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Dear Library Community,

Hoping that this latest (our 6th) online edition of the Framingham Public Library's newsletter finds you and your family well. Since the moment this pandemic began, staff have been working to keep Library services available to you and your family. And over the past months we have continued to enhance, and expand your access to the Library's resources. We hope you will continue to explore the many on-line programs we have developed as you and your family look for informative and fun things to do safely from home. Once again in this newsletter you will find programs for all ages and interests. Please also look to the Library's webpage www.framinghamlibrary.org/find-online for even more information. If you need assistance with any resources, Library staff are available for live Chat Monday through Friday 9am-5pm. Click on that Chat icon located at the bottom right of the Library webpage. And please note that the following pages in the newsletter contain live links to the electronic resources we have developed for you.

This past month we were also busy doing even more for our City. Working with the City's Department of Public Health we have now collected and distributed over 11,000 donated homemade facial coverings to Framingham residents. And Library staff have been operating the City's Information Line (508-532-5411) providing answers to resident's questions on average of 85 times per day. We remain dedicated to do all that we can do, to assist you and our City during this crisis.

Curb-side pick-up of library materials has been very popular at both the Main and Branch libraries. We expanded this service in July to include evening and Saturday hours and we will be adding more hours in the coming weeks. Please check the Library's website to learn more about how this service happens, and happens safely. And you can also call us at 508-532-5570 with questions. We are eager to help!

In early August, we began providing, by appointment, computer time to patrons needing access to the Internet. If you are reading this, chances are good that you have access to the Internet. Many Framingham residents do not, and we understand that reaching out to them is challenging. You can help, by sharing information about this service, located on the Library's website with friends and acquaintances who would benefit from this service. Be assured we are faithfully following the safety procedures we all must adhere to keep us all safe. Social Distancing, wearing Face Coverings at all times, and practicing hand washing and good hygiene. We are all in this together!

I would like to take a moment to thank the residents of Framingham for the unique privilege of serving as your library director. I will be retiring on August 28th after 36 years in this amazing profession. My time in Framingham has been by far the most rewarding period of my career. Framingham is such a special place—together we built a new branch library, launched a Bookmobile, and introduced so many new services that they can't possibly be listed here. Along the way I got to work for, and with, outstanding elected Library Trustees. These dedicated public servants always gave so freely their time, talents, advice, and experience. They set the bar very high, and always gave me the encouragement to reach for it. AND I got to work with the very best of colleagues. A library director could not ask for a more hardworking, creative and generous staff! The real accomplishments around here were made entirely possible by these dedicated individuals. I will miss them all. And I will miss serving you.

Finally, I wish to congratulate assistant director Lena Kilburn on her appointment as the next director of libraries for the City of Framingham. I have had the great fortune of working with Lena over the past five years. She is an amazing person, librarian, administrator and leader. Framingham's public library future has never looked brighter!

Sincerely yours,

Mark J. Contois

My time in Framingham has been by far the most rewarding period of my career.

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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

Remote Homework Center tutoring for grades K-12 available in all subjects! [See page 9.](#)

- For COVID-19 precautions and information about Library services during this time, [CLICK HERE.](#)
- 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.
- Please remember to wear your face covering when picking up curbside holds or returning items!

THERE WILL BE NO LATE FEES FOR RETURNED MATERIALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11. PLEASE RETURN YOUR ITEMS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE! RETURNS ARE OPEN AT BOTH LIBRARIES DURING THESE HOURS.

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.

Additional refreshments generously provided by Trader Joe's.

Miss the Library? We miss you, too!

Get your FPL fix with FPL Curbside Pickup



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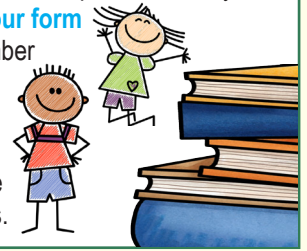
- ✓ Search for items from our website framinghamlibrary.org or log in to the [Minuteman Library Catalog](#) with your card number and password.
- ✓ Request the items you would like to pick up.
- ✓ When your items are ready, you'll receive a notification.
- ✓ Then, just sign in to the [Capira Reservation System](#) with your Library log in and choose a pickup time!

