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www.framinghamlibrary.org

Dear Library Community,

Hoping that this latest edition of the Framingham Public Library's newsletter finds you and your family well since we last met. On April 1st we unveiled the first ever all-electronic edition of **Look Here First**, in which we shared with you the events that led up to the closure of the Library, and why this unprecedented step was taken. The events of the past month, that have brought so many unthinkable changes to our lives, and brought indescribable sadness to so many families, are known to all of us, and need no further explanation here.

Since the moment the Library closed its doors, staff have been working to keep as many Library services as possible available to you and your family. We have expanded, and in many instances, enhanced your access to the Library's electronic resources. These services are available 24/7. Please see the Library's webpage www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online for more information. We expanded ways for you to reach out to a librarian with questions or help accessing electronic resources. Please see the CHAT icon at the bottom right of our webpage. We have moved many of our programs online, and we are launching more every day. And we will continue to post the latest information from the City and other reliable sources pertaining to this crisis prominently on our website.

And we have been busy doing more. At the direction of Mayor Spicer, and in partnership with the Callahan Center, Library staff have been making "wellness check-in" telephone calls to thousands of Framingham senior citizens. Our design team assisted the City in developing a mailing that was also directed at our senior citizens providing valuable information and access to needed resources. Working with the City's Department of Public Health we repurposed our book drops to become collection points for donated homemade cloth facial coverings that will be distributed to City residents. Please see page five on how you can help with this important project. And Library staff are helping the City's Community and Economic Development Department communicate with Portuguese and Spanish speaking businesspersons accessing the Emergency Small Business Grant Program. Information on this can be found on the City's website.

And we will do more, all that we can do, to assist you and the City we care so deeply about during this unprecedented time. I encourage you to check the Library's website often to see the latest updates. Thank you. Be safe. We look forward to being all together again soon.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark Contois
Library Director



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The Libraries are currently closed. Please check our website for updated information.

Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

did you know

Protect yourself, protect others. The City of Framingham is accepting donations of homemade cloth face coverings that will be distributed in the community.

[LEARN MORE](#) about our Library drop-off locations.

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.

Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

FIND INSIDE! Find our new **Online Programs**, like Adventures in Lifelong Learning, exercise classes, book discussions, a yarn social hour and more on page two. We also have new **Staff Recommendations** and information about some of our latest offerings like **Chat**, **Resources for Seniors**, our **Library Blog**, and our **YouTube Channel**. Take a look at these and more, plus our fun-filled Young Adult and Children's pages!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **For resources about the Coronavirus** and appropriate precautions, [click here](#).
- **NO late charges.** Please keep items at home.
- **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.
- **We will keep you updated** on any changes to our status.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR THESE PROGRAMS!

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

Stretch and Relax

With Laila Vehvilainen

Zoom Sessions, Wednesdays
May 13 and 27, 2:30-3:15pm

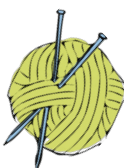
Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress. Please email framinghamlibraryexercise@gmail.com by Noon on the day of the class, to participate.



Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

Wednesdays, 6-7pm

Join us for a knitting, crochet, and yarn crafting social hour! Email us for the Zoom link at: framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com.



Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Thursdays,
7-9pm – Led by Alan Feldman,
Professor Emeritus at
Framingham State University

This class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of 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.



See page 5 for information about videos on our new YouTube Channel!

LVM Literacy Unlimited

Literacy Unlimited is still in business! We are now tutoring and conversing in the virtual world (check out our updated website framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/)! We are ready to help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact us at 508-532-5574 or fplmail4@minlib.net.

Adventures in Lifelong Learning has moved online!

SPRING 2020

ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING

TUESDAYS MAY 5, 12, 19, 26 and JUNE 2, 9, 16

FREE REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ALL!



Enjoy these classes on ZOOM!

Registration is required and is due by **Monday, May 4.**

Please go to www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures for full class descriptions, registration information, and instructions

for using Zoom (by computer, tablet or phone).

