Library News

Spectacular Statistics

The MPL is a busy place! The FY24 statistics are in and we have had a very successful year. FY23 stats are in parentheses.

Visitors: 224,584 (202,067) Use of public computers: 34,216 (16,744) Wireless sessions: 48,412 (no FY23 number) Use of study/meeting rooms: 7,556 (7,024) Total circulation of physical and electronic items: 526,844 (483,832) Print circulation: 352,441 (333,970) eBooks: 68,636 (56,091) Downloadable audio: 55,416 (41,812) Number of Adult, Children's, and Teen Programs: 1484 (860)

Check Out a Librarian!

Need extra help with a device, computer, or research issue? Make an appointment with our Head of Reference Services, Zoey, by emailing medford@minlib.net or calling 781-475-5743. There is also an online form at https://medfordlibrary.org/resources/ librariancheckout/.



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<u>Library Hours:</u> Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM Friday 9 AM - 6 PM Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Friends Fall Book Sale

Saturday September 20, 9 AM - 3PM Sunday September 21 2 - 5 PM Preview Friday September 19 6:30 - 8:30 PM for FMPL members only you can join at the door!

Books, Music, Puzzles, Games and lots more. (there's a bake sale on Saturday too!)



Please Welcome New Staff

Sarah Braverman Thomas Lee Julia Sheehan Ellen Walsh

Holiday Closings

Fall Hours begin in September which means we will be open from 9 AM – 5 PM on Saturdays.

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED ON Monday, September 2 Monday, October 14 Monday, November 11 Thursday, November 28

THE LIBRARY CLOSES EARLY (AT 5:00 PM) Wednesday, November 27

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Volunteer at the Library!

The Library is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering and desire a flexible schedule, email Sam at medford@minlib.net and she will set up a time to train you on reshelving books.

If you would like to do a one-off program, or would like to volunteer at a specific time, email Sam and she will get you badged in the Makerspace and set up times to run a program.

Homebound Delivery

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

Chapters Coffee Cart



Chapters Coffee Cart in the 2nd floor lobby will be closing at the end of September.

Chapters is not just about coffee – the cart employed and supported the endeavors of people with disabilities.

Stop by today and wish them luck on their next great adventures.

In the Gallery

September

Sam Morse, Landscapes

My name is Sam and I am a 24 year-old robotics technician originally from Fitchburg MA! I've been painting for about 10 years now off and on and specialize exclusively in acrylic landscapes on canvas. I sell high quality prints on canvas on my website <u>sammorseart.com</u>





October

Phillip Olander, New England Paintings

My paintings are about the spirit of place, the genus loci. A successful painting should enable the viewer to conjure the felt experience of a particular time and place. Most of my work depicts the New England coast and points of local interest. Included in the October show will be several views of the Mystic River at Medford, like the one pictured here.

November

 Peter Rosenberg collaboration with Julian Chagrin, Untitled
 Peter Rosenberg is collaborating with Julian Chagrin on an art show that is a study of human emotions during stressful times.
 Through evolving cultures, relationships, cameras, and a wide range of photographic interests, Peter L. Rosenberg has been practicing photography since the summer of the US Bicentennial in 1976. His photography is personal and, in a sense, autobiographical.



Tech Programs

Intro to Computing Programs

Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 PM

Getting Started with Microsoft Windows September 4 September 11

Getting Started with Microsoft Word September 18 September 25

Getting Started with Microsoft Excel Formulas and Functions October 2 October 9

Getting Started with Microsoft PowerPoint October 16 October 23

Getting Started with Microsoft OneNote October 30 November 6

Microsoft Word: Tabs, Tables, Graphics & Desktop Publishing November 13 November 20

Join us for these two-part programs to get started with Microsoft Office. These classes will be in the Tech Lab.

Registration required.

Register on the online calendar.

Digital Resources Workshop Thursdays from 7 - 8 PM September 19 | October 17 | November 21

Study Room 4

Drop in for our monthly Digital Resources Workshop! Our media services librarian Mike can walk you through the wonderful world of our online resources.

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

Database of the Month

Database of the Month: Gale Business Plan Builder

Friday, September 6th, 10 - 11 AM, Tech Lab

Unlock the full potential of your business research with our "Database of the Month" spotlight on Gale Business Plan! Join us for an informative session where we'll dive into the robust features of this essential tool designed for entrepreneurs, startups, and business professionals.