DVDs can now be requested for curbside pickup!

You can now request feature film DVDs and Blu-Rays and TV series for curbside pickup **FOR FREE!** Search from our website, or [sign up for Wowbrary](#), our weekly email about the latest additions to our collection with links to the catalog to request them.

BOOK BUNDLES FOR KIDS!

Need Children's Books but don't know what to choose? Let us pick some for you! Simply [fill out our form](#) and a staff member will make you a customized bundle of 3-5 books. Available at both Libraries.



ENJOY THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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

BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES

(Brown Bag Brain Boost)

Virtual presentation via Zoom

Friday September 11, 12-1pm

Please email brownbagprogram49@gmail.com by 9am on September 11 to receive the link to the Zoom session.

The Rise of Social Entrepreneurs

Presented by **Brandale Randolph**



The 1854 Cycling Company was founded as a small business in Framingham by Brandale Randolph. Join Brandale for an inspirational talk about how he pivoted from a career in Finance to fighting for poverty alleviation. He'll share his vision for his company and his passion to help stop the cycle of poverty and lower the recidivism rate through the creation of gainful employment opportunities and skill development for formerly incarcerated people. 1854 Cycling seeks to carve out a niche for itself in the bicycle industry while committing to making a positive social impact. Brandale is also an author and activist and resides in Framingham.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series Fall 2020

This free **Thursday 7pm** lecture series **via Zoom** is a partnership between Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library.

Please email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to join our Fall 2020 mailing list and receive Zoom links to lectures.



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September 10 – **Bob Dylan**

GUEST SPEAKER: **Tim Riley**, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director, Emerson College

September 17 – **100 Years of Bauhaus Design: Craftsmanship for the Machine Age**

GUEST SPEAKER: **Dr. Amy Finstein**, Assistant Professor, Visual Arts, College of the Holy Cross

September 24 – **A Revolution in the News**

GUEST SPEAKER: **Dr. Joseph Adelman**, Associate Professor, History, Framingham State University

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

Remote Courses with Adventures in Lifelong Learning!

FALL 2020

ADVENTURES in LIFELONG LEARNING

Tuesdays October 6, 13, 20 and 27

Enjoy classes for **seniors 60+ on ZOOM!**

- Academic courses provided free-of-charge or for a voluntary donation
- Offerings taught by experts in their fields may include literature, history, political science, and the arts
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the mailing list and learn about our programming.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to REGISTER*



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***Registration will open on Tuesday, September 8 at 11am.**

www.framinghamlibrary.org/adventures

www.framingham.edu/academics/continuing-education/community-education/adventures-in-lifelong-learning/

Adventures in Lifelong Learning courses are free to all participants, thanks to partial funding support from the Older Americans Act as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc., and grants from Ashland Cultural Council, Holliston Cultural Council, and Framingham Cultural Council. Because federal funding is being used, we provide participants an opportunity to make a voluntary donation toward the cost of this service. Voluntary donations are put directly into program enhancement, allowing for expansion of services. Whether or not a participant makes a voluntary donation in no way informs or influences this service delivery.

MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS!

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Relax and Reinvigorate with Meditation via Zoom

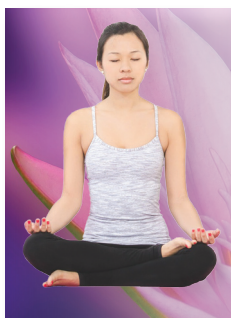
Thursday September 17, 11am

Email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com for an invitation and link to the Zoom session.

Start your week off right with a half hour of guided meditation and other opportunities for care free relaxation techniques!

Join us the third Thursday of each month as Leslie teaches us valuable techniques to relax and reinvigorate before the stresses of the week take hold.

With Love and Gratitude is a nonprofit organization dedicated to service and education www.withloveandgratitude.com.



About Leslie Gabriele: Leslie founded With Love and Gratitude in 2001. Leslie is a clairaudient, clairsentient, clairsempath "energetic catalyst" who is trained in multiple healing modalities. Leslie's work is guided in the moment, done without attachment.

Tea & Talk Tuesdays

Tuesday September 29, 3-4pm
Online via Zoom



Let's address one of the big elephants in the room and talk about the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of personal experience.

