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## The Framingham Public Library Newsletter

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### ♦ Friday Night Film: *The Last Station*

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Friday October 1, 7:00pm, Costin Room

**Introduction by Dr. Helen Heineman.** This historical drama portrays Russian author Leo Tolstoy's struggle to balance fame and wealth with his commitment to live a simple life. Critic Rex Reed says it is *as entertaining as it is literate...rapturous and perfect*. Starring Christopher Plummer, Helen Mirren, James McAvoy. Refreshments. *Enter on the Lexington Street side only, between 6:30–7:15pm.*



### ♦ Sunday Concert Series: Qing Jiang

Sunday October 3, 3:00pm, Costin Room

Pianist Qing Jiang will perform Beethoven, Debussy and Brahms. An exciting addition to the program will be the Boston premiere of Daniel Temkin's *Miniature*. Refreshments.

### Lifelong Learning Series! (See [framinghamlibrary.org](http://framinghamlibrary.org) for details)

A collaboration between Framingham Public Library and Framingham State University. Note event locations below. Refreshments.

#### ♦ The Makings of a Man or Woman: Ideas about Gender Across Cultures

Dr. Ellen Zimmerman.

Saturday October 9, 10:00–11:30am, Framingham State University, McCarthy College Center, Room 415 (4th floor).

#### ♦ Leo Tolstoy's *The Kreutzer Sonata*

Dr. Helen Heineman. Wednesday October 13, 7:00–8:30pm, Main Library, Costin Room.

#### ♦ Anne Askew, A Woman for All Seasons

Dr. Elaine Beilin. Saturday October 23, 10:00–11:30am, Framingham State University, McCarthy College Center, Room 415 (4th floor).

#### ♦ The Last Ride of Paul Revere: Social Mobility, Entrepreneurship and Industrialization in Early America

Dr. Robert Martello. Wednesday October 27, 7:00–8:30pm, Main Library, Costin Room.



**Main Library**  
49 Lexington Street  
508-532-5570

Mon-Thurs 9-9  
Fri-Sat 9-5  
Sun 2-5

**McAuliffe Branch**  
10 Nicholas Road  
508-532-5636

Mon-Thurs 9-9  
Fri-Sat 9-5

#### Holiday Hours

Closed Sun-Mon  
October 10-11 for  
Columbus Day.

#### Exhibits

Main Library  
October 1–31

#### Art Gallery:

Danforth  
Museum School

#### Display Case:

Framingham  
History Center



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◆ **Bridge for Players**  
Mondays October 4, 18, 25  
& November 1, 8, 15,  
6:45–8:45pm, J Craft Room



**Instructor: Doris M. Burke.**

If you know the fundamentals of bridge and would like to increase your knowledge of the game or if you have not played bridge for some time and would like to take up this fascinating game, this course is your opportunity! Come, learn and enjoy!

◆ **Online Job Searching: A Hands-on Introduction**  
Tuesday Oct. 5, 10:00am–12:00noon, Costin Room



The Internet provides a wealth of options for job seekers in this tough job market. We'll explore a variety of job-search and social networking websites and discuss how to select and use them and how to protect your privacy. Led by Mary Wasmuth. Class is limited to 8 people. **To preregister for a workshop**, please e-mail [mwasmuth@minlib.net](mailto:mwasmuth@minlib.net) or call the reference department at 508-532-5570 x4361.

◆ **Main Library Book Club: *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam**  
Tuesday October 5, 7:00pm, Costin Room

Gardam's novel examines the life of Sir Edward Feathers, a desiccated barrister known as Old Filth (nickname for Failed in London Try Hong Kong). At 80, Filth settles into retirement in Dorset, and for the first time is forced to delve into the past that produced him. Led by Marilyn Harter.



◆ **A Rite of Return: Serendipity and Historiography in the Recreation of the Life of Henry Knight Dyer (1846-1912), President of the Dennison Mfg. Co.**  
Wednesday October 6, 7:00pm, Costin Room



**Guest Speaker: Mr. Benjamin Feldman, historian and author.** The Framingham Public Library and the Framingham History Center are pleased to present this local history talk. Mr. Feldman chronicles the rise of Dyer from office boy to captaining an enormous international paper products company. Delving into Dyer's personal life,

he unravels the mystery surrounding his ostensibly close long-term marriage to Caroline Dyer, and her burial in an unmarked grave hundreds of yards from the Dyer family gravesite. Refreshments.

◆ **Job Search Discussion Group**  
Thursdays Oct. 7 & 21, 7:00–8:00pm, Costin Room

Join experienced corporate recruiter Joan Kennedy as she leads this ongoing job search discussion that generally meets every other week, on an informal basis. Share your experiences, network with other local area job seekers and ask any questions.



◆ **You Must Read This!**  
Saturday October 9, 10:00am, Costin Room

Want to share your favorite titles with other readers and get some tips on what to read next? Come to this monthly Saturday morning coffee hour. Bring books or titles others may enjoy, and gather suggestions for great reads you may have missed.



