Library Open for Browsing Appointments!

We are now open on an appointment-only basis for browsing. Appointments will be for 30 minutes in adult and 20 minutes in Youth Services.

You must call ahead for an appointment. Masks must be worn for the safety of staff and patrons. Public computers will not be available.

To make an appointment for the adult section, please call 781-395-7950. The direct line for Youth Services is 781-475-5734.

Great Fundraising News!

Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Medford Public Library Foundation are happy to announce that the new library will be named the Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library in honor of Michael Bloomberg and Marjorie Bloomberg Tiven’s parents, who lived in Medford for 65 years. Michael Bloomberg has made a $3 million gift toward the construction of the new public library, recognizing the essential role it plays in the community.

“The Medford Public Library played such a big role in our community, and in my family, when my sister and I were growing up,” said Michael R. Bloomberg. “Our father was passionate about books and our mother joined one of the library’s first reading groups - and she continued returning to the library for clubs and programs throughout her life. It means a lot to Marjorie and me to have our parents’ names attached to an institution that was such an important part of our childhood, and that provides such important resources to people of all ages in our hometown.”

“We are 90 percent of the way towards reaching our $5 million goal in pledges and commitments,” said Ellen Tonello, Chair of Medford Public Library Trustees. “We are excited to work with the Medford community to complete our effort to make the new Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library a reality.”

No-Contact Hold Pickup

No contact holds are still encouraged and going very well. No appointment necessary. When your holds come through we will check out the items, bag them and put them in the hallway outside Adult Services for you to pick up.

Items are held for a week, and can be picked up whenever the building is open. Hours are 9-9 Monday-Friday.

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All book groups will take place on Zoom. You must register on the library calendar to receive the Zoom invitation. Please contact the Information Desk if you need assistance with registration.

Books will be available approximately four weeks in advance. Call the Library at 781-395-7950 to have a copy checked out to you for no-contact pickup.

**Monday Morning Mysteries**
First Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

*October 5*
*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

*November 2*
*China Trade* by S.J. Rozan

*December 7*
*The Dry* by Jane Harper

**Tuesday Night Book Group**
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*September 8*—no title scheduled. This will be a meeting about what to read this year!

*October 13*
*The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Egger

*November 10*
*Notorious RBG* by Irin Carmon

*December 8*
*Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

**LGBTQ Book Group**
Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to read and discuss works by and about the LGBTQ community.

*October 8, 2020*
*When Brooklyn was Queer* by Hugh Ryan

*November 12, 2020*
*Under the Udala Trees* by Chinelo Okparanta

*December 10, 2020*
*Her Body and Other Parties: stories* by Carmen Maria Machado

**Bi-Monthly Biographies**
First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., every other month, starting in November.

*November 4*
*All the Blood Runs Red: The Legendary Life of Eugene Bullard* by Phil Keith

*January 6*
*Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang

**History Book Group**
Co-sponsored by the MPL and the Medford Historical Society and Museum. Register through the library calendar.

*Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM*
Discussion Led by Kyna Hamill

*Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*, by Jill Lepore

*Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 7:00 PM*
Discussion led by Barbara Kerr

*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

**Zoom Coffee and Books**
Join Director Barbara Kerr for a monthly review of new titles. This season you make the coffee at home, and we’ll zoom in with the books!!

*Fridays at 10:00 a.m.*
*October 9  November 13  December 11*

Register through the library calendar.

**Writer’s Workshop**
Last Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise listed.

Zoom Writer's Workshop will be held on

*September 30 and October 28  Tuesday November 24  December 30*

The group is always looking for new members, so meet your community's fellow writers and get feedback on your work.

If you have questions about the group, please contact David Chia at duuchia@gmail.com.
A Tale of Two Colonies: Plimoth and Massachusetts Bay in the 17th Century

A Zoom presentation with Stephen Kenney

Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 7:00 PM

Most visitors to Massachusetts know that the “Pilgrims” arrived in Plimoth aboard the Mayflower in 1620. Less well known is the landing of a “Puritan” fleet ten years later which carried a royal charter establishing the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Join historian Stephen Kenney for a look at these two early settlements.

