Library Re-Opening to the Public

We are resuming regular hours on Tuesday June 1. We will be open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

We will continue contactless pickup and returns in the hallway. In the library spaces masks are required unless vaccinated, but we recommend that masks be worn by all. Please observe social distance.

Welcome back!

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 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.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Saturday, June 12
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
East Cambridge Savings Bank, 2nd floor
105 Broadway, Arlington

- Good quality used books for children and adults
- Audiobooks, CDs and DVDs
- Games and puzzles

Shopping appointment information coming soon!

Masks required. Please park on the street, not in the lot.

Questions? Email rtsiegel@comcast.net

Moving Back to High Street!

Although the schedule is not finalized, we expect to move back to High St. in September, and to open to the public in early October. We will be closed for several weeks as we move back. Please check the library website and Facebook page for updates.

Thank you to the Cummings Foundation and Bill Cummings for awarding the Medford Public Library a $100,000 Cummings Grant as part of the Cummings Foundation's 25 Million Grant Program.

This is in addition to the $188,000 in kind donation from Bill Cummings. This generous grant will be used to equip our new Makerspace.
Network Item Billing to Resume May 17

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 resolved. Once a book is returned, the billed cost will be removed.

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

The Medford Public Library is still not charging late fees. This policy may be different at different Minuteman Network Libraries.

Please call 781-395-7950 with any questions.

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!

Open museums include:

- Boston Children's' Museum
- Davis Farmland
- Franklin Park/Stone Zoo
- Institute of Contemporary Art
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Mass Audubon Society sites
- Mass State Parks (DCR) Pass
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- Peabody Essex Museum
- Trustees GO Pass
- USS Constitution Museum

Available now from Medford Community Media!

The History of Medford’s Hillside Neighborhood

Medford Hillside is our present home during the construction of the new building. Join local historians Dee Morris and Will Tenney, as they present a fresh look at this unique Medford neighborhood.

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

This and past episodes are available at https://medford.vod.castus.tv/vod

If you have any questions, give us a call at 781-395-7950.
**Tuesday Night Book Group**  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- **June 8**  
  *The Warmth of Other Suns*  
  by Isabel Wilkerson

- **July 13**  
  *The Stolen Marriage*  
  by Diane Chamberlain

- **August 10**  
  *TBA*

**LGBTQ+ Book Group**

Wednesday, June 16  
at 7:00 p.m.  
*Boy Erased*  
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!

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.

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**The Cooking Gene**  
with author and historian Michael W. Twitty

Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
ON ZOOM

Register through the online calendar.

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.

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**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 Milonga](#)!

**Thursday, June 17**  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Polka**

Please register through the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.

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**Writer’s Workshop**

Last Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
unless otherwise listed.

Zoom Writer's Workshop will be held on

- **June 30**
- **July 28**
- **August 25**

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.
Have you seen what's happening on High Street?

IT'S REALLY COMING!

Nearly 750 people have made their contribution!

HOW ABOUT YOU?

We still need your help & every gift counts!

What about a solar panel?
Be a part of the Inaugural Book Fund!
How about a leaf?
Contribute to the IT Fund!

THE MEDFORD FAMILY LEAF $250

Put your loved one’s name, up to 50 characters, on a beautiful 24”x3” metal Leaf on the Medford Family Tree & put your family’s story in the Medford Family Digital Book. Tree will be prominently located near the Multi Purpose Performance Space & the Medford Family Digital Book will be on the MPL website.

NAME A CHAIR $500

Fund a Chair in the beautiful Multi Purpose Performance Space. Donor names will be listed on a large plaque in the room. (100 available)

NAME A BIKE RACK $1500

Support sustainability by providing a Bike Rack for the new library. Donor names will be listed on a plaque in the Upper Vestibule.

NAME A SHELVING UNIT IN THE NEW LIBRARY $2500 & $5000

Salute your loved one by naming a bookshelf unit in the new library. Large units for the adult library are 76” tall. Small units are 46” and will be in the children’s and young adult library. Plaques will be roughly 10”x10” and placed on both ends of the unit.

