Celebrate Spring with the May Baskets Raffle!
To Benefit LVM Literacy Unlimited
The raffle has something for everyone — electronics, food, wine, fun, and more! The baskets will be on view in the lobbies at Framingham Library and Christa McAuliffe Branch Library and you can view them HERE.
Tickets are available at both venues. The cost is $5 each, or 5 for $20.
The raffle begins April 18th and runs through May 31st. The drawing will be held at noon on June 5th.
All proceeds benefit the tutoring program for adults learning to read and learning to speak English, through our basic literacy and ESOL programs.

Calling all Tutors!
The Homework Center is searching for volunteer tutors in all subjects for after school help this fall.
Please contact Dawn at ddellasanta@minlib.net for more information.

Lunchtime Learning Series: South American Myths & Cosmology: An Illustrated Journey
FRIDAY MAY 5, 12PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM AND YOUTUBE LIVE
A presentation of Pre-Colombian myths, legends and deities from the Andes Mountain region. Focused mainly on the Inca Empire and its predecessors, this talk will be accompanied by the speaker’s original paintings illustrating the scenes of gods, goddesses and legendary heroes.

McAuliffe Comic Con
SATURDAY MAY 6, 12-4PM | CHRISTA MCAULIFFE BRANCH LIBRARY
Come join us for our very own Comic Con! We’ll be hosting a Cosplay Contest, Star Wars Trivia, crafts, and all kinds of fun programs. Costumes and Cosplay are encouraged!

Wallace Nutting Pictures, Books, Furniture & Memorabilia
WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 7-8PM | ZOOM
Framingham’s Wallace Nutting was America’s foremost photographer during the early 20th century and between 1900 and his death in 1941, Nutting sold more than 5,000,000 of his hand-colored photographs to America. He also authored 10 books, reproduced some of the finest early American Furniture ever produced, and his memorabilia has been widely collected for the past 60 years. Mike Ivankovich, noted Nutting author and auctioneer, will take us through Wallace Nutting’s accomplishments, and much more, in this special Framingham Public Library Program.
REGISTER for the Zoom link.

Registration or program questions: email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com or call 508-532-5570.
Family Card Making
TUESDAY MAY 2, 3-8PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Drop in and create cards for the special people in your life.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Spring 2023
This free Thursday evening SERIES is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library. MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM AND YOUTUBE LIVE. Sponsored by The Joseph L. and Ray L. Freund Foundation, courtesy of Elizabeth F. Fideler.
THURSDAY MAY 4, 7PM
Let’s Get Future-Fit: Envisioning Metrowest Beyond the Climate Emergency with Dr. Sabine von Mering, Director of the Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis University and a climate activist with 350 Mass Metrowest
What could Framingham and the Metrowest area look like if we decided to finally take the climate emergency as seriously as science tells us we must? If we chose to live within planetary boundaries? How do we transform everything—our neighborhoods, our economy, our food and transportation systems etc. in a way that is just and equitable?

The Bob Dodd Sunday Concert at FPL
SUNDAY MAY 7, 3PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM AND YOUTUBE LIVE
Brother and sister cellists Sam and Carol Ou perform!
The series is sponsored in part by:
Extreme Survival: Lessons from Those Who Triumphed Against All Odds
SATURDAY MAY 13, 1PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Join NY Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougias to hear the stories of those who’ve survived some of life’s most daunting challenges and to learn life-saving lessons.

Bee Watering Dishes
MONDAY MAY 15, 6:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Save the bees! During droughts, bees may struggle to find appropriate sources of water. Help them out! Design and paint your own terracotta bee water dish to put in your yard and catch rain water. Drop in.
Supplies limited.

Please visit our WEBSITE for more event details.

FILMS

MAIN LIBRARY COSTIN ROOM
Elvis (2022) 2hr. 39min. PG-13.
FRIDAY MAY 5, 7PM
Film Noir: The Long Goodbye (1973) 1hr. 52min. R.
SATURDAY MAY 13, 3PM
The Goldfinch (2019) 2hr. 29min. R.
MONDAY MAY 22, 2PM

MCAULIFFE BRANCH COMMUNITY ROOM
Animatinee: Ride Your Wave (2019) 1hr. 36min. NR.
TUESDAY MAY 9, 3:30PM
Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse (2019) 1hr. 47min. PG.
WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 1PM
Everything Everywhere All at Once (2022) 2hr. 19min. R.
WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 1PM
TUESDAY MAY 30, 1PM
Main Library Ongoing Food Drive
Please consider donating to the Hope Worldwide Food Pantry. Or write a check and mail it to: Hope Worldwide Food Pantry, 214 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702. THANK YOU!