Stephen Kenney is the Director of the Commonwealth Museum at the Massachusetts Archives. Presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library and the Medford Historical Society and Museum. Register through the library calendar.
A Modern Literary Salon in Medford
A Zoom Panel Presentation

Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

This interactive salon features diverse readings from four local authors, from the New England Indie Authors Collective (neiac.org) spanning fiction, memoir, and theater/storytelling. The entertainment portion will be followed by a discussion of the creative writing process as well as a Q&A session.

About The Panelists: The New England Indie Authors Collective (neiac.org) is a group of local writers and playwrights whose work has been published by independent presses.

Jenny Pivor is both an artist and a writer. She is the author of two novels, "OMG" and "The Closing," as well as the non-fiction picture book, "Boston Dogs." Jason M. Rubin has been a professional writer since 1985. His first novel, "The Grave and the Gay," was published in 2012. Randy Ross is a novelist, humorist, and performer. His dark romantic comedy "God Bless Cambodia" was published in 2017. Judah Leblang is the author of two memoirs and is a Medford resident. His new book, published in fall 2019 is "Echoes of Jerry".

Endgame: The End of World War II

A Zoom presentation by
Dr. Joseph McCarthy,
Professor Emeritus, Suffolk University

Endgame is an account of the last days of World War II on all fronts from the Allied thrust into Germany to the Russian attack on Berlin, to the Okinawa campaign, and the decision to drop the atomic bomb.

The talk will be followed by Q & A with Dr. McCarthy.

This program is presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library and the Medford Historical Society and Museum. Please register through the library calendar.

More Library News

New York Times Online
Home access to the New York Times is now available. Visit https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/medford and scroll down to the New York Times. Click on Home Access. You will see a page with a code with the word “redeem” next to it. Click on redeem. Enter enter an email address and password to access the newspaper for 72 hours. At the end of 72 hours, simply hit redeem again for an additional 72 hours. Enjoy!

Museum Passes
Local museums and attractions are slowly reopening. We are keeping in touch and are offering museum passes for those museums that have reactivated their programs. Not all museums are currently open or offering passes.

Please note: Each museum has its own set of rules, procedures and limitations so please call the library to inquire about pass details.

At this time, Reservations can only be made by phone, at 781-395-7950.
Make Your Mark!

Our community campaign is underway!
There are sponsorship and naming options in a variety of price ranges. Sponsor a solar panel or bike rack, purchase a leaf or paver with a personalized inscription, furnish a private study room and more!

Check out the selection at https://www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate

Matching Donations
Does your employer match charitable donations from employees? Many companies have matching donor programs. To find out, go to https://www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate. Scroll down to the “Double the Donation” feature at the bottom of the page. Enter your employer name and get all the details!
Did you know that the Friends fully fund the MPL Museum pass program?

As many museums begin to reopen, we are once again offering museum passes. Reservations can only be made by phone 781-395-7950. Please call for details and availability.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society pass provides admission for up to four people to any Mass Audubon Sanctuary for $2 per person. Drumlin Farm in Lincoln is one of the closest locations. Here you can experience life on a working farm and explore a wildlife sanctuary at the same time. Visit pigs, sheep, goat, chickens and cows in the farmyard; learn how crops are sustainably grown on site; and observe native wildlife exhibits. Currently open on weekends with a timed ticket for entry with buildings closed.

Trustees GO Pass
Each pass admits two adults & two children to any Trustees property in MA at Family level membership price. Currently the grounds of deCordova Sculpture Park in Lincoln are open in a controlled manner to limit overcrowding. The buildings are closed until further notice.

We are accepting book donations! Smaller donations can be left at the return stations at 200 Boston Ave. For larger donations please email us at friendsofmedfordlibrary@gmail.com to schedule a pick up.

