FPL Summer Reading Program: “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”

ALL AGES!
CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 20
Join us for an exciting summer of reading, activities, prizes and more. See adult and all ages events on page 2, teen events on page 4, and children’s events on page 5 and page 6. Register in person at the Main Library, the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library, or online at framinghamlibrary.org/sr. Visit our WEBSITE for more details. Visite nosso SITE para mais detalhes. Visite nuestro SITIO WEB para más detalles.

Summer Reading Wrap Party! ALL AGES
SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY LEARNING YARD/PARKING LOT
Join us to celebrate the end of another great year of summer reading! For kids, we have Coffee Filter Butterflies (make a beautiful butterfly with sprayable colors and pipe cleaners!) and Sidewalk Chalk Art (we bring the chalk, you bring the fun!). For all ages, we invite you to grab a cold, sweet treat and then listen to the summer sounds of the Railroad House Band (band information on right).

Alexei Tsiganov
SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 3PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, ASTRONAUT GROVE
Pianist, composer, vibraphonist—Alexei Tsiganov is a one-of-a-kind musician, and his performance is not to be missed. Bring your own chair!

Railroad House Band
SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 3PM | MAIN LIBRARY, LEARNING YARD
Let this local Americana band entertain you with their unique blend of music from Bluegrass to Western Swing.

Alexei Tsiganov and David Eure
THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, ASTRONAUT GROVE
This local favorite duo return for another unforgettable performance. Don’t forget to BYOC—bring your own chair—for this outdoor concert!

Steve Rudolph Trio Big Band Tribute
THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, ASTRONAUT GROVE
Join us for a toe-tapping Big Band tribute from the high-spirited Steve Rudolph Trio. BYOC—bring your own chair!

Framingham Sounds and Jazz Concerts are made possible by a grant from the Framingham Cultural Council, a local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Special thanks to Jim Pillsbury for his generous donation of audio equipment that helps make events like this possible!

Registration or program questions: email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com or call 508-532-5570.
Brown Bag Learning Series: Local Author Spotlight – Carol Lach
FRIDAY AUGUST 5, 12PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Join us for a talk with local author Carol Lach. As a child, Carol’s favorite pastime was listening to the stories of older relatives and neighbors. After retiring from careers in education and science, Carol began writing novels. Her focus is on historical events with parallels to our world today. Find new recommendations for your to be read list!

Fishing for Beginners with Jim Legacy of Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 5:30PM | LAKE COCHITUATE STATE PARK
Let’s go fishing! Jim will give us a brief overview of fish and fishing, a discussion on fishing safety, some casting instruction, and then we’ll fish! No license or supplies needed, but space is limited. REGISTER. Please note that this program is recommended for ages 6 and up, and all children under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Terrifying Campfire Tales for the Whole Family
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, ASTRONAUT’S GROVE
Tho’ awful wails of ghosts give fright, And fearful beasts infest the night, Don’t be afraid of the storyteller’s power. Come to the library at the appointed hour Bring your own S’mores Stick. This month’s guest storyteller: Author Erin Dionne

Paint Night: Nature & Nibbles
ADULTS
THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 6PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
In a relaxed setting our fabulous teacher Ashwini Chitnavis will guide us step-by-step to paint a picture. Absolutely no experience necessary! Be amazed at the artwork you create. Dress for mess. Supplies provided. Space limited. REGISTRATION required.

Backyard Birding: A First Look at Birds of Sudbury Valley with Ron McAdow, author and former Executive Director of Sudbury Valley Trustees
SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 10AM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM AND YOUTUBE LIVE
Our region has a surprising variety of colorful and interesting birdlife. Have a look! Through photos and videos taken in or near his yard, Ron will share his pleasure in watching birds and describe techniques for attracting and observing them. You can enjoy seeing and learning about your feathered neighbors without needing to be a super-serious birder. Attend in person or watch online via YouTube.

