



CHARLOTTE AND WILLIAM BLOOMBERG

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



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.

Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library

Suite G-350, 200 Boston Ave.
Medford, MA 02155
(781) 395-7950 www.medfordlibrary.org

Library Hours as of June 1, 2020

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

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!



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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.



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>



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



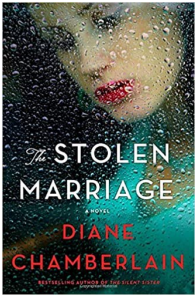
If you have any questions, give us a call at 781-395-7950.

Summer Events

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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.

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.



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.

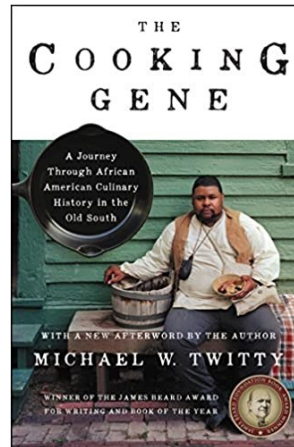
THE COOKING GENE

with author and historian Michael W. Twitty

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

ON ZOOM

Register through the online calendar.

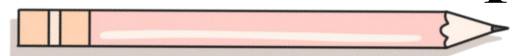


For African American culinary historian Michael W. Twitty, there was a giant hole in the story of American cooking as big as the one in the story of most African American families. Putting the microscope on himself, Michael decided to fully trace out his family history through the story of Southern and 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.



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.

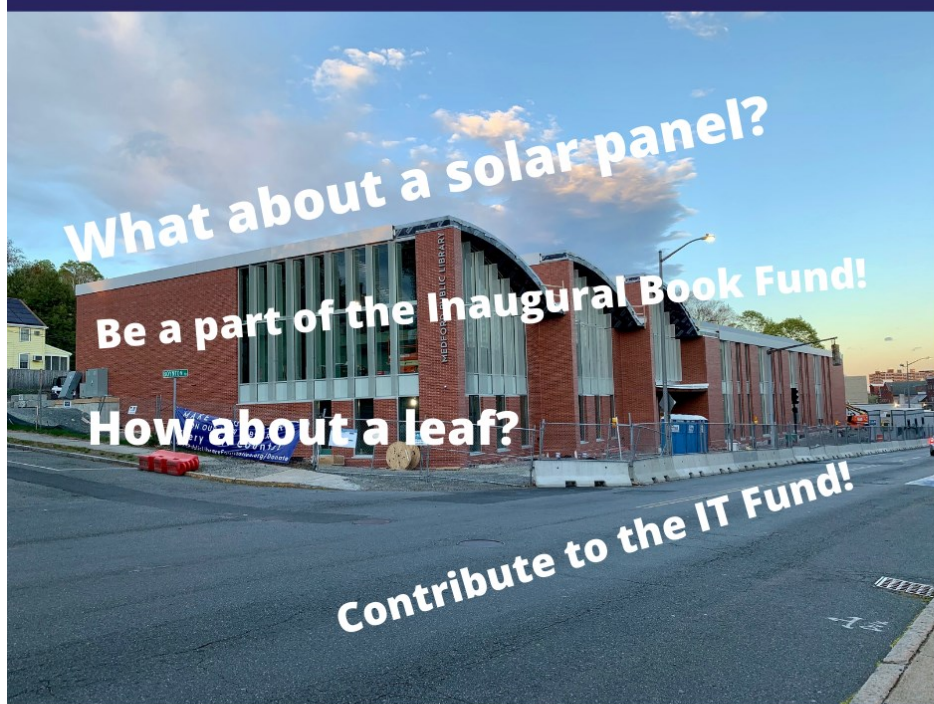
Have you seen what's happening on High Street?

IT'S REALLY COMING!

Nearly 750 people have made their contribution!

HOW ABOUT YOU?

We still need your help & every gift counts!



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.

THE MEDFORD FAMILY LEAF \$250

Put your loved one's name, up to 50 characters, on a beautiful 2½"x 3"½ 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 7'6" tall. Small units are 4'6" 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.

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

MedfordPublicLibraryFoundation.org/Donate



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.)

