



CHARLOTTE & WILLIAM BLOOMBERG MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter: Week of July 26, 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!

**We are still in our temporary location at
200 Boston Ave.**

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.

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Good news for the Green Campaign!

The MPL is one of four 2021 EBSCO Solar Grant Winners. The library will receive an EBSCO Solar Grant of \$25,000 to pay for the installation of a solar array. The grants offset the cost of installing solar panels and allow the libraries to reduce their electricity expenditures.

This grant will greatly boost our campaign to underwrite the photovoltaic panel array to be installed on the roof of the new Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library. This community-supported effort will make the building the first net zero public library in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is a beautiful day in Medford! With the EBSCO solar grant, the GREEN Campaign has now achieved its goal of 250 solar panels! HUGE thanks to all of you who helped us achieve this milestone for the new library. A very special thanks to Ken Krause & Maura McEnaney for stewarding this important campaign.

If you would like to contribute, there are still many solar panels to be named, so don't wait! Make your mark on our new library's sustainability!





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.

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!



TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

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

JULY 13

The Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlain

AUGUST 10

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

SEPTEMBER 14

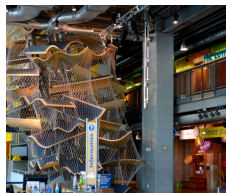
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

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.

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

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.

Rakuten OverDrive



Magazines Now Available!

Enjoy ebooks, audiobooks & magazines all in one app!

Libby.

The one-tap reading app from your local library.



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



2021 TEEN READING CHALLENGE

For teens in grades 6 - 12

We've put together a collection of bookish challenges to help you read inside *and* outside your comfort zone in 2021.

Complete as many as you can for a chance to win one of our 5 end of year prizes!

SIGN UP AT [MEDFORDLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG](https://medfordlibrary.beanstack.org)

You can also access the challenge through the free Beanstack app!

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

LGBTQIAP+ TEENS & ALLIES GRADES 6 & UP



Chameleon is going fully virtual (no meetings) for the spring and summer! Get involved by creating all kinds of LGBTQIAP+ content for the Medford community, such as pages for our GAYBCs picture book for kids, and posts for our Tumblr account, mplchameleon.tumblr.com/!

Questions? Contact Maddi at mranieri@minlib.net

tinyurl.com/MPLPJEScapeRoom



Percy Jackson Escape Room

Created by the
Teen Advisory Board

Complete the quests to
fulfill the prophecy

Make it to the end to
earn extra raffle
tickets for our Teen
Reading Challenge!

PLAY NOW



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



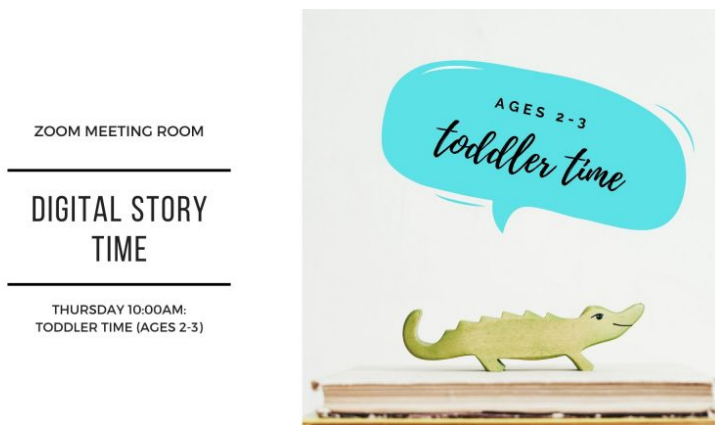
Can you rise to the challenge to keep reading all summer long?

Children ages 0-12 (or entering grade 5) can register for the Kid Edition Summer Reading Challenge at www.medfordlibrary.beanstack.org 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 for Zoom link - This program will run through the end of June 2021



Email ssednek@minlib.net for Zoom link - This program will run through the end of June 2021