

# LOOK HERE FIRST



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**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Dear Library Community,

Hoping that this latest edition of the Framingham Public Library's newsletter finds you and your family well. On April 1<sup>st</sup> we unveiled the first ever all-electronic edition of **Look Here First**, we followed this with an even more expansive edition in May. The positive responses by many Framingham residents to these efforts have been encouraging and humbling. Thank you all for the many kind words along with your continuing support in these difficult times!

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 continue to enhance, and in many instances, expand 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](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online) for more information. The following pages in this newsletter continue to contain live links to the electronic resources we have developed for you. Many new services have been added. The Library's new YouTube Channel being just one example.



And we have been busy doing more for our City. Library staff in partnership with the Callahan Center, have made over 5,000 "wellness check-in" telephone calls to Framingham senior citizens. Working with the City's Department of Public Health we repurposed our book drops to become collection points for donated homemade cloth facial coverings. Over 3,000 facial coverings have been processed and distributed to residents. And Library staff are now operating the City's Information Line (508-532-5411) providing answers to hundreds of inquiries about City services. We are pleased to do all that we can do, to assist you and our City during this crisis.

And as we continue to bring you remote library services we are also working to safely prepare our buildings for staff to return and re-start services. On June 8<sup>th</sup> we will begin a phased-in approach by starting with curbside delivery of library materials. Please check the Library's website to learn more about how this will happen, and happen safely. 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,

Mark Contois  
Library Director

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The Libraries are currently closed. Please check our website for information about phased-in services.

### Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

## did you know?

- 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.

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

CONNECT WITH US ON:



Sign up for [email updates](#) of Library news and events on our homepage!

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Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

# ENJOY THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

## Stretch and Relax

With Laila Vehvilainen

Zoom Sessions, Wednesdays  
June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2-2:45pm

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!**

Join Laila for this class to maintain body flexibility, improve balance and reduce stress. Please email [framinghamlibraryexercise@gmail.com](mailto: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! Please email us at [framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) for the program link to join.



## Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Thursdays, June 4 and 11, 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](mailto:FPLpoetryworkshop@gmail.com).



## Mango Languages

Framingham Public Library is now able to offer free access to online language-learning, no library card needed, until June 30, 2020 as a part of Mango Languages' Public Library Community Outreach Initiative. In order to connect as many members of our community as possible with learning opportunities, anyone can now access Mango's language learning software for free through Framingham Public Library's website—no library card needed.



MANGO

While the population is being asked to remain apart physically, many are turning to technology to feel connected with others. Prior to this initiative, Framingham residents needed a library card in order to access Mango, but now, for a limited time, enjoy easier access to over 70 world language courses, including English. [GET STARTED HERE.](#)

## Senior Conversation Hour

We are excited to introduce a new program for our seniors.



Join Marcy and Helen for a casual discussion about topics of interest and connect with fellow seniors. This month, we chat about a book or movie you would recommend to someone. We are holding two sessions to accommodate those with and without internet access. We hope you will join us! *Each session is limited to 10 participants.*

**Wednesday June 24, 1pm** (video session) Seniors with access to the internet and who are comfortable with video conference calls on the Internet.

**Thursday June 25, 11am** (audio only) Seniors with no access to the internet.

To attend the Internet video session on Wednesday, June 24: Email your name and phone number to [fplseniorhour@gmail.com](mailto:fplseniorhour@gmail.com). We will reply to confirm your attendance and provide you with instructions for linking to the session.

To attend the no Internet audio only session on Thursday, June 25: Call the Library main number, 508-532-5570, and enter the extension 4362 at any time during the greeting. Leave a message with your name and phone number. We will call you back to confirm your attendance and provide you with the number to call on the day of the event.

## Inner Peace Through Meditation

### Meditation via Zoom

Thursday June 25, 6pm

How can we find peace within ourselves through meditation? Join Nirav Sheth as he explores the aspect of going within rather than without! He will discuss the blocking out of stressful triggers, finding peace by living in the current moment. All of this is possible by incorporating a simple time tested meditation technique. There will be a short meditation sitting. Please email [framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) by 4pm on June 25 to participate.



