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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

LIBRARIES CLOSED:
Sat 12/24; Sun 12/25
Mon 12/26; Sun 1/1
& Mon 1/2.

Main Library
EXHIBITS

♦ **Art Gallery** ♦
12/1-31:
Framingham
Artists' Guild

♦ **Display Case** ♦
12/1-11: Craft Fair
Exhibit continued.

12/12-31:
Peter Harvell: Holidays
in the Trenches.



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The Friends of the
Framingham
Library.

♦ *A Christmas Carol:* A Dramatic Reading

Performed by Dr. Helen Heineman,
President Emerita, FSU
Thursday December 8, 7:00pm,
Main Library, Costin Room



Do not miss the opportunity to see Charles Dickens' masterpiece come to life! Dickens prepared a special reading version of *A Christmas Carol* that he used during reading tours in England and America, ending in Boston. Dr. Heineman will perform a dramatized reading of this

version, enhancing the story with a slideshow depicting nearly every illustrated version of the story since it first appeared in 1843! Refreshments.

♦ **Film Screening: *The Help***

(2011) 146 min PG-13

Thursday December 29, 7:00pm, Costin Room

Skeeter is a southern society girl in 1960s Mississippi who returns from college determined to become a writer. Her small town is turned upside-down and her life-long friendships are hanging in the balance when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. As it turns out, they have a lot to say. Starring Emma Stone and Viola Davis. Refreshments.

The Framingham Public Library
Presents their 3rd Annual

Winter Art & Craft Fair

Bake
Sale!



Raffle!

Saturday
December 10th, 2011
10am - 3pm

Featuring
handmade gift items
created by local artisans

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Change begins with a whisper.

the Help



◆ **Job Search Discussion Group**
Thursdays December 1 & 15, and
January 5 & 19, 7:00–8:00pm, J Craft Room



The job search process is discussed including: how to look for opportunities, how to interview and follow up, and how to deal with any issues that may arise. The group is led by experienced corporate recruiter Joan Kennedy.

◆ **Friday Night Film:**
Foreign Correspondent (1940) 120 min
Friday December 2, 7:00pm, Costin Room



This Hitchcock romantic thriller was nominated for six Academy Awards, and stars Joel McCrea as Johnny Jones, a reporter for a New York newspaper. Johnny's editor decides to appoint him the European correspondent, and his first job involves getting the inside scoop on a secret treaty. Called "a showcase of early Hitchcock suspense", it is sure to entertain! Also starring

Herbert Marshall and Laraine Day. Refreshments. *Please enter on the Lexington Street side between 6:30–7:15pm.*

◆ **December is a "Fine Time" for a Holiday!**
Sunday–Saturday, December 4–10.

The library is celebrating in December with a **FINE HOLIDAY** the week of Dec. 4–10. Search under your car seats, in those book bags and back packs, on your bookshelves and in your closets, and under every bed for library items that are late! Return to FPL or MCA between Dec. 4 – Dec. 10 and we will forgive any late charges on those items. Happy Holidays!

◆ **Poetry Workshop**
Tuesdays December 6, 13, 20 & 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. Poets who wish to have their work discussed will need to provide copies to be given out during the session. (*continued next column* ⇒)

◆ **Framingham State University**
Chorus Holiday Concert!
Tuesday December 6, 7:00pm, Costin Room

Members of the Chorus, led by talented director Paul Cienniwa, will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* and other holiday selections. In addition to leading the FSU Chorus, Dr. Cienniwa leads the Sine Nomine choral ensemble and is director of music at First Church in Boston. Refreshments provided by **TRADER JOE'S!**



Alan Feldman's *The Happy Genius* (1978) was awarded the *Elliston Book Award* for the best collection of poems published by a small, independent press in the United States. A later collection, *A Sail to Great Island* (2004), won the *Pollak Prize for Poetry* from the University of Wisconsin Press. His work has appeared in *The Atlantic* and *The New Yorker*, and many other magazines, as well as in *Best American Poetry*

2001 and 2011. A professor emeritus at Framingham State College, for twenty-two years he also taught the advanced creative writing course at the Harvard's Radcliffe Seminars.

Note: The Poetry Workshop will not meet in January.

◆ **Main Library Book Club:**
Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively
Tuesday December 13, 7:00pm, Costin Room



Author Lively won Britain's prestigious *Booker Prize* for her deeply moving novel. The heroine, Claudia Hampton, is a seventy-six year old historian and former war correspondent, on her deathbed. As she reflects on her life she realizes "most lives have their core, their kernel, the vital centre." As Claudia looks inward, the voices of her beloved Tom and her brother and daughter delicately shape both an intricate narrative and a powerful, haunting evocation of loss. Led by Annabel Dodd.

Please read Allegra Goodman's *The Cookbook Collector: A Novel* for the Tuesday January 3rd meeting led by Ronda Andrews.