Database of the Month: Morningstar

Friday, October 4th, 10 - 11 AM, Tech Lab

Dive into the world of investment research with our "Database of the Month" focus on Morningstar! Join us for a comprehensive session where we will explore how Morningstar's powerful tools and resources can enhance your investment strategies and financial planning.

Database of the Month: JobNow

Friday, November 1st, 10 - 11 AM, Tech Lab

Explore "Database of the Month: JobNow" on Friday, November 1st. Learn how this powerful database can assist with job searching, resume building, and interview preparation to boost your career prospects.



Scan to see all the Fall Events on our webpage!

ZOOM Programs

African Art: Zoom Series Second Sundays at 2:30 PM

September 8

21st Century African Photography: Featuring the works on exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum, Africa Rising.

October 13

African Art in the medieval world--1000-1600 CE The Trans-Saharan trade, Igbo-Ukwu, Ife, Benin, Djenné, Lalibela, Great Zimbabwe.

November 10 African Art and the West From Curiosity Cabinet to the Museum and the Development of Modernism (e.g. Picasso and African art)



Enjoy ZOOM Programming?

The Medford public Library is excited to offer a wide variety of cultural, current events, and literary programming in partnership with other area libraries.

Stay tuned to our website, Facebook, and emails to learn more about these programs as they are announced. We are expecting to have more available this Fall!

Register for these and other ZOOM Programs

Visit our online calendar to register for the latest ZOOM programming. You will receive a link that you can use to access the program. If you are having trouble registering, give us a call at 781-395-7950 or send an email to medford@minlib.net. and we can have a link emailed to you.



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Book and Writing Groups

Writer's Workshop

Last Wednesday of the month at 6:45 PM September 25 | October 30 | November 20

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 10 AM in Bonsignore Hall Second Friday of the month September 13 | October 11 | November 8

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.

LGBTQ+ Book Group Second Thursdays at 7 PM

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

October 17 Pageboy: a memoir by Elliot Page November 14 You Exist Too Much by Zaina Arafat **December 12** Angels in America: a Gay Fantasia by Tony Kushner **January 9** Camp Damascus by Chick Tingle February 13 Homebodies by Tembe Denton-Hurst March 13 The House of Impossible Beauties by Joseph Cassara April 17 A Minor Chorus by Billy-Ray Belcourt May 8 Fun Home: a Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel June 12 Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant: a memoir by Curtis Chin

Monday Morning Mysteries First Mondays at 10 AM September 9 *River of Darkness* by Rennie Airth October 7 Heaven, My Home by Attica Locke November 4 Beekeper's Apprentice by Laurie King December 2 Dry Bones in the Valley by Tom Bouman January 6 An Unsuitable Day for a Murder by Catriona McPherson February 3 The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey March 3 Winter and Night by S.J. Rozan April 7 The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths May 5 Down the River Unto the Sea by Walter Mosely June 2 The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose

Tuesday Night Book Group

Second Tuesdays at 7 PM **October 8** Horse by Geraldine Brooks November 12 Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride **December 10** The Art Thief: a True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel January 14 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt February 11 We Should Not be Friends: the Story of a Friendship by Will Schwalbe March 11 Secret Book of Flora Lee by Patti Callahan Henry April 8 Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus **May 13** White House Wild Child: How Alice Roosevelt Broke All the Rules and Won the Heart of America by Shelley Fraser Mickle

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 <u>the Online Calendar</u>.**

Book and Writing Groups

Cookbook Club

If you are going to join ONE book club, make it Cookbook Club!

Register for this book club online, and then ask for your copy of the month's cookbook at the circulation desk. Read and pick one recipe to prepare and share with the group at the monthly meeting!

Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30 - 8 PM Oh She Glows by Angela Liddon Tuesday, October 15 from 6:30 - 8 PM Ottolenghi's Simple by Yotam Ottolenghi Tuesday, November 19 from 6:30 - 8 PM The SuperFun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook By Isa Chandra Moskowitz

Space is limited. Registration is required. Since this program functions as a potluck/friendshare event, neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local public health agency.

