rendezvous with Rama by Arthur C. Clarke

ZOOM SESSION, Wednesday April 8, 7-8pm In the year 2130, an enormous celestial object appears outside the orbit of Jupiter. As it becomes clear that this is not an asteroid, astronauts launch a mission to rendezvous with Rama, as the object has been dubbed. As they get closer, images reveal a smooth surfaced cylindrical spaceship of highly intelligent design, promising first contact with an alien species. Led by Marcy Maiorana. If you are new to the group and would like to participate, please email mmaiorana@minlib.net.



Responding to the Need

Framingham Public Library's 3D printer has been drafted! Our little LulzBot Mini will be busy, while the Library is closed, printing parts for N95 masks for First Responders and Medical Staff all over the Commonwealth. Thanks to Reference Sub and Woburn Technology Librarian, John Walsh, for partnering with us.



Earth Day – April 22, 2020 50 Years of Environmental Awareness

Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis—oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans—10% of the U.S. population at the time—took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

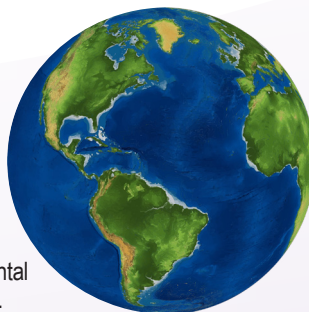
The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

What was the result of the first Earth Day?

The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws.

Earth Day continues to hold major international significance: In 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed into force.

— Source: www.earthday.org



Don't have a library card?

Sign up for an eCard to give you access to digital books, music, movies and more!

[CLICK HERE](#)



The Library may be closed, but you may still access free WiFi throughout the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch Library parking lots. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 feet apart from others) to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.



By using the free wireless service, you are agreeing to abide by the Framingham Public Library Internet Policy. All users are expected to use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.

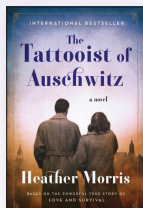
STAFF RECOMMENDS

Catch up on your reading, relax with a movie or some music, and check out magazines. Here are some recommendations from our staff, that you can find on our [digital resources](#).

BOOKS on Libby by OverDrive

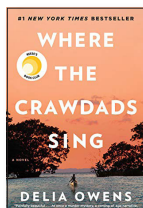
The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel by Heather Morris

Based on intimate interviews with a Holocaust survivor and tattooist at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps, this novel is a beautiful historically inspired journey. The main character, Lale, is immediately compelling with his charm, compassion and courage. His emotionally powerful story mirrors the complex struggles of the human spirit: fear vs courage, self-preservation vs self-sacrifice, hatred vs love. You will be challenged and moved as hope, love and, ultimately, humanity, prevail. – Kiera



Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

This novel is a romance with resiliency, with the unrelenting will to survive. Kya is a young girl abandoned by her family to survive alone in the marshes of North Carolina. Rather than give up, she learns how to live not only with the world around her but how to navigate tentative relationships in town. The story follows two time frames, one that starts in 1952 when Kya is a girl and one in 1965 with the investigation of a murder. These two chronicles eventually entwine, leaving this reader on the edge of her seat. If, in this time of social distancing, you need a book about living achingly alone in the wild, violent world of nature, give this a read. – Jennifer N.



Bonfire by Krysten Ritter

I hate it when actors write books. It's one of my pet peeves. But this is a good book y'all. Very suspenseful. Keeps you guessing until the very end. I had no idea what was going on (in a good way) even up to 90% completed. You can also see the author act in *Jessica Jones* on Netflix. – Jennifer R.



