About the Book

The FRT committee has selected *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles for Spring 2018, a moving work of historical fiction by an author and poet whose rich, lyrical voice brings the post-Civil War era alive. At the heart of the tale is Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, a septuagenarian who, armed with a portfolio of newspapers from around the globe, makes a living traveling among the far-flung outposts of Texas sharing the “news of the world” with a frontier populace hungry for information. The captain agrees to take custody of a ten-year-old orphan, Johanna Leonberger, recently rescued from the Kiowa tribe that raised her as one of their own after her family was killed in an Indian raid, and deliver her to her relatives who live near San Antonio, some 400 miles away. As the girl, speaking only the Kiowa language, and the aging captain encounter the dangers of the road, they slowly come to trust each other. It’s the remarkable journey of a most unlikely pair.

Collections of Native American Artifacts in the Region

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center  
Ledyard, CT | 800-411-9671

Fruitlands Museum  
Harvard, MA | 978-456-3924

Natick Historical Society  
Natick, MA | 508-647-4841

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Framingham Reads Together (FRT) is a city-wide reading, discussion, and activity program that invites citizens to read the same book at the same time. FRT aims to bring the community together through shared experiences and special events. This is the Library’s fifth “one book, one community” initiative.

All programs are free and open to the public.

www.framinghamlibrary.org/framreads.htm
Framingham Reads Together 2018 Programs

An asterisk * indicates programs suitable for young people.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

*News of the World Book Discussion*

Discussion led by Kerry Dunne.

Main Library, Costin Room, 7:00pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 6**

*The Gunsmoke Band*

Enjoy foot-stomping country music performed by this family band of recording artists. Their music keeps the country traditions and legacy alive.

Main Library, Costin Room, 7:00pm. *All ages.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

*Native American Storytelling, Dancing, and Drumming*

Join Larry Spotted Crow Mann for an entertaining, interactive family program. Mann is an acclaimed traditional storyteller, tribal drummer/dancer, writer/poet, and Native American cultural educator.

Main Library, Costin Room, 2:00pm. *All ages.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

*Native Americans of the Northeast*

Catherine Shortliffe of the Fruitlands Museum presents an interactive family program about life for Native peoples of New England before and after European contact. Learn how communities worked together to secure food and resources for survival. Discover the artistry and technology used to create personal belongings and tools. Try your hand at basket making!

Main Library, Costin Room, 2:00pm. *All ages.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

*Comanche Captives: Strangers in Two Worlds*


Main Library, Costin Room, 10:00am

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

*News of the World Book Discussion*

Discussion led by Amy Sadkin.

Callahan Center (535 Union Ave), 2:00pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

*Film: Up Breakheart Hill*

First aired on PBS' *POV,* this documentary chronicles the lives of three high school seniors living on the Navajo Nation and struggling to shape their identities as both Native American and modern American. They must decide whether to stay in their community—a place inextricably woven into the fiber of their beings—or leave in pursuit of educational and economic opportunities.

Paula Marsh will introduce the film and lead a discussion after.

Main Library, Costin Room, 7:00pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

*(Rescheduled from April 13)*

*Film: The Post*

Professor Bill Wray will introduce and lead a discussion of this new and provocative film about the release of the Pentagon papers.

Main Library, Costin Room, 7:00pm