◆ **Poetry Workshop**  
Wednesdays Oct. 13–27, 7:00–9:00pm, Trustees Room



This “drop in” class welcomes serious poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to participate for one or more sessions. Generally, each session will begin with a discussion of a topic in poetry leading to a brief in-class writing assignment.

**Alan Feldman** is professor emeritus at Framingham State University; for twenty-two years he also taught the advanced creative writing course at the Harvard's Radcliffe Seminars.

## Friends of the Framingham Library

◆ **Friends Book Sale**  
Saturday Oct 16, 9:30am–3:00pm, Main Library

The October sale will celebrate the chilling, thrilling season of Halloween with (mostly) children's books and videos. Also, we have interesting offerings of books, DVDs and videos to honor our military heroes as we approach Veterans' Day in November.

◆ **Enjoy films?**

The Friends of the Library make possible the screening of all films at the Library by paying for the costly film licenses needed for public viewing. Each year these licenses total almost \$1,000 and without the contribution of the Friends, film screenings would be drastically reduced.

◆ **Friends membership drive is in full swing.**

In January there will be an exciting change to how the monthly sales are conducted. Please show your appreciation to the Friends by joining as a member this month or contributing to Library program funds. Thank you!

◆ **Contribution to the Friends from TD Bank**

The Friends of the Framingham Library Association, Inc. is the first organization to receive a check from TD Bank under the auspices of the Bank-sponsored Affinity Program. TD Bank will make an annual contribution based on the average balance in all members' accounts that are coded for the Friends. **Call TD Bank at 508-879-7400 and ask to have your account balances counted on behalf of the Friends; this is a great way to contribute to the Library at no cost to you.** Let's make next year's contribution even larger so that the Friends can continue to offer more programming, audio-visuals, books and other services not covered by the library budget.

- ◆ **McAuliffe Book Discussion**  
Wednesday October 20, 7:00pm OR  
Thursday Oct. 21, 10:00am, McAuliffe Branch Library

**Topic: *While My Sister Sleeps* by Barbara Delinsky.** When one sister has a heart attack in the prime of her life, another sister is left to make the difficult decisions. Siblings and sisters and the baggage of childhood are reflected upon while Delinsky portrays a family in crisis struggling with end of life choices and the nature of life itself. Please join us for what is sure to be a thought provoking discussion at the McAuliffe Library. Led by Marian Burck. Refreshments.

- ◆ **A History of Boston Sports:  
From Playful Puritans to Football Patriots**  
Thursday October 21, 7:00pm, Costin Room



**Guest speaker: Mr. Christopher Klein, author of *The Die-Hard Sports Fan's Guide to Boston*.** The Hub's passion for sports is intricately woven into the cultural fabric of the city. This presentation will include historical and contemporary photographs, and offer insider's tips to guide you through the city's sports scene as well as providing little-known facts that will challenge the knowledge of the most die-hard fan. Borders Chestnut Hill will sell copies of the book. Refreshments.

- ◆ **Our Annual Two-for-One Foreign Films  
Discount Rental runs through October.**

You can rent foreign film DVDs or videos at the bargain price of **2 for \$1!** (Rental period: one week.)

- ◆ **Poetry Reading: Barbara Ras**  
Wednesday November 3, 7:00pm, Costin Room

Join us for a reading by **Barbara Ras**, author of the poetry collections *Bite Every Sorrow* (LSU Press, 1998) and *One Hidden Stuff* (Penguin, 2006), winner of the 1997 Walt Whitman Award and also awarded the Kate Tufts Discovery Award.



Her poems have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *TriQuarterly*, *American Scholar*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Orion*, as well as many other magazines and anthologies. She is the editor of a collection of short fiction in translation, *Costa Rica: A Traveler's Literary Companion* (Whereabouts Press, 1994).

Books available for purchase and signing. Refreshments.

- ◆ **Film Series:**  
***Conniving Dames and the Men Who Love Them***  
Thursdays November 4 & 18, 7:00pm, Costin Room

**Guest speaker Dr. Claudia Springer** will introduce and lead a discussion of *The Lady Eve* (1941) and *Gold Diggers of 1933* (1933). More details to follow.

- ◆ **Crafters Wanted for our 2nd Annual  
Winter Art & Craft Fair on Saturday December 11!**

For information, see [www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org)  
or email [fplcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:fplcraftshow@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE for application: Friday October 22, 2010.**

## Literacy Unlimited

**Would you like to help an adult learn English or learn to read and write? Two 18-hour training classes for volunteer tutors begin in October:**

- ◆ **Basic Literacy (*teaching someone to read and write*) daytime training** will be held at Framingham Public Library on Tuesdays from 9:30am–12:30pm on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9.
- ◆ **ESOL (*teaching someone to speak English*) daytime training** will be held at Morse Institute Library, Natick on Mondays from 10:15am–1:15pm on October 18, 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22.

**For more information**, email [FPLmail4@minlib.net](mailto:FPLmail4@minlib.net) or call 508-532-5574 to speak to someone.