NAME A SOLAR PANEL $500

In honor of your sustainability champion, help make the library GREEN by underwriting one of the 700 Solar Panels that will be a part of the Photovoltaic Array. Donor names will be listed on a plaque in the Upper Vestibule.

Make your gift online or mail your check to
MPLF PO Box 215, Medford, MA 02155

MedfordPublicLibraryFoundation.org/Donate
Look for our logo throughout this newsletter marking everything that your donations help fund.

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.

Got books/DVDs/puzzles to donate?
Please email us at friends@friendsofmedfordlibrary.org to make arrangements for us to pick them up. (Check our website to see what we are accepting.)

Welcome New Friends:
Lisa Brukilacchio & Mark Torgerson
Jennifer Freeburn & Peter Lemack
Maria Lobikin
Marisol Marquez
Mary Pappas
Vanessa S Plant

FRIENDS OF THE MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPRING BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 10AM - 4PM
EAST CAMBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK, 2ND FLOOR
105 BROADWAY, ARLINGTON
- Good quality used books for children and adults
- Audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs
- Games and puzzles

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Franklin Park and Stone Zoo, Trustees, Peabody Essex Museum and Mass Audubon museum passes are available.
These do change often.
Museum Reservations are now available online as well as by phone.
Please call for more information.

Check out the FMPL Digital Booksale!
For grab bags, puzzles, DVD’s, games, and books for adults and children for sale by the Friends of the Medford Public Library, please check out the Virtual Book Sale on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/FMPLSale/

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

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

www.friendsofmedfordlibrary.org Facebook: The Friends of the Medford Public Library
friendsofmedfordlibrary@gmail.com
2021 TEEN SUMMER READING

For teens entering grades 6-12

This summer, you can earn raffle tickets by logging books, recording time spent reading, and completing extra bookish challenges!

You can enter these tickets for a chance to win one of our 5 end of year prizes OR for a chance to tour the new library before our grand opening!

What counts as reading for this challenge: Did you read words? Did you listen to words? That counts!

SIGN UP AT MEDFORDLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG

You can join the 2021 Teen Reading Challenge at any time! If you've signed up for one of our previous reading challenges, you can use the same login information or create a new one. You can also access the challenge through the free Beanstack app.

Questions? Contact Nicole at 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.

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**TEEN GAME NIGHT**

Take a break and play virtual games with other Medford teens

**WEDNESDAY,** **WEDNESDAY,**
**JUNE 9, 7PM** **JUNE 30, 7PM**

Sign up required for the Zoom link!

Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

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**THE DRAWING ZOOM**

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 + UP

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.

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**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
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

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

VIRTUAL TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 25 at 7pm
For teens in grades 6 and up
Once you've signed up, we'll send you a poll so you can vote for the movie we watch!
Sign up is required for the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library's online calendar.
Questions? Contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

NO EXIT?
VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOMS FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 AND UP

Get ready to try and escape these rooms:
Murder Mystery
Percy Jackson
and Escape the YA Clichés

Our Teen Advisory Board has created these three virtual escape rooms for teens this summer! Keep an eye out for release dates and time limits on our website (medfordlibrary.org) and social media pages.

Questions? Contact Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net
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!

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**MORNINGS WITH**

**MATT HEATON**

Thursday June 10  
10:00AM  

Singalong is a free virtual program hosted on the library's Facebook page.
ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL.
EMAIL SSEDNEK@MINLIB.NET IF YOU NEED THE LINK TO THE ZOOM OR ONLINE MEETING ROOM.
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ONLINE MEETING ROOM.
Can you rise to the challenge to keep reading all summer long?

As we will be prepping to move back to our library on High Street, we’re keeping the summer reading challenge simple and sweet this year.

Children ages 0-12 (or entering grade 5) can register for the Kid Edition Summer Reading Challenge at 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.

WHY? Because this year our Summer Reading Prize is the best one ever!!

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.

So...are you ready?

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