



Library News

Spectacular Stats

The FY23 statistics are in and we have had a very busy year!

The Library was open 3,766 hours and we had 202,067 visitors!

Use of public computers: 16,744

Use of meeting and study rooms: 7,024

Total circulation of physical and electronic items: 483,832 (121,713 increase from last year!)

Adult items: 241,454 (179,129)

Teen items: 22,629 (19,840)

Children's items: 217,793 (162,181)

Total print circulation: 333,970 (250,481)

Total Audio: 14,559 (10,051)

Total Video: 29,813 (20,930)

Ebooks: 56,091 (46,335)

Downloadable Audio: 41,812 (31,334)

Number of Adult, Children's and Teen programs: 860 (499)

Program Attendance: 16,285 (11,045)

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](http://www.medfordlibrary.org)!

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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.-1:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday Sept 2

Regular Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
resumes on September 9

FMPL Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 28 6:30pm

Help us solve this Conspiracy of Librarians - an interactive puzzle in our library! Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. 21 +. You must be a member of the Friends to attend.

Thank you to the Medford Kiwanis for their generous funding of the Fairy Tale Ball in June. We had 845 visitors that day! We appreciate the continued support of the Kiwanis and other community groups.



Kiwanis
Medford, MA

Greetings and Farewells

Please welcome Zoey Mills as our new Head of Reference, and Tulaja Dahal and Liz Steele to the Circulation Desks. Peter Hansen is our new custodian.

And please wish the best to Brianna Hansen and Deepti Srinivasan who have moved on to other adventures.

Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed

Saturday, September 2

Monday, September 4

Monday, October 9

Friday, November 10

Thursday, November 23

The Library will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 22**

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Library News

Social Worker Office Hours

Wednesday June 14, 21, 28 and July 5
Meeting Room 1 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

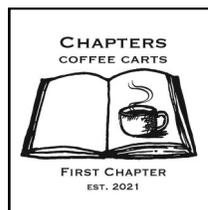
Alysia LaGambina, LCSW, Community Social Worker from the Medford Health Department will be having office hours. Drop by to learn about social services in the area!

The Mystic Project Presents Medford's First *Justflix* Screening!

Saturday, October 21, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Justflix Medford is part of a larger project designed to expose young people to the art of storytelling by using their cell phones to make short videos of social and racial justice, community activism, or their ideas of justice. Please join us for a screening of *Justflix* videos produced by youth at the Medford Housing Authority and hear about their experiences and ideas of justice in our community. Light refreshments will be served.

Chapters Coffee Cart



Don't forget to grab a coffee at **Chapters Coffee Cart** in the second floor lobby. The cart is open from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and has a variety of beverages, snacks, and sandwiches.

Chapters is not just about coffee—the cart employs and supports the endeavors of persons with disabilities. Chapters trains these extraordinary persons to embrace their passions and become part of the workforce. Stop by today!

Homebound Delivery

Home delivery service is available for those who are homebound and unable to visit the library in person. If you or a family member could benefit from this service, please contact Sam at 781-395-7950.

In the Gallery

September and October

ArtsMedford 2023 Autumnal Equinox Exhibition

ArtsMedford members will celebrate Autumn at the Medford Public Library during the months of September and October.

Embrace Fall and join us, Thursday, September 14th from 6:30-8:30 for refreshments and to meet our artists!

November and December

Estrid Eklof, *Shapes from Nature: Paintings Sensing Nature*

Estrid Eklof's paintings are based on a many layered water color foundation, often with graphite and Conte stick marks added. "Twig Series" was inspired by the restless patterns of pine needles and broken twigs found on snow. "Shadow series" was inspired by the quiet patterns made on sand from Scrub pine trees.

Estrid is a new comer to Medford, this being her first exhibit in Massachusetts. Some past exhibits include Art Alliance of New Britain Gallery; Hartford Fine Art Gallery; New Britain Museum of American Art juried exhibit; Essex Art Association; Canton Gallery on the Green juried exhibit.



Contact her at estrid@comcast.net



Ongoing Events

Art of Writing Poetry and Short Stories

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26
October 3 | October 10 | October 17



Shirley Gerald Ware will be teaching "The Art of Writing Poetry and Short Stories" at Medford Public Library beginning September 5th to October 17th once a week.

Shirley is the author of ten published books and the publisher of a literary magazine that publishes teen and adult writers. Her poetry is published on Facebook weekly and she is credited for writing over 200 poems and short stories.

Please register on the online calendar!

"The Art of Writing Poetry and Short Stories" is funded supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council.



