

# LOOK HERE FIRST



**Framingham**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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[www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org)

## Framingham Public Library's Doors Are Springing Open This April!

**Our buildings will reopen on April 5 for limited browsing and computer use!**

Library staff are eager to safely welcome you back to browse our collections and use our computers!

- Masks and social distancing required at both libraries
- Check in at Main Desks upon arrival
- Visits limited to 45 minutes
- Building capacity limited for safety
- Collection browsing and computer use only

**Curbside pickups and returns continue.**  
**Please see page 2 for all hours and more information.**



### SAFETY FIRST

- If you are feeling ill, including a fever or cough, please do not visit.
- 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.

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### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Starting April 5, we will be open with limited access for browsing and computer use. Curbside Pickups and Returns also continue.

Please see page 2 for all hours and services or check our [website](#) for more information.

### Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

- **Please remember to wear your face covering** when visiting the Library and picking up curbside holds or returning items!
- **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.

Remote Homework Center tutoring for grades K-12 available in all subjects! See page 10.

**Be AMAZED**  
Books are just the beginning!

CONNECT WITH US ON:



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.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2021 April 5-9

Celebrate National Library Week with us! This year's theme is **Welcome to Your Library**. During the pandemic libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves.



Look for our daily [FACEBOOK](#) and [INSTAGRAM](#) postings, and join us for a special online event on Thursday, April 8.

### Generative Poetry Writing Workshop

Presented by Alison C. Rollins

Thursday April 8, 7pm – on Zoom

Apophenia is: "the tendency to mistakenly perceive connections and meaning between unrelated things." In this writing workshop, we will utilize this psychological phenomenon to explore its impact on a writer's approach to crafting images. Through generating imaginative association exercises,



*"Libraries show anything is possible by encouraging a love of learning, discovery and exploration."*

– Natalie Portman, National Library Week Honorary Chair



we will sharpen your ability to engage in "re-vision." Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on April 8.

Alison C. Rollins is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Colorado College and serves as faculty for Pacific Northwest College of Art's Low-Residency Creative Writing MFA program. Her debut poetry collection, *Library of Small Catastrophes*, is a 2020 Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy Award nominee.

For copies of the book, please visit our [WEBSITE!](#)

Questions: [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com).

**SEE MORE APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS ON PAGES 3-6.**

## NEW! Limited Access Browsing and Computer Use



### MAIN LIBRARY

Mon.-Thu. 9am-7pm  
Fri.-Sat. 9am-5pm  
Senior Hour 9-10am



### MCAULIFFE LIBRARY

Mon.-Thu. 9:30am-7pm  
Fri.-Sat. 9:30am-5pm  
Senior Hour 9:30-10:30am

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about our 45 minute collection browsing or computer use visits. Hours subject to change. Please make sure to check our website or call the Library.

## ONE STOP Curbside Pickup and Returns

Contact-free pick up and return of Library materials at both Libraries.

**Pickups:** Main – Lexington Street building walk up | McAuliffe – building walk up

**Returns:** The drop boxes will be open for returns during Library hours.

### HOW CURBSIDE PICKUP WORKS:

- ✓ Search for items from our website [framinghamlibrary.org](http://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!



### Holiday Hours:

Closed Monday  
April 19 for  
Patriots' Day.

### PICKUP & RETURN HOURS

Mon.-Tue. 9am-2pm  
Wed. 1-4pm • Thu. 1-7pm  
Fri.-Sat. 9am-2pm

## ON-DEMAND HOLDS

Call either 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 come into the Library to pick up items or make an appointment for Curbside Pickup.

Main Library: 508-532-5570  
McAuliffe Branch: 508-532-5636

[Sign up for Wowbrary](#), our weekly email about the latest additions to our collection!

## INFO HUB



Visit **Info Hub** 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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub)

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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](http://framinghamlibrary.org/browse/libraryofthings)

## Library of Things

BE AMAZED ~ Books are just the beginning.