Climate Change Book Group

The Climate Change Book Group, Planet and Pages, is led by local green entrepreneur Clare Flaherty (of Trove Green Provisions).

Join us on the second Wednesday of the month to talk about books on our planet, environmentalism, and climate change.

Wednesday, September 11 from 7 - 9 PM Wednesday, October 9 from 7 - 9 PM Wednesday, November 13 from 7 - 9 PM

Titles will be announced soon!

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 <u>the Online Calendar</u>.

Arts Series



Travel Through the Art and History of the Silk Road Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 PM

> September 4: Art of Dunhuang September 11: Calligraphy September 18: Origami September 25: Wool and Silk Art October 2: Jewelry Making

Learn more about these programs at https://medfordlibrary.org/events/tag/silk-road/2024-09/

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



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Chair Yoga Classes

Join experienced instructor Kat Mahoney for chair yoga - all levels welcome. Chairs provided but please bring your own mat. No registration required!

> Wednesdays 11 AM - 12 PM September 4 | September 25 | October 9 | October 23 November 6 | November 20

> > Game Nights Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Monday, November 4, 6:30 - 8:30 PM



The library will have a selection of board games but you are welcome to bring your own to share! This program is designed for adult patrons - registration is not required!



English Learning Course Tuesdays/Thursdays 10 AM - 12 PM (12 weeks of class starting October 1)

These beginner level English as a Second Language classes (ESOL) will take place twice a week for 12 weeks. Classes will be held in Study Room 5 on the 1st floor.



Citizenship Prep Class Classes meet Saturdays from 10 AM – 12 PM for 10 weeks beginning September 14 In Study Room 5 on the first floor

To participate you must have had green card for at least 4 years and 6 months or if married to an American citizen, for at least 2 years and 6 months. Space is limited, email <u>mike@stmarksesol.org</u> for registration.



Poetry Club with Vijaya Sundaram, Medford Poet Laureate Fridays, 3:30 - 5:30 PM September 27 | October 25 | November 22

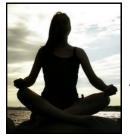
We'll meet every month to read and discuss the work of great poets, while crafting and performing our own work.



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Meditation 101 Tuesday, October 29 from 7 - 8PM

Ready to start a meditation practice but not quite sure how? Try this intro to meditation class designed for complete beginners. Your teacher will first guide you through a short meditation and then break down the ins and outs of establishing a consistent daily practice.

Registration required. Space is limited.



Haunted Doll Scavenger Hunt Sunday, October 27 at 1 PM

This all-ages "haunted" doll scavenger hunt will kick off at Wright's Pond. Be sure to wear your hiking shoes because the dolls will be hidden along the trails.

Registration is required; all are welcome! Participants will receive a free book. This event is co-sponsored by Medford Recreation.



Seed Harvest Saturday, November 2 & Saturday, November 16 from 1 - 4 PM

Join local gardening experts and learn how to harvest seeds for next year from your native plants!

Space is limited. Registration required!



The Expiration Date with Judah Leblang Saturday, November 9 from 3 - 4 PM

This one man show is Judah Leblang's poignant and sometimes humorous look at life's transitions: getting older; dealing with faith and the lack of it; trying to outrun Father Time; and wondering what, if anything, comes next.



Humankind Listening Circle: Nonviolent Communication Tuesday, November 12 from 7 - 8:30 PM

Rarely are we taught the art of deep listening. Or how to respond to someone we don't agree with — without accusation or blame or putting them on the defensive. These are some skills learned in a system known as Nonviolent Communication, a simple way to defuse conflict and foster greater compassion.



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Financial Literacy Series with Sam Tang Mondays from 7 - 8:30 PM



September 23 Workshop 1 - Building Savings and Wealth September 30 Workshop 2 - Increase Cash Flow and Debt Management October 7 Workshop 3 - Preparing with Proper Protection October 21 Workshop 4 - Health and Wealth October 28 Workshop 5 - Understanding Asset Accumulation Strategies November 4 Workshop 6 - Fulfilling Long Term Goals

Registration required. Sign up on the online calendar.



Spanish Language Classes for Adults SATURDAYS 9 - 10AM Sept. 7 | Sept. 14 | Sept. 21 | Sept. 28 | Oct. 5 | Oct. 12 | Oct. 19 | Oct. 26 | Nov. 2 | Nov. 9 | Nov. 16 | Nov. 23 Join us for a free twelve-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. Registration required!