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BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Club de Lectores: *El cuaderno de Maya* por Isabel Allende (pages 1-240)
LUNES 1 DE MAYO, 8PM | ZOOM | REGÍSTRESE.
6/5: *El cuaderno de Maya* por Isabel Allende (pages 241-480)

Adult Book Club: Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
TUESDAY MAY 2, 7PM | ZOOM | REGISTER.
6/6: The Kitchen God’s Wife by Amy Tan

Sci-Fi Book Club: Walkaway by Cory Doctorow
WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 7PM | ZOOM | REGISTER.
6/14: TBA

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Evening Book Club: A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki
TUESDAY MAY 9, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM AND ZOOM | REGISTER for the Zoom link.
6/13: The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

Morning Book Club: The GUncle by Steven Rowley
THURSDAY MAY 18, 10AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM AND ZOOM | REGISTER for the Zoom link.
6/15: River Sing Me Home by Eleanor Shearer

Creating Comics Series: Script Writing and Storyboarding
TUESDAY MAY 16, 6PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Part 2 in the Creating Comics Series! We will break down the different components of Comics so that you can make and tell your own stories. These lessons will apply for any project you want, like novels, short stories, or even video games!

Virtual Reality Tour: Notes on Blindness
MON-WED MAY 22-24, 2-7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
After going completely blind in 1983, John Hull documented his new circumstances on cassette tapes to make sense of the change. This virtual reality experience blends these original recordings with an immersive narrative to create a “cognitive and emotional experience of blindness.” Please call the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or sign up at HERE to reserve your time slot.

Come visit the Bookmobile at these Community Events!

Eastleigh Farmers Market
SUNDAY MAY 7, 11AM-3PM | EASTLEIGH FARM, 1062 EDMANDS RD.
See our full CALENDAR. Veja nosso CALENDÁRIO completo. Todo nuestro CALENDARIO.

Community Event
The Framingham Cultural Council is pleased to announce it will be holding its 2023 Awards Reception Thursday, May 11 in the Framingham Public Library Costin Room, 6:30-8pm. 2023 grantees and scholarship recipients will be honored.

Main Library Ongoing Food Drive
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ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch
Mondays, 4:30PM | ZOOM (except 5/29)
Tone your core and upper and lower body muscles followed by stretches. REGISTER.

Drop-in Adult Coloring
SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30-8PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Supplies provided—or bring your own!

Board Game Night
MONDAY MAY 22, 7-8PM | MCAULIFFE, COMMUNITY ROOM
This month: Monsters and mayhem! Play King of Tokyo and Fluxx with us.

Advanced Poetry Workshop
TUESDAYS, 7:30-9:30PM | ZOOM
This class welcomes serious poets with experience. If you are new to the group, REGISTER by noon on the day of the workshop.

Stretch & Relax
WEDNESDAYS, 4:30PM | ZOOM
Maintain flexibility, improve balance, and reduce stress. REGISTER.

Job Search Assistance
One-on-one Resume Building on Zoom*
THURSDAYS, 9AM-1:30PM | REGISTER
*If you need access to a computer, email fplmail6@minlib.net or call the library at 508-532-5570.

Practice Interviewing Group
WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 3:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY, CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM

Release, Relax, & Reinvigorate
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 11AM | ZOOM
Join Leslie Gabriele of With Love and Gratitude for guided meditation. REGISTER.

Veteran’s At Ease Coffee Hour
THIRD FRIDAYS, 10AM | MCAULIFFE, COMMUNITY ROOM
Join local veterans for free coffee and refreshments. A collaboration with the City of Framingham Veterans Services.

Yarn Social Clubs
WEDNESDAYS AND SECOND & FOURTH SATURDAYS, 10AM | MAIN LIBRARY
Beginners welcome.
WEDNESDAYS, 6PM | MCAULIFFE

Puzzles
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7PM | MAIN LIBRARY
Stop by and grab a free puzzle to keep! FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7PM | MCAULIFFE
Swap a puzzle you’ve already completed or take a new one home to try!

www.framinghamlibrary.org
RESOURCE

Literacy Unlimited
Join Our Community!
Are you an adult who wants to improve your spoken English or reading ability? Or would you like to volunteer your time to help an adult achieve their English learning goals? To learn more about our English one-to-one tutoring, our English Conversation classes, and our community, check out our website HERE or contact us at: fplmail4@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.