BOOKS on Hoopla

Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson

This thriller/mystery takes place in Boston, in the present. The main character is a bookstore owner named Malcolm who lives in Beacon Hill. Years ago, he compiled a list for his bookstore blog of eight perfect murders that he took from some of his favorite mystery books. The book takes a dark turn when someone finds Malcolm's list and starts to commit the murders. Everyone around him could be a potential suspect. Malcolm must find out who is committing the murders before it is too late! – Jacqueline



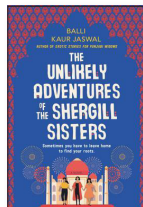
So Here I Am by Anna Russell

"Can you think of a speech by a woman?" The first line of this non-fiction work had me stumped. I could not think of a speech by a woman. How is that possible? This short book researched and compiled speeches given by great women around the world and throughout time, while providing a brief background on their life and what prompted them to give that speech. From political activists on voting rights to education, to Nobel Prize winners, each one is empowering and inspiring. Every woman's profile is also given in fantastic color block illustrations. – Jillian



AUDIOBOOK: *The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters* by Balli Kaur

Jaswal is a charming and thoughtful story of three Punjabi Sisters embarking on a pilgrimage to their homeland to lay their mother to rest. The story illuminates the bonds of family, sisterhood, and heritage that tether us despite our differences. Funny and heartbreaking, it is a reminder of the truly important things we must treasure in our lives. – Refina



MOVIES on Kanopy

Buddy (2018) 87 min.

In this poignant and carefully composed portrait of six service dogs and their owners, renowned documentary filmmaker Hedy Honigmann explores the close bond between animal and human. Buddy is an ode to the fighting spirit of the main characters and a loving portrait of the deep bond between man and dog. – Christine



So You Liked *Parasite*, and Are Now Stuck Inside (How Ironic...)

For many Americans, *Parasite* was the first Korean film they'd ever seen. When it became the first ever international film to win Best Picture at the Oscars, it jumped onto everyone's radar, and its director, Bong Joon-Ho, was suddenly everywhere. But after you've seen *Parasite*, where do you go from there? Lucky for all of us, all you need is a library card and the internet to gain access to a treasure trove of the best of modern Korean cinema. Use [Hoopla](#) and [Kanopy](#) on your phones/tablets/laptops/smart TVs/Rokus, and more! – John



MUSIC on Hoopla

Hamilton (Original Broadway Cast Recording)

Transport yourself to Broadway! The smash-hit musical happens all in song, and you can hear it on this digital recording. A fascinating, foot-tapping blend of history, hip-hop, and Broadway. – Nancy



MAGAZINES on Libby by OverDrive

Enjoy over 50 digital magazines including these popular ones. – Christine



YOUNG ADULTS

GRADES 6-12

TEEN BOREDOM GUIDE by John Garrigan

Hey all, it's John, your friendly teen librarian. Just like all of you, I'm cooped up in my house right now losing my mind from boredom, so I am going to point you towards some fun things to read/watch/do, to keep you occupied. [CLICK HERE to get started!](#)

Reading Recommendations

All of the following are available on either **Overdrive/Libby** or **Hoopla** in eBook, and sometimes downloadable audiobook form.

COMIC BOOKS!

Older Teens: *Locke & Key*, *Monstress*, *Luisa: Now and Then*, *Afterlife with Archie*, *Giant Days*, *Doom Patrol*

Younger Teens: *New Kid*, *Adventure Time*, *Paper Girls*, *Lumberjanes*, *Sheets*, *Minecraft*, *Avatar*



Fantasy/Sci-fi

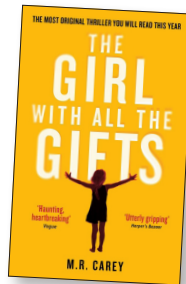
The Diviners/A Great and Terrible Beauty both by Libba Bray, *Destroy all Monsters* Sam J. Miller

Realistic Fiction

Scream All Night by Derek Milman, *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera (with a dash of sci-fi), *Opposite of Always* by Justin A. Reynolds

HORROR

Wilder Girls by Rory Power, *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey



Movie Recommendations

Using both **Hoopla** and **Kanopy**, you can stream movies to your phone/tablet/computer/Roku etc. Here are some good ones:

Older Teens: *Eighth Grade*, *Train to Busan*, *Hearts Beat Loud*, *Rent*

Younger Teens: *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*, *Son of Rambow*, *Patema Inverted*

If you'd like to reach out for more recommendations, just email me at jgarrigan@minlib.net and I'll see what I can do!