Free Spanish Language Classes for Adults

Saturdays 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
September 16 | September 30 | October 7 | October 14
October 21 | October 28 | November 4

Join us for a free seven-week Spanish language class! Learn some basic words and phrases—this class is designed for beginners, but if you attended the last Spanish class at the library, this one will involve different vocabulary, so feel free to sign up again!

Space is limited. Please register on the online calendar.

How to Podcast

Monday, October 16 and Monday, October 23
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Learn about how to create and record a podcast with Danielle Balocca of the podcast Medford Bytes. This two-session class will meet in the Tech Lab.

Space is limited. Please register on the online calendar.



Ongoing Events

10-week US Citizenship Prep Class

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
September 9 through November 18
(No class September 23)

LEARN

- Answers to the 100 civics questions.
 - How to prepare for the reading and writing test
- ### NEED
- A intermediate level of English.
 - A legal Permanent Resident Card for 5 years, or 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen

To register go to www.stmarksesol.org or fill out an application at the Library Information Desk.

ZOOM Programs

Register for these programs on the online calendar to receive the links!

November 14 at 7:00 pm

"Seeking Dead People: Cemetery Research Online & In Person"

Join genealogist Katherine R. Willson as she gives tips and techniques for accessing burial records, cemetery stone photos, obituaries, death certificates, and more.

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Author Heather Wolf Discusses

"Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are"

Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Author Erica Cirino Discusses

"Thicker Than Water The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis"

Wednesday, September 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Tea with Author Louise Hare, Discussing
"Harlem After Midnight"

Thursday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Sports Stadium with

NBC Sports Boston/NBC 10's Sports Journalist, Trenni Casey

Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Q&A with Historical Fiction Author Denny S. Bryce

Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.

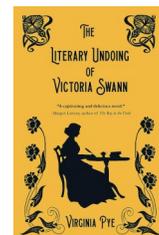
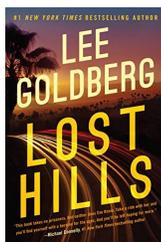
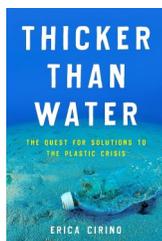
A Look Inside the Hammond Castle Museum
with Curatorial Director, John Leysath

Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Q&A With Mystery Writer and TV Producer Lee Goldberg

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Q&A with Author Virginia Pye Discussing
"The Literary Undoing of Victoria Swann"



Book and Writing Groups

Writer's Workshop

Last Wednesday of the month at 7PM
September 27 | October 25 | November 29

The Writer's Workshop is always happy to welcome new members! Come and meet your fellow writers and get feedback on your work. If you have questions about the group, please contact David Chia at duuchia@gmail.com.

Coffee and Books

10AM in Bonsignore Hall
 Second Friday of the month
September 8 | October 13 | November 17

Join Library Director Barbara Kerr for coffee and a discussion of the hot new books and wildly interesting titles the library recently acquired. No assigned reading or registration required. **Coffee provided by Chapters Coffee Cart.** RSVP is appreciated, if you are able.

LGBTQ+ Book Group

Second Thursdays at 7PM

All are welcome to read and discuss literary and non-fiction works by and about the LGBTQ+ community with librarian Judy Nudelman.

October 12: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt

November 9: *Black Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse

December 14: *Fine: A Comic About Gender* by Rhea Ewing

January 11: *The Guncle* by Stephen Rowley

February 8: *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris

March 14: *Confidence: a novel* by Rafael Frumkin

April 11: *The Selected Works of Audre Lorde* by Audre Lorde

May 9: *The Chosen and the Beautiful* by Nghi Vo

June 13: *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle

Monday Morning Mysteries Book Group

First Mondays at 10AM

September 11: *Acqua Alta* by Donna Leon

October 2: *Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

November 6: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

December 4: *Cover Her Face* by P.D. James

January 8: *Promised Land* by Robert B. Parker

February 5: *The Missing Ones* by Patricia Gibney

March 4: *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke

April 1: *Burial At Sea* by Charles Finch

May 6: *The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellowes

June 3: *Small Mercies* by Denis Lehane

Tuesday Night Book Group

Second Tuesdays at 7PM

September 12: *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien

October 10: *Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

November 14: *December '41* by William Martin

December 12: *Come Fly the World: the Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am* by Julie Cook

January 9: *South to America: a Journey Below Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of Nation* by Imani Perry

February 13: *The Man Who Could Move Clouds: a Memoir* by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

March 12: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

April 9: *Travels With George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy* by Nathaniel Philbrick

May 14: *The Many Daughters of Alfong Moy* by Jamie Ford

Historical Fiction Book Group

Third Wednesdays at 10AM

October 18: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

November 15: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

December 20: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

January 17: *Trust* by Hernán Diaz

February 21: *Mademoiselle Revolution* by Zoe Sivak

March 20: *The Whiskey Rebels* by David Liss

April 17: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

May 15: *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson

Books will be available approximately four weeks in advance.