Dance Caliente Wednesdays, 7 - 8 PM

Free, fun lessons for dancers of all levels of experience! Register on the online calendar. September 25: Lindy/Swing & Tango Line Dances October 30: Lindy Hop/Swing Fusion November 20: Argentine Tango

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council,





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Scrapbooking Wednesday, September 11 from 7 - 9 PM

Come join us in the Makerspace to use our scraps to remember your 2024 adventures!



Medicare and You Thursday, September 12 from 7 - 8 PM

Join Jeffrey Werner of On The Level Benefits as he presents the basics and what you need to know going into Medicare enrollment and to answer your questions on the 'what now?' of post-retirement healthcare.



Sewing 101: Pillowcases Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, October 17 from 6:30 - 8 PM

Come learn the basics of our sewing machines with this simple sewing project and make your own 16" x 16" case.

No previous sewing experience is required. Space is limited. Registration required!



Podcasting 101 Saturday, September 21 from 2 - 4 PM

Get started with podcasting without spending too much money! This intro class will walk you through the basics and get you ready for your first production. You'll get a crash course in Audacity, basic editing, and a guide on how to publish your podcast once it is ready.

This program is designed for adults. Please register on the online calendar.



Cheese, Please! Thursday, October 3 from 6 - 8 PM

Our friends at Formaggio Kitchen will be swinging by to teach us a little about the perfect way to make a charcuterie board.

Space is limited. Registration required!



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Making Space for Grief: What It Is and What To Do Saturday, October 5 from 3 - 4:30 PM

In this workshop, you will get to know the landscape of grief, as well as explore ways to care for yourself and others, with death doula Bianca Staudt.



Mushroom Walk Sunday, October 6 from 10 - 11 AM Meet at the South Border Rd parking lot of the Middlesex Fells

Join mushroom enthusiast Tyler Akabane of The Mushroom Shop in Somerville and explore a trail in the Fells searching out the amazing fungi growing right here in Medford. This walking tour is not for foraging - just for folks looking to learn more about our neighborhood mushrooms.

Space is limited. Registration is required.



The Last Lighthouse Keeper Tuesday, October 22 from 7 - 8 PM

Join us for photos of The history of Boston Light, the last manned Coast Guard Light Station", history and few photo anecdotes from Sally Snowman, its 70th keeper.



The Life of Johnny Cash: Performed by Matt York Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Medicinal Plant Walk Wednesday, October 30 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Join herbalist Mo Katz-Christy for a stroll about town to meet the plants in our neighborhood! All walks are wheelchair accessible.



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Programs for Seniors

AI & Seniors Monday. September 16th, 1 PM - 2 PM, Bonsignore Hall

The "Introduction to AI Basics for Seniors" program is designed to introduce older adults to the fundamental concepts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in an accessible and engaging way. This program recognizes the growing importance of AI in everyday life and aims to empower seniors with knowledge and confidence in navigating this technological landscape.

Space is limited, register on the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.



55+ Crafternoon: Paperchain Tapestry Thursday, September 12th, 1 PM - 3 PM, Bonsignore Hall

Anyone 55+ is invited to make an oversized paperchain tapestry. This oversized paper chain flag will make a great decoration for your party! Go with autumn colors or change it up to match your theme!

Space is limited, register on the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.



55+ Crafternoon: Pumpkin Carving Thursday, October 17th, 1 PM - 3 PM, Bonsignore Hall

Get into the Halloween spirit! The pumpkin carving Crafternoon event is designed especially for seniors! Join us for an enjoyable afternoon where you'll learn the art of pumpkin carving. No experience is necessary - we will provide step-by-step guidance, tools, and stencils to help you create your own festive masterpiece. **Space is limited, register on the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.**



55+ Armchair Travel Lunch Thursday, November 14th, 1 PM - 3 PM, Bonsignore Hall

Join us for "Armchair Traveling: Lunch to Italy", where you'll enjoy a delightful Italian-themed lunch and a virtual tour of Italy's most charming destinations. Immerse yourself in the flavors and sights of Italy without leaving your seat! **Space is limited, register on the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.**



55+ Crafternoon: Thanksgiving Flower Arranging Thursday, November 21st, 1 PM - 3 PM, Bonsignore Hall

Join us for a "55+ Crafternoon: Thanksgiving Flower Arranging". Create beautiful fall floral arrangements to brighten your Thanksgiving table while enjoying a fun and social crafting experience.