**About Nirav Sheth:** Most recently Nirav Sheth served as General Manager and Senior Marketing Director at Smiths Medical. Prior to that he has over 20 years of experience at Medtronic. Nirav has a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Nirav has been conducting meditation classes at Smiths Medical, Medtronic and other venues in the Minnesota area for over 8 years. He has been practicing meditation for over a decade.

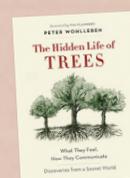
## BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES

(Brown Bag Brain Boost)

We miss you at our monthly Brown Bag programs. For now, stay safe-at-home and keep learning something new. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear the featured TED Talk.

**How Trees Talk to Each Other,** TED Talk Presented by Suzanne Simard, Professor of Forest Ecology, University of British Columbia

If you want to learn more, we suggest borrowing these titles, available as digital books and audiobooks through Hoopla.



## LVM Literacy Unlimited

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

# MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

## That's eEntertainment! Discover the World of Digital Books, Movies, Music and More! (Online via Zoom)

Do you want to read eBooks, download digital



music or watch a movie online—without paying fees or signing up for a subscription? Learn how Framingham Public Library and the Minuteman Library Network provide you access to thousands of digital books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music titles—all for free and with no late charges ever. Join librarians Marcy and Chris for one session or both sessions:

**SESSION ONE: Thursday June 4, 10-11am – eBooks and digital audiobooks** Learn to use Libby and Overdrive for digital books and audiobooks.

**SESSION TWO: Thursday June 11, 10-11am – Movies and TV shows, digital magazines and newspapers, online language learning** Learn about Hoopla for digital music and movies, Kanopy for indie and foreign movies off the beaten path, Mango for online language learning and how to access digital magazines and digital newspapers such as *The New York Times*.

To register for one or both sessions, please email Marcy at [FPLJuneWebinar@gmail.com](mailto:FPLJuneWebinar@gmail.com), with your name and which session(s) you would like to attend, and we will send you the Zoom invitation.

## Adventures in Lifelong Learning

Thank you to all who have participated in our first online Adventures in Lifelong Learning!

For those enrolled in Class 104, **Going to War: The President as "Commander-in-Chief,"** class continues on June 2, 9 and 16.



# BOOK GROUPS Now online!

## MAIN / McAULIFFE

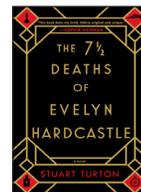
### *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson (eBook and Audiobook available on Hoopla – no wait list)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday June 9, 7-8pm. Cussy May Carter is a traveling Librarian. She is part of the Pack Horse Literacy Project, a WPA project, to deliver books and other reading materials to Appalachia. Cussie is also one of the blue-skinned people of Kentucky and she encounters prejudice and suspicion as she brings her love of reading to the people of rural America. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email [lgoldberg@minlib.net](mailto:lgoldberg@minlib.net) for the link to join.



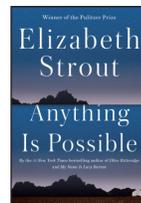
### *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton (eBook and Audiobook available on Hoopla and Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday June 16, 7-8pm. The Rules of Blackheath—Evelyn Hardcastle will be murdered at 11 pm. There are eight days, and eight witnesses for you to inhabit. We will only let you escape once you tell us the name of the killer. Understood? Then let's begin... At a gala party thrown by her parents, Evelyn will be killed—again. She's been murdered hundreds of times, and each day, Aiden Bishop is too late to save her. Doomed to repeat the same day over and over, Aiden's only escape is to solve Evelyn's murder. Deeply atmospheric and ingeniously plotted, this novel is a highly original debut. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email [framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) for the link to join.



### *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout (eBook and Audiobook available on Overdrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday June 23, 7-8pm. This collection of short stories by the author of *Olive Kitteridge*, *Olive, Again* and *My Name Is Lucy Barton*, explores the whole range of human emotions through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. Please email [framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com) for the link to join.



