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Medford Public Library

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.

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

With Gratitude
The Trustees and Library Administration would like to thank Ann Frenning Kossuth for her service as a library trustee. She stepped down this summer. Ann had been a trustee since 2016 and was a positive force for the library during a challenging time.
We wish her the best!

Need reading suggestions?
Join the Library’s new Facebook page—MPL What are you reading? And listening to? And watching? https://www.facebook.com/MPL-What-are-you-reading-And-listening-to-And-watching-101249328201013

Museum Passes
As local museums and attractions reopen, we are keeping in touch and 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.

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Coming in December!
Holiday gifts to celebrate the new library.
Large canvas tote: $30.00
Keep an eye on the Foundation and Library social media for details.

We’ve Got Good Friends
When you see this small logo in the newsletter, it means the event or activity has been funded by the Friends of the Medford Public Library!
Winter Events

The Return of the Moguls:
Jeff Bezos, John Henry, and the Fate of Newspapers
with commentator and Medford resident, Dan Kennedy

Wednesday, January 13th
at 7:00 PM
ON ZOOM

Register at www.medfordhistorical.org

Dan Kennedy, Associate Professor of Journalism at Northeastern University and regular panelist on Beat the Press, the award-winning weekly media program on WGBH-TV (Channel 2) will speak about the giant history and precarious future of newspapers. Q & A to follow.

Kennedy is a BA graduate of Northeastern University and earned a MLA at Boston University

Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Medford Historical Society & Museum

Jeff Benedict Author Talk
A Zoom chat with the author of The Dynasty

Thursday, December 17th
7:00 p.m.
ON ZOOM
Register on the online calendar.

Jeff Benedict is a New England sports author well known for his time with Sports Illustrated and on several sports networks. His new book, The Dynasty, is about the New England Patriots.
http://www.jeffbenedict.com/

Plants Go to War:
A Botanical History of World War II
with Judith Sumner

Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.
ON ZOOM

Register on the online calendar.

In a blend of botanical and military history, botanist Judith Sumner will talk about the surprising and crucial role of plants in World War II. From victory gardens to drugs, timber, rubber, and fibers, plants supplied materials with key roles in victory.

Judith Sumner is a botanist, author and lecturer. Judith has been the lecturer-in-residence at the Star Island Natural History Conference, and she has been a guest on the Martha Stewart Living television show, the PBS program "Cultivating Life" with Sean Conway, and various other PBS and educational programs. Her book, Plants Go to War, was published in 2019.

Voyage of Mercy:
The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine,
and the Remarkable Story of America’s First Humanitarian Mission
with author and historian Stephen Puleo

Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM
ON ZOOM
Register at www.medfordhistorical.org

Stephen Puleo’s newest history book follows The Boston Italians and five other widely read and enjoyed novels. Known for the depth and accuracy of his research, he is also a master of storytelling. Voyage of Mercy is the incredible story of the Irish Potato famine and the US efforts to offer relief which would become the blueprint for future relief efforts.

To purchase a copy of this book visit Haley Booksellers at:
http://haley-booksellers.square.site

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Medford Historical Society & Museum
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.

Memoir-writing workshop
with local writer Judah Leblang
Six Tuesdays on Zoom, 7-9:30 PM
January 19-February 23
Register on the online calendar.

In this course, open to writers or aspiring writers at all levels of experience, we will:

- Discuss the process of writing memoir pieces and what makes a good story
- Look at examples of short memoir vignettes and discuss what makes them effective
- Refine your pieces in a workshop format and receive supportive/constructive feedback
- Complete a series of in-class writing exercises
- Expand your understanding of the craft of writing memoir/creative nonfiction
- Develop or strengthen your writing practice.
- Have fun while learning

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.

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

**January 14**
*Wow, No Thank You: essays by Samantha Irby*

**February 11**
*Giovanni’s Room by James Baldwin*

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

**December 8**
*Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi*

**January 12**
*Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates*

**February 9**
*TBD*

Zoom Coffee and Books
-Evening Edition-

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!!

**Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on**
- December 14
- January 11
- February 8

Register through the library calendar.

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

**Wednesday, January 20**
*Spying on the South : An Odyssey Across the American Divide by Tony Horwitz*  
Discussion Leader: Richard Carle

**Wednesday, March 20**
*At Home: A Short History of Private Life by Bill Bryson*  
Discussion leader: Kathleen Kane

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

Zoom Writer's Workshop will be held on
- December 30
- January 27
- February 24

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.
Make Your Mark!

As you consider your year end philanthropy, don’t forget the library! Put the new library at the top of your list for Giving Tuesday, December 1st.

