



CHARLOTTE AND WILLIAM BLOOMBERG

# MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter: Week of June 21, 2020



## Library Open to the Public

We are now open regular hours!

9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Thursday

9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday

9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays in June

9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August

In the library spaces masks are required unless vaccinated, but we recommend that masks be worn by all.

Please observe social distance.

*Welcome back!*

**The Library will be CLOSED**  
**Saturday, July 3**  
**for Independence Day.**

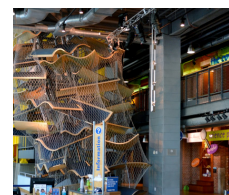
**No contact holds are still available**

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.

## Have you made your gift yet?

Consider underwriting one of the THREE hydration stations in the new library for \$2500




A 2" x 4" plaque will be placed above or beside the underwritten fountain to recognize your contribution.

Donations can be made online or by check! Checks made out to MPLF can be mailed to MPLF PO Box 215, Medford, MA 02155. Be a part of it!



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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:**  
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PROGRAM 1	Medford Hillside (1850s - ) The Land Adapts to People
PROGRAM 2	Medford Hillside Enjoys Prosperity (1890s - ) Factories Transform Boston Avenue
PROGRAM 3	Medford Hillside's Got Talent (1990s - ) Residents Immersed in Culture
PROGRAM 4	Medford Hillside Greet the World (1915 - ) Radio Broadcasts, Inventors, and an Inclusive Community




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

**June**

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

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



# June is Pride Month








## CALLING ALL THEATRE-LOVERS!

# Play Reading Group

### MPL now has a 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**

**June 9: "Cry It Out" by Molly Smith Metzler**  
**July 14: TBA**

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](mailto:MedfordPlays@gmail.com).

This program is funded by a grant from the Medford Arts Council.



For more suggestions and new releases, visit our "MPL What are you reading? And listening to? And watching?" Facebook Group!

## 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.



WEDNESDAYS  
AT 7:00 P.M. ON

**JUNE 30**  
**JULY 28**  
**AUGUST 25**

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](mailto:DUUCHIA@GMAIL.COM).

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NO-BOOK BOOK CLUB

Wednesday,  
June 23 at 3:30pm

There's no assigned book in this book club! Practice shelf care and read books that **YOU** choose. Then come talk about them with other Medford teens!

For teens in  
middle school

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



FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 + UP

## THE DRAWING ZOOM

MONDAYS  
3:30 PM  
JUNE 14 | JULY 12

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 3pm on the third Tuesday of the month:  
**June 15 | July 20**

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

# TEEN NEWS

## 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

### DIY Pop-Up Cards

Thursday, June 24, 7-8pm

### No-Sew T-Shirt Bags

Thursday, July 29, 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:

JUNE 9                      JULY 14  
JUNE 30                    JULY 28

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!

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  
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# CHILDRENS' NEWS



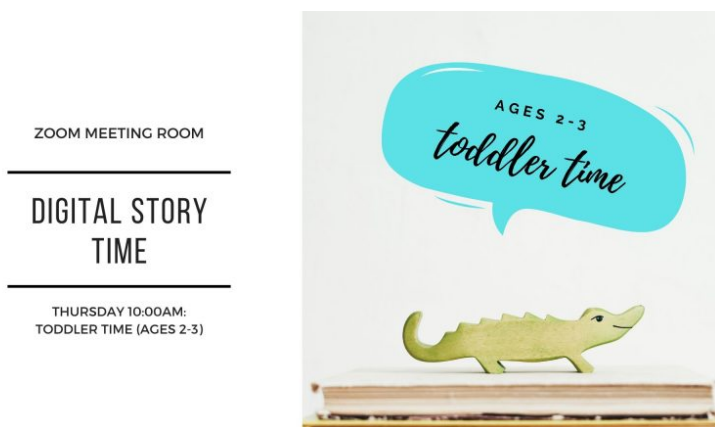
**Can you rise to the challenge to keep reading all summer long?**

Children ages 0-12 (or entering grade 5) can register for the Kid Edition Summer Reading Challenge at [www.medfordlibrary.beanstack.org](http://www.medfordlibrary.beanstack.org) and log every minute they're reading from June 19th-August 31st.

Summer is a great time to try out new books and explore different ways of reading. But don't forget that everything counts! Newspapers, magazines, comics, audiobooks—hey, if you're reading, COUNT those minutes.

Our top 5 readers and 3 random 'raffled' winners [plus their families] will get a once in a lifetime opportunity to sneak into the NEW Medford Public Library before it opens to the public for an all-access tour and ice cream party.

**3...2...1... START READING!**



Email [tsiegel@minlib.net](mailto:tsiegel@minlib.net) for Zoom link - This program will run through the end of June 2021



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