Call the Library to have a copy put on hold for you.

Please register for these groups on [the Online Calendar](#).



Digital Resources

Digital Resources Workshop

Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

September 21st | October 19th | November 16th

Did you know that your library card gives you access to language learning through the Mango App, lifelong learning through Ancestry Library Edition, LearningExpress Library, and Universal Class, eBooks and Audiobooks through hoopla and Libby, Streaming video through Kanopy, and cutting-edge scholarly, peer-reviewed journal articles on just about any subject through Gale, Britannica, and Credo Reference?

Sign-up for and drop in for our monthly Digital Resources Workshop! All you need is your mobile device or laptop, library card, and library card password/pin. If you don't have one, you can get a library card password/pin at the Library or by calling 781-395-7950.

See you on a Thursday night soon!

Meanwhile, visit <https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/medford>.

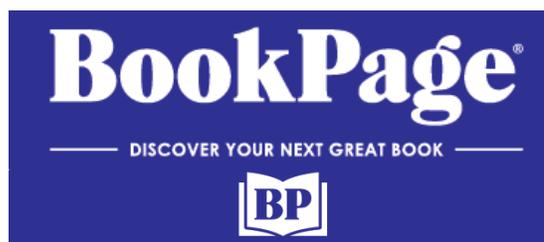
Questions? Email Mike Crockett, Media Services Librarian at mcrockett@minlib.net.



Read-alikes and Author Suggestions

Looking for recommendations based on books you've enjoyed? Try NoveList! You can search by author or title to find similar books and authors curated using tags and themes.

Access NoveList [here](https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/medford), or through the link on our databases page: <https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/medford>



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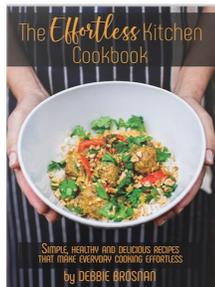
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Author Events

Effortless Kitchen with Debbie Brosnan

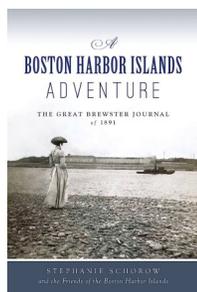


Wednesday, September 27
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Effortless Kitchen believes everyone can cook. Whether you are an experienced chef or just starting to make meals at home, everyone needs easy dinners they can turn to. Come listen to author Debbie Brosnan talk about her book, *The Effortless Kitchen Cookbook*, and the Effortless Kitchen.

Please register for this program on the online calendar.

A Boston Harbor Island Adventure with Stephanie Schorow

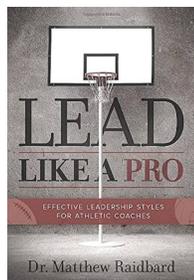


Thursday, October 5
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

In 1891, four intrepid women from Lowell sailed to a remote island in Boston Harbor for a 17-day escape from New England's prim and proper society. Relive their sojourn through their remarkable journal, filled with observations, illustrations, photographs, and poetry, reproduced here by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands in this talk with author Stephanie Schorow.

Please register for this program on the online calendar.

Lead Like a Pro with Michael Raidbard

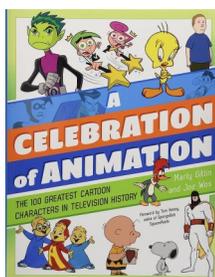


Tuesday Oct 10, 2023
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Drawing on over a decade spent as a college basketball coach and original research conducted on what leadership styles and behaviors help athletic coaches be successful, *Lead Like a Pro: Effective Leadership Styles For Athletic Coaches* provides coaches with the resources to transform their leadership practice and reach their full potential.

Please register for this program on the online calendar.

A Celebration of Animation with Marty Gitlin



Wednesday, October 11
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

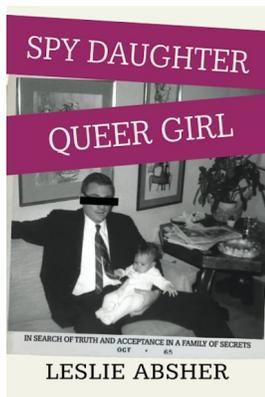
Award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation for all ages based on his book, *A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History*. Adults, teens, kids this program is fun for everyone! Marty will have autographed and personalized copies of his book available for purchase after the event.