QUESTIONS: Please email lifelonglearning@framingham.edu or phone 508-626-4603.

www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures

www.framingham.edu/academics/continuing-education/community-education/

This program is supported in part by the Framingham, Ashland, and Holliston Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Programming is free to all participants, thanks to partial funding support from the Older Americans Act as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc.



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CLASS SCHEDULE

May 5-26

9:00 - 10:30 am

CLASS 101: Emma Woodhouse: "Handsome, Clever and Rich" – Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, Framingham State University

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

CLASS 102: Making the Old New: Personal Storytelling with Traditional Material – Andrea Kamens, Storyteller

12:20 - 1:10 pm

BROWN-BAG LUNCH

1:15 - 2:45 pm

CLASS 103: Popular Songs: The Art/Craft of Writing Them and Listening to Them – Jack Perricone, Chair Emeritus, Berklee College of Music
May 26 - June 16

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

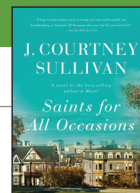
CLASS 104: Going to War: The President as "Commander-in-Chief" – Dr. David Smailes, Associate Professor of Political Science, Framingham State University

BOOK GROUPS Now online!

MAIN / McAULIFFE

Saints for All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan (Available on Libby)

ZOOM SESSION, Wednesday May 6, 2-3pm This year's best book about family... Elegant... Captivating... Deft and insightful... A quiet masterpiece... impressive. *Saints for All Occasions* is so unassuming that its artistry looks practically invisible. In a simple style that never commits a flutter of extravagance, Sullivan draws us into the lives of the Raffertys, and in the rare miracle of fiction makes us care about them like they were our own family." – Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com by 1pm to participate.



The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan (Available on Libby & Hoopla)

ZOOM SESSION, Tuesday May 19, 7-8pm Forty years ago, Anthony Pearde carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée. That same day she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind—and writing stories about them. In the twilight of his life, he worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. He bequeaths his secret life's mission to his assistant, leaving her his house and all its lost treasures, including an irritable ghost. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com to participate.



SCI-FI

Dune by Frank Herbert

ZOOM SESSION, Wednesday May 13, 7-8pm

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, *Dune* is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, heir to a noble family tasked with ruling an inhospitable world where the only thing of value is the "spice" melange, a highly coveted drug capable of extending life and enhancing consciousness. When House Atreides is betrayed, the destruction of Paul's family will set the boy on a journey toward an unimaginable destiny. Led by Marcy Maiorana. Please email mmaiorana@minlib.net to participate.



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

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

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FOR BOOK, DVD,
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.



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 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 currently has unlimited access.

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.

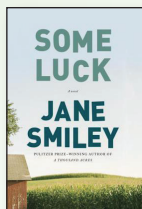
STAFF RECOMMENDS Catch up on your reading, relax with a movie or some music, and check out magazines. Here are some recommendations from our staff, that you can find on our [digital resources](#).

BOOKS on Libby by OverDrive

Some Luck

by Jane Smiley

Jane Smiley won the Pulitzer with her book, *A Thousand Acres* in 1992. This is a new trilogy titled, *The Last Hundred Years; a Family Saga*. She follows a family in Iowa through multiple generations. They are very long (400+ pages), but all three books in the trilogy have been released so you won't have to wait to continue on if you love it as much as I did. – Jennifer R.

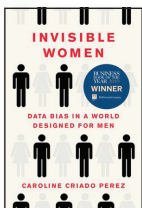


AUDIOBOOK:

Invisible Women

by Caroline C. Perez

With the help of a lot of stories, studies and research from all over the world, the author makes clear that our environment is largely built for men and shows the impact it has on the health and well-being of women. This powerful and provocative book made me see the invisible bias that surrounds us. – Brigitte



MAGAZINES on Libby by OverDrive

Gardens Illustrated

Overflowing with gorgeous English gardens and design ideas, this magazine provides armchair travel and inspires green thumbs. – Nancy



MOVIES on Kanopy

Rise of the Giants

(2015) 79 min.