Welcome New Friends:
Liz Francis
Mary Hall
Ann Heintz
Derek Kalchbrenner
Christa & Greg Lucas
Evalyn O'Rourke
Rea Synder

Please become a member of the Friends. Make a donation or volunteer your time and help us bring even more excellent events and services to our community! You can join/donate/contact us at

The FMPL is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds for programming, special events, and items for the library,

Find the Friends at:
www.friendsofmedfordlibrary.org  Facebook: The Friends of the Medford Public Library
friendsofmedfordlibrary@gmail.com
CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 AND UP

Exercise your creativity! Build new worlds, create characters, try new styles, and more!

We meet virtually at 4pm on the third Tuesday of the month:
September 15 | October 20 | November 17

Sign up is required for the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar
Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

For teens in grades 6-8

September 2, 4:30pm: Wonder Woman: Tempest Tossed, by Laurie Halse Anderson
October 7, 4:30pm: Akata Witch, by Nnedi Okorafor
November 4, 4:30pm: Heads Up: Changing Minds on Mental Health, by Melanie Sierbert

These books are available to download for free from Hoopla!
Sign up is required for the Zoom link!
Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

T-Shirt Tote Bags
Thursday, September 24, 7-8pm
Tetris Magnets
Thursday, October 29, 7-8pm
Paint Night
Thursday, November 19, 7-8pm

For teens in middle or high school
Sign up required for materials and the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar
Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

CHAMELEON

TUES SEPT. 8 TUES OCT. 13 TUES NOV. 10

Hey LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in grades 6–9! Come chat, connect, work on fun projects for your Tumblr account, and play games in a safe, open, and welcoming (virtual) space.

This will be held online as a Zoom meeting.
Sign up on the library's event calendar to get the link.
Details for additional teen programs will be announced online! To stay up to date on these upcoming programs, follow us on Instagram @MPLteensection.

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**Virtual Teen Craft Afternoon**

3:30 PM
MON, SEPT. 14
MON, OCT. 5
MON, NOV. 9

Expand your drawing skills! All you need is paper and something to draw with (pen, pencil, marker, etc), and you’ll be ready to follow along!

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR ZOOM LINK

**Teen Graphic Novel Book Club** for teens in grades 6 and up

- **September 10:** Shadow of the Batgirl by Sarah Kuhn
- **October 1:** Quince by Sebastian Kadlecik
- **November 5:** Drawing the Vote by Tommy Jenkins

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

Sign up is required to access the Zoom link.
Questions? Contact Maddi at mrenier@minlib.net

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**Teen Game Night**

Take a break and play virtual games with other Medford teens.

7PM ON THE SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
SEPTEMBER 9  OCTOBER 14  NOVEMBER 18

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICOLE: NPERRAULT@MINLIB.NET
1st grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Sept 10 — Pugtato Finds a Thing
Oct 8 — The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes
Nov 12 — This is a Taco

2nd and 3rd grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Sept 24 — Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants
Oct 22 — Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk
Nov 5 — The Mouse and the Motorcycle

4th and 5th grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Sept 17 — Aquicorn Cove
Oct 15 — My Video Game Ate My Homework
Nov 19 — Primer

These bookclubs are virtual!
All books are available on HooplaDigital.

Email Tamar at tsiegel@minlib.net for 1st Grade Book Club Zoom link.

Email Sam at ssednek@minlib.net for 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club Zoom link.

Email Maddi at mranieri@minlib.net for 4th/5th Grade Book Club Zoom link.
More Children’s Programs!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
3:00-3:45PM
**BAMIDELE DANCERS AND DRUMMERS DANCE WORKSHOP**
PROGRAM FOR AGES 6+
This program is a free, virtual program. Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.

**MUMMY AT MYSTERY MANNER**
A TaleWise Science Program
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**
10 AM
Frankie and Casey visit their uncle for his annual Halloween party, only to find out that a creepy Mummy has been scaring everyone away! Some say the house is haunted, but Frankie and Casey have a different idea. Join them on their adventure to unravel the mystery of the mummy! Along the way, you’ll explore some spooky and exciting science concepts about blackouts, mummification, and more!
Program for youth in grades K-5
This program is a free, virtual program. Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.