## Another Way to Visit Our Library!

## 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](#)



## JOIN US FOR THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

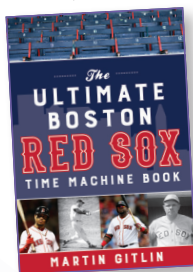
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## The Ultimate Presentation for Red Sox Nation

Presented by Marty Gitlin

Monday April 12, 7pm – on Zoom

Take a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history, featuring videos and photographs of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. Presented by Marty Gitlin, veteran sports writer, pop culture historian and author of *The Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book*. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on April 12.



## Financial Literacy Series

This series is brought to you by the Framingham Public Library in collaboration with Sue Katz of American Consumer Credit Counseling, and Bradley Baskir of Morgan Stanley. We hope that these programs help Framingham residents develop the financial literacy to make informed decisions.



### Budgeting for Emergencies

Presented by Sue Katz

Wednesday April 14, 1pm – on Zoom

Learning to save for life's unexpected emergencies can help you avoid a financial disaster. Join Sue for some tips and tricks to help make it easier to budget for emergencies. [REGISTER HERE](#) by 9am on April 14.



Sue Katz has been working for American Consumer Credit Counseling since 2009. She is a Certified Personal Financial Counselor / Educator and a Military Housing Specialist with over 40 years of experience in personal, corporate and small business finance.



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

This 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 April 5, 7pm – on Zoom Framingham is Preparing for Climate Change** – Presented by **Shawn Luz**, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Framingham and **Aimee Powelka**, Lead, Sustainable Framingham.

Join Shawn to hear about how the City is working to improve the energy resilience of critical facilities through energy efficiency and resilience projects. Then, hear from Aimee about ways to make your own home more prepared for climate emergencies through energy efficiency and clean energy technologies. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on April 5 for the Zoom link.

**Tuesday April 6, 9am – ACTIVITY KIT: How to Make Sun Tea Kit**

Supplies limited. Instructions available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. [CLICK HERE](#) to register and reserve your kit starting on April 30.

**Wednesday April 21, 7pm – on Zoom Healing Power of Nature** *Please note new date.*

Presented by **Deb Markowitz**, Director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Deb will share the many ways that nature can help us address the climate crisis, and can contribute to healthy and safe communities. She will tell us about some of the ways that TNC has been leading in this effort and how you can get involved. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on April 21 for the Zoom link.

**Tuesday April 20, 9am – ACTIVITY KIT: Grow a Bean Plant Take & Make Kit**

Supplies limited. Instructions available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a kit beginning on April 13.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF BOOKS, WEBSITES AND OTHER RESOURCES.

*Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change is a pilot program of the American Library Association.*

## Author Talk: Finding Easy Walks

Presented by Marjorie Turner Hollman

Tuesday April 13, 7pm – on Zoom

Marjorie Turner Hollman, author of *Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are* and *More Easy Walks in Massachusetts* (featuring Framingham!) will offer some suggestions of places to go nearby, as well as strategies for finding easy walks, avoiding crowds, and dressing for comfort in the outdoors. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on April 13. **For copies of both books, please visit our [WEBSITE!](#)**



## Earth Day: Grow Your Meal Plan

Presented by Safiyat Hamiss of Tasty Harvests



Thursday April 22, 7pm – on Zoom

Let's get started planning your garden with the ingredients you love eating by creating a meal plan and kitchen garden planner with your favorite recipes. We will discuss and visualize your garden setup, planning, Framingham growing seasons, plant size, and tending and harvesting your garden. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on April 22.

Safiyat is the founder and owner of Tasty Harvests, a kitchen garden consulting business serving Framingham and the MetroWest area. As a certified Gardenary Consultant by Gardenary (a garden coach society), she is on a mission to empower people in the community to become confident gardeners.

## Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom

Led by Bernard Horn

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](mailto:FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com) by noon on the day of the workshop.

## MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

**CLICK HERE** for our Online Events Calendar, including Young Adult and Children's events.

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### Sunday Concert: Matthew Graybil and Rhiannon Banerdt

Sunday April 25, 3pm

Facebook Live:

**CLICK HERE.**

YouTube Live:

**CLICK HERE.**

No registration required.

Pianist Matthew Graybil  
and violinist Rhiannon  
Banerdt will perform

works by Brahms,

Gershwin and Mozart.

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, Framingham Cultural Council and Friends of the Framingham Library.



## BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday April 9, 12-1pm

**REGISTER** by 9am on April 9 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

### Let's Talk "Birdie"!

**Presented by: Susan Maranhao,**  
owner Wild Birds Unlimited, Sudbury

Bird feeding and watching has taken on a new importance over the past year as a great way to connect with nature. Join Susan as she shares fun facts and information about your favorite backyard songbirds. Learn how to attract and feed your favorite feathered friends, learn about their interesting behaviors, and hear what they have to sing.



## Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Winter-Spring 2021

This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series via **Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) 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](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com).

**April 15 – The Middle East of Today: Geopolitical Analysis**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Yaser Najjar, Dean of Graduate Studies, FSU**

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



## Remote Courses with Adventures in Lifelong Learning!

SPRING 2021

# ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING

**TUESDAYS APRIL 6, 13, 20 AND 27**

Online registration continues until Monday, April 5



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](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures) or  
[bit.ly/Adventures-FSU](http://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](mailto:lifelonglearning@framingham.edu)  
or phone **508-215-5127**. To join our mailing list **CLICK HERE.**

### 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



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, Framingham Cultural Council, Marlborough Cultural Council, Natick Cultural Council and Sudbury 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.



## Tea & Talk Tuesdays

**TED Talk: How Bees Can Keep the Peace Between Humans and Elephants,**  
by Dr. Lucy King

Tuesday April 27, 3-4pm – on Zoom

Dr. Lucy King, zoologist and the head of the human-elephant coexistence program called Save the Elephants, focuses on human-elephant conflict. In particular, she studies how climate change leads to increasing habitat loss, forcing pachyderms and humans to compete for space and resources. How do you keep a group of elephants from invading rural farms and devastating crops? Listen to the TED Talk and discover how Dr. King's research led to an amazing solution. Is there a natural way to alleviate habitat loss and the competition for space and resources in our own backyards?

Before you join us for the discussion, we invite you to watch the Ted Talk **HERE**. Please **REGISTER** by 9am on April 27 to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.



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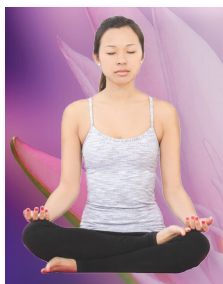
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## Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday April 15, 11am

**REGISTER** by 9am on April 15. Questions: [framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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/](http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/).

- We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability.
- We will soon be offering an evening tutor training session for new ESOL tutors. Let us know if you are interested in attending an information session about the program and the training on **Monday, April 12 at 6 pm**. Email [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).

For new tutors or students, please register **HERE** or contact us at 508-532-5574 or at [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).

## BOOK GROUPS

### MAIN / McAULIFFE

#### *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann

Available in print and on CD, and as an eBook and audiobook on OverDrive/Libby.

Tuesday April 6, 7-8pm – on Zoom

In this epic novel inspired by real-life events, National Book Award-winning and bestselling author Colum McCann explores the friendship between two men, one Palestinian, the other Israeli. When both men lose a daughter, they recognize the loss that connects them and their grief leads them to activism. *The New York Times Book Review* calls it "an emotional tour de force." Please **REGISTER** by noon on April 6. The title for our May 4 discussion is *Doctor Thorne* by Anthony Trollope.

#### *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom

Available as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla.

Tuesday April 13, 7-8pm – on Zoom

This is the epic story of Frankie Presto—the greatest guitar player who ever lived—and the six lives he changed with his six magical blue strings. Abandoned as an infant, he is raised by a music teacher in a small Spanish town, until war rips his life apart. At nine years old, he is sent to America. His only possession is an old guitar and six precious strings. His amazing journey weaves him through the musical landscape of the 1940s, '50s and '60s, with his stunning playing and singing talent affecting numerous stars until, as if predestined, he becomes a pop star himself. But Frankie's gift is also his burden, as he realizes the power of the strings his teacher gave him, and how, through his music, he can actually affect people's lives. Led by Brigitte Griffin. Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our May 11 discussion is *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende.

#### *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller

Available in print, as a copy on hold at McAuliffe, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby.