Please register on the online calendar.

Author Events

Spy Daughter, Queer Girl with Leslie Absher

Saturday, October 14
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



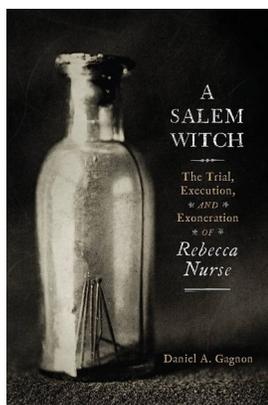
Leslie Absher, author of *Spy Daughter, Queer Girl: In Search of Truth and Acceptance in a Family of Secrets*, will be in the library to discuss her book in which, Absher pursues the truth: of her family, her identity, and her father's role in Greece's CIA-backed junta. As a memoirist, Absher renders a lifetime of hazy, shapeshifting truths in high-definition vibrance. Infused with a journalist's tenacity and a daughter's open heart, this book recounts a decades' long process of discovery and the reason why the facts should matter to us all.

Leslie Absher is a journalist and personal essay writer. Her work has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Independent*, *Salon*, and *Huffington Post*.

Please register on the online calendar.

A Salem Witch with Daniel Gagnon

Tuesday, October 24
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Historian Daniel A. Gagnon will discuss his recent biography of Salem Witch Trials victim Rebecca Nurse, *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*.

The author will take questions from the audience following the presentation, and books will be available for purchase.

Please register on the online calendar.

Peter Crowley Author Talk

Saturday, November 4
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Peter F. Crowley writes in various forms, including short fiction, op-eds, poetry and academic essays. In 2020, his poetry book *Those Who Hold Up the Earth* was published by Kelsay Books and received impressive reviews by *Kirkus Review*, the *Bangladeshi New Age* and two local Boston-area newspapers. His writing can be found in *Middle East Monitor*, *Znet*, *34th Parallel*, *Pif Magazine*, *Galway Review*, *Digging the Fat*, *Adelaide's Short Story* and Poetry Award anthologies (finalist in both) and *The Opiate*. His forthcoming books, due out later in 2023, are *That Night and Other Stories* and *Empire's End*.

Please register on the online calendar.

Fall Events



Dance Caliente

Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

September 20: Ballroom/Latin Line Dancing

October 18: Cha Cha

November 15: Night Club 2-Step

Free, fun lessons for dancers of all levels of experience!
Register on the online calendar.



Yoga Classes

Try out yoga for the first time or come and practice with experienced instructor Kat Mahoney. Bring your own mat. No registration required!

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

September 13 | September 27 | October 11 | October 25 | November 8 | November 22

Getting Ready for Medicare Annual Enrollment Period

Thursday, September 7 from 7:30-8:30pm

Learn what benefits are available to you this AEP and get all your questions answered by Jeffrey Warner of On the Level Benefits.

Register on the online calendar!

Vegetable Gardening 101

Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Vegetable gardening is something everyone can enjoy, from the novice to the experienced gardener. With gardener Gretel Anspach, we'll look at different types of vegetable gardens and discuss layout, variety choices, and growing techniques

Register on the online calendar!



Movie at the Library

Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Them!

Join us for a free showing of a classic monster movie and refreshments at the Library.

No registration required.



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Please RSVP for these programs on the [online calendar](#).

Music at the Library

Build a Bulgar



Wednesday, September 13
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join Nat Seelen, Artistic Director of the Boston Festival of New Jewish Music and clarinetist with Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band to create a new bulgar together. We'll learn what makes the bulgar a favorite of the klezmer dance repertoire, then master the rhythms and steps as we write and perform an original tune together.

Please register on the online calendar!

Pamela Means in Concert



Thursday, September 14
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pamela Means, jazz musician, activist, and educator, will be performing her music.

Please register on the online calendar!

Classical Guitar with Francesco Barone



Thursday, November 2
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Award winning guitarist Francesco Barone has performed throughout the United States as a soloist and chamber musician. He has also performed nationally through the classical music startup Groupmuse.

Please register on the online calendar!

Eastern Medicine Singers



Thursday, November 9
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Eastern Medicine Singers are an Eastern Algonquian Drum group that does performances collaborations, powwows and world travel, performing traditional and contemporary American Indian music.

Please register on the online calendar!



Scan to see all the
Fall Events
on our webpage!



