

# CHARLOTTE & WILLIAM BLOOMBERG MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**The Library is fully open to the public in our new building at 111 High Street. No appointments necessary.**

### Shelving Update

We are happy to report that most of the first floor shelving has arrived and is being installed.

We will have signage and maps available soon - in the meantime if you can't find something in the adult area, please ask a librarian.

Due to supply chain issues we do not yet have an arrival date for the second floor shelving.

Cross your fingers for mid-February!

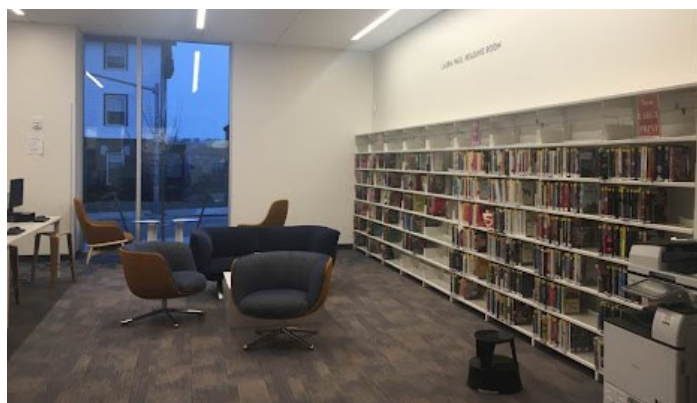


### Masks Required

Per the Board of Health, masks are required in all Library spaces. This includes quiet areas and study rooms.

### No food or drink

Currently, no food or drink are allowed inside the Library. Please consume all food and beverages outside prior to entering.



### 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!



### Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library

111 High Street  
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.

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## 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.*



## Introducing Playaways!

Playaways are pre-loaded self-playing audiobooks. Play a book with the touch of a button. Rewind or fast forward as needed. All you need are earphones and a battery.

Playaways weigh two ounces and are small enough to fit in your pocket so you can listen as you go. The universal jack is also compatible with car stereo systems and portable speakers with wire input.

The Playaway collection includes adult, teen and children's titles. Our new collection was sponsored by the Medford Public Library Foundation.

Playaways circulate for three weeks. Batteries and earphones not included.

## Fines Resuming

Beginning February 1st, we will resume charging fines for overdue items. Items which have been overdue for over a month will be considered lost and a notice will be sent billing you for the replacement cost. If you return the book, that bill will be removed, and you will only be charged the regular overdue fee.

**Please call 781-395-7950  
if you have any questions!**

## Car Charging Station

Did you know that the parking lot includes a charging station for electric cars?

We now have a Chargepoint level 2 charger in our parking lot. It charges 20 mi/hr at 6.6kW (J1772), for \$0.25/kWh. For questions or comments, email [enviro@medford-ma.gov](mailto:enviro@medford-ma.gov)



## zoom ZOOM Programing

The Library is hosting and co-hosting a variety of Zoom-based programs in the coming month. These include:

- Get Organized: The Feng Shui Approach** February 3, 1:00 am
- The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen** February 8, 2:00 pm
- The Great British Baking Tour** February 9, 7:00 pm
- Asteroids, Comets & Near Earth Objects** February 18, 11:00 am
- The Discovery Of A Masterpiece** March 1, 7:00 pm

For full listings, visit:

<https://medfordlibrary.org/adult-programing-events/>

## Fundraising Update

While the library will be accepting donations going forward, **March 1** is the deadline to be a **FOUNDING DONOR** and have your name on a plaque.



Naming opportunities still exist and can be found at [MedfordPublicLibraryFoundation.org/donate](https://MedfordPublicLibraryFoundation.org/donate).



All current book groups take place on Zoom until further notice.

Books are available both digitally and at the Library.

Call the Library at (781) 395-7950 to have a copy placed on hold for you.



WEDNESDAYS  
AT 7:00 P.M. ON  
**DECEMBER 29**  
**JANUARY 26**  
**FEBRUARY 23**  
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.

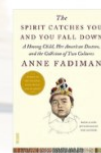
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID CHIA AT DUUCHIA@GMAIL.COM.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

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

**FEBRUARY 8**

*Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson

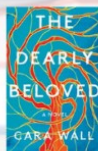


**MARCH 8**

*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*  
by Anne Fadiman

**APRIL 11**

*The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall



**MAY 10**

*The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller



Books will be available approximately four weeks in advance.  
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**LGBTQ+**

## BOOK GROUP

All are welcome to read and discuss literary and non-fiction works by and about the LGBTQ+ community; from classics to contemporary titles.

Second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
ON ZOOM

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**January 13**

*The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith  
*Devils, Lusts, and Strange Desires: the Life of Patricia Highsmith*  
by Richard Bradford

**February 10**

*The Prophets* by Robert Jones, Jr.