- ◆ **Don't miss the October BAKE SALE CAFÉ**, which will take place on **Saturday October 16** from **9:30am–12:00noon**. Visit the Friends' book sale that day and then stop by for something to eat or take home.

- ◆ **SOAR 55, Service Opportunities After  
Reaching 55 at the Framingham Public Library**

**Over 55 years of age?**

Consider SOAR 55 as your pathway to an exciting volunteer opportunity. Choose from over 100 service opportunities.

**For more information**, contact Lois Levick, SOAR 55 Volunteer Outreach Coordinator at Framingham Public Library, at 508-532-5570 x4353 or [llevick@minlib.net](mailto:llevick@minlib.net).



## Book Talk: We Recommend

*Recommended by Christine Hunnefeld,  
Collection Development Librarian*

***Zoo Story: Life in the Garden of Captives* by Thomas French**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas French presents a balanced examination of conservation and captivity issues. French discusses the importation of elephants to live in zoos to save them from slaughter in their native land. He also examines the success and controversy surrounding Lex Salisbury who turned Lowry Park Zoo from one of the country's worst zoos to one of its best, but as French reveals, at questionable costs to zoo residents and staff. An enlightening examination of zoos and the complex issues that surround them.

# OCTOBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Main Library Special Events

- ◆ **Hands on History: The Revolution – Saturday October 2, 2:00–4:00pm, Costin Room, All Ages.** Join us and the 7<sup>th</sup> Mass Regiment Commander for an interactive look at what it took to form “A More Perfect Union” through the Revolutionary War. See and touch period uniforms, weapons, and everyday items!
- ◆ **Drop-in Baby Lapsit – Saturdays October 2, 16 and 30, and Fridays October 8 and 22, 10:30–10:50am, J Program Room, Ages 0–2 with an adult.** Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time! Parents can network while babies pick up phonemic awareness, one of the foundations for successfully learning to read.
- ◆ **Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs at FPL – new time for the fall! Tuesdays 7:00–8:00pm and Sundays 3:00–4:00pm, J Program Room, All Ages. Registration required.** Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to a friendly dog! Lilah listens as children read aloud from a book of their choice. Screened and trained by Pets & People Foundation, Lilah is handled by Caitlyn. Fifteen-minute sessions. Call 508-532-5570 x4336 or drop by the Children's Room to reserve a time.  

- ◆ **NEW! – Girls' Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month. Saturday October 9, 2:00–3:00pm, J Program Room, Grades 4–5, Pre-registration required. Each Little Bird That Sings by Deborah Wiles.** How many kids do you know who live in a funeral home? Ten-year-old Comfort Snowberger does, along with her slightly crazy but charming family. To sign up, call 508-532-5570 x4336 or drop by the Children's Room and pick up a copy of the book. Snacks provided.
- ◆ **Boys' Book Group meets the third Saturday of every month. Saturday October 16, 2:00–3:00pm, J Program Room, Ages 7–9, Pre-registration required.** This month we'll read *Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost* by Cornelia Funke. A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop. To sign up, call 508-532-5570 x4336 or drop by the Children's Room and pick up a copy of the book. Snacks provided.  

- ◆ **Halloween Book Bingo Thursday October 28, 3:00–4:00pm, J Craft Room, Kindergarten and up.** Prizes, laughs, and best of all, books! Join us for a special Halloween version of our ever-popular Book Bingo and learn about many of the books the library has to offer.
- ◆ **Halloween Open Craft – Saturday October 30, 10:00am–4:00pm, J Craft Room, All Ages.** Drop in and make some spooky accessories to decorate your house for the holiday. Materials and directions supplied; you add the imagination and creativity.



## Preschool Storyhours

The fall session will run October 5–November 10; sign-up is required and may be done in person or by phone.

## Main Library 508-532-5570 x4336

- ◆ **2–3 1/2 Year Old Storycraft**  
Tuesdays 10:00–10:30am  
or Wednesdays  
10:00–10:30am
- ◆ **3 1/2–5 Year Old Storycraft**  
Thursdays  
10:00–10:45am
- ◆ **Cuentos y manualidades en español para niños 3–6 años.**  
Día y hora serán anunciados pronto.
- ◆ **A Hora de Contos e atividades em português para crianças 3–6 anos**  
Teremos o programa em Outubro e Novembro. Por favor, confirmar dia e hora.

## McAuliffe Branch Special Events

- ◆ **Drop-In Baby Lapsit Storytime – Tuesdays, 10:00am, McAuliffe Branch Children's Room, 0–2 years old with an adult.** Come sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time! This informal program for babies and their parents/caregivers runs about 20 minutes and introduces the pleasures of the library to your baby or toddler.
- ◆ **Special Evening Storytime and Craft – Tuesday October 26, 7:00–7:30pm, McAuliffe Branch Children's Room, Ages 3–7, Pre-registration required.** Join us for a fun evening of Halloween stories and a craft. Wear your favorite costume!

## McAuliffe Branch 508-532-5636

- ◆ **2–4 Year Old Storytime**  
Thursdays  
10:00–10:20am

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