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MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter: Week of May 3, 2020



The Green Campaign is an effort co-chaired by Ken Krause & Maura McEnaney, who have generously committed to matching the first 50 solar panels that are donated to the library.

Name a Solar Panel \$500



Donate a solar panel and help make our library the first net-zero library in the Commonwealth!

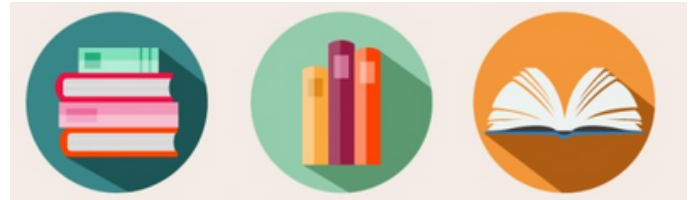
Donor names will be listed on a plaque in the Upper Vestibule.

For more information about this and other Medford Public Library Foundation donation and naming opportunities, please visit the MPLF website:
<https://www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/>

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Library Open for Browsing and Computer Appointments!



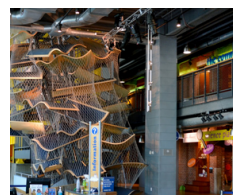
We are now open on an appointment only basis for browsing or computer use. Browsing appointments will be for 30 minutes in adult and 20 minutes in Youth Services. Computer use appointments are for one hour.

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.

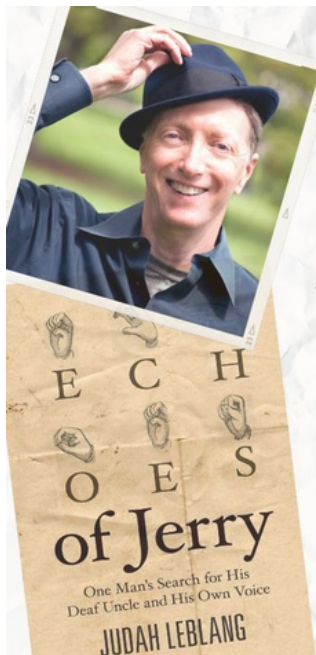
No contact holds are still encouraged.
No appointment necessary. Put an item on hold and we will check it out to you and leave it in a bag in the hallway with your name on it, to be picked up any time the building is open.

Museum Passes



We are offering museum passes!
Reservations can only be made by phone, at 781-395-7950.

Please call for details and availability!



It's Now or Never:
My Life in the Late Middle Ages
with Judah Leblang

Thursday, May 6
at 7:30 p.m. ON ZOOM

Join Medford-based writer/storyteller Judah Leblang as he presents a humorous look at middle age, life on the road, and dealing with times when 'man planned and God laughed.' Judah's show, "It's Now or Never: My Life in the Late Middle Ages," is a fast-paced exploration of aging, dating/looking for love, and going after one's dreams.

The show was chosen "Best of Festival" at the Calgary, Alberta Fringe Festival 2019, and has entertained audiences in Boston, Chicago, and Winnipeg and Edmonton, Canada.



Decoding the News
with David Wallace

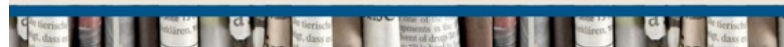
May 6, from 7:00-8:30pm
ON ZOOM

Register on the online calendar
or by calling (781) 395-7950

Be sure that you're getting useful facts about politics, social media and pandemic reports by going beyond headlines. Skip the bias, hype and noise.

Get pro tools and tactics from David Wallace, a former business/tech reporter for The New York Times and Reuters, and journalism lecturer at Boston University.

We'll discuss ways to be certain of details and separate news from opinions when it matters most.



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.

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.

FRIENDS MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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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 (1990s -) Residents Immersed in Culture
PROGRAM 4 Medford Hillside Greets the World (1915 -) Radio Broadcasts, Inventors, and an Inclusive Community

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

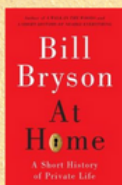
Tune in to **Medford Community Media** public access channel, Comcast Channel 3 and Verizon Channel 47 throughout April on Mon/Wed/Fri at 2:00pm and Tue/Thurs 7:00pm

MEDFORD COMMUNITY MEDIA

History Book Group

Co-sponsored by the MPL and the Medford Historical Society and Museum.

Register through the library calendar.



Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00 PM

Discussion led by Kathleen Kane
At Home: A Short History of Private Life
by Bill Bryson

Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00 PM

Discussion led by
Elaine Fossett Rittershaus
The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell



Book Groups

You must register on the library calendar to receive the Zoom invitation. Please contact the Information Desk if you need assistance with registration.

Call the Library at 781-395-7950 to have a copy checked out to you for no-contact pickup.