**March 10**

*The Subtweet* by Vivek Shraya

**April 7**

(note: this is the first Thursday!)  
*Shadow Life* by Hiromi Goto and An Xu

**May 12**

*Ordinary Girls* by Jaquira Díaz

**June 9**

*Detransition, Baby* by Torrey Peters

## Memoir Writing Workshop

with local author Judah Leblang

Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**February 22nd through April 5th**

Medford Public Library, 111 High Street




In this course, open to writers or aspiring writers at all levels of experience, we will:

- Discuss the process of writing memoir pieces and what makes a good story
- Look at examples of short memoir vignettes and discuss what makes them effective
- Refine your pieces in a workshop format and receive supportive/constructive feedback
- Complete a series of in-class writing exercises
- Expand your understanding of the craft of writing memoir/creative nonfiction
- Develop or strengthen your writing practice.
- Have fun while learning

Judah Leblang is a writer, storyteller and teacher who divides his time between Boston and Medford. He is a columnist for Bay Windows, Boston's LGBT newspaper, and the author of the new memoir "Echoes of Jerry." He teaches nonfiction writing at GrubStreet, Literary Cleveland and other venues. Find out more at judahleblang.com

# TEEN PROGRAMS



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## TEEN GAME NIGHTS

For teens in middle and high school

Take a break and play some games - video games, board games, and more!

In the Teen Section on the first Tuesday of the month:

### February 1, 7-8:30pm

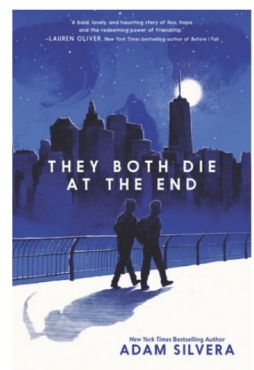
No sign up needed, just drop in!

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

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## BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB

Did #BookTok make you read it? Let's talk about it. For teens in grades 8 and up.



**February 8, 7-7:30pm**

*They Both Die at the End*, by Adam Silvera

We'll talk about all books, but focus on a particular one each month. Sign up required! Sign up through our online calendar and pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Section up to one month before the meeting!

Questions? Contact Nicole: [nperrault@minlib.net](mailto:nperrault@minlib.net) | 781-475-5735

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FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 + UP

# TEEN MANGA DRAWING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
3:30 PM  
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM ROOM  
TOPIC: CHIBIS

Drop in once a month to learn how to draw manga! Supplies will be provided by the library. All skill levels welcome!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MADDI AT [MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET](mailto:MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET)

## Join The LIBRARY DISCORD

Fill out the application form to join the server! Once you fill it out, you will be emailed the invite link!




Chat with other teens, share your book recs, have game nights, study together, and more!

You must be 13 years old in order to comply with Discord Terms of Service and no older than 18 years old. This is a teens-only server.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole in the Teen Section:  
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# TEEN PROGRAMS

LGBTQIAP+ YOUTH AND ALLIES IN GRADES 6-9!



**THEME:**  
BLACK  
LGBTQIA+ LIFE  
& HISTORY

**TUES  
FEB. 15**

WITH A FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT THEME EACH MONTH, COME CHAT, CONNECT, WORK ON FUN PROJECTS, AND PLAY GAMES IN A SAFE, OPEN, AND WELCOMING SPACE.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MADDI: MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET

## NO- BOOK BOOK CLUB

There are **NO** assigned books for this book club! Instead, we'll talk about whatever books you're all currently reading!

**For teens in grades 6-8.**  
**No sign up required,**  
**just drop in!**

This club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Bonsignore Hall

**February 17**  
**3:30-4:00pm**

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## TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 22  
3:30 PM**

**YOUTH SERVICES  
PROGRAM ROOM**

**DJELIYA  
BY  
JUNI BA**



AVAILABLE AS A FREE HOOPLA DOWNLOAD,  
OR PICK UP A COPY IN THE TEEN ROOM!

SIGN UP REQUIRED! SIGN UP ONLINE AT MEDFORDLIBRARY.ORG  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL MADDI AT MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET

## TEEN CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

For teens in middle and high school



*How well can you decorate a cupcake  
when there are obstacles in your way?*

**Tuesday, February 22, 7-8pm**  
**Youth Services Program Room**  
**SIGN UP REQUIRED!**

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Sign up through the library's online calendar!  
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FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 & UP

## STOP MOTION CLUB

WEDNESDAY IN THE TECH LAB  
3:30 PM  
FEBRUARY 23

From that first spark of an idea to a shareable digital video, learn how to create your own stop motion animated movies using Legos, paper, and more!

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MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY** Sign up **REQUIRED**. Sign up online at [medfordlibrary.org](http://medfordlibrary.org)  
Questions? Contact Maddi: [mranieri@minlib.net](mailto:mranieri@minlib.net)

## TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

### Pop It Fidget Keychain

Thursday, February 24, 7-8pm  
Youth Services Program Room

Make your own avocado shaped pop it fidget keychain! All materials will be provided.

