



# FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## News & Events for February 2020

### Drop-In ESL Conversation Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Starting this February at the Franklin Public Library, join us every Tuesday night for a drop-in conversation class for all levels of English language learners. This class will focus on helping students become more comfortable using English in everyday life. We call it a class, but it's really more of a group. Proctored by a certified ESL instructor, we will spend each session discussing a different topic--or wherever the conversation takes us! Resources will be provided by the Franklin Public Library so all you need to bring is a willingness to participate and learn. This program is free and open to all who wish to join.

### New Pass Available

Library patrons can use the Franklin Public Library's pass to visit Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries across the state at the discounted rate of just \$2 per person, for up to four people per pass. Sites include Stony Brook in Norfolk, Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Milton, Moose Hill in Sharon, and Wellfleet Bay in South Wellfleet. To reserve the pass, visit our website and click on the link for [Museum Passes](#).

### Library Now Subscribing to NoveList Plus and NextReads Newsletters!

Can't get enough of fiction, nonfiction, or audiobook recommendations? Use **NoveList Plus** to help you discover your next favorite read! This resource provides recommendations for all ages. Created by passionate book lovers who understand what readers want, **NoveList Plus** is a bibliophile's paradise, perfect for readers to explore. Access [NoveList Plus](#) from our website on the [Databases & Research Resources](#) page.

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## February Library Hours

The Franklin Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day. The Library's regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:30-5:00 p.m.



## February Programs

### **Provincetown and the Pilgrims, Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.**

The Pilgrims are often linked to Plymouth, but their story in America began in Provincetown, and after two decades, many of them returned to the shores of the Outer Cape. Join Don during the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing for this look back from the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower to the 1644 settlement of Nauset, as well as the story behind Provincetown's famous Pilgrim Monument. This program is free and open to the public.

### **Nerds To Go Technology Help, Saturday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

Staff from Nerds To Go Computer Service will be available to assist patrons with common technology issues such as email access, password reset/recovery, cell phone feature usage, getting onto public Wi-Fi, and accessing information on line. This service is free and is on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Burn Boston Burn Author Talk with Wayne Miller, Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.**

In the early 1980s, Boston was set ablaze. Two hundred sixty-four buildings were burned, intentionally set on fire, resulting in millions of dollars in damages and hundreds of injuries. This is the true story of the deep conspiracy of nine men, determined to wreak havoc on the city and the relentless investigators who uncovered them. Told from the perspective of the head ATF Special Agent in charge of the investigation, Wayne Miller, **Burn Boston Burn** is a tale of political deceit and internal corruption. The book details the series of crimes that shook the city of Boston and became known as one of the largest arson cases on record in the history of the country.

[Wayne Miller](#) was a Special Agent, Criminal Investigator and Certified Fire Investigator for the U. S. Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for 25 years. He has been involved in numerous high profile criminal cases involving illegal firearms, bombings and arsons. He was also a member of the ATF National Response Team, responding to major fire and explosion incidents. For the past 17 years, in the private sector, Mr. Miller has been a fire and explosion analyst for the Massachusetts - based Wright Group, Inc.

During his career, Mr. Miller examined more than 2,300 fire and explosion scenes, responded to over twenty-five major incidents, as well as testified as an expert in more than forty cases in Federal and State courts in civil and criminal cases.

This program is free and open to the public.

### **Acrylic Pour Workshop, Sunday, February 9, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Look at art differently and learn a meditative fluid painting technique with Artist Jacqueline Volpe! Participants will apply paint, in the style of the abstract expressionists of the New York School, to convey a greater importance on visual sensation rather than the representation of objects and explore, like they did, “going with the flow”.

Paint without brushes to create a unique and spontaneous abstract painting! Participants will pour on canvas and various other materials to take home. We will cover various pouring techniques and tips for “after the pour”. All materials and equipment will be provided. The workshop is for adult and young adult beginner to advanced artists. This program is limited to fifteen participants. To register, please visit <https://www.thecreativitycurator.com/mixed-media-art-journal-workshops-sign-up/> or call Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at 508-520-4941.



## Programs Continued...

### **Renaissance V Brass Valentine's Concert, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Romance will be in the air when the Renaissance V Brass perform an evening of swoon-worthy tunes at the Franklin Public Library. Treat your sweetheart to a night of music that will put you in the mood for love. This performance is free and open to the public.

### **Avoiding Age Discrimination: A Workbook for Baby Boomers, Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.**

People often worry about age discrimination when seeking new employment, spending an inordinate amount of time convincing themselves that they are no longer relevant in the workforce. We will address how job seekers can overcome age bias and turn their fears into selling points. This workshop is free and open to the public.

### **Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.**

The book for discussion is [Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead](#). In this bravura follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize, and National Book Award-winning *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead brilliantly dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at [kshipala@minlib.net](mailto:kshipala@minlib.net).

### **Genealogy Club, Research Plan Workshop with Marian Pierre-Louis, Thursday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Develop a research plan to help overcome your genealogy obstacles. Using this tool you will learn how

to approach a genealogy problem to find the best solution.

### **Library Tech Time, Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Need help downloading ebooks to your Kindle? Trouble downloading the Libby or Minuteman apps? Curious about hoopla, Kanopy, or the many databases available to Franklin residents? Stop by or make an appointment during Tech Time now available on Thursdays 2:00-3:00 p.m. Can't make that time? Don't worry, technology assistance is always available at the Reference Desk. Please contact [Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala](#) or [Reference Librarian Vicki Earls](#) for more information.

### **Proctoring Services**

The Franklin Public Library will now be offering proctoring services to its patrons. Proctoring will be free of charge, and by appointment only. Contact [Library Director Felicia Oti](#) or [Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala](#) for more information.

### **Knitting Group, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Love to knit or crochet? Join our group of local fiber artists who will be meeting in the Friends of the Franklin Community Room on Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Franklin Library Book Sale**




Friday, February 14, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. All books are just one dollar!

### **Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Saturday, February 15, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Come fill a brown bag with all the books you can!

♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥

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