Evening Discussion on Tuesday April 20, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Morning Discussion on Thursday April 22, 11am-12pm – on Zoom

Eighty-two years old, and recently widowed, Sheldon Horowitz has moved to Oslo, with his granddaughter and her Norwegian husband. When Sheldon witnesses the murder of a woman in his apartment complex, he rescues her six-year-old son and decides to run. Pursued by both the Balkan gang responsible for the murder, and the Norwegian police, he has to rely on training from over half a century before to try and keep the boy safe. Join us for either our morning or evening discussion or both!

Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our May 18 and 20 discussions is *The Binding* by Bridget Collins.

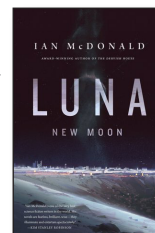
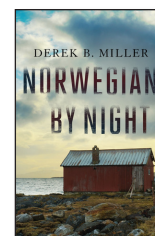
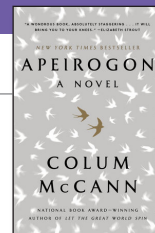
### SCI-FI

#### *Luna: New Moon* by Ian McDonald

Available in print and as an eBook on Hoopla.

Wednesday April 14, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Those families known as the Five Dragons were among the first humans to leave Earth to exploit the resources of the moon; while they have carved out their own specializations, their competition reflects the rough frontier spirit that still epitomizes lunar society. The Cortas made their fortune but even within the family there is a constant jockeying for power. The Corta matriarch is dying, and conflicts with their rivals, the Mackenzies, threaten to boil over into war. Led by Lucy Loveridge, Library Liaison. Please email [lloveridge@minlib.net](mailto:lloveridge@minlib.net) to receive the Zoom invitation. The title for our May 12 discussion is *Borne* by Jeff VanderMeer.



## 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](mailto:framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com).

### STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2-2:45pm

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



### STONE AND STRETCH

Mondays April 5, 12, and 26, 4:30-5:15pm (no class on 4/19—Patriots' Day)

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.

## MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

[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 April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9am-1:30pm, via Zoom\*

Please email [elawrence@minlib.net](mailto:elawrence@minlib.net) for your appointment.

\*If you need access to a computer, please email us at [fplmail6@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail6@minlib.net) or call the Main Library at 508-532-5570 and speak with one of the staff.

## Now on 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 is up on our YouTube page, so please watch and learn how to make delicious **blueberry scones** with us! [CLICK HERE](#).



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.



## Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

Mondays 11am-12pm and Wednesdays 6-7pm *Except Monday April 19.*

Join us for a knitting, crochet, and yarn crafting social hour! This is not a learn to knit or crochet program. Please [REGISTER](#) to receive the Zoom link for either or both days.



## Check out our YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE](#) for video tutorials, lectures, concerts, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts and more.



Watch our series about Adapting to Life in a Changing Climate.



Release, relax and reinvigorate with meditation.

### Learn to Play the Guitar!

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the guitar? It's time to check-off your bucket list! We have partnered with **Centre Music House** to offer beginner guitar lessons.

All you have to do is grab a guitar and join us on the Library's **YouTube Channel** where you can view the lessons and follow along, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To help you along your musical journey, we have posted the accompanying lesson plans with links to the Q&As. So what are you waiting for? [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!

## Seed Lending Library

It's time for getting some seeds outside. You can start with our Bloomsdale Spinach, Amish Snap Peas, Scarlet Nantes Carrots and herbs like Chives, Parsley and Dill. These vegetables and herbs can handle cold temperatures. Request seeds and ask us all seed related questions at: [framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Events at Framingham State University



**Framingham State University**

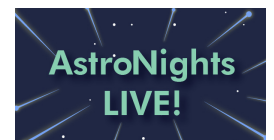
#### Arts & Ideas – Spring 2021

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.

#### AstroNights LIVE: No Planet B: Exoplanets and Earth Appreciation

Friday April 16, 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.



**Did you know?** You can sign up for a Library eCard online. [CLICK HERE](#)



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## 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 notified when a book on hold is available. *\*Libby no longer offers email notification. It offers in-app or push notifications. However, if one goes to [minuteman.overdrive.com](http://minuteman.overdrive.com) they can sign up for email notifications there and get both email and in-app notifications from Libby if they choose.*

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](http://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.