Films
McAuliffe Matinees:
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 1PM (NEW TIME) | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
Stand By Me (1986) 1hr. 29min. R.
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 1PM (NEW TIME) | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM

Monday Matinee: House of Gucci (2021) 2hr. 37min. R.
MONDAY AUGUST 22, 2PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM

International Blockbuster Film Series:
Cinema Paradiso (1988) 2hr. 35min. PG, In Italian (with English subtitles).
SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Join us for our summer series celebrating some of the most popular films from around the world, recommended by you, the Framingham community!
BOOK CLUBS

MAIN LIBRARY

Club de Lectores: Papeles de Pandora por Rosario Ferré
LUNES 1 DE AGOSTO, 8PM | ZOOM | REGÍSTRESE.
12 de septiembre: La sombra del viento by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (pages 1-283)

Sci-Fi Book Club: Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 7PM | ZOOM | REGISTER.
September 14: TBA

Adult Book Club: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 7PM | ZOOM | REGISTER.
NO BOOK CLUB IN AUGUST

MCAULIFFE BRANCH

Evening Book Club: The Maid by Nita Prose
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM AND ZOOM | REGISTER for the Zoom link.
September 13: Every Heart a Doorway by Seanan McGuire

Morning Book Club: On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong
THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 10AM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM AND ZOOM | REGISTER for the Zoom link.
September 15: TBA

CLOSING THE GARDEN

with Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens
TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 7PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM
While the end of the season can be depressing, it’s also the best time to get a jumpstart on the following year. We’ll explore pruning, seed saving, mulching, and composting.

Yarn Social Clubs
WEDNESDAYS AND SECOND & FOURTH SATURDAYS, 10AM | MAIN LIBRARY
Beginners welcome.
WEDNESDAYS, 6PM (IN-PERSON ONLY) AND FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS, 11AM (IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM) | MCAULIFFE BRANCH | REGISTER for the Zoom link.

What's on Your TBR Pile?
with author Lynne Damianos
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 7PM | ZOOM
TBR is “to be read” and with a little help from our favorite authors, we can refine or (goodness!) add to our piles. Wonder what they’ve read and loved lately? Join us! REGISTER.
September 19: Simran Jeet Singh

The Seed Lending Library
It’s time for fall planting. We have a big variety of vegetable seeds for you to try. There are little seed packages at the Main Library, the McAuliffe Branch and on the Bookmobile. Questions? Please email framinghamlibraryseeds@gmail.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

Tone & Stretch
with Laila Vehvilainen
MONDAYS, 4:30PM | ZOOM (except 8/29)
Tone your core and upper and lower body muscles followed by stretches.
REGISTER.

Stretch & Relax
with Laila Vehvilainen
WEDNESDAYS, 4:30PM | ZOOM (except 8/17 & 8/24)
Maintain flexibility, improve balance, and reduce stress. REGISTER.

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

Job Search Assistance on Zoom*
One-on-one Resume Building
THURSDAYS 9AM-1:30PM. REGISTER.
One-on-one Mock Interviews
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 2-3:30PM, Drop in, no registration required. Find the Zoom link HERE.
*If you need access to a computer, email fplmail6@minlib.net or call the library at 508-532-5570.

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

Our fall Lifelong Learning programs will be starting soon! Look HERE for more information.
RESOURCES

Literacy Unlimited
Join our volunteer community! Help students achieve their English learning goals; check our website or call us to learn when the next new tutor information session is scheduled. We help adult learners who are interested in improving their spoken English or reading ability. Learn more HERE, or contact us at 508-532-5574, fplmail4@minlib.net.

Applying for U.S. Citizenship?
We will work with you one-on-one to help prepare you for the Naturalization test and interview.

Homework Center
We provide in person and virtual tutoring in all subjects to students K-12, Monday through Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm and facilitate Academic Enrichment Book Groups.

