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PRIDE MONTH June 1-30. Celebrate Pride Month with these events.

Vision of Progress: A Celebration of Pride Month

Sunday June 13, 1-2pm – Memorial Building Plaza
(150 Concord Street, Framingham)

Join Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer, City Council members, and other local leaders for our Pride Ceremony. For more information and community events, please visit www.FraminghamMa.Gov/Pride.



LGBTQ+ Basics and Beyond

Led by Julie Blazar, Director of Communications and Outreach, OUT MetroWest



June 10, 7pm – on Zoom

Wondering why it seems like so many people are gay these days? Curious about some part of the LGBTQ+ acronym? Wanting to support transgender people but not sure where to start? This presentation will equip participants with up-to-date vocabulary, answers to frequently asked (and frequently awkward!) questions, and basic tools for effective allyship. This is a great session for those learning about LGBTQ+ issues for the first time and for those who already have some knowledge of LGBTQ+ topics. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on June 10.

Bird Science: Owl Ambassadors from Drumlin Farm

June 3, 7pm – on Zoom



Come explore the unique behavioral and physical adaptations that help native owls survive New England's changing seasons and adapt to the impacts of climate change. All ages welcome! Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on June 3.

Do You Love Animals?

Our Summer Reading theme this year is "Tails and Tales," and this program is a preview for all kinds of amazing animal fun at your Library throughout the summer!

The Summer Reading Program starts Tuesday July 6, and registration begins Wednesday

June 23. You can register online or in person at either library. More information coming soon at framinghamlibrary.org/sr.



A Town Divided: Framingham, Slavery, and the Civil War



with Mary McNeil, scholar-in-residence at the Framingham History Center

Thursday June 17, 7pm – on Zoom

Despite the fact that



slavery had been effectively abolished in Massachusetts since the 1780s, Framingham, like many other New England towns and cities, maintained a complicated relationship to slavery and abolition throughout the 19th century. For this year's celebration of Juneteenth, join us for a discussion about Framingham's historical ties to enslavement, including in the state of Texas, where Juneteenth originated. Along the way, learn about related objects in the History Center's archives. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on June 17.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Both libraries are open 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.

Main Library

49 Lexington Street | 508-532-5570

Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street | 508-532-5636

- 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.

Event Questions: framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com.

LIBRARY HOURS



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

- Masks and social distancing required at both libraries
- Collection browsing and computer use only

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

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Feature film DVDs and Blu-Rays and TV series are now FREE!

Sign up for [Wowbrary](#), our weekly email about the latest additions to our collection!

INFO HUB



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

- Library Browsing
- Curbside Pickups and Returns
- Contact Us
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- Technology Resources
- Library Events
- Library and Community News
- Browse FPL Online
- Support and Hotlines
- Covid-19 Testing
- Especially for Seniors
- Face Coverings
- City Press Releases
- Borrowing Bundles



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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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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Genealogy for Beginners

Monday June 21, 7pm – on Zoom

Interested in learning more about your family history, but unsure of where to start? Uncover family records and history through the Library's online resources with Assistant Supervisor of Children's Services Jillian Holmberg. Get an introduction to genealogy in the first workshop of our genealogy series. Please [REGISTER](#) by 5pm on June 21.



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.



Personal Finance and Budgeting

Presented by Sue Katz



Wednesday June 9, 1pm – on Zoom

Whether you are looking to save for life's simple or not so simple things, Sue has some advice to help you plan your budget. [REGISTER](#) by 9am on June 9.

 **CONSUMERCREDIT.COM**
The Credit Counseling Professionals
American Consumer Credit Counseling, Inc.

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.

COOKING FOR ALL: Simple-Nutritious-Delicious

Summer Smoothies to Fuel and Refresh

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

Friday June 18, 11am-12pm – on Zoom

Whether you love to cook or need new ideas, join Registered Dietician 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. Please [REGISTER](#) by 9am on June 18.

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COOKING FOR ALL
SIMPLE • NUTRITIOUS • DELICIOUS



BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES (Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Friday June 4, 12-1pm

[REGISTER](#) by 9am on June 4 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

Meet the Danforth's Permanent Collection

Presented by:
Mary Erickson, Visitor Services Coordinator,
Danforth Art Museum

This virtual talk will introduce you to the Danforth's permanent collection by touring the art that is currently on view in the permanent collection gallery. The works in this gallery represent the Danforth today, an eclectic mix. Each work in a museum's permanent collection represents a part of its history; we invite you to listen and discover who we are today—a museum committed to work produced in New England, both historical and contemporary.