Home Work Center
We provide free tutoring, homework and school project help to students K-12. Please email ddellasanta@minlib.net for more information!

Framingham Business Resource Center
Starting a business, expanding your career or furthering your education? Visit the FBRC for thousands of online resources and video courses! Located on the 3rd floor of the Main Library. Learn more HERE.

YELLOW ADULTS

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build Grades 4-12.
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2:30-4PM | FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY MINECRAFT SERVER Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate, for more info visit HERE.
Every Wednesday in May, we're going to be working on a group build in Creative Mode.

Board Games Grades 6-12.
THURSDAY MAY 4, 5:30-7PM | MAIN LIBRARY, TEEN ROOM
We have a new board game collection for the Teen Room, so join us to play an old favorite, or something new.

Video Game Hangout Grades 6-12.
FRIDAY MAY 5, 3-5PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Play video games and eat snacks!

Tea Bag Art Grades 6-12.
THURSDAY MAY 11, 5:30-7PM | MAIN LIBRARY, TEEN ROOM
Draw or paint your own tiny masterpiece using dried tea bags.

Anime Club Grades 6-12.
SATURDAY MAY 13, 2-5PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Watch your favorite anime and eat tasty Japanese snacks!

Early Release Day Movie and Popcorn Grades 4-8.
THURSDAY MAY 18, 12:30-2:30PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
It’s a middle school early release day, so I’ll bring a few recent movies and make some popcorn, and y’all can pick what we watch.

Mug Meals – Peach Cobbler! Grades 6-12.
THURSDAY MAY 25, 5:30-7PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
TUESDAY MAY 30, 3-4:30PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Let’s celebrate spring by making a tasty (and easy) peach cobbler!

SUPPORTERS

Still Time to Order Spring Plantings
Place your order on The Friends/Flower Power Fundraising website HERE. Your order will be shipped directly to you.

May 20 Book Sale
The four book sale areas at the Main Library will be open from 10am to 3pm. Friends can have early access to the Bag Room and Book Sale Room at 9:30am. Books in the Friends Bookstore and Lobby can be purchased from 9am onward.

Join the Friends: It’s a bargain. Click HERE to join.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News
The Framingham Public Library Foundation is raising funds to create a new space in the Main Library for the Literacy Unlimited Program. Literacy Unlimited provides individual tutoring and group classes for adults wishing to learn English. To support the Literacy Unlimited Center, click HERE or send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For information contact Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com or 508-877-1938.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Visit our WEBSITE for links to our partners.
CHILDREN’S
MAY 2023 PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS
UNLESS NOTED, EVENTS ARE IN THE SPARK LAB

Cherry Blossom Finger Painting
Ages 7+. MON. MAY 1, 11AM-12PM | CRAFT ROOM
Create your own cherry blossom tree painting.

I Lava You Volcanoes Ages 3+. WED. MAY 3, 10AM-11:30AM
Listen to the pacific islands inspired short Lava while making a handprint volcano!

May the 4th Be With You: DIY Lightsabers Grades 3-7.
THU. MAY 4, 6-7PM
Build your own lightsaber out of pool noodles.

Revenge of the 5th: Baby Yoda Craft Ages 3+.
FRI. MAY 5, 3:30-4:30PM
Drop in and make your own Baby Yoda craft!

Native Flower Seed Bombs Ages 6+.
SAT. MAY 6, 3-4PM
Create your own art using flowers as paint brushes!

Flower Painting Ages 3+.
TUE. MAY 9, 10:30-11:30AM
Create your own art using flowers as paint brushes!

LEGO LEAGUE Ages 5+.
WED. MAY 10 AND MON. MAY 22, 4:30-6:30PM
Make a LEGO creation based on each month’s theme.

Caregiver Craft All ages.
FRI. MAY 12, 3:30-4:30PM
Make a craft for your special person ahead of Mother’s Day.

I Lava You Volcanoes Ages 5+.
THU. MAY 18, 4-5:30PM
Listen to the pacific islands inspired short Lava while making a handprint volcano!

SAT. MAY 20, 3-4PM
Make your own Playdough that changes colors!