The **Friends** provide free movies, concerts, programs, museum passes, audio books, CDs, Children's Room apps, and many other services to patrons and the Framingham community because of your continued support.

DONATIONS: Due to COVID-19 and the closure of the Library, the Friends are unable to accept any donations at this time. We will update you when we are up and running again. Please do not leave donations outside Library doors or near book drops. Thank you.

A HUGE thank you to all of you who have supported Team Framingham Boston Marathon runner **Anatoly** in his fundraising efforts for the Friends. A special shoutout goes to **Alta Union House** for their banner sponsorship and **Dell Technologies** for matching their employees' donations.

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 or contact Ruth Winett at 508-877-1938 or rwinett@rcn.com for more information.

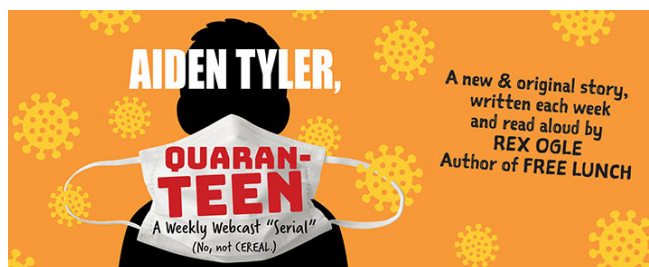


Everyone's stuck at home right now, but that doesn't mean we can't still get together virtually! [CLICK HERE](#) to find out what we have planned and how to participate. Events will take place **Fridays at 1pm** (and whenever else I have a good idea!). And check out the webcast below!

The Junior Library Guild and Rex Ogle present: Aiden Tyler, Quaranteen

Join in on Tuesdays at 2pm for this weekly webcast serial.

[CLICK HERE](#)



ON THE ROAD

BOOKMOBILE NEWS

The Bookmobile staff misses visiting you! We're working hard on getting ready to resume our regular stops and getting ready for special summer events. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for more information on how we plan on resuming Bookmobile services once the Library reopens.

DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S APRIL 2020

HOME WITH THE KIDS?

We have new [online programs](#), information on resources of all kinds, an Earth Day craft and more to share with your children!

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 shelter in place!

Weekly Zoom Baby Lapsits

with Joanne and Lucy

Tuesdays 10-10:20am and Fridays 10:30-11am

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 shelter in place 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)!



Children's Book Reviews

The Dark Lord Clementine by Sarah Jean Horwitz

Available as an ebook on [Hoopla](#) and [OverDrive](#).

The Starspun Web by Sinead O'Hart

Available as an ebook on [OverDrive](#).

I met two delightful girls and their circles of friends this weekend despite preserving my social distancing! Yes, I'm talking about the heroines and supporting characters in the above two books.

Clementine is the lonely daughter of the Dark Lord Elithor and will take over the title someday. Her father alternates between neglectful and ranting over her faults, she can only observe the village children playing from a distance since they fear her as their sorcerous future ruler, and the only mother she's known is a white splotch of snow on the mountains called the White Lady. But when her father, whom she loves despite everything, is cursed, Clementine rises to the occasion in her own way, taking care of the farm, committing Dastardly Deeds to keep their home, and breaking her father's rules to save him—by making friends.

Teresita Mariana de Sousa, or Tess as her friends call her and she has many friends, is a foundling with a scientific bent. She experiments with her friend Wilf, keeps a pet tarantula named Violet in her hair, and loves the women who run her foundling home. But one day, a strange man appears to claim her, and she finds out she came from an alternate reality. Not only that, but she may also have the ability to travel to alternate realities, too. Forced to go with Mr. Cleal, Tess has to be very brave and resourceful, while using her scientific methods to save herself, some new friends, and possibly a number of alternate realities while trying to find a way back to her friends at the Foundling Home.

These were both excellent, engaging adventure books for Grades 4 or 5 and up that are sure to entertain. – Lucy



Newspaper Planter

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, let's plant something!

Watch for a video tutorial on Instagram and Facebook.

Materials needed:

1 newspaper page
1 canned good
Garden soil
Seed of your choosing
That's it!