Space is limited, register on the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950.



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Medford Historical Society Events

These programs are brought to you by the Medford Historical Society and Museum. For more information, email medfordhistorical02155@gmail.com



African American, Native American, and Afro-Native Histories of Medford Thursday, September 26 from 7 - 8 PM



This roundtable will feature several of the historians and scholars behind the newly founded university initiative at Tufts to explore the history of slavery and colonialism within and beyond Medford. Founded in 2023, the Slavery, Colonialism, and their Legacies at Tufts (SCL) initiative explores the university's historical ties to racial slavery, the slave trade, and colonialism in Massachusetts and across the Atlantic world, including the historic Black and Afro Native communities of Charlestown and Medford; the Universalist religious tradition upon which Tufts was founded and its relationship to slavery, anti-slavery, and social movements; and the long presence of African-descended and indigenous students on Tufts' campus.

Register at www.medfordhistorical.org/events.

The Salem Witchcraft Trials: What Really Happened? Thursday, October 17 from 7 - 8 PM



The Salem Witchcraft trials constitute one of the most mysterious and fascinating events in American history. Discover the "perfect storm" of conditions that culminated in tragic circumstances that have haunted us for centuries. Judge Dennis J. Curran will explode five myths behind the outbreak of allegations of witchcraft in colonial America, examine the villains and heroes involved, and try to determine the reasons behind a raging mass hysteria. Whether we live in 17th century New England or today, people are susceptible to the same dark fears and influences.

Register at www.medfordhistorical.org/events.

What's Faith Got to do With It? Thursday, November 7 from 7 - 8 PM

"Let go of your story... Connect to God's Glory!" A look at some of the Remarkable History of Shiloh Baptist Church of West Medford with Pastor Gerald E. Bell.



This presentation will focus on the rich 127-year history of Shiloh Baptist Church as a cornerstone institution in the African American community in West Medford and on the future of this important house of worship in Medford. It will also include a chronological look at my journey as a 7-year-old Indiana boy survivor of senseless gun violence to a 65-year-old dreamer and pastor who is not finished yet. To describe myself as having a courageous heart is both arrogant and legitimate because fear has been my constant companion.

Register at www.medfordhistorical.org/events.

Author Visits

Carmen Maria Machado Monday, October 7 from 7 - 8 PM



Carmen Maria Machado, a finalist for the National Book Award and the author of the bestselling memoir *In the Dream House*, the graphic novel *The Low, Low Woods*, and the short story collection *Her Body and Other Parties*, will be coming to the Medford Public Library for a discussion about her books and writing process.

Whether you're a long-time fan or new to her work, this talk promises to offer a fascinating glimpse into the mind of one of literature's most striking voices.

Mike Curato Thursday, October 10 from 6 - 8 PM



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Medford Public Library and the Royall House and Slave Quarters are inviting you to a conversation with novelist Michael Curato about his award winning book, *Flamer*. Set in 1995 at a Boy Scouts summer camp, *Flamer*, tells the story of Aiden, a 14 year old who is on a journey of figuring himself and his sexuality out. Semi-autobiographical, Curato's courageous book was met with controversy, topping many banned book lists. Join us for an intimate discussion about the importance of telling queer and BIPOC stories and the fight to bring awareness to the banning of books in our schools and libraries.

The discussion will be followed by audience Q&A and light refreshments provided by Boukan'nen (a locally Black owned business). Free giveaways will be provided to the first 25 guests who arrive, and book signing will occur at the event's end.



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Makerspace Events

Mystic Makerspace

Registration required for all programs on the Library calendar.

