

Charlotte & William Bloomberg Medford Public Library

Winter
2020/
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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.

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!



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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**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

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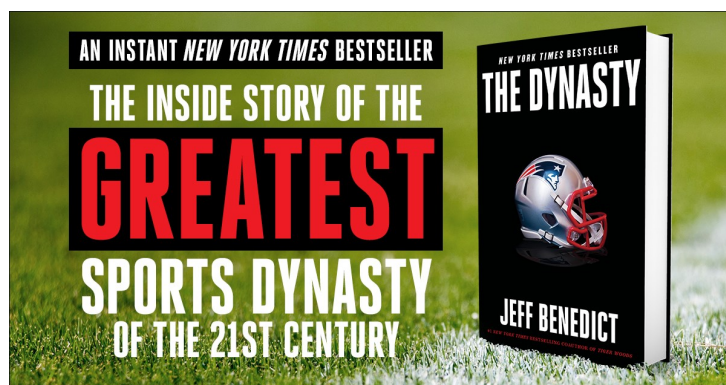
Jeff Benedict Author Talk
A Zoom chat with the author
of *The Dynasty*

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/>

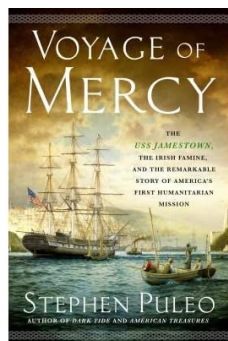


**Voyage of Mercy:
The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine,
and the Remarkable Story of America's
First Humanitarian Mission**
with author and historian Stephen Puleo

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>

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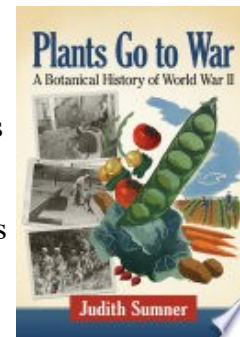


**Plants Go to War:
A Botanical History of World War II
with Judith Sumner**

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.



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

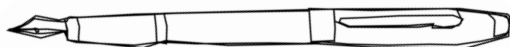
Six Tuesdays on Zoom, 7-9:30 PM

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



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.

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

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.



Medford Public Library
FOUNDATION

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

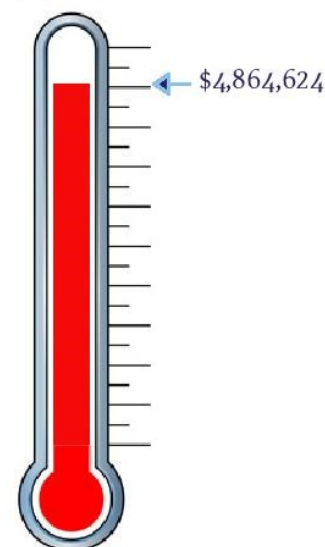
COMMEMORATIVE TILE \$50

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 2½"x 3"½ metal Leaf on the Medford Family Tree. Tree will be prominently located near the Multi Purpose Performance Space.

Goal!
\$5,000,000



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:

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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/5080C48AAA62EA5F49-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



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



Find the Friends at:

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

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

for teens in grades 6 and up



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 Maddi at mranieri@minlib.net

SHELF CARE BOOK CLUB

For teens
in grades 6-9



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

THE DRAWING ZOOM



3:30 PM

MON, DEC. 14

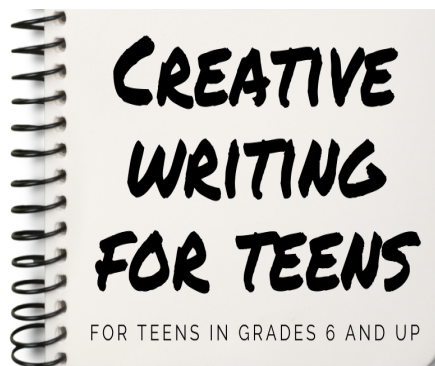
MON, JAN. 11

MON, FEB. 8

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 + UP

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



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

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

For teens in middle and high school!

