

# CHARLOTTE & WILLIAM BLOOMBERG MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall  
2021



## Return of the print newsletter!

In December we will resume printing hard copies of our quarterly newsletter. Copies will be available at the New Library! As always, you can sign up at <https://medfordlibrary.org/newsletter/> to have the digital version sent to your email.

## The Library is open without appointments!

The Library is now open regular hours at full capacity. 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.

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

### Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library

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

#### Library Hours

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.



## Fall schedule



Unfortunately, due to a steel shortage, our new shelving is delayed. Moving into the new Library will probably take place November, into December of this year.

Please check our website and Facebook page for the latest news and updates during this transitional time!

### Friday, September 3

Opening at 11:00 a.m.

### Saturday, September 4

Library closed

### Monday, September 6

Library closed for Labor Day

### Monday, October 10

Library closed for Columbus Day

### Friday, November 11

Library closed for Veterans' Day

### Wednesday, November 24

Library closing at 5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, November 25

Library closed for Thanksgiving

### 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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# Fall News and Events

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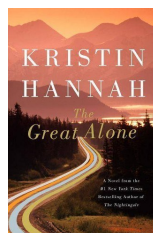
## Welcome Kristen Dabney, our new Technology Librarian!



Kristen joins us after working at several colleges as an assistive technology specialist. They finished their coursework for a Master's in Library and Information Science at in May and are so excited to be here! Kristen enjoys fanfiction, role playing games, and bright colors.

## Tuesday Night Book Group

Second Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM



**September 14**  
*The Great Alone*  
by Kristin Hannah  
**October 12 and**  
**November 9**  
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.

## LGBTQ+ Book Group

Second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to read and discuss works by and about the LGBTQ+ community.

**December 9**  
**January 9**  
**February 10**



## Volunteers Needed

Help us move in October and November. The staff needs help packing, unpacking, and re-shelving our collections. If you would be interested in helping please email Kathleen Kane at [medford@minlib.net](mailto:medford@minlib.net). Volunteers get to see the new library first!

## The new Gallery Committee is seeking members



We are accepting applications from interested parties to help with the new library gallery. Committee members will select art for the gallery, and help with publicity and promotion.

If you are interested please email Kathleen Kane at [medford@minlib.net](mailto:medford@minlib.net)

## Museum Passes

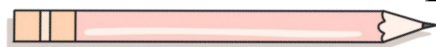
Online Museum Pass reservations are back!



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.

## Writer's Workshop



Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Zoom Writer's Workshop will be held on

**September 29**  
**October 27**  
**November 24**

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](mailto:duuchia@gmail.com).

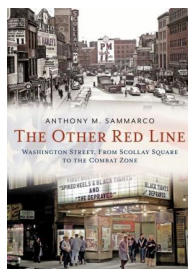
## The Other Red Line: From Scollay Square to the Combat Zone

with Anthony Sammarco

Co sponsored by the FMPL and the MHSM

**December 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

Bonsignore Hall at the new MPL, 111 High St.



The Other Red Line was literally the connecting point between Scollay Square and the Combat Zone, the two preeminent adult entertainment districts in Boston. *The Other Red Line* is a fascinating glimpse into the adult entertainment districts of twentieth-century Boston.



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](mailto: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

# **FALL BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 10-4**

EAST CAMBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK, 2ND FLOOR  
105 BROADWAY, ARLINGTON

- Good quality, used books for kids & Adults
- Audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs
- Games and puzzles

Sign up to shop at: <https://bit.ly/3kccDr5>

For more information: [Tamar@friendsofmedfordlibrary.org](mailto:Tamar@friendsofmedfordlibrary.org)

## **Welcome New Friends:**

Gail Airasian & Shane Norton  
Joanna K. Danemayer  
Nancy L. Frabetti  
Jim James  
Sharon McCarthy  
Yusuf Nasrullah  
Jewel Spack

**Franklin Park and Stone Zoo,  
Trustees, Peabody Essex Museum and  
Mass Audubon museum  
passes are available.**

These do change often.

Museum Reservations are only available  
by phone at this time.

Please call for more information.

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



## **Save the Date...**

**For the Friends of Medford Public Library  
Annual Meeting.**

**Saturday, November 13 at 7pm**

In our new building!

**Get a tour "behind the books" and learn more  
about the Friends and what they do.**

You must be a current member to come to the  
meeting. (There is still time to join!)

**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**





# 2021 TEEN READING CHALLENGE



## For teens entering grades 6-12

This year, 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.

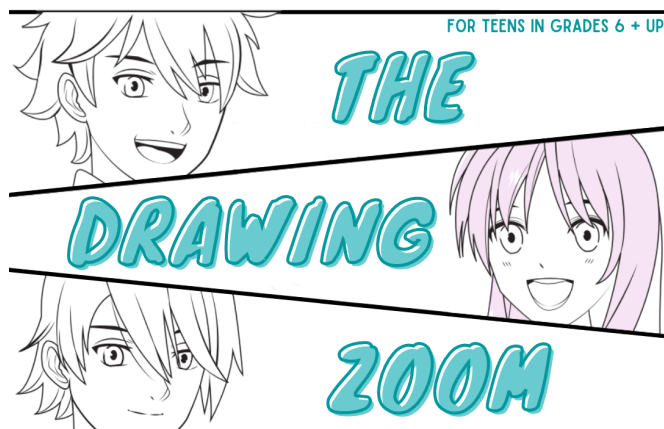
What counts as reading for this challenge:  
Did you read words? Did you listen to words?  
That counts!