Saturday, September 14 | 2 PM Paper Quilling

Monday, September 30 | 7 PM Infinity Cards

Tuesday, October 1 | 7 PM Macrame Ring Wall Hangings

Saturday, October 5 | 1 PM Fixit Clinic

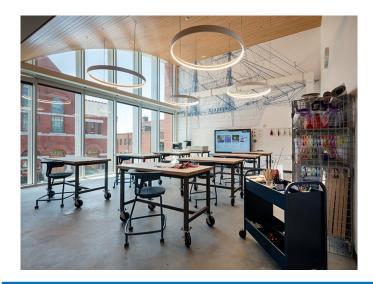
Monday, October 28 | 7 PM Decoupage

Saturday, November 16 | 2 PM Basic Felting

Makerspace Drop-in Times

Mondays September 23, October 21, November 18 6 - 8 PM

Fridays September 13, October 18, November 15 2 - 4 PM



Makerspace Badging

You must be "badged" in a specific machine or skill to use our Makerspace unsupervised. After taking a short course, you will be able to reserve the Makerspace for personal use during regular library hours to complete your own projects!

> General Safety Saturdays at 1 - 2 PM September 28 October 26 November 30

3D Printing Saturdays at 10 - 11 AM September 28 October 26 November 30

Laser Cutting (Glowforge)

Saturdays at 2 - 4 PM September 28 October 26 November 30

Sewing Tuesdays at 3 - 4 PM September 3 October 1 November 5

Cutting Machine (Cricut)

Thursdays at 3 - 4 PM September 4 October 9 November 6

If you are already familiar with one or more of these machines, you may be able to test out of a class. If no class times work for you, you may be able to schedule a one-on-one training. **For these and other questions, email** ssednek@minlib.net (3D Printing, Laser Cutter) mdunn@minlib.net (Sewing) zoey.mills@minlib.net (Cutting Machine)

Out and About in Town...

While we LOVE you visiting us at the Library, we know that sometimes that learning happens best when it is beyond our walls. We have several walks, outreach programs, and adventures happening out and about town this Fall.

Be sure to check them out:

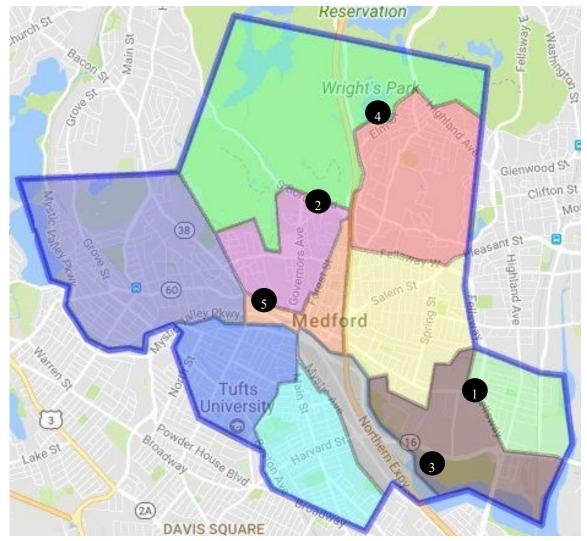
1– **Dee Morris's Wellington Area Walking History Tour. Saturday, Sept. 28 start at 10 AM.** Meet at the intersection or Riverside and Middlesex Ave.

2– Mushroom Walk in the Fells. Sunday, Oct. 6 start at 10 AM. Meet at South Border Rd. Parking Lot.

3– Harvest Your Energy Festival. Saturday, Oct. 19 from 12 - 3 PM. Outdoor festival at Riverbend Park.

4– Haunted Doll Scavenger Hunt. Sunday, Oct. 27 start at 1 - 3PM. Wright's Pond Parking Lot.

5– **Medicinal Plants Walk**. **Wednesday, Oct. 30 start at 4:30 PM.** Meet at Medford Library, High Street Entrance.



If you have a community outreach event and think the Library (and our amazing librarians) should come out, feel free to ask for our availability by emailing medford@minlib.net.



In early July the FMPL were so pleased to host the kids from the Lakota Youth Stay for a visit in our sorting room to pick out some books to take home.









This fall check out these Museum Passes funded by the Friends of the Medford Public Library.



Drumlin Farm in Lincoln is one of the closest locations. Here you can experience life on a working farm and explore a wildlife sanctuary at the same time.



The Trustees invite you to get out and explore Massachusetts. Go relax on the beach, bike through the woods, have a picnic in the park, or run the kids around! One of their most popular properties is deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln.

Did you know that everything we sell at our Book Sales is donated to us?

If you have books, games, puzzles, CDs, or DVDs that you no longer need, consider donating them.