*Sign up is required! Sign up through the online calendar. For teens in middle and high school.*

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# Lettering Workshop

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
3:30 PM  
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM ROOM

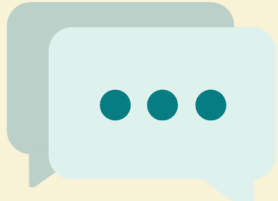
LEARN THE BASICS OF LETTERING FROM TYPOGRAPHY HISTORY TO WHICH MARKERS AND PENS MAKE THE BEST TOOLS. GET CREATIVE AND TAKE HOME YOUR OWN FRAME-WORTHY HAND LETTERED QUOTE!

✦ FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 & UP ✦

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## CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS




Create characters, build new worlds, write short stories, try new styles, play games, and more!

**Short Stories 101**  
February 28, 3:30-4:30pm  
in the Tech Lab

For teens in middle and high school

Sign up is **required!** Sign up through the library's online calendar.  
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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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## Family Storytime

SATURDAYS  
FEB. 5, FEB. 19, AND  
FEB. 26  
10AM



Storytime and craft for children and caregivers  
(ages 3-7)

## Baby Lapsit



TUESDAYS 9:30AM  
For children (ages 0-24 months)  
and their caregivers

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## Sensory Storytime

SATURDAY, FEB. 19  
2:00 PM

For kids ages 3-7 (and caregivers)  
Registration required

Explore stories, music, movement, and play in a sensory-friendly and adaptive setting. This storytime is for everyone, but is particularly designed for neurodiverse children: children who are on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing challenges, ADHD, or have difficulty sitting through our other storytimes.

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EMAIL [MADDI@MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET](mailto:MADDI@MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET)  
TO SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM

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## Toddler Time

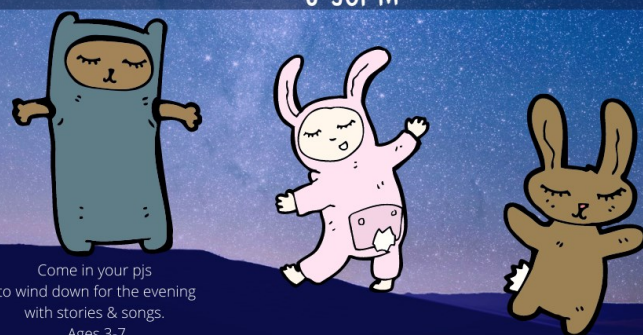
THURSDAYS 10:30AM  
For children (ages 2-3)  
and their caregivers



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## PJ STORYTIME

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
6:30PM



Come in your pjs  
to wind down for the evening  
with stories & songs.  
Ages 3-7

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MORNINGS WITH

## MATT HEATON

Thursday, Feb. 10  
10:30AM

For ages 0-3 and their caregivers



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



**LEGO CLUB**

We've got Legos...  
Come build with us!  
Ages 6+

**THURSDAYS**  
Feb. 3 & Feb 17  
3:30-4:30PM

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**MAKER SPACE**

**DROP-IN**  
**First Mondays**  
**6-8PM**

Swing by the MakerSpace and test out something new or work on a project of your own!  
A staff member will be on-hand to help but it is *your* design time.

**Ages 8+**

**KIDS MANGA DRAWING**



**TUESDAY, FEB. 8 | 3:30 PM**  
**AGES 8-12**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

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**ART SMART**

**Ages 6-12**

Create, design, and play with art.

**THURSDAY**  
Feb. 10  
3:30-4:30PM

**STEM Kitchen**

**THURSDAY**  
Feb. 17  
6:00-7:00PM



**Registration required**  
for ages 8-12

*Cooking is Science!*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**6PM**

**DROP-IN CRAFTING**

**FOR AGES 8-12**






# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Intro to Chinese Calligraphy

Thursday, February 24  
4 PM

for school-aged children  
\*Advanced Registration Required

Join us for an hour to experiment and learn about basic Chinese Calligraphy. We will share how to perform some basic strokes, as well as learn how to say and write a few Chinese characters.



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## Diorama Build

Wednesday, Feb. 23  
10 AM

for school-aged children

Make your own world in a box! Bring your wildest imaged space and see if we can build it together!



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# Singalong with Lindsay Munroe

## Medford Public Library

### Friday 2/25

### 10am



## Make a STOP MOTION MOVIE

Friday, February 25  
11 am

for kids ages 8-12

WHAT WILL YOUR STORY BE? CREATE YOUR OWN CINEMATIC STOP MOTION MOVIE MASTERPIECE USING LEGOS, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, AND MORE!



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## MAKER MONDAYS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, February 28 3:30PM  
for ages 8-12

Join us for a new STEAM challenge each month. Work together with us to invent, explore, and design!



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# Calendar of Events

December

January

February

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**Many events/meetings are still virtual.**

Please keep an eye on the website, Facebook, or give us a call at (781) 395-7950 for the most recent schedule updates.



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The Library is now open regular hours at full capacity in our new location.  
Appointments are not required.

**In the library spaces, masks are required for all.  
Please observe social distance.**