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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Welcome New Friends:

Lisa Brukilacchio &
Mark Torgerson

Jennifer Freeburn & Peter
Lemack

Maria Lobikin

Marisol Marquez

Mary Pappas

Vanessa S Plant

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](https://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 Programs

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

TEEN GAME NIGHT

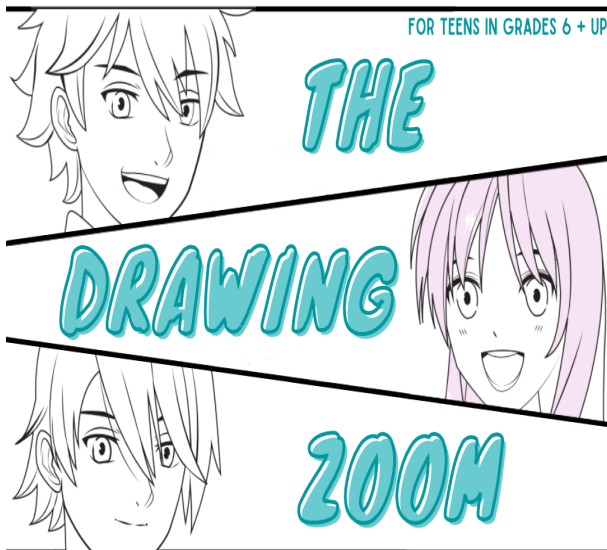


TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES
WITH OTHER MEDFORD TEENS

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

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICOLE: NPERRAULT@MINLIB.NET



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

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

Questions?
Contact Nicole:
nperrault@minlib.net

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!





MORNINGS WITH

MATT HEATON

Thursday June 10
10:00AM

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

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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.



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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.

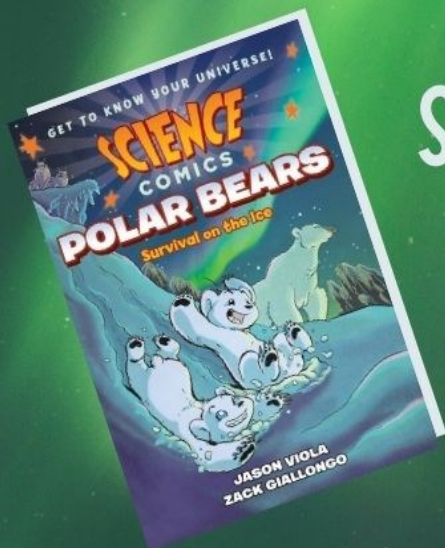
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EMAIL [SSEDNEK@MINLIB.NET](mailto:ssednek@minlib.net) IF YOU NEED THE LINK TO THE ZOOM OR ONLINE MEETING ROOM .

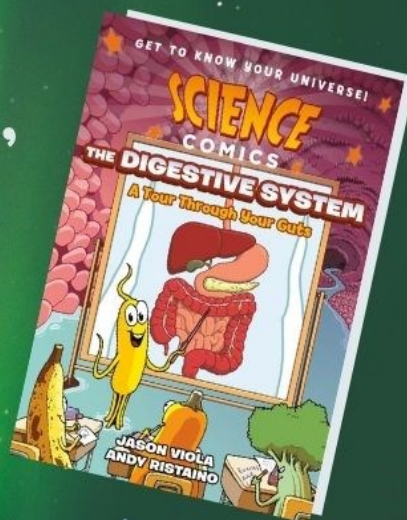
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JASON VIOLA

author visit



Saturday,
July 31
10 am



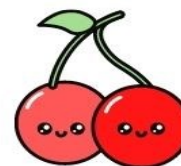
Disney
Family Trivia Game

FRIDAY, JULY 9
4PM

This program is designed for families to play together. It is a virtual event.
Email ssednek@minlib.net to sign-up.

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ONLINE MEETING ROOM .

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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!

Calendar of Events

June

Wednesday, June 2
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 3
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
YA: Graphic Novel Club 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 8
Tuesday Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 10
CL: Singalong 10:00 a.m.
The Cooking Gene 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 11
CL: Kids' Crafternoon 3:30 p.m.
Monday, June 14
YA: Drawing Zoom 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15
YA: Creative Writing 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 17
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Dance Caliente: Polka 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19
CL: Puppet Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 23
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
YA: No-Book Book Club 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 24
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
YA: DIY Pop-Up Cards 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 25
YA: Virtual Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 30
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Writer's Workshop 7:00 p.m.

July

Thursday, July 1
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 7
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 8
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Friday, July 9
CL: Disney Family Trivia 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 12
YA: Drawing Zoom 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13
Tuesday Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 15
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 20
YA: Creative Writing 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 21
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 22
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 28
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Writer's Workshop 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 29
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
YA: No-Sew T-Shirt Bags 7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 30
YA: Teen Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 31
CL: Jason Viola Visit 10:00 a.m.

August

Wednesday, August 4
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 5
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 10
Tuesday Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 11
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 12
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 18
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 19
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 25
CL: Family Story Time 3:00 p.m.
Writer's Workshop 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 26
CL: Toddler Story Time 10:00 a.m.

All library programs are still virtual.
Unless otherwise indicated, sign up for program
on the library calendar in order to receive a
Zoom invitation.



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