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AUTHOR TALK:

Melissa Bernstein, *LifeLines*

Monday May 3, 7pm – on Zoom

For this National Mental Health Awareness Month, Melissa (from the successful brand Melissa & Doug Toys) will share excerpts from her book *LifeLines* and discuss her lifelong struggle with anxiety and depression. Please **REGISTER** by 5pm on May 3. For copies of the book, please visit our [website!](#)



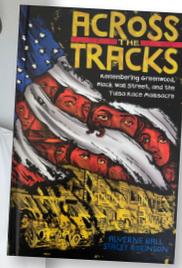
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LIBRARY HOURS

Both libraries are 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.



AUTHOR TALK:

Stacey Robinson and Alverne Ball, *Across the Tracks: Remembering Greenwood, Black Wall Street, and the Tulsa Race Massacre*

Wednesday May 5, 7pm – on Zoom

Author Alverne Ball and illustrator Stacey Robinson discuss their new graphic novel, the story of the rise, destruction, and rebirth of “Black Wall Street” in Greenwood, Oklahoma. Please **REGISTER** by 5pm on May 5. For copies of the book, please visit our [website!](#)

COOKING FOR ALL: Simple-Nutritious-Delicious

Friday May 21, 11am-12pm
– on Zoom

Mason Jar Meals: Creating Simple on the Go Lunches

Presented by
Heidi McIndoo, M.S., R.D., L.D.N.

Whether you love to cook or need new ideas, join Heidi for some cooking tips. She will demonstrate how to prepare simple, nutritious and delicious recipes that will satisfy everyone’s cravings.

Learn how to eat well and still have time for summertime fun. **REGISTER** by 9am on May 21.

COOKING FOR ALL
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Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

- 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 8.

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.

Open for Limited Access Browsing and Computer Use



MAIN LIBRARY

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



MCAULIFFE BRANCH

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

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

Hours subject to change. Please make sure to check our website or call the Library.

If you would like to make a reservation for computer use, please call:
Main Library
 508-532-5570, press 3
McAuliffe Branch
 508-532-5636, press 3
 Printing, scanning and copying appointments are also available.
[DETAILS HERE.](#)

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 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!



PICKUP & RETURN HOURS

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

Holiday Hours:

Closed Sat. May 29
 - Mon. May 31 for
 Memorial
 Day.

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!



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

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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

Library of Things

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Virtual Browsing

To "browse," click/tap: the blue subject headings, NEW, the gift box, Recommendations, Display Tables, and the Magazines & Newspapers basket.

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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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. **REGISTER** for our *Lifelong Learning Lecture Series* and receive the Zoom invitation. All requests to register must be received by 5pm on May 6. **NOTE: If you registered for the Fall 2020 series, you do not need to re-register.** Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.



May 6 – Nazca Lines, Decolonizing Interpretation of Very Large Geoglyphs in Peru GUEST SPEAKER: **Dr. Yumi Park Huntington, Associate Professor of Art History, FSU**

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

Sunday Concert: Li-Mei Liang and Joey Gotoff

Sunday May 16, 3pm

Facebook Live:

CLICK HERE.

YouTube Live:

CLICK HERE.

No registration required.

Violinist Li-Mei Liang and cellist Joey Gotoff will perform works by Bach, Glière, Haydn, Cirri, and Halvorsen.



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 May 7, 12-1pm

REGISTER by 9am on May 7 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

Heart of Glass: How Melting Became My Passion

Presented by: Liliana Glenn

We think of glass as hard, brittle, and static. In flame, glass becomes liquid, dynamic, and interactive. Natick artist Liliana Glenn continually finds herself drawn to flameworking—the process of melting glass rods in a torch flame. Her passion, curiosity and perseverance have kept her on a lifelong journey of self-discovery and artistic expression in glass. Join us as Liliana demonstrates glass as a process and as a product, in beads, vessels, jewelry, and mixed-media sculpture.