Rise of the Giants follows a group of dedicated and eccentric farmers as they race to grow the world's largest pumpkin, weighing in at 2032 (!) pounds. The film reveals the pumpkin's role in the course of U.S. history, how farming helps incarcerated addicts recover, and how a community of young growers have rediscovered their farming roots. – Christine



BOOKS on Hoopla

AUDIOBOOK:

The Things We Cannot Say

by Kelly Rimmer

Alina and Tomasz are two young people in love during 1942, war time. Years later, Alina must find the answers to questions from long ago and share the truths she never dared. Her granddaughter, Alice, has stopped sharing her views, with her husband, on how to connect with their autistic son. When Alina requests that Alice find the answers to her questions, Alice finds some of her own. The journey takes Alice to Poland, where she finds that family is a powerful entity that can grow in ways you might not think possible. – Hilary



DVDS on Hoopla

Core Power Yoga: Calorie Blast Yoga

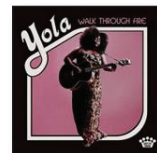
I love yoga but don't usually have an hour to spare. The Core Power Yoga DVD offers three 20 minute workouts to help strengthen and tone your entire body. The instructions are easy to follow and you can challenge yourself in different ways. I feel completely energized after this workout and love that I can do it on my own time. – Helen



MUSIC on Hoopla

Walk Through Fire

Yola's arresting vocals captivate. Her sound is sweet yet soulful, powerful and clear, and her lyrics shine. Each song in this album draws the listener into another level of her personal journey, with a range of vocal style that doesn't disappoint. – Carol



BOOKS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED!

Borrow these eBooks or Audiobooks from Libby by Overdrive with little to no wait!

In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blum

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn

My Not So Perfect Life by Sophie Kinsella

Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Into the Water by Paula Hawkins

Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

The Dinner by Herman Koch

Armada by Ernest Cline

Option B by Sheryl Sandberg

The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand

The Girl in the Spider's Web by David Lagercrantz

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead



Especially for Seniors

Look here first for one stop access to resources for our seniors. We have compiled a list of topics relevant to your interests in an easy to navigate format. You will find information about our digital books, audiobooks, movies and music and how to access them. There are resources for you to stay up-to-date with COVID-19 and social service organizations that can help you during this time. There are also links to health and wellness activities as well as online resources to keep you entertained while you stay safe at home. To take a look [CLICK HERE](#).



Face Coverings. Protect yourself – Protect others. Coberturas Faciais. Proteja-se – Proteja os outros. Cubiertas de Tela para la Cara. Protégete – Protege a los demás.

The City of Framingham is accepting donations of homemade face coverings that will be distributed in the community.



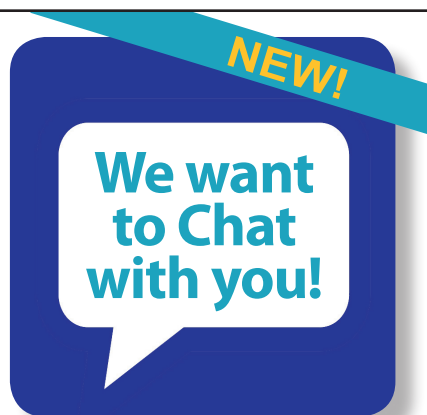
FRIENDS of the
FRAMINGHAM
LIBRARY

Despite COVID-19 and the closure of the Library, [The Friends](#) continue to provide support with whatever Library staff

need, including purchasing additional Constant Contact and video conferencing tools which allow them to increase their communication with the public and among themselves.

We apologize, but we cannot accept book donations until the Library reopens.

We sincerely thank you for your past support and look forward to seeing you once the Library is open and our book sales are up and running again!



Library staff are available for live chat Monday through Friday 9-5pm.
Click on the chat icon at the bottom right of the Library webpage
www.framinghamlibrary.org.

The Bookmobile wants to visit YOU!*



The Bookmobile can't wait to get back on the road and to celebrate we want to visit you!

Get out your crayons and pens and draw us a picture or write us a story (or both) about why we should visit your house *when we are back on the road. The Bookmobile will throw a party at the home of five lucky winners to be selected at random! For ages K-12. Entry deadline date to be decided.