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Music at the Library

Boston Typewriter Orchestra

Thursday, November 16
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



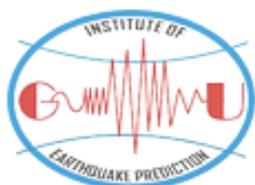
Recently featured in the Boston Globe, the BTO is a Massachusetts-based musical ensemble with sounds conjured by the rhythmic manipulation of typewriters.

Please register on the online calendar.

Fall Programs

Earthquakes are Predictable

Wednesday, September 6
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



The GU Institute of Earthquake Prediction is a non-profit research organization headquartered in Medford. Scientists in GUIEP believe earthquakes are predictable and are devoted to providing accurate earthquake predictions, including time, location, and magnitude of the occurrence of destructive earthquakes, both domestically and globally.

Please register on the online calendar.

Microadventures in Massachusetts

Thursday September 28
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Experienced hiker and outdoorswoman Alison O'Leary provides a virtual tour of a dozen awesome daytrips in and around MA.

Please register on the online calendar.

Chinese Calligraphy

Thursday, October 12
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Learn about the history and importance of the art of Chinese calligraphy with Chinese Culture Connection, then make your own artwork to take home.

Please register on the online calendar.

Please RSVP for these programs on the online calendar at <https://medfordlibrary.org/events/>

Makerspace Events

Mystic Makerspace

Registration required for all programs on the Library calendar.

Saturday, September 9 | 2:00PM

Basic Earrings

Tuesday, October 3 | 7:00PM

Fabric Bowls

Saturday, October 14 | 1:00 PM

Fixit Clinic

Monday, October 30 | 7:00PM

Fall Lanterns

Tuesday, November 7 | 7:00PM

Sharpie Faux Tie-Dye

Saturday November 18 | 1:00PM

Embroidered Badge Pins

Monday, November 27 | 7:00PM

3-D Paper Snowflakes



Makerspace Drop-in Times

Mondays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

September 11 | [families, ages 8+ with adult]
September 18 | [adults]

October 2 | [families, ages 8+ with adult]
October 23 | [adults]

November 6 | [families, ages 8+ with adult]

No registration required!

Makerspace Badging

We are hoping to get YOU trained the training you need to 'check out' the MakerSpace like our other study rooms. You can earn 'badges' to gain more exclusive access to the MakerSpace and its contents. Once courses are complete, your library card will note you have more access to the MakerSpace so you can 'borrow' the room when it is available.

If you already have a skill and would like to test out of a course, email Sam at ssednek@minilib.net

Sewing

September 25 at 3:30 p.m.
October 25 at 11:00 a.m.
November 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Sewing

General Safety

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
September 30
October 28
November 25



General Safety

3D Printing

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
September 30
October 28
November 25



3D Printing

Laser Cutter

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.
September 30
October 28
November 25



Laser Cutter

Cricut Machine

September 29 at 10:00 a.m.
October 17 at 6:00 p.m.
November 27 at 10:00 a.m.



Cutting Machine



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Please RSVP for these programs on the online calendar.



Scan to see all the Summer Events on our webpage!



LAKOTA YouthStay

EXPLORING & EXPANDING HORIZONS

The Friends of the MPL are so pleased to be able to be a part of the Lakota YouthStay program and offer free books & games to the kids who come to the Medford area.



FMPL Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 28 6:30pm
Help us solve this Conspiracy of Librarians - an interactive puzzle in our library!
Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. 21 +.
You must be a member of the Friends to attend.

Welcome New friends

Lori Syngajewski	Christina Costantino
Carol Chapman	Evan Doherty
Ellen Boyle	Michael Driggs
Lee Feliz	Hadley Langosy
Seema Kakar	Christopher Lazo
Teresa Walsh	Brad Leyhe
James Wilson	Heather McCurdy
Jonathan & Tomye Little	Lizzie McQuillan
Colin Holmes	Jon Melideo
Gamze Toprakdeviren	Carol Morehead
Furkan Korkusuz	Stephen Olivieri
Basel Ahmad & Anne-Marie LeBlanc	Angella Perez
Tuna Akdemir	Julie Petzold
Jim Austin	Barbara Zeles
Dan & Mayu Bryan	Tenzin
	Sarah & Hugh Enxing

**Save the date for our big
Fall Book Sale
September 22 - 24**
Join the Friends today to get early access!

Join 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 the Friends at
www.friendsofmedfordlibrary.org

Find us on Facebook:
The Friends of the Medford Public Library
friendsofmedfordlibrary@gmail.com

The Friends of the MPL pay for all of the museum passes offered at the library.
Check out our newest addition, Paddleboston.