Tea & Talk Tuesdays

How Electroshock Therapy Changed Me

Tuesday May 25, 3-4pm – on Zoom



In acknowledgment of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, we have selected a TED Talk on the topic of depression, delivered with great eloquence and candor by the renowned surgeon and author Sherwin Nuland. Nuland discusses the development of electroshock therapy as a cure for severe, life-threatening depression—including his own. It's a moving and heartfelt talk about relief, redemption and second chances.

Before you join us for the discussion, we invite you to watch the Ted Talk **HERE**.

Please **REGISTER** by 9am on May 25 to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

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.



Debt Management and Credit Counseling

Presented by **Sue Katz**



Wednesday May 12, 1pm – on Zoom

Most people carry some debt, such as a credit card balance, a car loan, or a home mortgage, but relying on credit cards to help you pay off your debt can snowball. Join Sue to learn how to manage your debt by understanding how credit works. She'll also talk about the importance of understanding your credit score and history. **REGISTER** by 9am on May 12.

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.



Yoga y meditación con Nissa

Miércoles 5 de mayo, de 4 a 5 p.m.

Únase a la biblioteca pública de Framingham y a Nissa Diantina durante una hora de yoga y meditación. Los asistentes aprenderán a calentar y estirar el cuerpo de una forma divertida y funcional. Nissa lo guiará a través de las técnicas de respiración y cómo aplicarlas en la práctica y en la vida cotidiana. Aprenderá asanas (posturas) básicas de yoga, flujo básico de vinyasa y meditación.

Para registrarse y recibir un enlace de zoom visite bit.ly/FPL-yoga-y-meditacion. Esta clase es en español.

Acerca de Nissa Diantina: Nissa tiene experiencia en teatro y enseña idiomas. Le encanta desafiar su movimiento con 'vinyasa flow', 'hot vinyasa', movimiento animal y danza tribal. Como profesora de yoga certificada de 200 horas, espera ofrecer un compromiso divertido, funcional y completo de cuerpo y mente a todos los yoguis y yoguinis que encuentren interés en explorar estos conceptos.



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Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday May 20, 11am

[REGISTER](#) by 9am on May 20. Questions: 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.

LVM Literacy Unlimited



Literacy Unlimited is now virtual and offering ESOL Conversation Classes and Tutoring remotely. We are ready to help adult learners

who are interested in improving their spoken English or their reading ability. Check out our website [HERE](#).

Virtual Information Session for New Tutors: Monday May 3, 6-7pm

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Tutor Training: Mondays May 10-June 21, 6-8pm (NO class on May 31).

Registration Deadline is May 5.

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

BOOK GROUPS

MAIN / McAULIFFE

Doctor Thorne by Anthony Trollope

Available in print and on CD, as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and as an audiobook on Hoopla. Tuesday May 4, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Elizabeth Fiderer. Please [REGISTER](#) by noon on May 4. The title for our June 1 discussion is *Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn.

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

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

Tuesday May 11, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Brigitte Griffin. Please [REGISTER](#) for the Zoom link. The title for our June 8 discussion is *Sparks Like Stars* by Nadia Hashimi.

The Binding by Bridget Collins

Available in print, as a copy on hold at McAuliffe, as an eBook on Overdrive/Libby, and as an eBook or audiobook on Hoopla.

Evening Discussion on Tuesday May 18, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Morning Discussion on Thursday May 20, 11am-12pm – on Zoom

Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please [REGISTER](#) for the Zoom link. The title for our June 15 and 17 discussions is *The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany* by Lori Nelson Spielman.

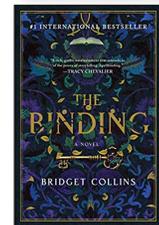
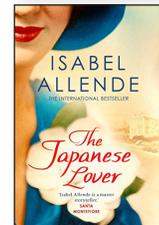
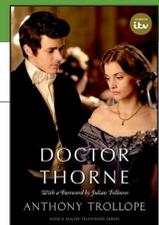
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Borne by Jeff VanderMeer

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

Wednesday May 12, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Lucy Loveridge, Library Liaison. Please email lloveridge@minlib.net to receive the Zoom invitation. The title for our June 9 discussion is *Axiom's End: A Novel* by Lindsay Ellis.