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### 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.

hoopla

## 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

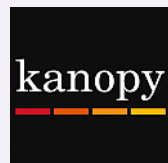
Music albums from Hoopla are available for 7 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.\*



## 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

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

### Still want more digital content?

Get a **Boston Public Library eCard** for access to **BPL's extensive list of downloadable content** (including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, downloadable music and movies) as well as their **online databases**. Anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in Massachusetts is eligible.

## STAFF RECOMMENDS

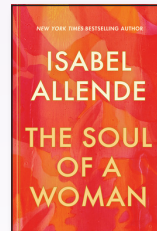
Here are some recommendations from our staff that you can find on our [digital resources](#), or in print from [our catalog](#).

### BOOKS

#### *The Soul of a Woman* by Isabel Allende

Available in print.

In this non-fiction book Isabel Allende describes parts of her life in an interesting and sometimes funny way. It's filled with her philosophy of women, relationships, parenting, the pandemic, and much more. I really enjoyed this part memoir and part discussion of feminism. It is eye opening and provoking, and a passionate tribute to women of all ages. – Brigitte



“Browse” our *Adapting to Life in a Changing Climate* 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.](#)

## National Card and Letter Writing Month

In 2001, the US Post Office designated April as National Card and Letter Writing Month, “an annual celebration of handwritten correspondence.” If you’re looking for inspiration for your next letter, check out these epistolary novels written in the form of old fashioned letters:

### *Meet Me at the Museum*

by Anne Youngson

Available in print, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and audiobook on Hoopla.



### *84, Charing Cross Road*

by Helene Hanff

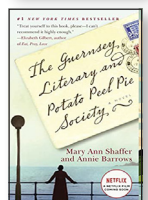
Available in print, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and as an audiobook on Hoopla.



### *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Available in print, and as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby.



## Take and Make Kit: Letter Writing

Monday April 20, 9am

Sign-ups begin on April 12 and pick-ups begin on April 20. All ages.



This kit will include basic supplies for you to write, decorate, and mail your letter! Send a friend or loved one some surprise mail, or even write to an author you like! All materials are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.

## IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

### *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference*

by Greta Thunberg

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

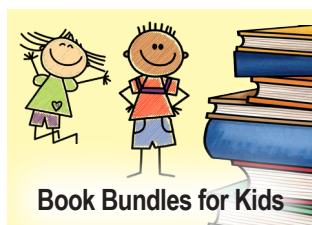
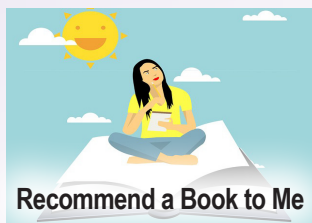




**STAFF RECOMMENDS** So many books to read, so many films to watch, and so little time! Let us help you make the right choices.

## 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.



## 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/](http://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](mailto: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

April showers bring May flowers. Cozy up to a hot cup of tea and a coloring sheet.

[CLICK HERE](#).



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



**Wednesday,  
April 7 is  
Library Giving Day**

Show support for the Library you love by donating to the Friends of the Framingham Library! Your donation will allow our Library to continue providing top-notch programming and services. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate today!

**Library  
Giving  
Day**

## Summer Blooms Fundraiser



Our spring bulbs were so popular, we've decided to offer you a chance to order summer flowers! We are partnering again with Dutch Mill Bulbs to offer 18 varieties of plants, from hanging strawberries to shamrock gardens to peacock orchids. [CLICK HERE](#) for all the information, or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the Friends ordering page. (Please make sure to fill in the name 'Friends of the Framingham Library' on the order form.) Proceeds support the Framingham Public Library. All orders are online only and will start shipping on April 17, 2021. Last chance to order is June 1, 2021.

**What's your pleasure?  
Beer and Bromance?  
Wine and Romance?  
Juice Box and  
Picture Book?**



Books are up to us; beverages are up to you! We will work with you to create a personalized bag of books...all for just \$10/bag. For more information and to place an order, call Marsha Farmelant at [mfarmelant@aol.com](mailto:mfarmelant@aol.com) or call 508-875-1918.

## Puzzle Swap 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. We are currently NOT accepting puzzle donations at this time. We will let you know when we start taking donations again!