Author Deborah Farmer – Storytime and Parent Chat Ages 3-7.
THU. MAY 25, 2-3PM | COMMUNITY ROOM
Listen to one of her books from All the Time book Series and participate in a parent chat.

McAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

Upcycle Gardeners Ages 7+.
MON. MAY 1, 4:30-5PM | CRAFT ROOM
Join the upcycle gardeners to grow popcorn microgreens with friends. Please REGISTER.

Studio Ghibli Movie and Craft Afternoon – Spirited Away Ages 5+.
THU. MAY 4, 1:30-3:30PM | COMMUNITY ROOM
Watch a movie and then make a cool Spirited Away craft!

Star Wars Craft Ages 5+.
THU. MAY 4, 1:30-2:30PM | CRAFT ROOM
May the Fourth be with you Star Wars craft!

Open Lego & Block Build Ages 5+.
TUE. MAY 9, 4-5PM | CRAFT ROOM
Drop in and make something creative with LEGOs and Keva Planks.

Special Person’s Craft Ages 5+.
THU. MAY 11, 1-3PM | CRAFT ROOM
Make a craft for your special person ahead of Mother’s Day.

Lei Making Craft Ages 10+.
THU. MAY 18, 1:30-3PM | CRAFT ROOM
Take home a beautiful flower lei.

Feather Painting Ages 3+.
FRI. MAY 19, 11AM-12PM | CRAFT ROOM
Paint something creative with other preschool age friends.

Grow Your Own Rock Candy Ages 8+.
TUE. MAY 23, 3:30-4:30PM | CRAFT ROOM
Watch your crystals grow at home after creating them at the Library.

THU. MAY 25, 2PM, COSTIN ROOM
In the realm of Kumandra, a warrior named Raya is determined to find the last dragon.

TWEEN EVENTS

Wind Chimes Grades 4-8
MON. MAY 8, 5:30-6:30PM, MAIN, SPARK LAB
Decorate a terracotta pot and attach various noise making materials for your own wind chime.

Secrets of the Superheroes! Comic Book History and Workshop Grades 6-12
WED. MAY 17, 6:30-8PM | MAIN, CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM
Talk about your favorite superheroes, design your own characters, and bring your artwork to show!

Spark Lab Satellite: Spoon Garden Labels
MON. MAY 8, 6-7PM | MCAULIFFE, CRAFT ROOM
Join us making Spoon Garden Signs!
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**Weekly Storytime (Ages 2-5)**
McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am
Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am

**Weekly Baby Lapsit (Ages 0-2)**
McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am
Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am

**Sensory Crafts**
Sand/Water Table
Nature Scent Jars Aged 1-4
SAT. MAY 20, 10:30-11AM | MAIN, SPARK LAB

**On Going Events**

**Weekly Storytimes** Ages 2-5.
MONDAYS 10-10:30AM | MCAULIFFE, CHILDREN’S ROOM (except May 29)
THURSDAYS 10-10:30AM | MAIN, CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM
Age appropriate stories and craft with your favorite Children’s Librarian.

**Baby Lapsit** Ages 0-2 and their caregivers.
TUESDAYS 10-10:30AM | MCAULIFFE, COMMUNITY ROOM
Includes stories, songs, and a sensory component.
FRIDAYS 10:30-11AM | MAIN, COSTIN ROOM
Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

**Sensory Crafts**
Fun, safe, and simple activities to help your child explore.
Sand/Water Table Ages 1-4.
SAT. MAY 13, 10:30-11AM | MAIN, SPARK LAB
SAT. MAY 20, 10:30-11AM | MAIN, SPARK LAB

**Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs**
SAT. MAY 13, 11:30AM-12:30PM | MAIN, CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ROOM
SAT. MAY 20, 11:30AM-12:30PM | MCAULIFFE, CRAFT ROOM
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy.
Registration required. Call 508-532-5636 or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

**Sensory Storytime** Ages 3-8.
SAT. MAY 13, 10-11AM | MCAULIFFE, COMMUNITY ROOM
Storytime for a neurodiverse audience. Parent or supporting adult should accompany each child.
Registration required at 508-532-5636 x 4 or drop by to sign up. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

**Early Childhood Alliance Events** Sign up HERE!
Play, Learn, & Grow Together TUESDAYS 10AM
Let’s Go to Kindergarten FRIDAYS 12PM

Please visit our WEBSITE for more event details.