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.

STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2-2:45pm

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



STONE AND STRETCH

Mondays May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 4:30-5:15pm (no class on 5/31)

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.

Citizenship Corner

Applying for U.S. Citizenship?

Literacy Unlimited has **tutors who will work with you one-on-one** to help prepare you for the Naturalization test and interview. You must be at least an intermediate-level English speaker to benefit from the sessions. Tutors continue to work remotely; a device (laptop or smartphone) and good internet is strongly recommended.

For more information, please contact Literacy Unlimited at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.

Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom

Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State Univ.

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 by noon on the day of the workshop.

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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 May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9am-1:30pm, via Zoom*

Please email elawrence@minlib.net for your appointment.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND LINKS

Framingham State University Event

AstroNights LIVE: Galaxies Galore



Friday May 21, 7pm

View live on YouTube or join the Zoom Webinar. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Recommended for ages 7+.

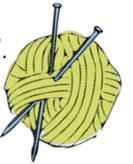
Council on Aging/ Callahan Center

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](#).

Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

Mondays 11am-12pm and Wednesdays 6-7pm *Except Monday May 31.*

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, guitar lessons and more.



We hope the programs in this Financial Literacy Series help you develop the financial literacy to make informed decisions.



Our Brown Bag Learning Series covers interesting new topics each month. This month, learn about the birds in your backyard.



fpl kitchen is a new video series produced by the Framingham Public Library where you can learn how to cook, bake, and blend lots of delicious food! We try to keep both the instructions and ingredients simple so that anyone can make these dishes alongside us. Check out the videos on our YouTube page, and learn how to make delicious

blueberry scones, green smoothies, veggie hand pies, lemon curd and more. [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.

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!



Seed Lending Library

For successful vegetable gardening we need to attract all kinds of pollinators like different bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

An easy way to do this is to provide food for them by planting a variety of native wildflowers close to our vegetable plants.

Our new **Flower Bee Feed Mix** contains annual and perennial wildflower seeds. The beautiful mix of flowers can be pollinator forage all summer and fall. The amount that we provide is enough for a container (appr. 12 inch diameter) full of flowers. Please email framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com for more information.



Your Library Working for You

Framingham Public Library by the Numbers:

July 2020 to January 2021

We're here, working for our community, and we are reaching out and welcoming you in.

[CLICK HERE](#) and see the numbers!



YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 6-12

Among Us Game Time!

Saturday May 22, 1-3pm

Register online

With school ending soon, and summer fast approaching, this may be the last *Among Us* program we do like this, so let's find as many imposters as we can before the end! *Registration required. Visit the [TEEN EVENT CALENDAR](#) in early May to sign up.*

Take & Make Kit: Homemade Dog Biscuits

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



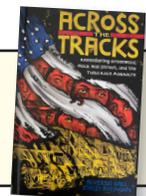
It's National Pet Month! This kit will have everything you need to bake some tasty biscuits for your furry best friend.

Take & Make Craft: Hand Sewn Catnip Toy

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

You didn't think we were going to forget cats during National Pet Month did you? Make your feline buddy their very own catnip filled toy to play with.

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ONLINE RESOURCES GUIDE

Access books, audiobooks, music, movies, magazines and more. Find out more about streaming these or downloading the apps at www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online.

Meet Libby, the New OverDrive App!

Loans are 7, 14, or 21 days for all items and you can check out: eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, comic books and graphic novels.



*Libby no longer offers email notifications, only in-app notifications. Please visit minuteman.overdrive.com to sign up for email notifications.

OverDrive Rakuten OverDrive

Contains the same collection and checkout time frames as Libby. If you are new to downloadable collections, we recommend that you download the Libby app.

Hoopla (desktop or app)

Everything may be downloaded instantly with no holds. Patrons are limited to a total of 5 Hoopla checkouts per calendar month. Hoopla includes: eBooks (21 days), audiobooks (21 days), comic books and graphic novels (21 days), downloadable or streaming movies and TV episodes (3, 5, or 7 days), and music albums (7 days).