## SCI-FI

### *Altered Carbon* by Richard K. Morgan (eBook and Audiobook available on Overdrive/Libby and Audiobook on Hoopla)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Wednesday June 10, 7-8pm  
In a society in which death has been rendered practically obsolete, suicide and murder take on different significances. After a particularly brutal offing, former UN envoy Takeshi Kovacs finds himself "resleeved"—that is, his consciousness has been put in a new body—and hired as a private investigator by Laurens Bancroft, one of twenty-fifth-century society's old rich in Bay City (formerly San Francisco). Bancroft claims he was murdered, but the police say it was a suicide. (Excerpted from a *Booklist* review.) Please contact Marcy Maiorana, [mmaiorana@minlib.net](mailto:mmaiorana@minlib.net) for the link to join.



## Check out our new YouTube Channel!

Find video tutorials, stories for kids and grownups, recipes and more! [CLICK HERE](#). PLEASE SUBSCRIBE!

### A Thousand Paper Cranes Challenge:

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.



Dana Presents: Dark Tales: Vol 1: August Heat



How to Use Kanopy, an online movie resource



A Puzzling Adventure: An Ocean Dive



Dalgona Coffee



VSCO Girl Basics with Rachel: DIY Scrunchies



Dutch Babies with Teen Librarian John



My Father's Dragon Chapter 6



Virtual Petting Zoo

# ONLINE RESOURCES GUIDE [www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online](http://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](http://help.libbyapp.com).

### OverDrive

Borrow eBooks and digital audiobooks from Overdrive for 7, 14, or 21 days. Use on a computer or download the app.



### 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.\*



## Multilingual Resources

Have you tried our **World Languages Collection** in Libby/Overdrive? [CLICK HERE](#) to see all that's offered.

**COMING SOON:** Libby will allow users to browse, search, and enjoy the app in nine additional languages. The newly supported languages will include: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Swedish.

## Digital Magazines

### Libby

In addition to eBooks and audiobooks, you can access over 50 digital magazines. Our magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting list and no limit to the number you may check out. Loan period is 7, 14, or 21 days.



### OverDrive

You can also borrow magazines with OverDrive. Magazines are always available, with no holds or waiting lists. Magazine loans never count against your standard limit in OverDrive.

## Digital Newspapers

### The New York Times

**NYTimes.com:** Read today's *New York Times* through our digital subscription.

**Boston Globe online:** Full text articles from 1985-present.

**Infotrac Newsstand:** Access to more than 2,300 major U.S. regional, national, and local newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world.

## Digital Music

### Hoopla

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



## Digital Movies & TV

### Kanopy

Looking for indie or classic films, award-winning documentaries, or foreign titles a little off the beaten path? Kanopy and Kanopy Kids contain over 30,000 harder-to-find films that you can borrow online with your Framingham Public Library card! You may borrow up to 5 titles per month.



Streaming videos from Kanopy may be borrowed for 72 hours. Create a free account, then use on a computer or download the app to your device.

And now, you can stream **The Great Courses** FREE on Kanopy! Kanopy users have free 30-day access to The Great Courses



films. From the time you click play you will have 30 days to complete all of the videos in a course. This is without using any of your 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. (*For the month of June, no card needed—see page 2.*)



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.



\*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.

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

# 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

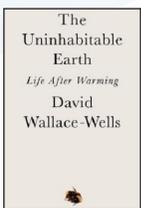
### *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Lydia owns a bookstore in Acapulco, Mexico where she lives with her family. Drug cartels are taking over the city, so she and her 8-year-old son have to flee the country because of attacks on their lives. To me it was a very interesting and challenging story, well told. This is a work of fiction so I didn't expect all the ways to cross the border are really the way they are. – *Brigitte*



### *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming* by David Wallace-Wells

The menace of climate warming is an issue so intense that some have to avert their attention out of a feeling of powerlessness. And, while this book skips details on alligators in the Arctic, floods, mass extinction, poverty, heat death, unbreathable air, and starvation, it shows what some of the other brutalities of extreme weather mean for humanity. The author steps out of writing on page 138 and says: "If you have made it this far, you are a brave reader." After terrorizing us, Wallace reminds us that while what lies between us and extinction is horrifying, there is nothing stopping us from steering clear of it. We have the tools to prevent its outcome. – *Janet*



