Celebrate Spring with the May Baskets Raffle!

The May Baskets Raffle benefits LVM Literacy Unlimited, the adult tutoring program in MetroWest. Tickets are available at Framingham Library, Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Morse Institute Library and Bacon Free Library (Natick), and cost $3, or 6 for $15.

We have a basket for everyone—electronics, toys, food, wine, fun, and more! The raffle runs from May 1-May 31. More at www.framinghamlibrary.org/maybaskets.htm.

FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SALUTES VETERANS

Saturday May 20, 10:00am-4:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

Join us as we celebrate our men and women of service and unveil our Veterans Resource Centers! Events include a tribute to the flag, stories from local veterans, music, crafts for kids and teens, refreshments and a visit from a combat canine.

Ted Reinstein Book Talk

Wednesday May 17, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room


Films Around the World: Mia Madre (My Mother) – Nanni Moretti

Wednesday May 10, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Discussion Leader: Dr. Arthur Nolletti, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University

While trying to complete her latest film, director Margherita Buy (in a superlative turn) must face the prospect of losing her seriously ill mother. One of Moretti’s most lauded, compassionate works. (2015) 107 min. In Italian with English subtitles.

COMING JUNE 1-2

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Aaron Copland's Film Music 1930s/40s

June 1, 7:00pm

Brown Bag Learning Series: Improving Your Memory

June 2, 12-1:00pm

Friday Night Film: La La Land

June 2, 7:00pm

did you know

The Christa McAuliffe Branch Library has been certified LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver for its contemporary sustainable design!

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Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe’s.
**Films**

**Friday Night Film: Hidden Figures**  (2016)  127 min PG

Friday May 5, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. Refreshments. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please use the Lexington St. entrance.

**Monday Matinee: Loving**  (2016)  123 min PG-13

Monday May 15, 2:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court’s historic 1967 decision. Refreshments.

**Composting to Combat Climate Change**

Thursday May 18, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Presented by: The Framingham Compost Crew (a project of Transition Framingham)

The Framingham Compost Crew is a community organization which aims to help individuals and groups in the community begin composting or expand their current composting capabilities. The goal is to keep “trash” out of landfills that could otherwise be turned into “black gold.”

**Book Sale!**

Saturday May 20 – Main Library

9:30-10:00am: Friends Members Only

10:00am-3:00pm: Open to the public

At this sale there will be new routes to the three sale areas (lobby, book room and bag room), but there will still be thousands of books available. New, gently used book donations are needed. Small donations are gratefully received any day. Large donations are welcome at the Main Library on Friday mornings or on book sale days. Or call 508-532-5570 x4333 to arrange for drop-offs.

Are you aware of the Affinity Program? If you have a TD Bank account, the Bank will donate a percent of your annual balance to the Friends. Sign up is easy! Call Jeremy Brandon at 508-879-7400.

**Brown Bag Learning Series**

**Allergies 101**  Presented by Judy Sabol

JUNE 2:  **Improving Your Memory**  Presented by Judy Sabol

**Immunology**  Presented by Professor Brown

**Brain Boost**

**Tuesday, May 2 in J Program Room**

**Poetry Workshop**

Led by Alan Feldman, Emeritus at Framingham State Univ.

Tuesdays May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 7-9:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room  (May 2 in J Program Room)

This drop-in class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. Each session begins with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class assignment. Poets who wish to have their work discussed need to provide copies to distribute during the session. Alan’s new collection, *Immortality*, was recently awarded the Massachusetts Book Award for Poetry in 2016. *May 2 and 9 workshops led by Bernard Horn.*

**Drop-in Resume Help**

Tuesdays May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00am-12:30pm – Main Library

Get expert help with resumes, cover letters and job-search strategies.

**Vertical Gardening**

Monday May 1, 7:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room

Vertical Gardening: the activity of making plants grow up a structure like a wall or a trellis.

This presentation will focus on the benefits of vertical growing for gardeners, mostly in regard to vegetable gardens.

Local gardeners extraordinaire, Brigitte Griffin and Gesa Lehnert, will present options of trellises and where to place them in your garden.

**Artist’s Reception**

Wednesday May 3, 5:00-6:30pm – Main Library Foyer

Works by Robert D. McArthur will be on display this month at the Main Library. Please join us to meet the artist, view his work, and enjoy some refreshments.

**Early American Cinema 1897-1925:**

**The Vitagraph Company**

Guest Speaker: Curt Martin

Thursday May 4, 7:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

The Vitagraph motion picture company was one of the pioneering silent film companies in the US and for a time was the most prolific and most successful. The company introduced feature length films, art films, comedies, special effects and animation. In 1925, Vitagraph was sold to Warner Brothers. Refreshments.

**Bullet Journaling for Book Lovers**

Wednesday May 17, 7-8:30pm – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This virtual class with Anne Bogel from the Modern Mrs. Darcy Book Club will go over the basics of bullet journaling. Bullet journaling is a way to organize, inspire, beautify and maximize your reading life. After the presentation, you can work on a creation of your own.

**FILMS**

**The Library’s 4th Annual Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea**

Sunday May 7, 1:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room

Bring your mom, grandma, aunt, sister and friends to the Library for an afternoon of tea and fashion! The show will feature fashion accessories from Under the Same Moon, a foundation promoting the work of Guatemalan artisans. Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase a variety of the lovely handcrafted items. Petite sandwiches, desserts and refreshments with a Guatemalan flair will be served. Ole! Tickets are $25.00. The proceeds will benefit the Framingham Public Library Foundation and Under the Same Moon.
**BOOK CLUBS**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Vinegar Girl** by Anne Tyler  
Tuesday May 2, 7:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room  
Join us for a discussion of Vinegar Girl, the inspired, witty and irresistibly contemporary take on one of Shakespeare’s most beloved comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew* by Pulitzer Prize winning American master Anne Tyler.