Some of us are enjoying the opportunity for introspection and exploration of long neglected interests while others are struggling with the social isolation and longing for interpersonal connection. How has the pandemic affected not only your daily life, but your outlook on life?

Pour yourself a comforting cup of tea, and connect with others in a warm and open conversation about an historical event that has changed everyone's lives.

Please email framinghamlibraryevents@gmail.com to receive a link to the Zoom session.

Exercise Classes via Zoom With Laila Vehvilainen

Please email framinghamlibraryexercise@gmail.com by noon on the day of the class for the link to join either or both classes.

STRETCH AND RELAX

Wednesdays September 2, 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 September 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.

BOOK GROUPS

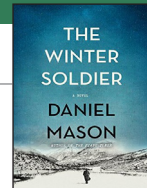
MAIN / McAULIFFE

The Winter Soldier by Daniel Mason (eBook available on Overdrive/Libby)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday September 1, 7-8pm

Love, loss and freedom take center stage in Daniel Mason's *The Winter Soldier*. The novel chronicles the life of Lucius, a Polish-Austrian doctor from Vienna, beginning with his days as a medical student in the twilight of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; through his time as a doctor in a World War I field hospital; and finally to the post-war period as Lucius tries to put his life back together and find the woman he lost during the war. (From *New York Journal of Books* review.)

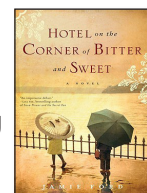
Email framinghamlibrarybookgroups2@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.



Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

(eBook and Audiobook available on Overdrive/Libby)

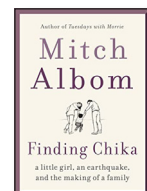
ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday September 8, 7-8pm. Henry Lee, a 12-year-old Chinese American boy lives in Seattle, WA in 1942, just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He develops a friendship with a Japanese American girl named Keiko, which is a source of conflict with his parents. Henry and Keiko are separated when her family is moved to an internment camp. The story alternates between 1942 and 1986 when after the death of Henry's wife, Henry becomes interested in a hotel that has a basement filled with belongings of Japanese Americans left behind in 1942. Led by Linda Goldberg. Please email lgoldberg@minilib.net for the Zoom link to join.



Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family by Mitch Albom

(eBook and Audiobook available on Overdrive/Libby, or ask for a copy being held at either Library)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Tuesday September 15, 7-8pm. Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to the Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Mitch and his wife, Janine operate. But at age five, Chika was suddenly diagnosed with a terminal disease that no doctor in Haiti could help with. Mitch and Janine took Chika to America, hoping that treatment there would enable her to go back home. Instead, Chika became a permanent part of their lives, as they embarked on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika's boundless optimism and humour taught Mitch the joys of caring for a child, he learned that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost. Led by Jillian Holmberg. Please email framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join.

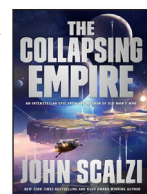


SCI-FI

The Collapsing Empire by John Scalzi

ONLINE VIA ZOOM, Wednesday September 9, 7-8pm

Riding The Flow, an extradimensional field available at certain points in space-time, humanity spreads to innumerable planets through the universe. A new empire arises, the Interdependency, maintaining its control based on the doctrine that no one human outpost can survive without the others. But just as a river changes course, the Flow changes as well. In rare cases, entire worlds have been cut off from the rest of humanity. When it's discovered that the entire Flow is moving, possibly separating all human worlds from one another forever, three individuals—a scientist, a starship captain, and the Emperox of the Interdependency—must race against time to discover what can be salvaged from an interstellar empire on the brink of collapse. Led by Marcy Maiorana. Email mmajorana@minilib.net to receive the Zoom invitation.



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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! Please email us at framinghamlibrarybookgroups@gmail.com for the program link to join either or both days.



Poetry Workshop

Zoom Sessions, Thursdays,
September 3, 10, 17, and 24,
7-9pm – Led by Alan Feldman,
Professor Emeritus at
Framingham State University

This class welcomes serious poets 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.

LVM Literacy Unlimited

Literacy Unlimited is now tutoring and conversing in the virtual world (check out our updated website 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.