This summer we are offering STEM Book Groups for students in grades 3-5, as well as a Graphic Novel/Comic Book Class for middle school students.

To sign up for tutoring or any of our programs, contact jgatlin@minlib.net. More details about all our programs HERE.

DIY Mini Golf (after hours!) Grades 6-12
FRIDAY AUGUST 5, 5-8PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH
Make your own mini golf course and then play it with friends. REGISTER for a reminder email.

Camp Crafts: Pressed Flowers Grades 6-12
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2-4PM | MAIN LIBRARY, SPARK LAB
Create your own decorative pressed and dried flower display. REGISTER for a reminder email.

Video Game Hangout (and snack taste test!) Grades 6-12
FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 1-3PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Play video games with us on a big wall size screen! We’ll also be having another gaming themed snack taste test for you to pick your favorite flavor of a mystery snack!

Animal Man Survivor – Primitive Archery Grades 6-12
SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 3-5PM | MAIN LIBRARY, LEARNING YARD (outside)
Learn the sport and skill of primitive archery! The “Animal Man” will walk you through the basics, followed by a practice session with real bow and arrows, and a tournament! REGISTRATION required.

Nailed It: Summer Camp Edition Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 6-8PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
You’ve seen the TV show, now test your decorating skills! We’ll have a beautifully decorated baked good and you’ll have to try and recreate it to the best of your ability in a limited amount of time. REGISTRATION required.

Anime Club (and snack taste test!) Grades 6-12
FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 1-3PM | MAIN LIBRARY, COSTIN ROOM
Watch some great anime and enjoy some tasty Japanese snacks. We’ll also be having another anime themed snack taste test for you to pick your favorite flavor of a mystery snack!

Camp Crafts: Wood Burning Grades 6-12
MONDAY AUGUST 22, 2-4PM | MCAULIFFE BRANCH, BACK PATIO
Use a wood burning tool to create a burnt design on wood. REGISTER for a reminder email.

SUPPORTERS

Join the Friends
We welcome all levels of membership throughout the year and greatly appreciate the support of local businesses that join through our corporate level memberships. As a Friend you are integral to the support we provide the Library. If you are already a Friend, thank you. If you are not yet, please consider joining HERE.

Gearing up for our September Book Sale
The September 17 Book Sale will be BIG. Mark your calendars. We continue to be hard at work organizing the steady stream of book donations arriving throughout the summer. It’s a not-to-be missed fall event for readers of all ages and interests.

Framingham Public Library Foundation News
Thanks to the many organizations, politicians, and individuals who sponsored our first Noche de Fiesta.

Our current project is creating a Technology & Learning Center for all ages in the Main Library. At the TLC you can learn how to use technology to research jobs, complete homework, or create graphics. For more information email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com. Please make a donation HERE. Or, send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Visit our WEBSITE for links to our partners.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MCAULIFFE LIBRARY**

**Caterpillar to Butterfly**
**Late June-Early July**
McAuliffe Branch / Children's Room
Stop by and see the process of caterpillars turning into butterflies. All ages.

**Butterflies & Moths**
**Thursday June 30, 1:30pm**
McAuliffe Branch / Community Room
Join Hands on Nature in this program to learn about butterflies and moths! All ages.

**S'more Painting**
**Thursday July 21, 4pm**
McAuliffe Branch / Craft Room
Paint your own S'more themed canvas with Pop Up Art School. Supplies limited. **Registration required by calling the McAuliffe Branch at 508-532-5636 or register in person.** Ages 8-12.

**Goats & Giggles**
**Saturday July 30, 11am-12pm**
McAuliffe Branch / Astronaut Grove
This is your chance for a hands-on playtime with the goats with plenty of time for goat cuddles and photo ops! All ages.

**Wildlife Conservation**
**Wednesday August 3, 4-4:30pm**
McAuliffe Branch / Community Room Virtual Viewing
Join Franklin Park Zoo virtually to learn about wildlife conservation with a meet and greet from the zoo! All ages.