## MOVIES on Kanopy

### *The Farewell* (2019) 100 min.

Golden Globe winner *The Farewell* is now available to view on Kanopy. I was expecting one thing, but found another. This film offers a glimpse into Chinese culture and family and reflects how both define our lives no matter how old or how far we go. The characters are flawed and charming. Not exactly what I expected, but well worth the journey with a treasure at the end. – *Kiera*



## BOOKS on Hoopla

### *Lone Wolf and Cub* by Kazuo Koike and Goseki Kojima

I finally broke down and read my very first Manga novel. All 29 books, some 7000 plus pages. It was amazing! Great historically accurate Edo period Japan. The Shogun's executioner is accused of a crime he did not commit and is destined to roam the land with his 3-year-old son. These short stories feature many customs of medieval era Japan. A classic tale first published in 1970. – *Carlos*



**Try our personalized book recommendation service.** Answer a few questions on our form and we'll send 4-6 titles for you to enjoy. You can access the form by going to [framinghamlibrary.org](http://framinghamlibrary.org) and search for "NEW: Recommend a Book to Me" under the "Browse" or "How do I?" drop-down menus or [CLICK HERE](#).

## MUSIC on Hoopla

### *By the Way, I Forgive You* by Brandi Carlile

Grammy Nominated Album of the Year, this is Carlile's sixth studio album and illustrates why she has become one of the most well-respected artists in the Americana/Folk genre. *By the Way, I Forgive You* is packed with beautiful, lyrical, moving songs and, as always, Carlile's powerhouse voice make this a must listen. – *Lena*



## MAGAZINES on Libby by OverDrive

### *Clean Eating*

This issue features articles on reducing inflammation and supporting your immune system, which we can all appreciate at the moment. There are healthy recipes and beautiful photos to browse through. I made a version of the Mocha Power Smoothie with what I had on hand and it was like drinking chocolate pudding for breakfast! – *Helen*



*Looking to read something new?*

## BOOKS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED!

Borrow these eBooks or Audiobooks from Libby by OverDrive.

*The Witch Elm: A Novel* by Tana French  
*Circe* by Madeline Miller

*The Martian: A Novel* by Andy Weir  
*Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis

*At the Water's Edge: A Novel* by Sara Gruen  
*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

*A Little Life: A Novel* by Hanya Yanagihara  
*The Whistler: A Novel* by John Grisham

*Dragon Teeth* by Michael Crichton  
*Glass Houses* by Louise Penney

*A Man Called Ove: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot  
*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* Neil deGrasse Tyson



## 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](#).



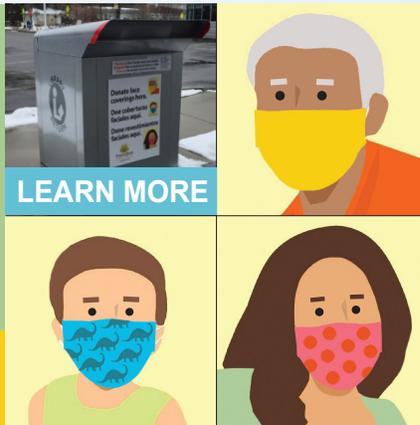
**NEW!**

**We want to Chat with you!**

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

**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.**



## Don't have a library card?

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



[CLICK HERE](#)



**FRIENDS of the FRAMINGHAM LIBRARY**

Please consider joining the Friends as we kick off our **FY2021 Membership Drive!** Despite COVID-19, the Library continues to

serve the public 24/7—and we continue to support that effort. Without book sale income, we rely on memberships and donations to raise these necessary funds. We know times are hard for all, but your membership will support one of Framingham's greatest assets. Please click [HERE](#) to become a renewing or first-time member today. Thank you!

We apologize, but we **cannot accept book or DVD donations at this time.**

## Catching up with Anatoly

Team Framingham runner Anatoly Prekrasnyy planned to run the April 20th Boston Marathon for the [Friends of the Framingham Library](#). We contacted him recently to ask how he is doing.