**Friday, October 16**
**4PM**
**STAR WARS Trivia**
Program for youth ages 7+
This program is a free, virtual program. Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.

**KIDS CRAFTERNOWNS**
FRIDAYS 3:30PM
Sept. 11 - Perspective Drawing
Oct. 9 - Egg Carton Bugs
Nov. 13 - Sharpie Tie Dye
Crafternoons meet online but we will provide the supplies needed for the Oct. and Nov. programs.
Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom Meeting link and to register for supplies.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL. EMAIL SSEDNEK@MINLIB.NET IF YOU NEED THE LINK TO THE ZOOM OR ONLINE MEETING ROOM.
Calendar of Events

All library programs are virtual. Unless otherwise indicated, sign up for program on the library calendar in order to receive a Zoom invitation.

**Tuesday, September 8**
Chameleon
3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 9**
Teen Game Night
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 10**
Matt Heaton
10:00 a.m.
1st Grade Book Club
1:00 p.m.
Teen Graphic Novel Club
1:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 11**
Kids Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 14**
Virtual Teen Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 15**
Teen Creative Writing
4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 17**
4th/5th Grade Book Club
3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 22**
Dance Caliente
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 24**
Bamidele Dancers
3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 30**
Writer’s Workshop
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 1**
Teen Graphic Novel Club
3:30 p.m.

**Monday October 5**
Monday Mystery Group
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Teen Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.
Halloween: Haunted History
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday October 7**
Middle School Book Club
4:30 p.m.
Tale of Two Colonies
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 8**
Matt Heaton
10:00 a.m.
1st Grade Book Club
1:00 p.m.
Literary Salon
7:00 p.m.
LGBT Book Group
7:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 9**
Zoom Coffee and Books
10:00 a.m.
Kids Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 12**
Library Closed

**Tuesday, October 13**
Chameleon
3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Book Group
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 14**
Teen Game Night
7:00 p.m
Tuesday Book Group
7:00 P.M.

**Thursday, October 15**
4th/5th Grade Book Club
3:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 16**
Star Wars Trivia
4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday October 20**
Teen Creative Writing
4:00 p.m.
Dance Caliente
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 21**
History Book Group
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 22**
2nd/3rd Grade Book Club
3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 24**
Mummy at Mystery Manor
10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 28**
Writer’s Workshop
7:00 p.m.
Teen Craft Night
7:00 P.M.

**Thursday, October 29**
Teen Craft Night
7:00 P.M.

**Monday, November 2**
Monday Mystery Group
10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 4**
Middle School Book Club
4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 5**
Teen Graphic Novel Club
3:30 p.m.
Bi-Monthly Biographies
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 5**
2nd/3rd Grade Book Club
3:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 9**
Virtual Teen Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 10**
Chameleon
3:00 p.m.
Dance Caliente
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Book Group
7:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, November 11**
Library closed for Veteran’s Day
Endgame: End of WWII
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday November 12**
Matt Heaton
10:00 a.m.
1st Grade Book Club
1:00 p.m.
LGBT Book Group
7:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 13**
Zoom Coffee and Books
10:00 a.m.
Kids Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 16**
Virtual Teen Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 17**
Teen Creative Writing
4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 18**
Teen Game Night
7:00 p.m.
History Book Group
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 19**
4th/5th Grade Book Club
3:00 p.m.
Teen Craft Night
7:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 24**
Writer’s Workshop
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 25**
Library Closes at 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 26**
Library closed for Thanksgiving.

And Don’t forget digital story times EVERY WEEK. See page 9

Family story times (for ages 3-6)
WEDNESDAYS 3PM

Toddler story times (for ages 2-3)
THURSDAYS 10AM
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Monday-Thursday  9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Please note: The Library is staffed during the above hours but is only open to the public on an appointment basis. For appointment details see page 1 or call 781-395-7950 for adult services. Please call 781-475-5734 for Youth Services.