Tea & Talk Tuesdays

Ted Talk: This is What LGBT Life is Like Around the World

Tuesday June 29, 3-4pm – on Zoom

Jenni Chang and Lisa Dazols have lived a relatively fulfilled life as a gay couple in San Francisco. But they often wondered how gay people outside of their bubble lived without basic rights. This curiosity led them on a trip to 15 countries to meet LGBT people who are making incredible contributions around the world. Join us for a discussion about their extraordinary journey and the inspiring people they met along the way.

Before you join us for the discussion, view the Ted Talk [HERE](#). Please [REGISTER](#) by 9am on June 29 to receive an invitation and link to the Zoom session.



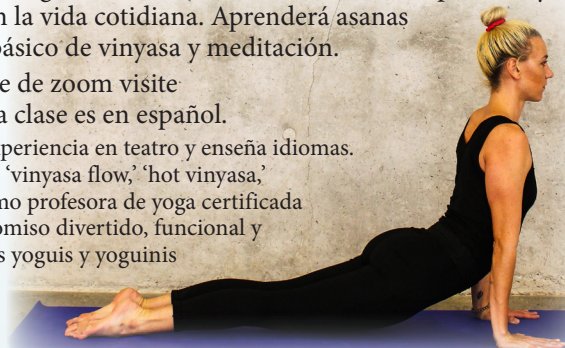
Yoga y meditación con Nissa

Miércoles 2 de junio, de 7 a 8 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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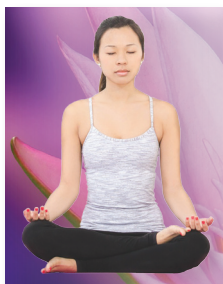
Release, Relax, and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

Thursday June 17, 11am

REGISTER by 9am on June 17. 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.

Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7:30-9:30pm – on Zoom

Led by Alan Feldman, Professor Emeritus, Framingham State University



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.

BOOK GROUPS

MAIN / McAULIFFE

The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn

Available in print, as an eBook on OverDrive/Libby and as an eBook and audiobook on Hoopla.

Tuesday June 1, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Ronda Andrews. Please **REGISTER** by noon on June 1. No book discussion in July and August; discussion will resume in September.

Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi

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

Tuesday June 8, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Brigitte Griffin. Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our July 13 discussion is *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane.

The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany by Lori Nelson Spielman

Available in print and as an eBook and audiobook on Overdrive/Libby

Evening Discussion on Tuesday June 15, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Morning Discussion on Thursday June 17, 11am-12pm – on Zoom

Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please **REGISTER** for the Zoom link. The title for our July 20 and 22 discussions is *Caveat Emptor: The Secret Life of an American Art Forger* by Ken Perenyi.

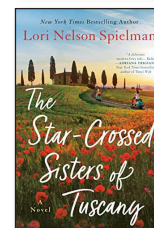
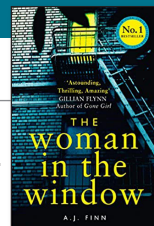
SCI-FI

Axiom's End by Lindsay Ellis

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

Wednesday June 9, 7-8pm – on Zoom

Led by Lucy Loveridge, Library Liaison. Please email lloveridge@minlib.net to receive the Zoom invitation. On July 14 we will discuss three short stories from *Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang: "Stories of Your Life," "Tower of Babylon," and one other to be determined.



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 June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2-2:45pm

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



STONE AND STRETCH

Mondays June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 4:30-5:15pm

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.

LVM Literacy Unlimited



Literacy Unlimited offers virtual ESOL Conversation Classes and Tutoring remotely. We help adult learners who are interested

in improving their spoken English or reading ability. Check out our website [HERE](http://www.lvm-literacy.org).

At this time, new student registration is closed. We plan to reopen registration this summer!

For new tutors, please register [HERE](http://www.lvm-literacy.org) or contact us at 508-532-5574 or at fplmail4@minlib.net.

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.

MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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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 June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 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 LINKS

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](#).

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.



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Yarn Social Hour Zoom Virtual Hangout

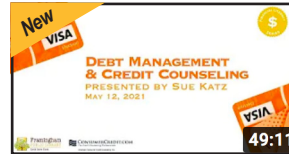
Mondays 11am-12pm and Wednesdays 6-7pm

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, author talks, 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.



Missed one of our Author Talks? You can view them on our YouTube channel.



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, molasses cookies, mochi brownies 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!



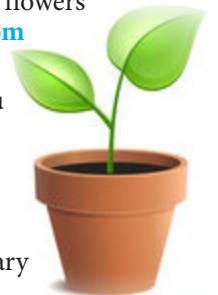
Seed Lending Library

There's still time to put some seeds into the ground. Both libraries have all the seeds you need for summer loving vegetables like cucumbers, beans, zucchini, squash and basil. We also have a mix of native flowers

to encourage pollination. Email framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com to request them, or come into the library and fill out a request form.

