



CHARLOTTE AND WILLIAM BLOOMBERG

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter: Week of May 17, 2020



Late Fees and Billed Items

Medford is still not charging late fees. This policy may be different at other MLN libraries as some libraries have resumed fines.

The Minuteman Network is resuming the billing of long-overdue items, starting May 17. These bills may block the use of your card (if totaling more than \$100) for reserving books and museum passes until they are returned. Once items are returned the block will be lifted. Medford is not charging late fees so no fines will be charged when you return billed items.

You can drop items off in front of 200 Boston Ave or at the return stations outside the library spaces inside the building.

Please try to return your books as soon as you are able.

Please call 781-395-7950 with any questions.

Table of contents

Page 1: News and announcements

Page 2: Resources and Events

Page 3: Teen News

Page 4: Children's News

Library Open for Browsing and Computer Appointments!

We are now open on an appointment only basis for browsing or computer use. Browsing appointments will be for 30 minutes in adult and 20 minutes in Youth Services. Computer use appointments are for one hour.

You must call ahead for an appointment. Masks must be worn for the safety of staff and patrons.

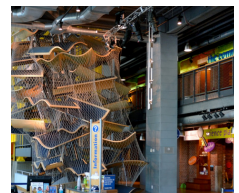
To make an appointment please call 781-395-7950. The direct line for Youth Services is 781-475-5734.

No contact holds are still encouraged. No appointment necessary. Put an item on hold and we will check it out to you and leave it in a bag in the hallway with your name on it, to be picked up any time the building is open.

Museum Passes

Online Museum Pass reservations are back!

You can book a pass [here](#).



Please call the Library before coming to pick up your pass— there is a possibility it might just be a code we can read you over the phone! If you have any questions, give us a call at 781-395-7950.

The History of the Medford Public Library

with Barbara Kerr,
Director Charlotte and William Bloomberg
Medford Public Library

Friday, May 20
at 7:00 p.m. ON ZOOM

Please register for the program at www.medfordhistorical.org/events.

The public library has been the heart of Medford since 1855. Join Library Director Barbara Kerr for a look at the library's past, present and future. It's quite a story.

The lecture will follow a brief MHSM annual meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend.





The Friends of the Medford Public Library
proudly present an appreciation of
Medford Hillside through time.

Four Programs with Dee Morris & Will Tenney

**MEDFORD HILLSIDE:
A Stunning Transformation
from Cow Pasture to Community**

**MEDFORD HILLSIDE:
A Stunning Transformation
from Cow Pasture to Community**

PROGRAM 1 Medford Hillside (1850s -) The Land Adapts to People

PROGRAM 2 Medford Hillside Enjoys Prosperity (1880s -) Factories Transform Boston Avenue

PROGRAM 3 Medford Hillside's Got Talent (1890s -) Residents Immersed in Culture

PROGRAM 4 Medford Hillside Greet the World (1915 -) Radio Broadcasts, Inventors, and an Inclusive Community

FRIENDS OF MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAM 3 Medford Hillside's Got Talent (1890s -) Residents Immersed in Culture

Music performed by Paul D. Lehman

MAY

Program 3:
Medford Hillside's Got Talent (1890s -)
Residents Immersed in Culture

Tune in to **Medford Community Media** public access channel, **Comcast Channel 3** and **Verizon Channel 47** throughout April on **Mon/Wed/Fri at 2:00pm** and **Tue/Thurs 7:00pm**



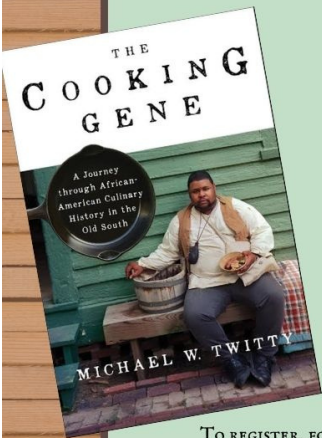
THE COOKING GENE

with author and historian Michael W. Twitty

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
AT 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

For African American culinary historian Michael W. Twitty there was a giant hole in the story of American cooking as big as the one in the story of most African American families. Putting the microscope on himself, Michael decided to fully trace out his family history through the story of Southern and American food. Using genetic research, historic interpretation, nature study, heirloom gardening and interviews with contemporary voices in food, his journey led him back to his family's origins in West and Central Africa and a front ring seat in the debate over race and food in American life.

TO REGISTER, FOLLOW THE LINK ON THE ONLINE CALENDAR!



VIRTUAL LESSONS WITH DANCE CALIENTE

Dance away your cares as Dance Caliente presents fun and lively lessons for dancers of all ages and levels to enjoy from home.

Lessons are geared for students with no partners, but partners are also welcomed!

Visit Dance Caliente's Facebook for a sample of the Cha Cha!
<https://www.facebook.com/DanceCaliente/videos/552219342402480>

THURSDAYS, 7:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

April 15: Samba

May 20: Milonga

June 17: Polka

Please register through the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950. You will need to provide an e-mail address to receive the Zoom link.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council, a local commission that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council and the City of Medford.



TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
ON ZOOM

JUNE 8

The Warmth of Other Suns
by Isabel Wilkerson

JULY 13

The Stolen Marriage
by Diane Chamberlain

AUGUST 10

TBA

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.

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

LGBTQ+ BOOK GROUP

All are welcome to read and discuss literary and non-fiction works by and about the LGBTQ+ community; from classics to contemporary titles.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16
at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Boy Erased: a memoir of identity, faith and family
by Garrard Conley

Join us for the rescheduled last meeting of the group for the summer, as well as an open discussion on things you've read lately!

TEEN NEWS



TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 21 AT 7PM

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

For teens in middle and high school!

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



TEEN GAME NIGHT



TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES
WITH OTHER MEDFORD TEENS

7PM ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:

MARCH 10 APRIL 14 MAY 12
MARCH 31 APRIL 28 MAY 26

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICOLE: 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

Duct Tape Notepad

Thursday, March 25, 7-8pm

Paper Photo Frames

Thursday, April 29, 7-8pm

String Art

Thursday, May 27, 7-8pm



Questions?
Contact Nicole:
nperrault@minlib.net

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 3
3:30 pm

Nubia: Real One
by
L.L. McKinney



Available as a free Hoopla download!

Sign up is required to access the Zoom link




FOLLOW THE TEEN SECTION
ON INSTAGRAM FOR MORE
INFO ON OUR UPCOMING
EVENTS FOR TEENS!

@MPLTEENSECTION

If you have any questions about signing up for programs or no-contact pickups, please contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

CHILDRENS' NEWS



**POINTED
POINTILLISM**
**Tuesday,
May 25
3:30PM**

This program will take place virtually over Zoom.
For ages 6+
Registration required.
email ssednek@minlib.net



**MORNINGS WITH
MATT
HEATON**

Thursday June 10
10:00AM

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



**KIDS
CRAFTERNOONS**

FRIDAY 3:30PM
June 11 - Rock painting



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



**THROUGH ME TO YOU
PUPPETRY**

SATURDAY, June 19 at 10:00AM

This online puppet story time for children ages 3-7. The program will be hosted on Zoom.
Please email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.

ZOOM MEETING ROOM

**DIGITAL STORY
TIME**

THURSDAY 10:00AM:
TODDLER TIME (AGES 2-3)



AGES 2-3
toddler time

ZOOM MEETING ROOM

**DIGITAL STORY
TIME**

WEDNESDAY 3PM:
FAMILY STORYTIME (AGES 3-6)



AGES 3-6
family story time