Learn more about this museum at
paddleboston.com

Learn more about all of the museum passes available at medfordlibrary.org

We are always collection donations in saleable condition. You can drop off donations at either circulation desk at the library. Find out what we except at www.friendsofmedfordlibrary.org

Every Day Book Sale Shelf

Don't forget you can always find some great deals at the Every Day Book Sale Shelf near the adult circulation desk. Book and puzzles are just \$2 unless otherwise marked.

The selection changes daily. You can pay cash or use the QR code to pay with card.



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

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.

September 2023 – Teen Programs

Monday, September 4

Library is Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Game Night,
6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, September 6

Bullet Journaling,
6:30-7:30PM**

Friday, September 8

Home School Maker Club (Ages 11+),
11:00AM-12:00PM**

Saturdays, September 9 - September 23

Drop in Coding (Grades 5-8),
9:00-11:00AM

Saturdays, September 9 - October 28

Kids on Bikes RPG,
1:00-2:30PM**

Monday, September 11

Maker Monday,
3:30-4:30PM**

Tuesday, September 12

Sub Zero Ice Cream,
3:30-4:30PM**

Tuesday, September 12

Maker Night,
6:00-8:00PM**

Thursday, September 14

Unbox Book Club (Grades 8-12)
6:30-7:00PM

Monday, September 18

Buttons and Books (Grades 6-8),
3:30-4:00PM

Tuesday, September 19

Chameleon (Grades 6-8),

3:30-4:30PM

Wednesday, September 20

STEM Kitchen
3:30-4:30PM**

Thursday, September 21

Swiftie Craft Night,
6:30-8:00PM**

Monday, September 25

Creative Writing,
3:30-4:30PM**

Tuesday, September 26

Chameleon (Grades 9-12),
3:30-4:30PM

Wednesday, September 27

Stop Motion Studio,
3:30-4:30PM**

Friday, September 29

Graphic Novel Club,
3:30-4:00PM**

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October 2023 – Teen Programs

Monday, October 2

Maker Monday,
3:30-4:30PM**

Tuesday, October 3

Game Night,
6:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, October 4

Mini Pumpkin Painting,
3:30-4:30PM**

Saturday, October 7

Drop in Coding (Grades 5-8),
9:00-11:00AM
College Interview Seminar,
3:00-4:00PM

Monday, October 9

Library is Closed

Tuesday, October 10

Maker Night,
6:00-8:00PM**

Thursday, October 12

Unbox Book Club (Grades 8-12)
6:30-7:00PM

Friday, October 13

Home School Maker Club (Ages 11+),
11:00AM-12:00PM**

Saturday, October 14

Comic Workshop
2:00-3:00PM**

Monday, October 16

Buttons and Books (Grades 6-8),
3:30-4:00PM

Wednesday, October 18

Kawaii Cookie Decorating,
6:30-7:30PM**

Thursday, October 19

Anime Afternoon,

3:30-4:30PM**

Monday, October 23

Creative Writing,
3:30-4:30PM**

Monday, October 23

College Interview Seminar,
7:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, October 25

Stop Motion Studio,
3:30-4:30PM**

Thursday, October 26

Picture Frame Craft Night,
6:30-7:30PM**

Friday, October 27

Graphic Novel Club,
3:30-4:00PM**

Tuesday, October 31

Chameleon (Grades 6-12),
3:30-4:30PM

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Wednesday, November 1

Needle Felting
6:30-8:00PM**

Friday, November 3

Home School Maker Club (Ages 11+),
11:00AM-12:00PM**

Saturday, November 4

Sensory Friendly Craft,
2:00-3:00PM**

Monday, November 6

Maker Monday,
3:30-4:30PM**

Monday, November 6 - November 20

Intro to Circuits and Digital Electronics
6:00-8:00PM**

Tuesday, November 7

Game Night,
6:30-8:00PM

Thursday, November 9

Unbox Book Club (Grades 8-12)
6:30-7:00PM

Saturday, November 11

Library is Closed

Monday, November 13

Buttons and Books (Grades 6-8),
3:30-4:00PM

Tuesday, November 14

Maker Night,
6:00-8:00PM**

Wednesday, November 15

Drawing,
6:30-7:30PM**

Monday, November 20

Creative Writing,

3:30-4:30PM**

Tuesday, November 21

Chameleon (Grades 6-8),
3:30-4:30PM

Thursday, November 23

Library is Closed

Friday, November 24

Graphic Novel Club,
3:30-4:00PM**

Tuesday, November 28

Chameleon (Grades 9-12)
3:30-4:30PM

Wednesday, November 29

Stop Motion Studio,
3:30-4:30PM**

Thursday, November 30

Tote Bag Craft Night,
6:30-7:30PM**

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September 2023-Children's Programs