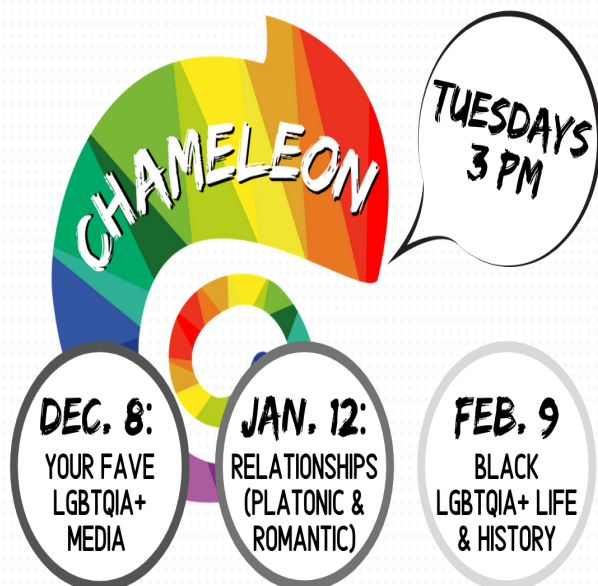
Put your pop culture knowledge to the test.
The teens with the top 3 scores will win a prize!
The game will be played with Kahoot over Zoom.



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

LGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND ALLIES IN GRADES 6-9!



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 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



Questions?
Contact Nicole:
nperrault@minlib.net

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](mailto:nperrault@minlib.net)

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



For
teens in
grades 6
& up

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



We're doing digital story time!

Family story times (for ages 3-6)

WEDNESDAYS 3PM

Toddler story times (for ages 2-3)

THURSDAYS 10AM

Zoom links are posted weekly on our Facebook page
or
you can email ssednek@minlib.net for the link!



MORNINGS WITH

MATT HEATON

Thursdays at 10:00AM
Dec. 10, Jan. 14,
& Feb. 11

Singalong is a free virtual program hosted on the library's Facebook page.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL. EMAIL [SSEDNEK@MINLIB.NET](mailto:ssednek@minlib.net) IF YOU NEED THE LINK TO THE ZOOM OR ONLINE MEETING ROOM.

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.

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Shark Attack!

ZOOM WITH A


SHARK!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
10AM

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

HARRY POTTER CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

A virtual trivia experience!



Friday, February 19 4PM
For witches, wizards, and exceptional muggles ages 8+

Medford Public Library Presents:



Yoga with Babies

Monday, January 25 10AM

This is a virtual program. Please email Sam at ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.
This program is designed for parents/caregivers and pre-crawling infants.

KIDS CRAFTERNOONS
FRIDAYS 3:30PM

Dec. 11 - 3D Drawing/Shading
Jan. 15 - Tape resist painting
Feb. 26 - Marbled Paper

Crafternoons meet online but we will provide the supplies needed for the Jan. and Feb. programs.
Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom Meeting link and to register for supplies.



Will you be our Valentine?

We will pack a bag for you with some library books*, a craft and a sweet reminder of our love for you!

We will have a Valentine mail box outside our children's room door so you can send us a card too!

Register between February 1-10 for no-contact pick up at:
<https://forms.gle/RtGMPhSrmphvs5937>
*library books will be checked out on your card and will need to be returned.

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The art of the snowflake

Every snowflake is unique.
Join us to design and make your own.
Friday, January 22 at 3:30pm.



This program will happen virtually over Zoom but we will supply what you need for the craft.
Email Tamar at tsiegel@minlib.net for the Zoom link and to arrange no contact pick up of craft supplies.

RAAKHEE MIRCHANDANI

author visit and storytime

Saturday, February 20 10 am




BOOK NERD

 Medford Public Library
This program is a free, virtual program
Email mranchi@minlib.net for the Zoom link
 THE SIKH COALITION

ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL. EMAIL [SSEDNEK@MINLIB.NET](mailto: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.

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.

Thursday, December 24

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.

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

Toddler story times (for ages 2-3)
THURSDAYS 10AM

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



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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 .