We will have our first virtual tutor training beginning in October! Please let us know if you are interested! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about becoming a tutor.



Check out our YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE](#) for video tutorials, lectures, stories for kids and grownups, recipes, crafts and more.



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Find easy instructions for using our Digital Resources.

Missed our live monthly presentation? You can still enjoy it on YouTube.



Learn to Play the Guitar!

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the guitar? It's time to check-off your bucket list! We have partnered with **Centre Music House** to offer beginner guitar lessons.



All you have to do is grab a guitar and join us on the Library's [YouTube Channel](#), where you can view the lessons and follow along, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To help you along your musical journey, we have posted the accompanying lesson plans with links to the Q&As. So what are you waiting for? [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

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.](#)

See page 6 for featured resources.

Voting: 2020 Elections

Visit our website for important information you need to vote in the 2020 State Primary and Presidential Elections. [CLICK HERE.](#)

- Important Dates
- The Voting Process
- Candidate Profiles in the September 1 Primary
- Precinct Maps
- Massachusetts State Districts
- Congressional Districts
- Need Help?



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RECOMMENDATIONS

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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.

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 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

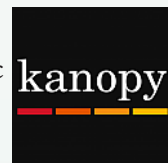
Music albums from Hoopla are available for 7 days. There are no holds and everything may be downloaded instantly. Patrons are limited to 5 Hoopla check-outs per calendar month. Use on a computer or download the app. Access is reserved for Framingham residents.*



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 over 70 languages available. Home access is available for library card holders with a Framingham address. 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 Here are some recommendations from our staff, that you can find on our [digital resources](#), as well as in print from [our catalog](#).

BOOKS on Libby by OverDrive and Hoopla

March: Book One

A Graphic Novel

by John Lewis

Always available on Hoopla.

This biography explains the struggle of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s. Book One is about the birth of the Nashville Student Movement and lunch counter sit-ins to tear down segregation. Lewis is not sugar coating the events that took place in rural Alabama. The story jumps back and forth from President Obama's inauguration to the author's work as an activist in the fight for justice. It was a fascinating read and I learned a lot about this part of history. This was my first adult graphic novel. Very well illustrated and an important read for teenagers and adults. – *Brigitte*



Looking to read something new?

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 and search for "NEW: Recommend a Book to Me" under the "Browse" or "How do I" drop-down menus or [CLICK HERE](#).

FOR MANY AGES:

Song for a Whale

by Lynne Kelly

Available as an ebook and audiobook on Overdrive, and in our catalog.

This is the story of a 12-year-old girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species, similar to how by being deaf she has trouble connecting to family and peers who do not know ASL, and the journey she takes to help him. What makes this book so moving and a great read is that, not only does it have a main character with deaf abilities, but it's about when you are feeling out of place, reaching for your goals, and the moments in life that are hard to bear, but also those that make life something special. Along the way it explores the types of relationships you have with your friends, parents, and even grandparents, and how it's never too late to connect better with them. Throughout the book there are whale facts and interesting information about the species which ties in nicely. – *Jillian*



MOVIES on Kanopy

You Can Count on Me

(2000) 111 min.

You Can Count on Me had me off balance within the first 30 seconds and I never fully recovered. This multiple award winning, indie film stars Laura Linney and Mark Ruffalo as an endearingly dysfunctional brother and sister struggling with the consequences of the choices they make—good and bad but mostly bad—while never giving up on their incredible bond. An emotional roller coaster that left me rooting for them both. – *Kiera*



Alec Guinness Films

Need to escape to another time and another place? Get aboard Kanopy and watch movies at home for free! Rather than browsing through the movie list in a hit and miss fashion, search for "Alec Guinness," for example. I found four great films: *The Lavender Hill Mob*, *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, *The Man in the White Suit*, and *Captain's Paradise*. I've watched, and rewatched, them all. I guarantee you will forget all your troubles for 1 1/2 hours. – *Barbara*



Were you part of the Gone Girl phenomenon? Did you read *Girl on the Train* and love it?