Hi Everyone!

I've been doing ok, just spending most of the time at home like all of us. I've been more relaxed about my training and have been mostly just going on easy runs.

I also don't plan on starting any specific training for September until it's more or less clear that the race is actually happening. Going on casual runs will definitely help me not lose fitness and I will be able to quickly ramp up training to get ready for a race day.

I also just recently got myself a road bike, so I am very excited for the summer and to spend more time doing something different but still getting a decent aerobic exercise out of it.

Hope you are staying safe.

Anatoly



*Anatoly has raised \$10K for us so far—doubling his goal!*



**FRIENDS of the FRAMINGHAM LIBRARY**

NOTE: Since this letter was sent, the 2020 Boston Marathon has been canceled, but we're sure Anatoly will continue to stay active, be safe and hopefully run the Marathon in 2021.

*Summer Reading*



Stay tuned for more details on our all-ages, Summer Reading Program!

**Sign-up begins on July 1**

**TEENS NEED THEIR SPACE!**

## Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Your donation to the FPLF will help us create a new Teen Room in the Main Library. Please consider making a donation at: [www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/](http://www.framlibfoundation.org/donate/).

Stay safe! Ruth Winett (rwinett@rcn.com or 508-877-1938).

# YOUNG ADULTS

## GRADES 6-12

### QUARANTINE SELF CARE by John Garrigan

Hey all, it's your friendly teen librarian again. I've been trying to get ready for whatever the new normal is at the Library once we start to reopen, and hanging out with you all on Friday afternoons to watch anime and/or play silly online games. A legit thanks for always being one of the highlights of my week (and if you'd like to join in, make sure to check out our teen event calendar [HERE](#).)

I dunno about all of you, but I know that my lockdown hasn't been all sunshine and roses. It's tough being stuck at home. I recently got to go into the Library briefly for the first time in two months, and I couldn't believe how much I missed it! And I know I'm relatively lucky in the grand scheme of things. Many people, and most likely many of you, are having a very rough time right now.

So what can I do from home to help? I've been struggling with this ever since it became clear that none of us were going to go back to the way things were before for a long time, if ever. To start, I'm going to start compiling lots of things to recommend to you all. These could be as simple as the latest and best books I've read (*The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater), TV shows I've watched (*The Midnight Gospel* on Netflix for you older teens), and podcasts I've listened to (*Super Scary Haunted Homeschool*), to self care resources to help you make it through these tough times as whole as possible. [Look for this on our website's teen page.](#)

I'm going to finish this off with the first few self care recommendations for you, and by encouraging all of you to stay safe and sane. Don't hesitate to take care of yourself, whether that's chatting with a friend or family member, listening to a meditation podcast, or speaking with a professional if/when you can. These are unprecedented times and I want to see each and every one of you whenever I can start doing school visits and in person programs again.

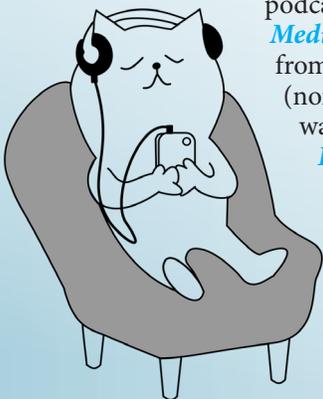
**YouthLine** – 24 hour crisis, support, and helpline just for teens. From 7pm-1am you'll be talking with other teens, while the lines are staffed by adults the rest of the time. Call 877-968-8491, text 839863, or visit [www.oregonyouthline.org](http://www.oregonyouthline.org).

**Yoga for Teens** – Yoga With Adriene is possibly the most popular free yoga class on the internet. Every week she posts a new themed video (sometimes with her dog Benji!). [CLICK HERE](#) for her Yoga for Teens workout:

**Sleep Help Podcasts** – Are you having trouble sleeping during a pandemic? You're certainly not alone. To help you get some extra zzzz's in, there are many soothing storytelling

podcasts available like the *Sleep Meditation Podcast* (ASMRish noises from nature), *Sleep With Me* (nonsense stories told in a calming way), and my personal favorite, *On A Dark, Cold Night*, which manages to be both creepy and comforting at the same time.