◆ **Friends of the Framingham Library**
December BOOK SALE
Saturday December 17, Main Library
9:30–10:00am: FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY
10:00am–3:00pm: Open to the public



The holiday season is in full swing. With so little time left to shop for family, friends and co-workers, plan to complete your holiday shopping at this month's sale. Our sales always offer terrific gift ideas at reasonable prices.

◆ New Museum Pass: Ecotarium

Thanks to a generous donation from the MOMs Club of Framingham, we now have half price tickets for the EcoTarium in Worcester. They admit 2 adults and 2 children for half price. The EcoTarium is a unique indoor-outdoor museum in Worcester, MA. Set in an urban oasis, the EcoTarium offers a chance to walk through the treetops, take a thrilling multimedia journey through the galaxy at a digital planetarium, meet wildlife, stroll nature trails, ride a narrow-gauge railroad, and get hands-on with family-friendly exhibits. Open Tues–Sat 10:00am–5:00pm; Sun 12:00–5:00pm; Closed Mondays. Check out all museum passes available at the Library at www.framinghamlibrary.org. If you or your organization would like to sponsor a museum pass, please contact Assistant Director Jane Peck at jpeck@minlib.net or 508-532-5570 x4357.

◆ TD Bank Affinity Program Helps the Library

The TD Bank Affinity Membership Program makes an annual contribution to an organization (The Friends of the Framingham Library received a generous check to support the Library) based on the average of all members' accounts. The members' accounts are not affected in any way by the contribution. More complete information on the program is available at the Library and TD Bank.

◆ You Must Read This!

Saturday Dec. 3, 10:00am, Trustees 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 book chat. Refreshments.

◆ Literacy Unlimited

Scarves, Socks, and Baked Goods Sale

Thursday December 1, 10:00am–4:00pm and

Saturday December 17, 9:30am–3:00pm, Main Library

If you are looking for great last-minute gifts for the holidays, try one of Literacy Unlimited's scarves and socks sales! These are designer silk, wool and pashmina scarves and novelty knee socks all sold to benefit the program. Each purchase comes with a raffle ticket for a \$50 Market Basket gift certificate, \$120 gift certificate to The Melting Pot, or a Keurig Coffee Maker. On December 17, don't forget to try the baked goods as well – especially baked for holiday feasting!

◆ Friends of Literacy Unlimited Annual Appeal

Friends of Literacy Unlimited is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Appeal on behalf of Literacy Unlimited during the months of November and December. There are many adults in this area who need help with reading and writing or learning English. Money from the Annual Appeal goes to support tutor-student pairs, conversation groups, tutor training and learning materials. Last year the appeal raised over \$5,000 and the Friends hope to raise even more this year.

To contribute online go to www.friendsofliteracyunlimited.org or send a check made out to *Friends of Literacy* (continued →)

Unlimited to Literacy Unlimited, Framingham Public Library, 49 Lexington St., Framingham, MA 01702. The Friends are a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax-deductible.

◆ SOAR 55, Service Opportunities After Reaching 55

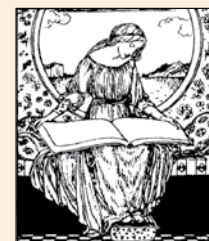
Choose from over 100 volunteer opportunities in the Metrowest area. Please contact Lois Levick at 508-532-5570 x4353 or llevick@minlib.net, or visit our website at www.ncscweb.org/programs/soar55.

SOAR 55 is a program of Newton Community Service Center, and part of a national network of volunteer agencies mobilizing adults 55 and over to contribute their skills and experience to help strengthen and expand the capacity of local community service organizations in Newton and MetroWest.

Book Talk: We Recommend

Recommended by Janet Drake

◆ *Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids* by Madeline Levine, PhD (649.1 Levine)



What is causing high rates of unhappiness, depression, and substance abuse in advantaged children? The author looks at the realities and offers parents support toward their own growth and help supporting their children.

◆ *A Better Way of Dying: How to Make the Best Choices at the End of Life* by Jeanne Fitzpatrick, M.D. and Eileen M. Fitzpatrick, J.D. (306.9 Fitzpatrick)

The authors, a doctor and a lawyer, explain why advanced directives and living wills are not enough. They offer uncomplicated planning that cannot be lost, ignored, or confused. No matter your age or health reading this book can prepare you for the discussion we all must have if we wish to ensure comfort at the end of our lives.

◆ The Framingham Public Library Foundation – Open the Door to Tomorrow

The Trustees of the Framingham Public Library (FPL) established the Framingham Public Library Foundation to create a legacy for the future of both Framingham libraries. The Foundation's short-term goal is to raise funds to help offset the cost of building a new McAuliffe Branch Library. Its long-term goal is to create an endowment fund that will supplement, but not replace, funds received from the



Town of Framingham. As the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, your contributions are tax deductible. Matching donations are always appreciated. Please check with your place of business to see if they will match funds. Questions? Please contact Library Director Jeanne Kelley, at jkelly@minlib.net.

DECEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **Book Bingo / Thursday December 1, 3:00–4:00pm, J Craft Room, Kindergarten and up. Pre-registration required.** Prizes, laughs, and best of all, books! Join us for our ever-popular Book Bingo and learn about many of the books the library has to offer.
- ◆ **Drop-in Baby Lapsit / Fridays December 2, 16 and 30, and Saturday December 10, 10:30–10:50am, J Program Room, Ages 0–2 with an adult.** Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets at baby lapsit time! Stay and play afterwards with new friends and puppets.
- ◆ **Dads and Donuts / Saturday Dec. 3, 10:00–11:00am, Costin Room, Ages 2-6 or so.** Share donuts while enjoying Storytelling! Songs! Snacks! Socializing! Siblings/moms welcome.
- ◆ **Movie Matinee: *Lion King* (Rated G) / Saturday December 3, 2:00–4:00pm, Costin Room, All Ages.** Embark on an extraordinary coming-of-age adventure as Simba, a lion cub who cannot wait to be king, searches for his destiny in the great 'Circle of Life.'
- ◆ **Book Buddy: Reading to Dogs at FPL / Sundays December 4, 11, and 18, 3:00–4:00pm, J Program Room. Special Session on Early Release Days Thursdays December 1 and 8, 3:00–4:00pm; and on Thursday Dec. 29, 3:00–4:00pm, All Ages. Registration required.** Improve your reading skills the fun way by reading aloud to a friendly dog! Lilah or Poky listens as children read aloud from a book of their choice. Screened and trained, Lilah is handled by Geoff and Poky by Chris. Fifteen-minute sessions. Call 508-532-5570 x4336 or drop by the Children's Room to reserve a time.
- ◆ **Drop-in Storytimes / Wednesdays Dec. 7 and 21, 10:30–11:00am, J Program Room.** Take time out from your busy holiday season to stop in for some stories. Pick up some books and movies while you're here.
- ◆ **Open Lego Build / Early Release Day, Thursday Dec. 8, 2:00–4:00pm, J Program Room, Kindergarten and up.** Drop in for a little relaxing Lego building; no requirements, no competition--just construction and destruction. Legos supplied.
- ◆ **Girls' Book Club / Saturday December 10, 2:00–3:00pm, J Program Room, Grades 5-6, Pre-registration required. *The Secret Life of Ms. Finkelman* by Ben Winters**—No one knows anything about the private life of Ms. Finkelman, their quiet, unassuming music teacher. No one except Bethesda, who discovers that Ms. Finkelman was the lead singer in a famous punk rock band. Copies can be picked up at the J Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.
- ◆ **Boys' Book Group / Saturday December 17, 2:00–3:00pm, J Program Room, Ages 7-9. Pre-registration required. *The Meanest Hound Around* by Carol Wallace**—Freddy is a fluffy white dog who enjoys life with his boy until the day he is abandoned in a junkyard by the boy's father. Freddy and his newfound friend Spike plot their escape from the junkyard owner. Copies can be picked up at the J Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.
- ◆ **Vacation Week Movie Matinee: *March of the Penguins* (Rated G) / Tuesday December 27, 2:00–4:00pm, Costin Room, All Ages.** Documentary about Emperor penguins' quest to find the perfect mate and start a family. It involves a journey that will take them hundreds of miles across the continent by foot under the harshest conditions on earth.
- ◆ **Vacation Week Penguin Open Craft / Wednesday December 28, 10:00am–12:00noon, J Craft Room, Grades K-5.** Drop in and make some penguin crafts to go with our vacation week theme! Instructions and materials provided.
- ◆ **Vacation Week Movie Matinee: *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (Rated PG; for mild rude humor and some language) Friday Dec. 30, 2:00–4:00pm, Costin Room, All Ages.** Tom Popper, a successful businessman, is clueless when it comes to the really important things in life, until he inherits six adorable and unique penguins. Soon Tom's rambunctious roommates turn his swank New York apartment into a snowy winter wonderland and the rest of his world upside-down. A cool blast of fun for all ages.

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! Parents can network while babies pick up phonemic awareness, one of the foundations for successfully learning to read. 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.
- ◆ **Drop-In Winter Craft / Saturday December 17, 10:00am–12:00noon, McAuliffe Branch Children's Room, All Ages.** Join us for a special craft to take home and browse through all of our seasonal books.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOURS

Please note change in days and times; these storyhours will begin in JANUARY.

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◆ **2–3 1/2 Year Old Storytime**
Wednesdays 10:15-10:45am
or Thursdays 10:15-10:45am

◆ **3 1/2–5 Year Old Storytime**
Wednesdays 1:15-2:00pm

◆ **A Hora do Conto e atividades em Português para crianças de 3 a 8 anos**
Quarta-feiras, 5:45-6:30pm

McAuliffe Branch
508-532-5636

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

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