TO ENTER: [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out a form and attach your picture or drawing.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News Bookmobile Award

Geoff Bloom of Gigawatt Graphics won the Hermes platinum design award for his design of the FPL's new Bookmobile. This is a prestigious national award.

Please consider a donation to the FPLF www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/.

Your donation to the FPLF will help us create a new Teen Room in the Main Library. Stay safe! Ruth Winett (rwinett@rcn.com or 508-877-1938).



Don't have a library card?

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

[CLICK HERE](#)



Check out the **NEW Framingham Public Library's YouTube Channel** for video tutorials, program recordings, stories for kids and grownups, and much more! [CLICK HERE](#).

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).



Tales from the Dark: Adult Story Time

Who says that story time has to be over just because the kids are in bed? Join our Librarian, Dana, as he reads tales both celebrated and obscure, ranging from spine tingling supernatural stories and macabre mysteries to amazing adventures and everything in between! And who knows; maybe the occasional poem and fairy tale might show up as well.



YOUNG ADULTS

GRADES 6-12

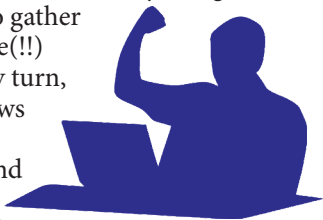
TEEN BOREDOM GUIDE 2 (The Sequel) by John Garrigan

Hey all, we're all still hanging out at home in our PJs waiting for the dreaded Round Boi to finally leave us alone. I dunno what you've been up to, but I've been catching up on all those just OK movies that I kept saying I was going to watch, but never made it onto the TV. Just this week I've thrown on the new Child's Play, Hellboy, and Rambo movies. But when you're sick of catching up on your streaming list, what is there to do?!! Hopefully, these suggestions will help.

Gaming: We're all gaming right now. Whether that's Animal Crossing, Doom Eternal, or Fortnite, we're all playing something. But what do you turn to if you don't have a console, or a family member is using the Switch or TV? Browser games! Usually these are terrible, and are at best a good way to kill 10 minutes before they annoy you enough to shut them off. However, there are a few that are lots of fun, some of which even have the ability to create private rooms to play in with your friends.

BROWSER GAMES

Gartic.io – This Pictionary like game is a great place to gather up to 50 people(!!) together. Every turn, one player draws something on their screen, and everyone else has to guess what it is.



SmashKarts.io – If you love the Battle Mode games in MarioKart, this one is for you. Drive around a course picking up weapon mods for your car and try to take out everyone else.

Slither.io – Everyone is a growing snake, trying to eat up dots, and avoid all the other snakes. Can you survive?

Internet Archive – The good old Internet Archive has thousands of old arcade, computer, and console games available to play on their website.

Tetris.com - Play Tetris for free and try to get a high score.

The digital library is **always open**.



OPEN 24 HOURS

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

FREE COMICS

Both **Marvel Unlimited**, and **Viz** are offering loads of free comics and manga for people to read while stuck at home.

ART LESSONS

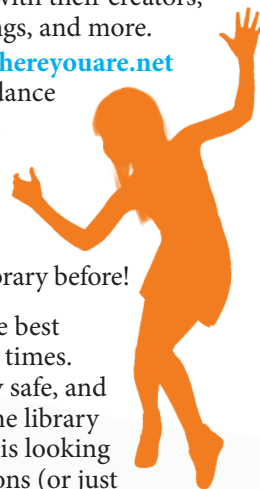
Here are a few options for the artistically inclined.

Follow Marvel's Instagram page (**@marvel**) for art lessons from their artists, interviews with their creators, cartoon watch alongs, and more.

Visit **www.dancewhereyouare.net**

to get free weekly dance lessons/parties run by **Boston Mobile Dance Studio**, an organization that has done teen programs at the Library before!

I wish all of you the best during these weird times. Stay home and stay safe, and I'll see you when the library reopens. If anyone is looking for recommendations (or just wants to say hi), follow the **@fplteens** Instagram account and/or email me at **jgarrigan@minlib.net**. And finally, don't forget to join us every Friday during this closure at 1pm for teen only virtual programs.