Monday, September 4

Library Closed

Tuesday, September 5

-  Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
-  Kids' Drawing 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 6

-  Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, September 7

-  Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
-  LEGO Club 3:30PM
-  STEM Kitchen 6PM**

Saturday, September 9

-  Family Story Time 10AM
-  Spanish Fun Time 11:30AM**
-  Spanish Fun Time 12PM**

Monday, September 11

-  Family Maker Night 6-8PM**

Tuesday, September 12

-  Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
-  Sub-Zero Ice Cream 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 13

-  Family Story Time 3PM
-  4th/5th Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Thursday, September 14

-  Sing Along with Matt 10:30AM
-  Art Smart 3:30PM

Friday, September 15

-  Homeschool Maker Club 11AM**

Saturday, September 16

-  Family Story Time 10AM
-  Sensory Story Time 2PM**

Monday, September 18

-  2nd/3rd Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Tuesday, September 19

-  Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
-  1st Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 20

-  Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, September 21

-  Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
-  Lego Club 3:30PM

Friday, September 22

-  Kaleidoscopes 3:30PM**

Saturday, September 23

-  Family Story Time 10AM

Tuesday, September 26

-  Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
-  Machine Sewing Workshop 3:30-5PM**

Wednesday, September 27

-  Family Story Time 3PM
-  PJ Story Time 6:30PM

Thursday, September 28

-  Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
-  Art Smart 3:30PM
-  Reading with Ryan 6PM**

Friday, September 29

-  Fine Motor Skill Fridays 1PM

Saturday, September 30

-  Family Story Time 10AM
-  Youth Bike Workshop 3-4:30PM

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-  For children 2-3 years old
-  For children 0-5 years old
-  For children 3-7 years old
-  For children 8-12 years old
-  For school-aged children
-  For all ages

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October 2023-Children's Programs

Monday, October 2

 Family Maker Night 6-8PM**

Tuesday, October 3

 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

Wednesday, October 4

 Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, October 5

 Toddler Story Time 10:30AM

 LEGO Club 3:30PM

Saturday, October 7

 Family Story Time 10AM

 Comic Workshop 2PM**

Monday, October 9

Library Closed

Tuesday, October 10

 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

 Kids' Drawing 3:30PM**

Wednesday, October 11

 Family Story Time 3PM

 4th/5th Grade Book Club
3:30PM**

Thursday, October 12

 Sing Along with Matt 10:30AM

 Art Smart 3:30PM

Friday, October 13

 Spooky Bones and Creepy

Crawlies 3:30PM**

Saturday, October 14

 Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, October 16

 Cardboard Building Fest 6:30PM*

Tuesday, October 17

 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

 1st Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, October 18

 Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, October 19

 Toddler Story Time 10:30AM

 Lego Club 3:30PM

 STEM Kitchen 6PM**

Friday, October 20

 Homeschool Maker Club 11AM**

Saturday, October 21

 Bluey Story Time 10AM

 Sensory Story Time 2PM**

Monday, October 23

 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club
3:30PM**

Tuesday, October 24

 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

 Lego Challenge 3-4:30PM**

 Yarn Painting 3:30PM**

Wednesday, October 25

 Family Story Time 3PM

 PJ Story Time 6:30PM

Thursday, October 26

 Toddler Story Time 10:30AM

 Art Smart 3:30PM

 Reading with Ryan 6PM**

Friday, October 27

 Fine Motor Skill Fridays 1PM

Saturday, October 28

 Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, October 30

 Mini-Pumpkin Decorating 3:30PM**

Tuesday, October 31

 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

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Wednesday, November 1

- ▲ Multilingual Story Time (French and German) 3PM

Thursday, November 2

- ⚡ Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
- ♥ LEGO Club 3:30PM

Saturday, November 4

- ▲ Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, November 6

- ⚡ Family Maker Night 6-8PM**

Tuesday, November 7

- Baby Lapsit 9:30AM

Wednesday, November 8

- ▲ Multilingual Story Time (Portuguese and Haitian Creole) 3PM

- ♥ 4th/5th Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Thursday, November 9

Sing Along with Matt 10:30AM

- Art Smart 3:30PM

Saturday, November 11

Library Closed

Tuesday, November 14

- Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- ⚡ Kids' Drawing 3:30PM**

Wednesday, November 15

- ▲ Family Story Time 3PM
- ⚡ Beginner Knitting 3:30PM**

Thursday, November 16

- ⚡ Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
- ♥ Lego Club 3:30PM
- ⚡ STEM Kitchen 6PM**