Your naming opportunities are here: medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate

**COMMEMORATIVE TILE**  
$50  
Commemorate yourself, your family, or a loved one with a printed tile that will be displayed in a meeting room in the main library.

**THE MEDFORD FAMILY LEAF**  
$250  
Put your family’s name, up to 50 characters, on a beautiful 2 1/4" x 3 1/2" metal Leaf on the Medford Family Tree. Tree will be prominently located near the Multi Purpose Performance Space.

**Clay Dreams Tile Painting**

Our socially distanced tile painting events were a success! Over 140 tiles are being created that will be displayed at the grand opening of the new library. There is still time to order your tile painting kit today: https://bit.ly/35NkPXp

**Medford Chamber of Commerce**

The Medford Public Library Foundation is grateful to the Chamber of Commerce for reaching out to Medford businesses to engrave a paver! Leave your legacy & have your business message written in stone! Reserve your paver here for $1250: https://bit.ly/31SZZ7V

All gifts are tax deductible and may be paid over up to 5 years. For donations over $10,000 please call us at 617-230-1045 Make checks payable to Medford Public Library Foundation Mail checks to P.O. Box 215 Medford, MA 02155 or donate online at:
The FMPL is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds for programming, special events, and items for the library, raising community awareness, and promoting the library’s services.

Our membership year is January through December and renewals went out early November via email. Please consider renewing today online at https://friendsofmedfordlibrary.org/Membership

After an extended COVID-19 shutdown, we are very excited to be accepting donations again! Please email us at friends@friendsofmedfordlibrary.org to make arrangements. At this time, we ask that you do not leave items at the library.

Our first “virtual” annual meeting was a success and trivia was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Welcome New Friends:
Olivia Bracken
Christopher Donovan
Gregory & Jennifer Kerwood
Nicole Morell
Laura Olifiers
Elizabeth Pessala
Margaret Warren

The famous Friends Book Sale is back
Saturday, December 5 from 1-6pm at our beautiful temporary location at East Cambridge Savings Bank, 105 Broadway in Arlington.

Sign up for a shopping appointment at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48AA4EA5F49-fmpl
This sale is for Friends members only.
Masks are required to shop.

Halloween treat bags given out by the MPL Youth Services and sponsored by the Friends were a big holiday hit!

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 www.friendsofmedfordlibrary.org

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

Look for our logo throughout this newsletter marking everything that your donations help fund.
Teen Programs

**TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB**
for teens in grades 6 and up

**Shelf Care Book Club**
for teens in grades 6-9

**The Drawing Zoom**
for teens in grades 6 and up

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**TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB**

*Thursdays @ 3:30 pm*

- **December 3:** Lucy Dreaming by Max Bemis
- **January 7:** Lola: A Ghost Story by J. Torres
- **February 4:** Jonesy by Sam Humphries

Sign up is required to access the Zoom link. Questions? Contact Madi at mrandi@minib.net

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**Shelf Care Book Club**

It’s a different kind of book club - there are no assigned books! Practice shelf care and read books that **YOU** choose. Then talk about them at the meetings with other teens who love reading!

**We meet virtually at 4:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month:**
December 2 | January 6 | February 3

Sign up is required for the Zoom link. Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

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**The Drawing Zoom**

*3:30 PM*

- **Mon, Dec. 14**
- **Mon, Jan. 11**
- **Mon, Feb. 8**

**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:**
December 15 | January 19 | February 16

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

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SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR ZOOM LINK
TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

For teens in middle and high school!
Put your pop culture knowledge to the test.
The teens with the top 3 scores will win a prize!
The game will be played with Kahoot over Zoom.

Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7pm

Sign up is required for the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar
If you have any questions, contact Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

For teens in middle or high school
Sign up required for materials and the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar

Window Clings
Thursday, December 17, 7-8pm
Marbled Mugs
Thursday, January 28, 7-8pm
Scratch Art
Thursday, February 25, 7-8pm

TEEN GAME NIGHT

TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES WITH OTHER MEDFORD TEENS
7pm on the following Wednesdays:
December 9 January 14 January 27
February 10 February 24

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICOLE: NPERRAULT@MINLIB.NET

LGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND ALLIES IN GRADES 6-9!

CHAMELEON

TUESDAYS 3PM

DEC. 8: YOUR FAVE LGBTQIA+ MEDIA
JAN. 12: RELATIONSHIPS (PLATONIC & ROMANTIC)
FEB. 9: BLACK LGBTQIA+ LIFE & HISTORY

With a focus on a different theme each month, come chat, connect, work on fun projects, and play games in a safe, open, and welcoming (virtual) space.