You should check out these other (semi) recent titles with unreliable narrators: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides, *Sometimes I Lie* by Alice Feeney, *Bonfire* by Krysten Ritter, and *The Wives* by Tarryn Fisher. So many good books to make you question who's telling the truth. – *Jennifer R.*

Check our catalog for print and digital copies.



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

This month we feature talks and podcasts that examine ideas about race and racism. Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for a fuller list including books, films, ways to take action and more.

FRONTLINE: Race, Police, & the Pandemic

As streets across America erupt into clashes over racism during the coronavirus pandemic, Jelani Cobb of *The New Yorker* examines a connection between George Floyd's death and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 deaths among African Americans. Listen to the podcast [HERE](#).



TED TALK: Racism Has a Cost for Everyone

Racism makes our economy worse—and not just in ways that harm people of color, says public policy expert Heather C. McGhee. From her research and travels across the US, McGhee shares startling insights into how racism fuels bad policymaking and drains our economic potential. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

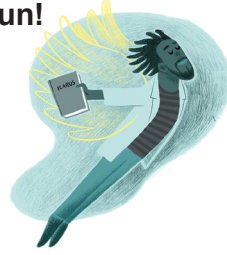


IMAGINE YOUR STORY

Adult Summer Reading Program

We've extended the Adult Summer Reading program until the end of September, so there's still time to join in on the fun!

Log onto framinghamlibrary.org/asr to register online and play Summer Reading Bingo. Once you have filled in the Bingo sheet, you can choose to play the same Bingo card again or select a new one. Submit a photo of your completed Bingo card to framinghamsummerreading@gmail.com for a chance to win one of our prizes and receive a digital badge to post on social media.



Drawings will be held for one of four \$50 Wegmans gift cards generously donated by Wegmans Natick.



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"Imagine Your Story" is sponsored by the Framingham Public Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



FRIENDS of the FRAMINGHAM LIBRARY

We want to have a banner membership year! Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Friends. The Library needs your support. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to become a renewing or first-time member today.

Many thanks to our renewing corporate member, Shillman House Residents' Association!

There will be no September book sale because of restrictions due to COVID-19. Sorry, but we cannot accept book or DVD donations at this time.

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

Framingham Public Library Foundation News

Help the Framingham Public Library Foundation help the Library when you shop at Amazon.

Always start at smile.amazon.com,



and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the FPLF.

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.

RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

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.](#)



Help Resources and Hotlines

Community resources for you to call upon during the COVID-19 pandemic. Categories of services include:

- Hotlines
- Food Insecurity
- Support Groups
- Self-Care Resources
- Places of Worship
- Cloth Face Masks/Coverings
- Financial Assistance
- COVID-19 Testing
- Parenting Resources

[CLICK HERE](#)



YOUNG ADULTS

GRADES 6-12

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Take & Bake Cookie Kit

Pick up anytime in September
LIMITED SUPPLIES - Register to reserve your kit

All the supplies you'll need to make delicious cookies, stuffed into your very own mason jar!

Take & Make Craft: Vision Boards

Pick up anytime in September
LIMITED SUPPLIES - Register to reserve your kit

The world doesn't look like it's going back to "normal" anytime soon, so this kit will give you the supplies you need to make a vision board to help plan for whatever comes next.

Virtual Anime Club

Saturday September 26, 1-3pm
Visit website for room code

Back to school Anime Club!

Everything's still weird, but anime is forever.

Visit our website to get the web address for the private virtual screening room where we can watch anything on Crunchyroll.



We've extended **Summer Reading** program until the end of September, so there's still time to join in on the fun! Submit a photo of your completed Bingo card to framinghamsummerreading@gmail.com for a chance to win one of our prizes.



CONTACT US!

The phone lines at Framingham Public Library are open! *Call us!*

We are here at **both Libraries** to take your call.

Main Library 508-532-5570

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

McAuliffe Branch 508-532-5636

Monday-Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 9am-5pm

Thursday: 9am-7pm

Friday: 9am-12pm



We want to Chat with you!

Library staff are available for live chat Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.