Friday, November 17

- ⚡ Homeschool Maker Club 11AM**

Saturday, November 18

- ▲ Family Story Time 10AM
- ▲ Sensory Story Time 2PM**

Monday, November 20

- ♥ 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Tuesday, November 21

- Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- ♥ 1st Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, November 22

- ▲ Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, November 23

Library Closed

Friday, November 24

- Fine Motor Skill Fridays 1PM

Saturday, November 25

- ▲ Family Story Time 10AM

Tuesday, November 28

- Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- ⚡ Sewing Machine Workshop 3:30PM**

Wednesday, November 29

- ▲ Family Story Time 3PM
- ▲ PJ Story Time 6:30PM

Thursday, November 30

- ⚡ Toddler Story Time 10:30AM
- ♥ Art Smart 3:30PM
- ♥ Reading with Ryan 6PM**

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Calendar of Events

September

Saturday, September 2
LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, September 4
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Tuesday, September 5
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 6
Earthquake Prediction 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 7
Medicare AEP Session 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8
Coffee and Books 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 9
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Mystic Makerspace 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11
Mystery Book Group 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 12
Tues. Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 13
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.
Build a Bulgar 6:30 p.m.
Heather Wolf ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14
Pamela Means Concert 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 18
Makerspace Drop in 6:00 p.m.
Erica Cirino ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.
Vegetable Gardening 101 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20
Louise Hare ZOOM 3:00 p.m.
Dance Caliente 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21
Digital Resource Workshop 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23
Book Sale 9:00 a.m.
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 24
Book Sale 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 25
Makerspace Badging: Sewing 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 27
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.
Effortless Kitchen 7:00 p.m.
Writer's Workshop 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28
Microadventures in MA 7:00 p.m.
Trenni Casey ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29
Makerspace Badging: Cricut 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 30
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Makerspace Badging 3Dprint 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.
Makerspace Badging: Safety 1:00 p.m.
Makerspace Badging LasCut 2:00 p.m.

October

Monday, October 2
Mystery Book Group 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.
Mystic Makerspace 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4
History of Banned Books 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5
Boston Harbor Adventure 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 9
LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, October 10
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00 p.m.
Lead Like a Pro 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Denny S. Bryce ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.
Celebration of Animation 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Chinese Calligraphy 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13
Coffee and Books 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 14
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.
Mystic Makerspace 1:00 p.m.
Spy Daughter, Queer Girl 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16
How to Podcast 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17
Poetry and Short Stories 1:00p.m.
Makerspace Badging: Cricut 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18
Historical Fiction Group 10:00 a.m.
Dance Caliente 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19
Digital Resource Workshop 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 20
Movie Showing 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 23
Makerspace Drop in 6:00 p.m.
How to Podcast 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24
A Salem Witch 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.
Makerspace BadgingSewing 11:00a.m.
Writer's Workshop 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26
Hammond Castle ZOOM 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.

Makerspace Badging3Dprint 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.
Makerspace Badging: Safety 1:00 p.m.
Makerspace Badging LasCut 2:00 p.m.
FMPL Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 30
Mystic Makerspace 7:00 p.m.

November

Thursday, November 2
Francesco Barone Concert 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Classes for Adults 1:00 p.m.
Peter Crowley Author Talk 2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 6
Mystery Book Group 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7
Mystic Makerspace 7:00 p.m.
Lee Goldberg ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 9
Makerspace Badging Sewing 7:00 p.m.
Eastern Medicine Singers 6:30 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Book Group 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 10
LIBRARY CLOSED

Saturday, November 11
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 14
Tues. Night Book Group 7:00 p.m.
Seeking Dead People ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15
Historical Fiction Group 10:00 a.m.
Dance Caliente 7:00 p.m.
Virginia Pye ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16
Digital Resource Workshop 7:00 p.m.
Typewriter Orchestra 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 17
Coffee and Books 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 18
Citizenship Prep Class 10:00 a.m.
Mystic Makerspace 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22
Yoga Class 11:00 a.m.
Library closing at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23
LIBRARY CLOSED

Saturday, November 25
Makerspace Badging3Dprint 10:00 a.m.
Makerspace Badging: Safety 1:00 p.m.
Makerspace Badging LasCut 2:00 p.m.

Monday, November 27
Makerspace Badging Cricut 10:00 a.m.
Mystic Makerspace 7:00 p.m.

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