# YOUNG ADULTS

## GRADES 6-12

### APRIL PROGRAMS

#### Among Us Game Time!

Saturday April 17, 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 Craft: Lizard Keychain

Pick up in the second half of April  
**LIMITED SUPPLIES – REGISTER**  
to reserve your kit

None of you were alive in the 90s, but you can relive the childhoods of the generation before you by making these rad gecko keychains!



#### Take & Make Kit: Seed Bombs

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**LIMITED SUPPLIES – REGISTER**  
to reserve your kit

Spring is here! Plant some wildflowers around your yard with our seed bomb kit.

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Monday April 26

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### 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-Thursday: 9am-7pm

Friday-Saturday: 9am-5pm

**McAuliffe Branch**

**508-532-5636 (press 4)**

Monday-Thursday: 9:30am-7pm

Friday-Saturday: 9:30am-5pm



## 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.](#)



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](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org).



## Homework Center News

The **Homework Center** recently ran a series of STEM Workshops for girls in grades 3-5.

We learned to code using a website called Scratch and worked on a real computer program in a language called Python. We performed



science experiments, observing what happens when a pencil is

poked through a bag of water and when attempting to mix water and oil. We researched female scientists, learned about STEM careers, made a STEM craft and played a quiz competition game.

Search [joinmyquiz.com](#) and enter the code **09641794** to try the quiz!



Due to interest in STEM, we are now offering a **STEM Book Group** for girls grades 3-6. The Group will meet remotely on **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**, to read, discuss, research and write about Women in Science.

The Homework Center provides free remote tutoring for students K-12, in all subjects. We have academic enrichment book groups at all grade levels. We have space open in some groups and welcome new book group participants. To sign up for tutoring or participate in a book group contact [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

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.

## HOW TO WEAR YOUR MASK



## Your Library Working for You



**CIRCULATION: delivering materials curbside!**

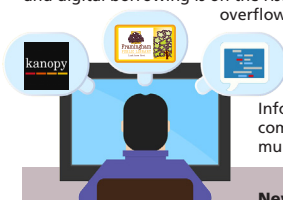
Curbside items from Framingham and the Minuteman Library Network:

**96,901**

Framingham owned curbside items: **45,425**  
Percent owned by Framingham: **47%**

### REACHING OUT and welcoming you in!

The Library continues to reach out and provide services to the community, while bringing patrons into our world of online resources. Online CHAT help, tax forms, concerts, virtual and YouTube programs are just a few ways we stay connected. Online library cards provide even more access, and digital borrowing is on the rise. Our newsletters



overflow with information and resources for everyone affected by the pandemic. And Library employees staff the City Information Line, providing community support in multiple languages.

**New Library Cards: 500+**

**Digital Borrowing: 77,659** +50% from last year

**Newsletters emailed & opened: 57,326** +50% from last year



**Social Media impressions: over 1,600,000**  
+24% from last year

**NEW! YouTube channel impressions: 72,000**

**Website hits: nearly 240,000**

## Framingham Public Library by the Numbers: July 2020 to January 2021

We're here, and we're working for our community. Our Curbside Delivery service brings your books, movies and media outside and into your hands every day. Staff are in the Library daily in order to process the thousands of items our patrons request, and we continue to offer new titles. Whether your items come from our shelves or from our fellow Minuteman Library Network libraries, we are here to ensure you get what you want.



### BEHIND THE SCENES: we're working to get you materials!

Items received for Framingham curbside delivery:

**51,476**  
7,000+ per month

Items shared with Minuteman Network:

**60,297**  
8,000+ per month

**Net lending to network: +8,821**



**Programs offered: 761**  
**Participants: 10,424**  
+250% from last year



**Online Chat sessions: 1,938**  
**City Info Line calls: 15,000+**

**Volunteer hours: 6,000+**

**Face coverings processed for the community: 10,000+**



[www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org) | 508-532-5570

## 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](#).

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

### Language learning that works at home.



# DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

## CHILDREN'S APRIL 2021

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Check out our [online programs](#), Take and Make Kits, online resources, book review, and more.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