CALLING ALL THEATRE-LOVERS!

Play Reading Group

MPL is beginning a new play-reading club!

We can't go to the theatre, but we can explore some together, led by local actor/teacher/director Jen Lewis. Readers will receive an electronic copy of a script every month, and we will gather on Zoom on Second Wednesdays, 7-9:30 to read it aloud and discuss. The first two plays are available through the Library's Hoopla ebook platform. Sign up for Hoopla at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>.

Participants can join as an actor or audience for any show. Those wanting to act will submit a form with their role requests at least a week ahead of time and roles will be distributed by lottery per request. Scripts are chosen to reflect the breadth of American theatre in the last 50 years, dealing with issues of relevance to Medford, with at least 50% women+ writers and at least 50% BIPOC writers. A Facebook group will allow for additional discussion. Join us!

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

March 10: "Sweat" by Lynn Nottage

April 14: "The Wolves" by Sarah DeLappe

May 12: "Luck of the Irish" by Kirsten Greenidge

Please register for the group on the library calendar. If you have questions about how the group will work please email Jen at MedfordPlays@gmail.com.

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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.

SECOND THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 11

Mostly Dead Things by Kristen Arnett

APRIL 8

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
by Ocean Vuong

MAY 13

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



WEDNESDAYS
AT 7:00 P.M. ON
SEPTEMBER 30
OCTOBER 28
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
DECEMBER 30
On Zoom

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

THE GROUP IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS SO JOIN THE GROUP TO MEET YOUR COMMUNITY'S FELLOW SCRIBBLERS AND GET FEEDBACK ON YOUR WORK.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GROUP,
PLEASE CONTACT DAVID CHIA AT DUUCHIA@GMAIL.COM.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

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

MARCH 9

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

APRIL 13

Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep

MAY 11

The Swerve: How the World Became Modern
by Stephen Greenblatt

JUNE 8

The Warmth of Other Suns
by Isabel Wilkerson

TEEN NEWS

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

for teens in grades 6 and up



Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

March 4: *Superman Smashes the Klan*
by Gene Luen Yang

April 1: *Sheets*
by Brenna Thummler

May 6: *Fence, v.1*
by C.S. Pacat

Sign up is required to access the Zoom link
Questions? Contact Maddi at mranieri@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

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 + UP

THE DRAWING ZOOM

MONDAYS
3:30 PM

MARCH 8 | APRIL 12 | MAY 10

Learn to draw manga! All you need is paper and something to draw with (pen, pencil, marker, etc), and you can follow along!

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR ZOOM LINK

CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 AND UP

We meet virtually at 4pm on the
third Tuesday of the month:

March 16 | April 20 | May 18

Play games, write short stories,
build new worlds, create characters,
try new writing styles, and more!

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



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

TEEN NEWS

SHELF CARE BOOK CLUB

It's a no-book book club.
Practice shelf care and read
books that **YOU** choose!

**For teens
in grades 6-9**

We meet virtually at 4pm on the
third Wednesday of the month:

**March 17
April 21
May 19**



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



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



CHILDRENS' NEWS



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
March 11, Apr. 8,
& May 13

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

 **BABY KNEADS**
Charlotte and William Bloomberg
MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEARN HOW TO TEACH
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
TO YOUR INFANT

**BABY SIGNS
WITH SHERYL**

AGES 6 months through pre-verbal
FOUR WEEK COURSE
10AM on MONDAYS
May 3, May 10, May 17,
& May 24

Sign up required for Zoom Link



 **KIDS
CRAFTERNOONS**

FRIDAYS 3:30PM
Mar. 12 - Chibi Drawings
Apr. 9 - Upcycle Owl
May 14 - Make Your Own Buttons

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





FLOWERPOT FAIRY HOUSE
**MAY 17
3:30PM**
THIS PROGRAM WILL TAKE
PLACE VIRTUALLY OVER
ZOOM.
FOR AGES 6+
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
EMAIL
TSIEGEL@MINLIB.NET

We will supply the flower pot and some other fun stuff, take a walk in your neighborhood and see what else you can find to add.

CHILDRENS' NEWS

THURSDAY, MAR. 25 3PM	THURSDAY, APR. 29 3PM	THURSDAY, MAY 27 3PM
		

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2ND/3RD GRADE BOOK CLUB

Book club meets online and all books are available on Hoopla.
Email ssednek@minlib.net for the Zoom Meeting link.

THURSDAY, MAR. 18 3PM	THURSDAY, APR. 15 3PM	THURSDAY, MAY 20 3PM
		

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4TH/5TH GRADE BOOK CLUB

Book club meets online and all books are available on Hoopla.
Email mrnierie@minlib.net for the Zoom Meeting link.