We also have little seedlings, including herbs, at both libraries for you to take home.

In the outdoor garden at the McAuliffe Branch, we have kale plants which were grown from seeds last year, now they are bolting and will bloom soon. After that seedpods will appear and we will harvest the seeds, dry them and they will be ready for the Seed Lending Library next spring.



IN MEMORIAM



Joyce P. Harper (formerly Joyce Ellis)

Joyce Harper passed away on March 4, 2021, in southern California, after a long illness. Joyce's career started at the Boston Public Library, after receiving her Masters Degree in Library Science at Simmons College. Joyce was the Director of the Framingham Public Library in the 1960s and 1970s, retiring in 1979. She was the Director of the "new" Library when it was built in 1978/79.

YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 6-12

Take & Make Craft: Relaxation Kit

Pick up in the second half of June

LIMITED SUPPLIES – [REGISTER](#) online to reserve your kit

The most intense school year of your lives (at least I sincerely hope so) is finally ending, so you all clearly need to take a breather. We're only doing one Take & Make kit this month so we can make it a good one. This kit will have everything you need to finally relax a bit. Build your own Zen Garden, have a nice mug of tea, make a simple craft, have a snack, and look forward to a few fun surprises as well!



Our Summer Reading Program starts Tuesday July 6!

Tails & TALES



Beginning on Wednesday June 23, you can register online or in person at either library for Tails and Tales, for an exciting summer of reading, activities, and animal programs for all ages. Register, then pick up a special Summer

Reading bag! More information coming soon at framinghamlibrary.org/sr.



Family Take & Bake Kit:

Funfetti Whoopie Pies

Monday June 28

All ages. Registration Required.

Signups begin on Monday June 21.

Pickups begin on Monday June 28.

The perfect and fun cookie that kids and adults will both enjoy



to start your summer off right! Kit includes only the dry ingredients you need. Please note: frosting, wet ingredients, cooking utensils, and oven not included! Recipe brought to you by Certified Pastry Aficionado. Supplies are limited; one kit registration per family. Please [REGISTER HERE](#).

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)

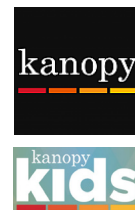
Everything may be downloaded instantly with no holds. Patrons are limited to a total of 5 Hoopla checkouts per calendar month. Hoopla includes: eBooks (21 days), audiobooks (21 days), comic books and graphic novels (21 days), downloadable or streaming movies and TV episodes (3, 5, or 7 days), and music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

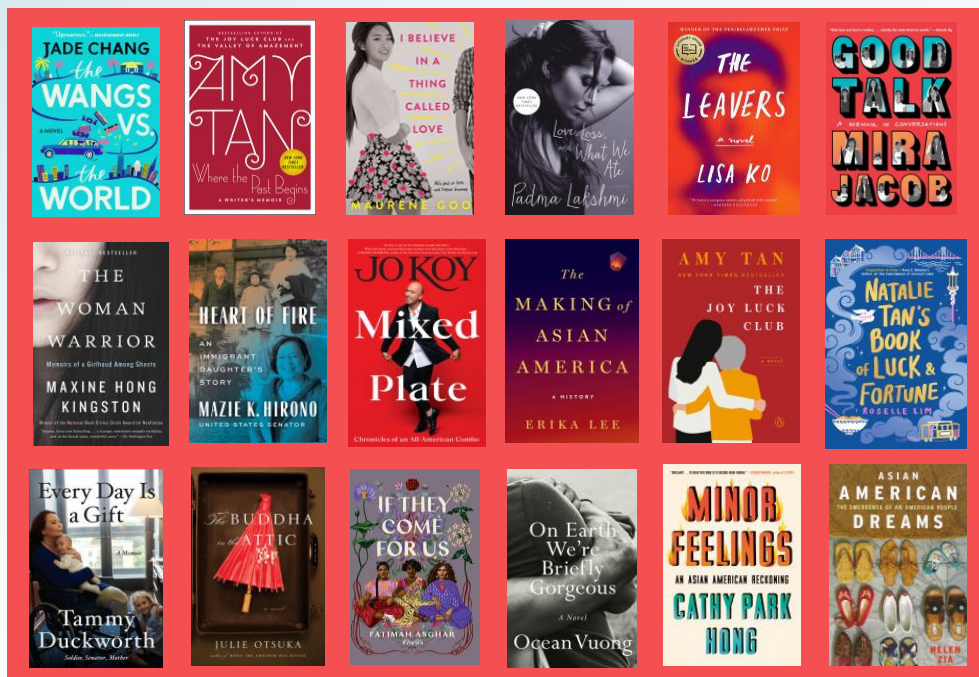
CR Consumer Reports

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](#).