If any of you want personalized book/podcast/self care recommendations to suit your particular circumstances, please email me at [jgarrigan@minlib.net](mailto:jgarrigan@minlib.net). I'll keep whatever you send me completely confidential, and I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.



For more information please visit our website: [www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://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.



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

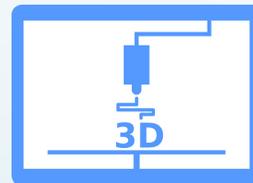
[CLICK HERE](#) for a List Of Live Virtual Concerts To Watch During The Coronavirus Shutdown, from National Public Radio, a listing of daily concerts of all genres. – From our *Especially for Seniors* webpage (but for all ages!)



## Where is our 3D Printer?

Our Little Lulzbot is happily part of a solid supply chain. She is continuing to crank 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 Director for Innovation and Technology at Woburn Public Library, and Reference Sub at Framingham.



# KICKING OFF A NAMING CONTEST!

Deadline extended due to the addition of Remote Tutoring as another benefit we provide!

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

## Homework Center News

The Framingham School Committee has presented the **Outstanding School Partners Award** to the Homework Center Program. This award is presented to outstanding out-of-school programs which help students thrive academically.



The Homework Center currently provides remote tutoring, homework and school project help to students K-12, in all subjects and plans to remain open, tutoring and offering remote enrichment programming throughout the summer!

To be matched with a tutor, contact Judy Gatlin; [jgatlin@minlib.net](mailto:jgatlin@minlib.net).

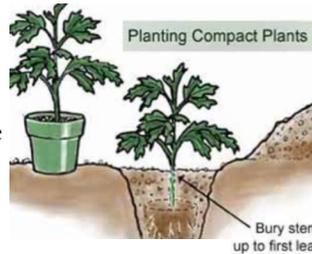


## The Seed Lending Library

If you find yourself with spindly, leggy tomato plants that don't look as strong and hearty as you would like, it may be the way you are putting the tomato plant in the ground. By simply planting as deep as you possibly can, your plant will thrive. There are two methods for deep planting.

Burying your tomato plants deep into the soil helps them grow better because tomatoes form roots all along any buried portion of the stem—if you look closely you will see tiny bumps, which are the roots before they develop.

These are called adventitious roots, meaning these roots form on the upper part of the plant—the stem, leaves, branches (but just the stem for the tomato plant)—instead of the main root ball. More roots equate to your plants having the increased ability to take in water and nutrients, which means you will end up with a healthier plant that is less susceptible to drought.



The Library may be closed, but you may still access free WiFi throughout the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch Library parking lots. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 feet apart from others) to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.



By using the free wireless service, you are agreeing to abide by the Framingham Public Library Internet Policy. All users are expected to use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner.

## Get back into Adult Coloring

Relax, keep coloring, keep smiling!

Pop in a music CD and print out a variety of coloring sheets. [CLICK HERE.](#)

Look for our FB and Instagram posts to share your creativity.



## Pop Up! Log 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!**

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**Census 2020**

<https://my2020census.gov>

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

# DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

## CHILDREN'S JUNE 2020

### FUN, STAY-AT-HOME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

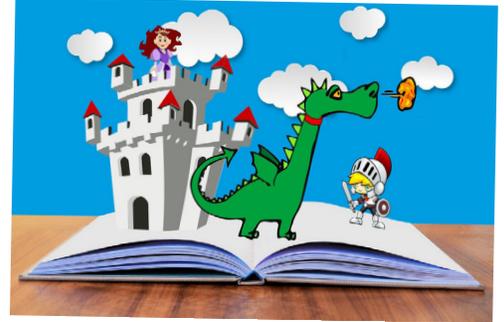
This month, check out our [online programs](#), a craft activity, our YouTube videos, a book review and a list of podcasts for kids.

#### 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](mailto: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 stay at home time!