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!
**Teen Programs**

**BAD ART NIGHT**

For teens in middle and high school!

**Friday, January 22 at 7pm**

Follow along with a paint tutorial, all while using the wrong supplies! We'll supply all the materials - but sign up is required!

Zoom links will be sent out on the day of the event. Sign up through the library's online calendar. If you have any questions, contact Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net or 781-475-5735.

Get cozy with a **mug cake** self-care kit!

**What's inside?**

- A mug to keep
- Mug cake recipe
- Mug cake dry ingredients
- A surprise library book

Sign up online starting January 15th

Pick up your kit during February vacation week

Questions? Contact Maddi: mranieri@minlib.net

**TEEN BOOK BOXES**

Every month, our Teen Advisory Board chooses themes and selects books for our surprise teen book boxes! Each box contains 2 YA library books, candy, and some other bookish surprises!

Boxes are restocked once a month and supplies are limited! Only one box per person. To check out a book box, fill out the form on the teen section of our website or contact Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net.

The library books are the only items you need to return to the library. Everything else in the box you checkout is yours to keep!

Details for additional teen programs will be announced online! To stay up to date on these upcoming programs, follow us on Instagram @MPLteensection
1st grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Dec 10 — The Thing Lou Couldn’t Do
Jan 14 — Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
Feb 11 — Maybe Something Beautiful

2nd and 3rd grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Dec 3 — Where the Sidewalk Ends
Jan 28 — My Father’s Dragon
Feb 25 — Harlem’s Historic Neighborhood: Sugar Hill

4th and 5th grade Book Club
THURSDAYS 3:00PM
Dec 17 — Red Panda & Moon Bear
Jan 21 — Geeky F@b 5
Feb 18 — Dinosaur Empire!

These book clubs 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.

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Calendar of Events

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**December**

**Wednesday, December 2**
YA: Shelf Care Book Club 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 3**
CL: 2nd & 3rd Gr. Book Club 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Graphic Book Club 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 8**
YA: Chameleon 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Book Group 7:00 p.m.

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

**Thursday, December 10**
CL: Singalong 10:00 a.m.
CL: 1st Grade Book Club 3:00 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.

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

**Monday, December 14**
YA: Drawing Zoom 3:30 p.m.
Coffee and Books 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 15**
YA: Creative Writing 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 17**
CL: 4th & 5th Gr. Book Club 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Craft Night 7:00 p.m.
Jeff Benedict Author Talk 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 18**
YA: Teen Trivia Night 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 22**
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

**Friday, December 25**
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

**Monday, December 28**
CL: Zoom with a shark! 10:00 a.m.

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

**Thursday, December 31**
Library closes at 5:00 p.m.

**January**

**Friday, January 1**
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS

**Wednesday, January 6**
YA: Shelf Care Book Club 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 7**
YA: Teen Graphic Book Club 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 11**
YA: Drawing Zoom 3:30 p.m.
Coffee and Books 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 12**
YA: Chameleon 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Book Group 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 13**
Return of the Moguls 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 14**
CL: Singalong 10:00 a.m.
CL: 1st Grade Book Club 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 15**
CL: Kids Crafternoon 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 18**
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MLK DAY

**Tuesday, January 19**
YA: Creative Writing 4:00 p.m.
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 20**
History Book Group 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 21**
CL: 4th & 5th Gr. Book Club 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 22**
CL: Snowflake Art 3:30 p.m.
YA: Bad Art Night 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 25**
CL: Yoga with Babies 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 26**
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 27**
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Writer’s Workshop 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 28**
CL: 2nd & 3rd Gr. Book Club 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Craft Night 7:00 p.m.

**February**

**Tuesday, February 2**
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 3**
YA: Shelf Care Club 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 4**
YA: Graphic Book Club 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, February 8**
YA: Drawing Zoom 3:30 p.m.
Coffee and Books 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 9**
YA: Chameleon 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 10**
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Voyage of Mercy 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 11**
CL: Singalong 10:00 a.m.
CL: 1st Gr. Book Club 3:00 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 15**
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY

**Tuesday, February 16**
YA: Creative Writing 4:00 p.m.
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 18**
CL: 4th & 5th Gr. Club 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 19**
CL: HP Adventure 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 20**
CL: Raakhee Mirchandani 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 23**
Memoir Class 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 24**
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Writer’s Workshop 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 25**
CL: 2nd & 3rd Gr. Club 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Craft Night 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 26**
CL: Kids Crafternoon 3:30 p.m.

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Library Hours as of November 1, 2020:

Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 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.