**ART LOVERS**

**How to Be Both** by Ali Smith  
Saturday May 13, 10:00am – Main Library, Trustees Room  
A contemporary and historical novel which recounts the efforts of a teenager to deal with her mother’s death, the story of Italian Renaissance artist Francesco del Cossa who lived a dual identity as both a man and a woman, and the art that ties the two together.

**SCI-FI**

**The Windup Girl** by Paolo Bacigalupi  
Wednesday May 7, 7-8:00pm – Main Library, Trustees Room  
Emiko is a genetically engineered concubine, designed expressly to serve her master. Anderson Lake works for a Western agricultural corporation, and is undercover in Thailand to lay claim to the seeds of a fruit that is resistant to the plagues ravaging the planet. When Emiko feeds Lake information about the Thai seed bank, she unwittingly triggers a civil war.

**MCAULIFFE BRANCH**

**American Gods** by Neil Gaiman  
Thursday May 18, 10:00am – McAuliffe Branch, Community Room  
Ex-convict Shadow finds out the ancient Gods are alive and well and woven into the American landscape in this award winning novel. The story takes the reader on a road trip as it unravels the mystery of Shadow’s story and explores questions of belief and devotion, as the Gods themselves struggle for survival in America’s ever changing cultural mindset. Led by Lena Kilburn.

**MINDFULNESS**

**Real Happiness: the Power of Meditation** by Sharon Salzberg  
Saturday June 10, 10:00am – Main Library, J Program Room  
Please join us for a discussion of *Real Happiness: the Power of Meditation*. A short meditation will follow the book discussion. Together, we will find the best way to incorporate it into, and perhaps beyond, the book group. We hope to bring more peace and awareness into your days.

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**

Saturday May 6, 11:00am-2:00pm – Christa McAuliffe Branch Library and Main Library  
Yes, FREE! Whether you are new to comics or a super fan, have a comic book on us. There is something for all ages, kids through adults, while supplies last. Thank you to our supplier, Friendly Neighborhood Comics.

**ONGOING FOOD DRIVE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

Please consider donating to our food drive to support the Hope Worldwide Framingham Food Pantry! If you prefer to write a check, you can mail it to: Hope Worldwide Food Pantry, 214 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702. THANK YOU!

**HARRY POTTER DAY TEEEN MOVIE: HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE**

Saturday May 13, 2-5:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room  
Prepare for our Framingham Triwizard Tournament by watching the fictional version unfold in this movie.

**TEEN TECH TIME: SCRATCH PROGRAMMING**

Tuesday May 23, 6-8:00pm – Main Library, Costin Room  
Grades 6-12  
Scratch is one of the most engaging ways to learn the basics of computer programming. Possible projects include video games, animations, simulators, and even role-playing games. *Limited space, please register online, or by calling the Library.*

**FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION NEWS**

Remaining McAuliffe Library engraved bricks will be installed this Spring! For Mother’s Day or for a recent graduate, make donations to the FPLF in your loved one’s honor! Please contact Ruth Winett at donate@fplf.org.

Another way to make a donation is to go to http://framinghamlibrary.org/support-the-library/support/ and click on the Amazon icon. A percentage of your purchases will then go to the Library. **Thank you for your generous support!**
Main Library Special Events

**Movie Matinee: Sing** *(Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril)*
Saturday May 6, 2-4:00pm, Costin Room.
All ages at parents’ discretion.
A koala impresario stages a grand singing competition for the world’s animals in order to save his elegant theater and bring it back to its former glory.

**KEVA Plank Building**
Thursday May 4, 3-5:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages.
Explore your artistic nature, problem solve and engage in play with the deceptively simple KEVA planks. Come amaze us with your creations!

**Mother’s Day Open Craft**
Saturday May 13, 1-4:00pm, J Craft Room. All ages.
Drop in and make a heartfelt handicraft for your mom to celebrate her on her day! We supply materials and ideas; you supply the clever hands and the loving hearts.

**On the Go Storytime Workshops with the Danforth Art Museum**
Thursday May 18, 3-3:45pm, J Craft Room. Ages 4+.
Join Museum staff as they look at an art reproduction from their permanent collection, read a thematically related book and finish with a simple art-making activity. This month: *Evanescence IV*, photographic C-print by Steven suede; *E-I-E-I-O, How Old MacDonald Got His Farm*, book by Judy Sierra.

Christa McAuliffe Branch Events

**Weekly Storytimes**
Mondays 10-10:20am, Children’s Room. Ages 2-4.
On May 8, Framingham community police officers will share our story and craft time!

**Drop-in Baby Lapsit Storytime**
Tuesdays 10-10:30am, Children’s Room. Ages 0-2 with an adult.
Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time! Parents can network while babies pick up phonological awareness, one foundation of reading success.

**Early Release Lego Building**
Thursday May 4, 2:30-3:30pm, Community Room. Grades K+.
You bring the LEGO building skills and we’ll supply the LEGO’s! Create your favorite structures or work on new ideas with our LEGO idea books. Leave your name with your structure and we’ll display it on top of our shelves for the month of May!

**Kids Craft in Honor of Our Veterans**
Saturday May 20, 10:00am-12:00noon, Craft Room. All ages.
Drop in and create a special Veteran Appreciation Day craft to take home and check out our new Military Families book section.