As we celebrated Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, we compiled these book titles that feature AAPI culture, history and contributions. [CLICK HERE](#) for links to these titles and more, plus additional resources for all ages.

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



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

We want to Chat with you!

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?

Come into either library with an ID and proof of current address. You may also sign up for a temporary card [ONLINE](#), then upgrade for additional services when you return in person to the library.



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.



Homework Center News

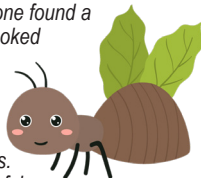
Academic Enrichment Book Groups

No one needs to "bug" these kids to read. They are in Jack Merna's Homework Center Academic Enrichment Book Group! Here are reviews of their recent Bug Adventure at Cushing Park:

Dijela: Last Sunday, our book group met at Cushing Park for a fun bug catching experience. Jack gave us tips on where we could find bugs. He suggested we check near the watery part of the grass and so we did. We picked up our material and started digging. I got this tiny handheld rake and started raking the dirt, a few minutes later, I moved up to the dry grass, and found a couple of worms. Then someone found a dead mouse! We threw it in the water and continued digging. Then we went near the woods to find dead logs to break, we got to use hammers to break open logs. We rolled them back to see what bugs were under there. When the day was almost over, we headed back to our site. The insects we found: a brown centipede, beetles, a spider, worms, and baby worms. For our reward, we got cookies and fun prizes. I got some chattering teeth. We played tag which was really fun. Then I had to go home but I had fun so I wasn't that sad.

Yoann: What we did at the Bug Adventure – First: we dug under the ground to see what was under there and found one ant. Second: after that we hiked near the water to look for bugs but then someone found a dead rat! We threw it in the water. Third: we went to the forest to find some more bugs. Looked under and inside dead trees to find bugs to put inside the bug container. Fourth: when we finished catching bugs, we examined them to find out their names. Fifth: we got rewarded with cookies and prizes and played kickball with a toy duck. After that we all went home.

Abhijay: The bug hunt hosted by Mr. Merna was a very fun event. He set up the event very well and weather turned out to be nice. It was a great time to detach from the screens. I felt like our group needed this after being cooped up for so long. It was a great time to safely socialize while finding interesting bugs in nature. After this wonderful meetup I can not wait till the next time we do something like this again. Thank you so much for everything you do for us Mrs. Gatlin and Mr. Merna!



Homework Center Student Advisory Board News

Neha Senthil has been selected to serve as the intern for the Massachusetts State House Committee on Cybersecurity. Neha has served on our board for the past four years. She tutors younger students, helps run Homework Center events and wrote the winning high school essay for the last Annual Essay Contest. Neha has been accepted to Northeastern University this fall where she will study business and cyber security.

To be matched for individualized tutoring, participate in an academic enrichment book group or interview to join the student advisory board, contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News



The Framingham Public Library Foundation wishes to thank the many supporters who have contributed to the Teen Room Project during this past difficult year.

If you have questions about the FPLF, please get in touch with Ruth Winett (rwinett@rcn.com or 508-877-1938). To donate,

[CLICK HERE](#) or send a check to the FPLF, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702.

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!

GOAL: 15,000

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
FRAMINGHAM
LIBRARY

**YUMMY
FUDGE –
Just in Time
for Father's
Day**

A Treat for Your Dad or Someone Special or Yourself (Why Not?)

The Friends is again partnering with The Fudge Lady in Uxbridge to offer for sale



The Fudge Lady
Handmade Specialty Fudge

18 of her delicious and decadent fudge flavors.

Orders must be placed by June 12.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to place your order.

**FUDGE
FUN FACT**

June 16 is
National
Fudge Day!

Join or Rejoin the Friends

The Friends of the Framingham Library supports and helps to expand the resources and services of the Library. Your membership helps us continue this work. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how the Friends makes a BIG difference, and [CLICK HERE](#) to join today.

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 Farmelant at 508-875-1918 or email framfriendsactivities@minlib.net.

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 JUNE 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kids Yoga with Nissa Diantina (Bilingual Spanish and English) Ages 8+.

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 all sessions, online and in-person. You can find more about Backyard Yoga [on Facebook](#).