Everyone's stuck at home right now, but that doesn't mean we can't still get together virtually!
LOOK HERE for FPL teen only virtual events, **Fridays at 1pm**.



The Library staff wants to share with YOU.
BEGIN READING

Missing our Museums of Fine Arts?

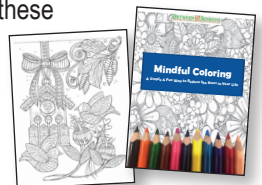
Listen to the Daily Art Talk from the Barnes Museum **HERE!**



We Miss You at Adult Coloring Night

Until we see you again, relax with some mindful coloring. Pop in a music CD and print out one of these coloring sheets.

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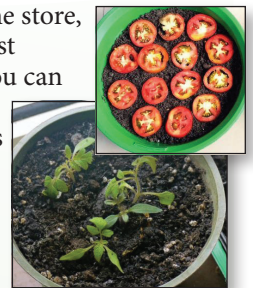


The Seed Lending Library

Here is a recommendation for our garden community. Because we are not able to distribute seed, here is a little tip to still grow tomatoes this season:

Growing tomatoes from a fresh tomato.

Get a tomato from the store, the best and healthiest looking and ripest you can find. Slice it into thick slices, put slices on top of potting soil and cover it a little bit with potting soil, then water thoroughly. Let it sit in a warm dark place until it germinates, then bring it into a sunny spot in the house. After approximately 14 days, transplant seedlings into separate pots. Do this as soon as possible. After May 25 you can plant them outside.



KICKING OFF A NAMING CONTEST!

**Submissions
due by
June 1st.**

Help us choose a new name
for this Library program
that encompasses all
we do! Start sending
your ideas now to
jgatlin@minlib.net.



The Homework Center at Framingham Public Library 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!

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!**

¡Llene la forma del censo y sea contado!

- ¡El censo de 2020 está **EN LÍNEA!**
- ¡El censo es **importante, confidencial** y **fácil!**

United States®
**Census
2020**

<https://my2020census.gov>

Watch a short video about the census [HERE](#).

Homework Center News

Based on applicable COVID-19 requirements and the need for social distancing, we need to change the nature of these scheduled events. We want you to know that the Library is working hard on ways to bring you these and other programs. Please check the [Library website](#) often for the latest news and updates. Thank you!

Thursday May 28, 7-9pm – **May Math Madness:**
A middle school logic competition.

Saturday May 30, 7-9pm – **Flags of Framingham:**
An event honoring the home countries of our patrons.

Sunday May 31, 2-4pm – **Journeys in
Leadership:** *A women's speaking forum and
afternoon tea.*



Remote Tutoring

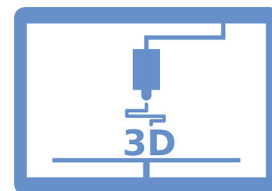
The Homework Center is providing
free weekly remote tutoring and
homework help to students K-12.
We have over 50 tutors who are
proficient in all subjects taught in the
Framingham schools. Our tutors are
retired professionals, college and
National Honor Society students. To
sign up, please contact Judy Gatlin;
jgatlin@minlib.net.

Language learning that works at home. START HERE



Where is our 3D Printer?

Our Little Lulzbot is happily part of a solid
supply chain. This week she's cranking out
face shields and
mask straps. The
parts then go to
Make It Labs in
Nashua for post
production, then
to Lowell Makes
for distribution to health care workers. A
world of thanks to John Walsh, Assistant
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CHILDREN'S MAY 2020

MORE FUN, STAY-AT-HOME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Check out our new [online programs](#), book reviews and information on resources of all kinds.

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 Ages 0-2 and their caregivers, all welcome.

Contact Mcauliffechildrensroom@gmail.com to get an invite to join.

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Break up your 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)!

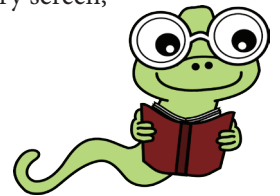
Weekly Zoom Bookworm Book Club with Max

Sundays 2-3pm Grades 2-5, all welcome.