**Animal Trackers**
**Thursday August 4, 3:00pm**
McAuliffe Branch / Community Room
Stop by and learn about Animal Tracking with live animals with Animal Adventures group! Ages 0-12.

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Traveling Lantern Theater Presents: Camp Ocean**
**Wednesday July 6, 3pm**
Main Library / Costin Room
Join Mr. Sharky, your ocean camp counselor, on a fish-fact-filled voyage to the deep to search for buried treasure! All ages.

**Light & Color**
**Wednesday July 13, 3:15-4 - Grades k-1**
Wednesday July 13, 4:15-5 - Grades 2-3
Main Library / Costin Room
Learn about animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets and status in the wild, in this LIVE show. All ages.

**Joys of Nature: Working with Dangerous Animals**
**Wednesday August 10, 3pm**
Main Library / Costin Room
LIVE animal show! Learn how animal keepers & scientists stay safe when working with captive dangerous animals. All ages.

**Talking Hands Theater: Whale Tales**
**Saturday July 30, 10am**
Main Library / Costin Room
In this musical puppet show, meet creatures that live in the sea, including a seahorse, a giant beluga whale, and more! All ages.

**Henry the Juggler**
**Wednesday August 3, 3pm**
Main Library / Costin Room
See Henry the Juggler do amazing tricks with balls, torches, and more in this daring act! All ages.

**Forest Park Zoo: Wildlife on Wheels**
**Wednesday July 20, 1pm**
Main Library / Costin Room
Learn about animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets and status in the wild, in this LIVE show. All ages.

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**FEATURED REGULAR PROGRAMS AT McAULIFFE LIBRARY**

**Evening Storytimes**
July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22 7:00-7:30pm  
McAuliffe Branch Library Craft Room  
Bring the family and join us for fun and games. All ages!

**Bottle Rockets**  
July 15, 3-4pm | McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove  
Explore the science around these fun rockets! Ages 10+

**Flash Light Bag Art**  
July 27, 10am-12pm | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room  
Create a trick of the light with this woods themed art program. Ages 7+

**Stuffed Animal Storytime**  
August 17, 11am-12pm  
McAuliffe Branch, Astronaut Grove  
Bring your cuddly stuffed animals and join us for this special outdoor storytime! Ages 2+

**Paper Airplanes**  
August 19, 3-4pm | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room  
Join us to create your own paper Airplane.  
Ages 7+

**Turtle Popsicle Stick Weaving**  
August 24, 2-4pm | McAuliffe Branch Craft Room  
Using yarn, weave a pattern over popsicle sticks to make a turtle. Ages 6+

**FEATURED REGULAR PROGRAMS AT MAIN LIBRARY**

**Stuffed Animal Storytime**
July 12, 11am-12pm  
Main Library, Learning Yard  
Bring your cuddly stuffed animals and join us for this special outdoor storytime! Ages 2+

**Paper Making**
July 13, 1-3pm & August 23, 10am-12pm  
Main Library, Spark Lab  
Learn how to make your own paper using recycled materials. Make your paper today; come back in a few days to pick it up! Ages 8+

**Summer Night Storytime**
July 18, 7-7:30pm | Main Library, J Program Room  
Enjoy some good summer reads with Mr. Dana!

**Turtle Popsicle Stick Weaving**
July 22, 3-4pm | Main Library, Spark Lab  
Using yarn, weave a pattern over popsicle sticks to make a turtle. Ages 6+

**Paper Clay Bowls**
July 28, 4-6pm | Main Library, Spark Lab  
Learn how to make clay out of newspaper and flour materials. Ages 5+

**Cyanotype Printing**
August 11, 3-4pm | Main Library, Spark Lab  
Create a sun print using solarized paper and a variety of objects of different shapes and sizes.  
Registration required by calling the Main Library at 508-532-5570 or register in person. Ages 5+