



CHARLOTTE & WILLIAM BLOOMBERG MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter: Week of July 5, 2020



**The Library will be
CLOSED
Saturday, July 3 and
Monday, July 5
for Independence Day.**

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

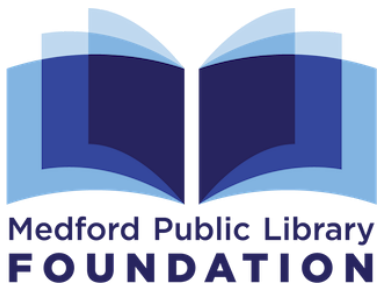
In the library spaces masks are required unless vaccinated, but we recommend that masks be worn by all.

Please observe social distance.

Welcome back!

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.



Name a Computer Station in the new Library!

\$1,000

A plaque in the Technology Lab will list all underwriters of computer stations and other technology for the library.

For this and other donation opportunities, please visit <https://www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate>

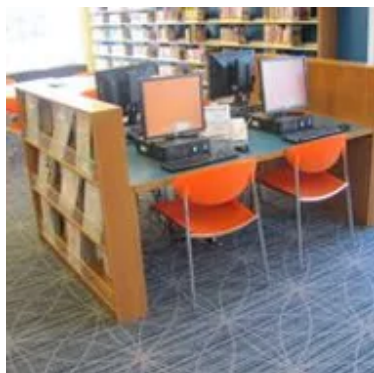


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CALLING ALL THEATRE-LOVERS!

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: "Two Boys Lost" by Bill Doncaster

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.

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



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

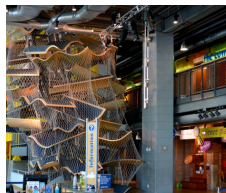
SEPTEMBER 14

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.

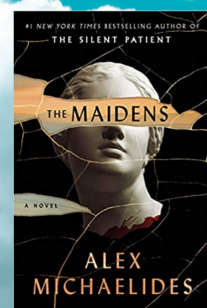
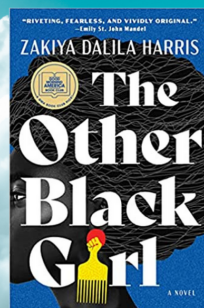
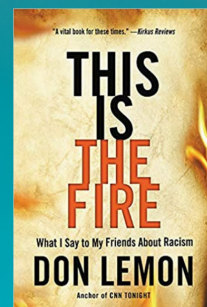
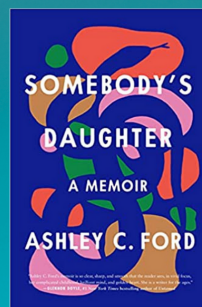
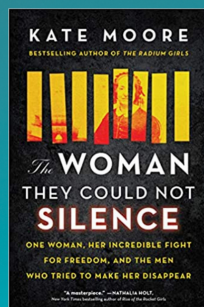
Museum Passes

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.

Dive into Summer Reading!



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



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.

TEEN GAME NIGHT



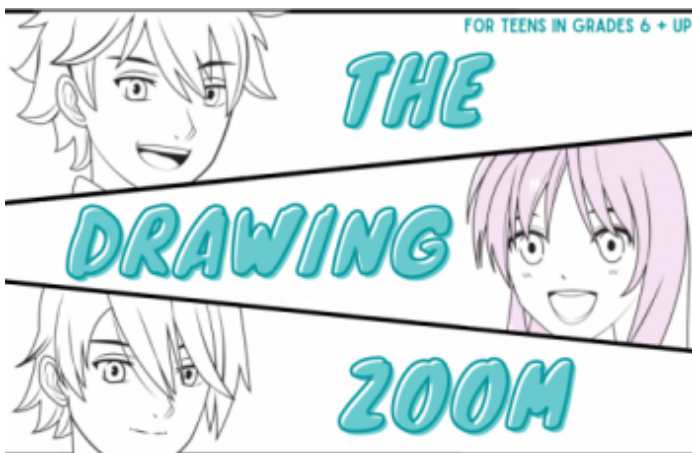
TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES
WITH OTHER MEDFORD TEENS

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



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

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

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



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



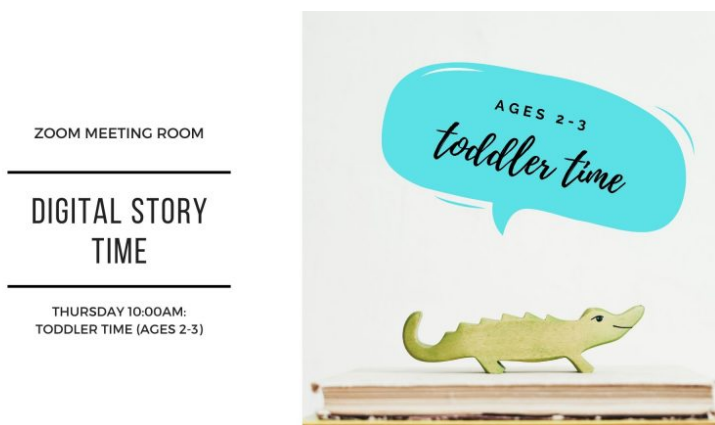
Can you rise to the challenge to keep reading all summer long?

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