Thursday June 3, and Wednesday June 23, 4-4:30pm – Indoor on Zoom

Saturday June 5, 4-4:30pm – **In-person**, backyard at McAuliffe Branch Library (weather permitting!) If you have a yoga mat, feel free to bring it, otherwise mats will not be provided.

Outdoor Storytime Series begins

Monday June 28, 10-10:30am, Backyard at McAuliffe Branch Library (weather permitting!) Ages 3+.

Join Miss Jill and Mr. Dana for a special surprise themed storytime with a craft to-go after at this in-person program! Registration required; kit available for pickup after storytime ends. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) (per family) in order to participate. This program is weather permitting, and if cancelled we will send out a Zoom link to have it virtually.

Goldfish Swim School Presents: W.A.T.E.R. Safety

Friday June 25, 11-11:30am – on Zoom

Join the Goldfish Swim School as their team teaches families about water safety and drowning prevention, based on the principles taught by the Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation. This fun program introduces kids to the concept of water safety and helps them learn methods to avoid potential dangers in and around the water, ways to handle water crisis situations, and provides materials in an effort to prevent water-related accidents! Please [REGISTER HERE](#) for the program and to schedule a time to pick up your take-home goody bag (includes free Family Swim pass, coloring sheet, temporary tattoos, and information to reinforce skills at home).



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 with **Jillian** Ages 2-4

Special Bilingual Sessions in Portuguese on June 7 and German on June 21; guest readers will present books in Portuguese or German and English on these dates!

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

Special Guest Author/Reader, Matt Rufo, on June 10!

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

Ends Wednesday June 9, 10:15-10:45am Ages 0-3 and their caregiver.

Pre-registration was required. Spaces were limited. This eight-week, thirty-minute program uses rhymes, songs, puppets, instruments, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers.

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Our Summer Reading Program starts Tuesday July 6!

Beginning on Wednesday June 23, you can register online or in person at either library for **Tails & Tales**, the statewide reading program. We will have programs between July 6 and August 14. You can get a raffle ticket for every book read to put in for end-of-summer gift certificate prizes, there will be trivia questions every week, and the Summer Reading t-shirt is back! Register, then pick up your t-shirt! More information coming soon at framinghamlibrary.org/sr.



Dads and (BYO Donuts) and Discoveries with special guest Rejane DeMuis

Saturday June 5, 10-10:30am – on Zoom

Contact ECAF* to sign up (links below).

A time for dads to enjoy special time with their children. This month includes a visit from the famed Brazilian musician and storyteller, Rejane DeMuis. 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.



ONGOING EVENTS ...continued from page 9.

Book Buddy Reading to Dogs

Sundays June 6 and 20, 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.

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, June 2, 16, and 30

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

Podcasts for PRIDE:

- **Noodle Loaf** presents Dingo Bingo Bongo Pride-O – This episode celebrates love, families, and pride!
- **But Why?** presents Why are Boys Boys and Girls Girls? – This episode discusses gender with an anthropologist and a doctor, an introduction to the concept of the gender spectrum for kids and families.
- **What If World** presents a story about identity and acceptance told from the perspective of a baseball and a basketball.



YouTube Channel Highlights

Look for our Summer Reading Program kick-off promo midmonth: Tails & Tales!

Strengthening Families Newsletter

CLICK HERE FOR A PREVIEW OF THE ECAF VIRTUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE



EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE
Uniting for young children...the heart of our community
Framingham, MA



Take and Make Crafts

Fireworks Craft

Tuesday June 15 Ages 4-12. Registration Required.

Sign-ups begin Tuesday June 8, pick-ups begin Tuesday June 15.

Sparks will fly with this paper, wax, and glitter firework craft!

All materials (except glue and scissors) are included. Supplies are limited. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit.



Family Take & Bake Kit: Funfetti Whoopie Pies

Monday June 28 All ages. Registration Required.

Signups begin Monday June 21, pickups begin Monday June 28.

The perfect and fun cookie that kids and adults will both enjoy to start your summer off right! Kit includes only the dry ingredients you need. Please note: frosting, wet ingredients, cooking utensils, and oven not included! Recipe brought to you by Certified Pastry Aficionado. Supplies are limited; one kit registration per family. Please [REGISTER HERE](#).



Children's Book Review

Witches of Brooklyn by Sophie Escabasse

Recommended for ages 8-12.

This graphic novel follows 12-year-old Effie as she navigates her new life after the death of her mother. In the middle of the night, Effie is carted off to live with two strange aunts she's never met. Effie has to get used to a new school, a new house, new friends, and new...powers? *Witches of Brooklyn* is a surprisingly touching graphic novel with unique characters and vibrant illustrations. Available in print or on OverDrive/Libby as an eBook.
– Review by Kelly