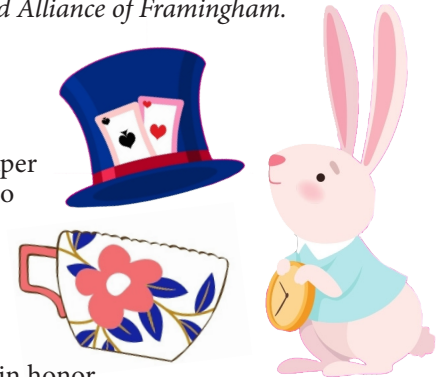
##### Parenting in a Pandemic Friday April 16, 11am-12pm – on Zoom

Hear from other parents how they have been coping, safety concerns and worries as we head back to school. Tips, resources and more. Sign up via email at [jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us](mailto:jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us) Sponsored by the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham.

##### March Hare and Mad Hatter Storytime

Tuesday April 20, 11-11:30am – on Zoom Ages 3+. **Sign-ups begin on April 5 and pickups begin on April 12.**

Join Miss Jill and Mr. Dana for a special tea party themed storytime with a snack, craft, and a paper tea cup you can put your favorite beverage of choice in! In honor of the Mad Hatter, make sure to wear a hat, silly or fun, or any kind! *Registration required; kit available for pickup at the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch.* Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.



##### Spring has Sprung Lego Challenge

Thursday April 22, 11am-12noon – on Zoom Ages 5+.

Join Dana, your children's librarian, as he poses some live Lego challenges with a natural theme in honor of spring and Earth Day! Participants will use their Lego blocks to design some creations such as flowers, green transportation or their favorite animals to show off their Lego building imagination and skill! Register at [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com) specifying "Lego challenge" to receive the Zoom link. *Please note: bags of Legos are available if needed, but please feel free to use your own for this challenge. If Legos are needed, tell us in your registration email so we can arrange a pick up time for you.*

#### ONGOING EVENTS

##### Weekly Zoom Storytimes with Jillian and Dana

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

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! Contact [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com) to get an invite to join.

##### 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.

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Have 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)! Contact [Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com](mailto:Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com) to get an invite to join.

##### Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose with Jennifer

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

Contact [JRosenberg@minlib.net](mailto:JRosenberg@minlib.net) 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.



##### Dads and (BYO Donuts) and Discoveries

Saturday April 3,  
10-10:30am –  
on Zoom



Contact ECAF\* to sign up (links 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](mailto:jdehaven@framingham.k12.ma.us). We love when parents take the lead! \*Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham.

##### Book Buddy Reading to Dogs

Sundays April 18 and 25, 2-3pm –  
on 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](mailto: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.



# 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, April 7 and 21

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 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

- [How to Make Natural Dye](#) for Easter eggs & beyond.
- Want to do a fun, distanced outside activity? [Try geocaching!](#)
- [But Why?](#) A Podcast for kids tackling topics big and small. Episodes are about 30 minutes long.
- Feeling creative? Experiment with salt dough! Salt dough is a three ingredient play dough that you can make and bake. Check out this [awesome tutorial from Cassie Stephens](#).

## Virtual Framingham Family Fair All ages.

Saturday April 10-Friday April 16 – Online

The annual Framingham Family Fair returns on a virtual platform the **Week of the Young Child** – April 10-16. Come enjoy a wide array of Live ZOOM and prerecorded programs. Registration details to follow. Once registration is completed and you attend the event, a grab and go gift is provided with books, activity kits, informational handouts, and more...



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.



**Strengthening Families Newsletter**

[CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW OUR VIRTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE](#)

## Take and Make Kits

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## Children's Book Review

### Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

by Kate DiCamillo For ages 8-12.

A combo of traditional chapter book and graphic novel, this wacky and quirky Newbery winner is sure to entertain!

Ulysses the squirrel has been sucked up by a vacuum cleaner but comes out the other side with extraordinary powers. Flora sees this all happen from across the street and rushes in to help. After taking Ulysses in as a pet, he and Flora make friends and start their own adventures. *Available in print, on Overdrive as an eBook and audiobook, and on Hoopla. Also now a movie on Disney+.*



**YouTube Channel Highlights**

*Keep your eyes open for a video on making salt dough for crafting!*