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

You can join the 2021 Teen Reading Challenge at any time this year. If you've signed up for one of our previous reading challenges, you can use the same login information or create a new one.

**Questions? Contact Nicole at [nperrault@minlib.net](mailto:nperrault@minlib.net)**

# Teen Programs



**THURSDAYS**  
**3:30 PM**  
**SEPTEMBER 9 | OCTOBER 7**

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**

**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

**No-Paint Paint Night**  
Thursday, September 30, 7-8pm

**Duct Tape Magic Cubes**  
Thursday, October 28, 7-8pm

Questions?  
Contact Nicole:  
nperrault@minlib.net

**CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS**  
FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 AND UP

**3:30-4:30pm on**  
**September 16 | October 14**

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 GAME NIGHT**

**TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES WITH OTHER MEDFORD TEENS**

**FROM 7-8:30PM ON**  
**SEPTEMBER 23 & OCTOBER 21**

**SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOM LINK!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICOLE: NPERRAULT@MINLIB.NET**

## TEEN SOCIAL MEDIA



For the most up to date information about what's going on in the Teen Section, follow us on Instagram! We post almost daily - everything from book recommendations to book domino videos, from event information to old library flashbacks, and so much more!

While we're working on putting the Teen Space together, we'll also be posting pictures of the progress so you can follow along!

Chameleon is the library's drop-in group for LGBTQIAP+ youth and allies in grades 6 and up! Typically, the group meets once a month in order to chat, connect, work on fun projects, and play games in a safe, open, and welcoming space.

While we're prepping the new space, we won't be holding meetings, but there will be plenty of projects and resources shared on the Chameleon tumblr! Head there to find projects you can contribute to, book and media recommendations, and other informational resources!



**FOLLOW US @MPLTEENSECTION**

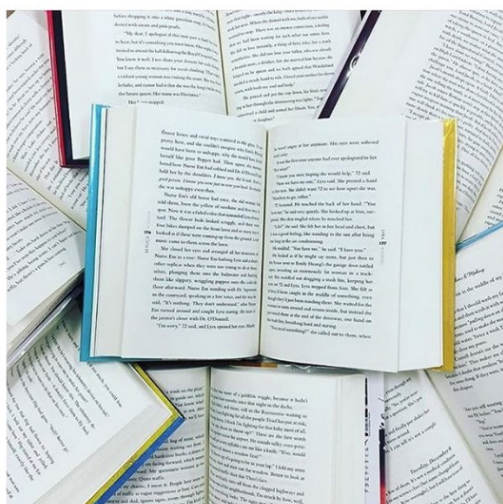
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# TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In-person volunteering will return in the new building, but while we're setting up the new Teen Space, we have some digital volunteer opportunities available! **Applications and forms can be found on our website at [medfordlibrary.org/teens](http://medfordlibrary.org/teens)**

## TEEN BOOK REVIEWER



*For teens in grades 6 and up.* The library has a collection of honest book reviews written by Medford teens called "Should I Read This?" Teens can contribute up to 2 book reviews per year and receive hours\* for reading the book and writing the review. Book reviews must be written about books available in the Teen Section of the library. Reviews can be submitted for approval through our Teen Book Review Form.  
\*Maximum of 6 hours per book

## DIGITAL CONTENT CREATOR



*For teens in grades 6 and up.* Help us create digital content while we all practice safe social distancing! You can create a TikTok, Instagram post, stop motion video, etc. The digital content you create can be informational, artwork, book reviews, or anything else you can think up! To sign up, please fill out the Teen Space Creative Content Application and we will get back to you to as soon as possible to confirm details.

**Questions? Contact Nicole at [nperrault@minlib.net](mailto:nperrault@minlib.net)**



**NEW CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAMS  
COMING SOON!**

We are getting ready to move to the new library space but, if you are a teacher or daycare provider, you can email Sam at [ssednek@minlib.net](mailto:ssednek@minlib.net) to request a class visit or storytime!



*Thanks Nora Roberts  
Foundation!!!*

The Nora Roberts Foundation gifted Medford Public Library's children's department \$3000 to start a collection of PlayAway Audiobook players.

Look for them in the new library!



# Calendar of Events

## September

**Friday, September 3**  
Library opening late  
11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, September 4**  
Library closed

**Monday, September 6**  
Library closed for Labor Day

**Thursday, September 9**  
YA: Drawing Zoom  
3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 11**  
FMPL Book Sale  
10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 14**  
Tuesday Night Book Group  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 16**  
YA: Teen Creative Writing  
3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 23**  
YA: Teen Game Night  
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 29**  
Writer's Workshop  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 30**  
YA: No-Paint Paint Night  
7:00 p.m.

## October

**Thursday, October 7**  
YA: Drawing Zoom  
3:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 10**  
Library closed for  
Columbus Day

**Tuesday, October 12**  
Tuesday Night Book Group  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 14**  
YA: Teen Creative Writing  
3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 16**  
YA: Creative Writing  
3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 21**  
YA: Teen Game Night  
7:00 p.m.

## November

**Tuesday, November 9**  
Tuesday Night Book Group  
7:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 11**  
Library closed for  
Veterans' Day

**Wednesday, November 24**  
Library will close early  
5:00 p.m.  
Writer's Workshop  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 25**  
Library closed for  
Thanksgiving



### **All events/meetings are still virtual.**

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

### **The Friends of the Library Book Sale**

will be held at the East Cambridge Savings Bank, 101 Broadway (Second Floor), Arlington.

Please keep an eye on the website, Facebook, or give us a call at (781) 395-7950 for the most recent schedule updates, including moving and re-opening!



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