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Centennial Anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment
Tuesday, October 6 at 5 p.m.
President Stephanie Deeley of the Framingham League of Women Voters will provide a lecture on the importance of the Nineteenth Amendment, which provided women with the right to vote. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified on August 18, 1920. The wording is simple and straightforward, yet changed the face of elections and voting by guaranteeing that every citizen has a say in our government.

Unraveling the Truth: Fake News and the Election
Monday, October 19 at 5 p.m.
What is Fake News? How can you tell what you are reading is not false information and what is a trusted news source? How does this relate to the upcoming presidential election and how you make your voting decisions? Journalist Emily Sweeney from the Boston Globe and Professor Laura Saunders from Simmons University will address these issues.
Moderator: Sandra Rothenberg is Senior Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction at Framingham State University.

Democracy in Crisis
Tuesday, October 27 at 5 p.m.
Dr. John Ambacher, Professor Emeritus of Framingham State University, will present on the current state of democracy. Dr. Ambacher argues that America was in crisis well before the presidential election of 2016. The crisis centered on the state of our democracy itself. A representative democracy should guarantee that every citizen has equal worth. That can only be accomplished if every citizen is guaranteed an equal freedom to vote. This is no longer the case. Dr. Ambacher will explore how we arrived at this state of affairs and what we can do to restore a representative democracy.

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