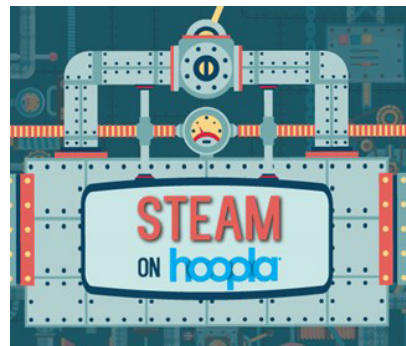
Click on the chat icon at the bottom right of the Library webpage www.framinghamlibrary.org.

Don't have a library card?



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

[CLICK HERE](#)



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • ART • MATH

Find STEAM resources in our digital library that will help students of all ages excel! [LOOK HERE.](#)

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 Seed Lending Library

We are very happy to announce our newest addition to the Seed Lending Library. We recently installed a raised bed planter on the walkway in front of the McAuliffe Branch Library.



This 16 square foot growing space will allow us to showcase some of the varieties we offer including herbs that we will encourage patrons to pick as needed when they leave the Library. The planter has been filled with soil and compost and will be planted with fall crops very soon.

Special thanks to those who made this opportunity possible:

- The Seed Lending Library, a joint project of the Framingham Public Library and Transition Framingham, for continuing to expand their educational mission in our community
- The Framingham Community Gardens Working Group, a project of Transition Framingham, for helping to develop this idea
- Patrons Tony & Jamie Miceli for their generous donation that made this all possible
- Transition Framingham members Mike Croci and Brigitte Griffin for building and filling the bed

HOMework CENTER NAMING CONTEST!

**Deadline
October 1**

Help us choose a new name for this Library program that encompasses all we do! Send your ideas now to 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 **Homework Center** remains open to provide remote tutoring to students K-12, in all subjects!

Academic Enrichment Opportunity: Zoom Book Groups!



Students will read books from the Framingham Public School suggested reading list.

Zoom in for weekly book group meetings. Learn note taking/journaling techniques, write book summaries/critiques, practice critical thinking skills while answering study questions, all with the guidance of your Book Group Facilitator!

To request tutoring or join a Zoom Book Group, contact jgatlin@minlib.net.

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](#).



Puzzle Swap is Back! McAuliffe Branch Library

Starting September 1, 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. Just like with our in-person Puzzle Swap, you can choose to either keep the puzzle, return it to the Branch when you are finished, or bring back a completely different puzzle (or any extra puzzles you wish to join the swap!).



THERE WILL BE NO LATE FEES FOR RETURNED MATERIALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11. PLEASE RETURN YOUR ITEMS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE! RETURNS ARE OPEN AT BOTH LIBRARIES DURING THESE HOURS.

Adult Coloring

Enjoy the warm days of September. Grab a cool drink and color these pages outside. **CHOICE ONE!**
CHOICE TWO!



Library
BLOG

The Library staff wants to share with YOU.
BEGIN READING

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!**
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**Census
2020**

<https://my2020census.gov>

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

DISCOVER GROW CREATE!

CHILDREN'S SEPTEMBER 2020

FUN, STAY-AT-HOME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

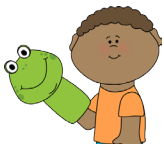
This month, check out our [online programs](#), our Make and Take Crafts, a DIY craft, our YouTube videos, a book review and a list of online resources for kids.

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 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 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)!

We've extended the [Children's Summer Reading](#)

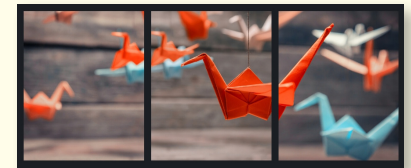


program until the end of September, so there's still time to join in on the fun! Submit a photo of your completed Bingo card to framinghamsummerreading@gmail.com for a chance to win one of our prizes.

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).



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!

Make and Take Crafts

Pom Pom Art Ages 4-12.

Curbside pickup begins Tuesday September 1

Everything you need to create your very own pom pom art! Choose between an elephant, hot air balloon, or a flower. All materials are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup starting September 1. Please register [HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit at either Library.

Play-Doh Building Ages 4-12.

Curbside pickup begins Tuesday September 22

Using craft materials such as straws, popsicle sticks, and more as building tools, make a Play-Doh sculpture. Play-Doh and some building supplies are provided in a kit available for curbside pickup starting September 22. Please register [HERE](#) and schedule a time to pick up your kit at either library.