Contact framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com to get an invite to join.

Join us for an exciting book club discussion led by 8th grader Max! All books available in our eResources.

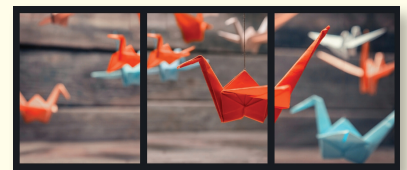
May 3 we will discuss *Frindle* by Andrew Clement; May 10 we will discuss *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo; May 17 we will discuss *Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard; and May 24 we will discuss *Stuart Little* by E.B. White.



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).



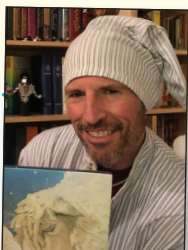
Go Outside! Challenge: Posted every Wednesday

Check [Instagram](#) every Wednesday for new activities and a challenge that you'll have to do outside. Take a break from home schooling and go outdoors. Each challenge will include instructions for how to tag us to share evidence of your outdoor activities all week. You won't have to just go out on Wednesdays!



Building Boom 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](#) 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 and often to see what other people created with their building materials, and to get your brain revving up for the next week's challenge!



Virtual Bedtime Stories with Mr. Dana

Join our Librarian, Mr. Dana, as he reads to you from some of his favorite children's books. First up is *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett! [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to Bedtime Stories on our YouTube Channel.

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!

Enjoy these online resources for kids, and visit our [website](#) for more!

Art Lessons

- **Cassie Stephens Art** Elementary school art teacher Cassie Stephens hosts daily art lessons on Instagram and Facebook. Each week she posts the themes and materials needed to create.
- **Draw Everyday** Jarrett J. Krosoczka, the author of the graphic series *The Lunch Lady* teaches you how to draw.



Animals

- **New England Aquarium** View exhibits and learn about the creatures at the New England Aquarium. Watch feeding times, presentations, and



more while the Aquarium is closed to the public.

Storytimes

- **Kid Lit TV** Watch read-alouds from authors & illustrators.
- **The Story Seeds Podcast** On each episode, they capture the magic that sparks when kids 6-12 and best-selling authors meet up in person to collaborate and grow original stories inspired by children's story seeds!

Arts & Entertainment

- **Foreign Movies for Kids** Introduce your children to new places and stories through film.
- **Kidz Bop Dance** Do your kids have too much energy? Put on this video and let them dance that energy away.



Science/Nature

- **Storytime from Space** Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books and perform science demonstrations! Story Time From Space offers a delightful combination of science, literacy, and entertainment through its library of free, family-friendly videos.
- **360 Parks** Explore the National Parks and Monuments without leaving the comfort & safety of your own home.



Global Community

- **One Globe Kids** Spark a child's global imagination with beautifully photographed, interactive stories by and for children around the globe. One Globe Kids offers an innovative way to experience friendship with a peer in a different country. For children 4-10 years of age.

Children's Book Reviews

The World Ends in April by Stacy McAnulty

Available as an ebook on [Overdrive/Libby](#).

Elle's grandfather is a survivalist who is convinced the world is going to end soon. He trains Elle and her brothers for the end of the world on weekends but Elle doesn't believe him and is getting tired of it. But one day she comes across an article that an asteroid is going to hit earth! She tries to warn her classmates and forms a club to help train them, just like her grandfather has trained her. Does her world end in April? Read this page turner and find out! *Middle grade fiction.* – Jillian



If you liked *The Sisters 8* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, try reading:

The Elixir Fixers: Sasha and Puck by Daniel Nayeri

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

Both these early chapter books have fantastic sibling adventures that you'll want to read in one sitting. *The Sisters 8* and *Sasha and Puck* use science and potions to try to make discoveries and help others, though *Sasha and Puck* also use just a hint of magic too. Engaging stories with exciting and detailed characters you're sure to enjoy! *Beginning chapter book.* – Jillian



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Kanopy Kids now has unlimited access. Enjoy



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

Strengthening Families Newsletter

Highlights from the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham

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