1. Lay out your newspaper page so that the long side is facing you.
2. Fold your newspaper into thirds, top to bottom.
3. Place your can on one end of the folded newspaper.
4. Tightly roll the newspaper around the can.
5. Roll until you reach the end of the paper.
6. Gently wiggle the can out of the newspaper slightly, so there is about 2" of rolled paper no longer hugging the can.
7. Take the 2" of paper you just freed & tuck it up under the can. Make sure you tuck all the excess paper tightly so that your soil will stay in place.
8. Gently wiggle out the rest of the can from the paper.
9. Grab your soil, moisten slightly so that the soil is damp like a sponge but not dripping.
10. Fill the newspaper planter with moist soil.
11. Plant your seed according to the directions on the seed packet.
12. Leave in a sunny window & keep moist.
13. Soon your seed shall sprout!



FUN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!

Check out all these online resources for kids. Just click on the titles and enjoy!

Drawing

- **Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems!** Weekdays at 1 pm (Watch previous videos anytime)
- **Draw Everyday with Jarrett J. Krosoczka** Weekdays at 2pm (Watch previous videos anytime)
- **Tony DiTerlizzi: Live Drawing** Daily, 1pm (Watch previous videos anytime)
- **Ben Clanton Draws Live (with printable coloring pages)** Various times, check his page for the most up to date information.
- **Cassie Stephenz** Daily art lessons at Noon (various art curriculum available on her website).
- **Draw Together with Wendy Mac** Weekdays 10am PST



Animal Cameras

- **Smithsonian's Animal Cams** Anytime
- **San Diego Zoo Pant & Animal Cams** Anytime
- **Houston Zoo Animal Cams** Anytime
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium** Anytime
- **New England Aquarium Virtual Visits** Multiple times

Authors, Books, & Storytimes

- **Oliver Jeffers: Book Reading with the Author** Weekdays, 2pm
- **Pete the Cat Club with James Dean** Weekdays, 12pm
- **Junior Library Guild** Free eBooks for elementary, middle, and high school aged individuals and will be having live author visits.
- **Authors Everywhere!** Children's book authors & illustrators coming together on YouTube to share book talks, read alouds, activities, etc.
- **Grace Lin on YouTube** Author Grace Lin shares stories and teaches simple drawing skills.



Science/History

- **Various Science Lessons and Worksheets** from PhD student Olivia V. Sanderfoot.
- **Skype a Scientist** Get matched with a scientist you can talk to right in your home. Catch up on past sessions as well.
- **Online Survival School** A new fun online learning program for kids and parents. Earn Badges. Learn skills. Don't panic!
- **Free Access to World Book Online** for all your encyclopedia needs.
- **Greek Speak** Illustrator and writer George O'Connor is hosting Greek Speak livestream videos, where he discusses all things Olympians, his graphic novel adaptations of classic Greek mythology.

Limited Time!

Kanopy Kids for Free

Kanopy Kids now has unlimited access until



at least April 16. Enjoy quality educational content like *Sesame Street* and *Arthur*, and even benefit from language learning series. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn about Kanopy Kids.

Yoga & Mindfulness

- **Peace Out** Guided visualization and breathing for kids.
- **Cosmic Kids Yoga** Yoga for tiny ones.

Arts & Entertainment

- **Mr. Vinny from Toe Jam Puppet Band** interacts with children through his Facebook page.

Podcasts

- **Cool Facts About Animals** A podcast by and for kids giving you the coolest facts about the coolest animals.

We research our episodes carefully, distilling the information into manageable segments, focusing on the things that really make these animals unusual.



- **Unspookable Spooky** stories for kids.
- **But Why?** A podcast for kids tackling various tough and funny subjects.
- **Book Power for Kids** Book reviews by and for kids.
- **Curious Kid Podcast** Educational and entertaining podcast for kids by kids
- **Understanding Coronavirus and How Germs Spread**
- **TumbleScience Answering Kid's Coronavirus Questions**
- **Kids Ask Authors** Author Grace Lin invites kids to ask the authors of their favorite books a question.



Strengthening Families Newsletter

Highlights from the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham

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