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.



He's now reading *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum but *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannet is still available as well! [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to Bedtime Stories on our YouTube Channel.

ONLINE RESOURCES

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

- **Cosmic Kids Yoga** Things may be stressful right now, chill out with some fun yoga videos.
- **Live Shark Cam** Shark week may be over but we still love to watch these incredible animals from the safety of our screens.
- **The Past and the Curious** Need help getting your kids interested in history? This podcast can help!



YouTube Channel Highlights

Check out our new instructional video for DIY Puffy Paint from Ms. Jillian at the McAuliffe Branch Library!



- **August Book Suggestions** Looking to add more Black voices to your children's book collection? The Brown Bookshelf shares their list of August recommendations.
- **Princess in Black and the Case of the Coronavirus** The authors of the *Princess in Black* have created a FREE short story about the Coronavirus.
- **Wear Your Mask** A fun and simple mask self portrait tutorial from art teacher extraordinaire Cassie Stephens.
- **Virtual Birdwatching from Black Birders Week** Do some virtual bird watching with the Monterey Aquarium and #BlackWomenWhoBird.



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

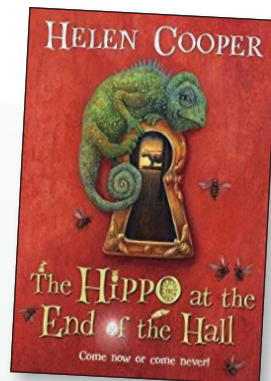
The Hippo at the End of the Hall by Helen Cooper

Recommended for Grades 3-5, available in book form.

This is a good, old-fashioned British children's fantasy that just happens to take place in modern times with cell phones, land developers and women who keep their names when they get married.

One day, Ben finds a postcard from the Gee Museum that says "Come Now or Come Never" with the milk delivery. His mom seems very reluctant to let Ben visit the museum by himself and is too busy struggling with money to come with him. But Ben has been raised to be independent and adventuresome like his Dad who was lost at sea during a solo, long-distance sail when Ben was three, so he goes on his own.

On his visit, Ben discovers two things: that he remembers the museum with his dad when he was very young and that two unpleasant people are trying to buy the museum for their own purposes and don't mind using shady means to pressure the owner into selling. As Ben decides to warn the owner of the museum about these nefarious plans and help deal with them, he discovers some other amazing things about the museum and about his past as well, things which will change his future, too, if he can defeat the schemers. – Lucy



At home craft for September

DIY Flower Press

Fall is coming and a DIY flower press is the perfect way to preserve the warmth of summer through the chilly fall and winter months. Once dried you can use your flowers in other crafts like making a bookmark or adding to cards. The press materials can be used multiple times as long as your paper is not wet.

Materials:

- 1 or 2 heavy books. Dictionaries and encyclopedias work well.
- 2 pieces of cardboard (each approx. 4" x 7" or the size of a standard book)
- 2 pieces of blank paper. Computer or notebook paper will work well.
- Flowers and leaves
- 4 binder clips
- Baking sheet or tray (optional)

Instructions:

1. Cut your paper and cardboard to be the same size. We'd suggest 4" x 7" which is roughly the size of a chapter book. Your paper can be slightly smaller than your cardboard.
2. Now it's time to build your press! Put down* your first layer, cardboard, then a piece of paper.
3. On this piece of paper you will now put some of the flowers and leaves you wish to press. Position your flowers face down on the paper.
4. Carefully add another piece of paper on top of the flowers.
5. Add your other piece of cardboard.
6. Take your binder clips and clip your cardboard and paper stack together so nothing shifts out of place. Use one clip on each side of your press.
7. Place your heavy book (or books) on top of your press. This weight will be what presses the flowers and leaves.
8. Wait, wait, wait for 2 to 4 weeks.
9. After 2-4 weeks carefully open your press & make sure your flowers are dry. Your flowers will be very fragile at this point so be gentle! Now they are ready to be used for another craft or to store for future use.



*Once set up, you are going to need to leave your press in place for 2-4 weeks. Because of this, we suggest building your press either on something moveable like a baking tray or someplace it can be left undisturbed for those 2-4 weeks.