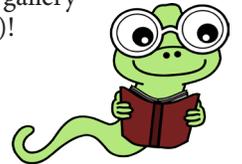


#### Weekly Zoom Baby Lapsits with Joanne and Lucy

Tuesdays 10-10:20am and Fridays 10:30-11am Ages 0-2 and their caregivers, all welcome.

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

Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at Baby Lapsit. Break up your stay at home 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](mailto:framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com) to get an invite to join.

Join us for an exciting book club discussion led by 8th grader Max! All books are available in our eResources. June 7, we will discuss *An Unfortunate Series of Events: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket; June 14 we will discuss *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko; and June 21 we will discuss *How to Be a Pirate (How to Train Your Dragon 2)* by Cressida Cowell.

### 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](#) and the [Kids' Page](#) on our website 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](#) 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!



#### Virtual Bedtime Stories with Mr. Dana

Join our Librarian, Mr. Dana, as he reads to you from some of his favorite children's books. We'll be providing direct links to chapters so you can join in at any time. First up is *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett! [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to Bedtime Stories on our YouTube Channel.

# AT HOME RESOURCES: PODCASTS FOR KIDS

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

- **Unspookable** Spooky stories for kids.
- **But Why?** A Podcast for kids tackling various tough and funny subjects.
- **Book Power for Kids** Book reviews by and for kids.
- **Kids Ask Authors** Author Grace Lin invites kids to ask the authors of their favorite books a question.
- **Story Pirates** Actors, comedians, and improvisers who act out original stories created by kids.



- **What If World** Stories start with silly “what if” questions which are crafted into original stories using fun voices, making for unrelenting ridiculousness.
- **The Past and The Curious** Comedic actors performing little-known stories from history in a playful manner. There is even a quiz at the end of each episode!

## KANOPI KIDS

Have you tried Kanopy Kids, our online video resource for kids? Enjoy quality educational content like *Sesame Street* and *Arthur*, and even benefit from language learning series. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



## Strengthening Families Newsletter

Highlights from the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham

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

## Children's Book Review

### **The Peacock Detectives** by Carly Nugent

For ages 8-12. Available as an ebook and audiobook on [HOOPLA](#).

I recently joined a Facebook group called “View from my window” where people all around the world post a picture of what they see outside their window. Someone posted a view of the pyramids of Giza; imagine waking up to that every day! Someone else posted the most magnificent picture of mountains in Utah; I was astounded. So it's a fun group and is supposed to help people locked down experience a sense of travel. But when we read the posts, we also see that all around the world people are alike. Many are locked down right now, and teaching their children at home, and missing family and travel and getting outside just like us.

This book is like that Facebook group because it is a view of what life is like for Cassie, an eleven going on twelve-year-old girl, who lives in a little town in Australia (population: 2000; compare Framingham population: more than 68,000) surrounded by bush, where venomous tiger snakes live under the school steps, Christmas comes in the middle of summer, and the neighbors own a peacock and a peahen. This all sounds very exotic, but as the story progresses with Cassie and her friend Jonas looking for the peacocks who have escaped, we see that life in Australia is also very like life in America with family struggles and mean girls at school and arguments with friends and the great cycle of life and death.

So, for a look at a different way of life that you can relate to quite easily, I recommend this book. – *Lucy*



## At home craft for June

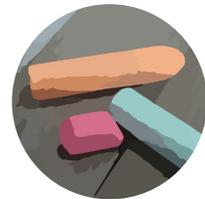
Let's make sidewalk chalk paint!

Watch the video on our YouTube Channel

With nicer weather on our way, what better way to spend time outside than to make chalk designs and pictures on the ground!

### Supplies:

- Cornstarch
- Water
- Measuring cups
- Mixing bowl
- Food coloring
- Paint brushes
- Muffin tin OR small plastic bowls



### Instructions:

1. Add 1 cup of water to 1 cup of cornstarch in a mixing bowl.
2. Stir until there are no clumps of cornstarch.
3. Pour the mixture into the cups of muffin tin or into small plastic containers.
4. Add a few drops of your choice of food coloring to each cup and mix until fully blended.
5. Go outside and paint your chalk on the pavement!

 Watch these on our YouTube Channel!  
(and please subscribe!)