Kanopy

Includes indie, classic films, award-winning documentaries, and foreign titles with over 30,000 harder-to-find films. You may borrow up to 4 titles per month and each title may be borrowed for 72 hours.

*Stream **The Great Courses** FREE on Kanopy! From the time you click "play" you will have 30 days to complete all the videos in your course. This is without using any of your 4 monthly checkouts.



Language learning that works at home.



Mango is our online language-learning tool, with over 70 languages available. Home access is available for library card holders with a Framingham address via your desktop or your app.

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 Newspapers

NYTimes.com: The New York Times
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.

CR Consumer Reports

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

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](#).



“Browse” our *Women in Song* display table. [CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles. [CLICK HERE](#) to browse all our display tables.

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.](#)

Don't have a library card?



Sign up for an eCard to request books, music, movies and more in our catalog for curbside pickup at our Libraries and to use our online resources!

[CLICK HERE](#)

NoveList

Not sure what to read next? Find read-a-likes, recommendations, and more, all curated by librarians and publishing insiders. [CLICK HERE](#) and log in with your Minuteman library card.



Borrowing Bundles!

[Try our recommendation services.](#)

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



CONTACT 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



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

Homework Center News

7th Grade Academic Enrichment Book Group Review

Facilitator Alisa Grishechkina



Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

“Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania but the truth is she was born without them.”

Anna: Aven moved to Arizona so her dad could have a new job. **Julia:** Having to live in a new state is difficult, people don't want to make friends with her. **Tanya:** She is trying hard but can't fit in. **Anna:** Then she makes some new friends and they discover a mystery. **Julia:** They work together to figure out what happened.

Liya: I like the book because it shows being different is a good thing and it shouldn't stop you from doing things. **Julia:** It was like stepping into someone else's shoes, someone who is experiencing things you don't. **Anna:** there are many mysteries that give you bone chilling nervousness as the characters get closer and closer to solving it. **Tanya:** you can see what people like Aven are going through in a new school where they don't know anyone.

Would you recommend this book? All members recommended the book. They shared the following; **Liya:** The story promotes self-confidence. **Julia:** it feels as though you are stepping into someone else's life, someone you might never have noticed and now you see how they feel. **Anna:** The book includes a number of genres. Mystery, non-fiction, suspense/thriller and humor. I rate this book 8/10. **Tanya:** If you like stories where characters are different than others, not caring so much what others think and believing one can do things on their own, this is a story you will enjoy.

In addition to Academic Enrichment Book Groups for all grades/reading levels, the [Homework Center Program](#) provides **free tutoring** for students K-12, in all subjects.

The **STEM Book Group for Girls** in grades 3-6 is starting after April Vacation. If you are interested in reading with this group or in signing up for remote tutoring contact jgatin@minlib.net.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News



Honor Mom on Mothers' Day by making a donation in her honor to the Library's Teen Room project.

[CLICK HERE](#) or send a check to the Framingham Public Library Foundation, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. For more information, send an email to Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

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.](#)

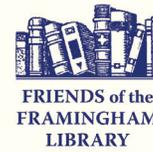
Gracias Framingham!

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!



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.](#)



Friends of the Library Membership

Drive begins now!

The Friends provide support to and help expand the resources and services of the Library. By joining the Friends, you directly contribute to that. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how the Friends make a BIG difference, and [CLICK HERE](#) to join today.

Last Chance for Summer Blooms Fundraiser!

We are partnering again with Dutch Mill Bulbs to offer 18 varieties of plants, from hanging strawberries to shamrock gardens to peacock orchids. Now is the perfect time for planting! [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. **Last date 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 Farnelant at mfarnelant@aol.com or call 508-875-1918.

COMING IN JUNE...

Fudge from The Fudge Lady! Flavors and ordering information will be available next month.

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!



DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S MAY 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Kids Yoga with Nissa Diantina

Monday May 3, 11-11:30am (Ages 4+) and Thursday May 20, 3-3:30pm (Ages 8+) – on Zoom

Join Nissa Diantina from Backyard Yoga for these bilingual English and Spanish kids' yoga classes that are fun and interactive, and include stretching, breathing, and learning the basics of yoga for kids! Please

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the Zoom link. You can find more about Backyard Yoga [on Facebook](#).



ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Zoom Storytimes

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 from home even as we slowly open for browsing! Keep an eye out for more Special Bilingual Sessions in different languages in the coming months!

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

Mondays 10-10:20am (except Monday May 31) **with Jillian** Ages 2-4

Special Bilingual Sessions in Spanish on May 10 and May 24; guest readers will present books in Spanish and English on these dates!

Thursdays 10:15-10:45am with Dana Ages 3-6

Special Guest Author/Reader, Chris Minor, on May 6!

Weekly Zoom Baby Lapsits

Tuesdays 10-10:20am with Joanne, Fridays 10:30-11am with Lucy 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 to get an invite to join.

Zoom Mother Goose on the Loose with Jennifer

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

Pre-registration was required. 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.



Book Buddy Reading to Dogs

Saturday May 8 and Sunday May 30, 2-3pm – on Zoom All ages.
(10 minute appointments every 15 minutes)

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; 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.

Bookworm Book Club with Max!

Sundays May 9 and 23, 2-3pm – on Zoom Grades 3-6.

Join us for Bookworm Book Club led by 9th grader Max! Email us to receive an invite to join on Zoom at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com. We will discuss *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Dicamillo on May 9, and *Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne on May 23. These books are available on Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, or request a copy from the Minuteman Catalog.



Dads and (BYO Donuts) and Discoveries

Saturday May 1, 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. We love when parents take the lead! *Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham.

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, May 5 and 19

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

- [10 Diverse Nature Books for Kids](#)
- [Young, Proud, and Sung-gee](#) – Free picture book PDF “to help generate meaningful discussions between adults and children about anti-Asian racism.”
- Looking to spend some more time outside exploring nature? Check out these [local trails](#) and connect virtually with other hiking families in your area.
- [We Nurture Stories for Children](#) – Short, approximately 10 minute stories for children to “encourage language development, inspire moral growth and enliven the imagination.”



Molly, our volunteer, reads chapters from Ron Roy's *A to Z Mysteries: the Bald Bandit*.

Strengthening Families Newsletter

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.

[CLICK HERE FOR A PREVIEW OF THE ECAF VIRTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE](#)



Take and Make Crafts

Caterpillar Storytime and Take & Make Craft

Wednesday May 12, 12-12:30 pm – on Zoom Ages 3-6.

Sign-ups begin Monday April 26, pick-ups begin Wednesday May 5.

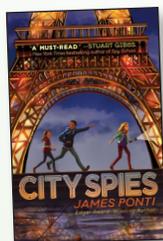
Join Miss Jillian from the McAuliffe Branch and Miss Jennette from Let's Go to Kindergarten for this special Take and Make Craft and Storytime! Together we'll make a fun caterpillar craft after storytime on Zoom. All materials (except glue and markers) are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#). For more information on the Early Childhood Alliance in Framingham please visit [HERE](#).

Bouquet of Daffodils Take & Make Craft

Monday May 17 Ages 7+, ages 5+ with adult assistance.

Sign-ups begin Monday May 10, pick-ups begin Monday May 17.

Celebrate May flowers by creating a bouquet of daffodils out of a cardboard egg carton. Materials (except scissors and paint) provided in a kit available for curbside pickup. YouTube video instructions will be posted. Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#). Look for the video instructions [HERE](#).



Children's Book Review

City Spies by James Ponti Recommended for ages 8-12.

From the author of the *Framed!* series comes a new and adventurous series. *City Spies* follows Brooklyn (her code name) after she's recruited by "Mother" into a super secret spy group within MI6 in England. Think James Bond, but kids! Brooklyn and her four fellow spies must enter a national tournament to prevent the bad guys from winning and creating a global calamity. You'll travel from New York to Scotland to Paris, all while trying to figure out how they're going to save the world. A great first book with the second book, *Golden Gate*, just released. Available in print or on Libby as an eBook and an eAudio.

– Reviewed by Jennifer