Donations can be left at either of the circulation desks in the MPL anytime the library is open (please do not leave them in the book drop or the hallway.)

Check our website to see what we accept.

Come to our annual Fall Book Sale:

Saturday September 20, 9 AM - 3 PM Sunday September 21 2 - 5 PM Preview Friday September 19 6:30 - 8:30 PM for members only - you can join at the door!

Books, Music, Puzzles, Games and lots more. (there's a bake sale on Saturday too!)

Every Day Book Sale Shelf

You never know what kinds of treasures you will find on the **Every Day Book Sale Shelf** near the adult circulation desk. **The selection changes daily. You can pay cash** or use the QR code to pay with card.



Join the Friends!

Make a donation or volunteer your time and help us bring even more excellent events and services to our community!

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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 2024 – Teen Programs

Sunday, September 1

Teen Fall Reading Challenge Begins

Monday, September 2

Library is Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Game Night, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, September 4

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

Saturdays, September 7 - September 21

Drop in Coding (Grades 3-8), 9:00-11:00AM

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, 3:30-4:00PM** Thursday, September 12

Mystery Book Club, 3:30-4:00PM**

Thursday, September 12

Crochet Club, 6:00-8:00PM**

Friday, September 13 Home School Maker Club (Ages 11+), 11:00AM-12:00PM**

Monday, September 16

Unbox Book Club, 3:30-4:30PM

Tuesday, September 17

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

Wednesdays, September 18 - September 25

College Essay Advice, 5:00-8:00PM**

Thursday, September 19

Craft Night 6:30-7:30PM**

Friday, September 20

Take Home Needle Felting Craft**

Tuesday, September 24

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

Monday, September 30

Sensory Friendly Craft, 3:30-4:30PM**



If you're applying to college and would like some one on one advice on college application essays, sign up for a 15 minute session on either Wednesday, September 18 or September 25! Time slots will be in order of sign up.



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October 2024 – Teen Programs

Tuesday, October 1

Game Night, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Saturdays October 5 - October 19

Drop in Coding (Grades 3-8), 9:00-11:00AM

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

3D Printing Workshop, 3:30-4:30PM**

Tween Graphic Novel Club, 3:30-4:00PM** Thursday, October 10

Franken-Stuffies, 3:30-4:30PM**

Thursday, October 10

Crochet Club, 6:00-8:00PM**

Friday, October 11

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

Monday, October 14

Library is Closed

Thursday, October 17

Spooky Candle Workshop, 3:30-4:30PM**

Mystery Book Club, 3:30-4:00PM**

Monday, October 21

Unbox Book Club, 3:30-4:30PM

Wednesday, October 23

Sewing Workshop, 3:30-5:00PM**

Thursday, October 24

Murder Mystery Party, 6:30-8:00PM**

Monday, October 28

Cricut Mugs, 3:30-5:00PM**

Tuesday, October 29

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



Make your own spooky candle this month! There is no candle making experience required to join in. This craft is happening on Thursday, October 17 – sign up is required!

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November 2024 – Teen Programs

Saturdays, November 2 - November 16

Drop In Coding (Grades 3-8), 9:00-11:00AM

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

Game Night, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, November 6

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

Friday, November 8

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

Monday, November 11 Library is Closed

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

3D Printing Workshop, 3:30-4:30PM**

Wednesday, November 13

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club 3:30-4:00PM**

Thursday, November 14

Mystery Book Club, 3:30-4:00PM**

Crochet Club 6:00-8:00PM**

Monday, November 18

Unbox Book Club, 3:30-4:30PM

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

Stop Motion Studio, 3:30-5:00PM**

Thursday, November 21

Cricut Keychains Craft Night, 6:30-8:00PM**

Friday, November 22 Take Home Mug Cake Craft**

Tuesday, November 26

Chameleon (Grades 9-12), 3:30-4:00PM

Thursday, November 28

Library is Closed



Design and create your own acrylic keychain during this month's Teen Craft Night on November 21! All skill levels are welcome. Sign up is required!



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September 2024-Children's Programs



Monday, September 2

Library Closed

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

🔺 Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, September 5

- € Toddler Time 10:30AM
- ♥ LEGO Club 3:30PM
- Family Maker Night 6-8PM**

Saturday, September 7

- দ Drop In Coding 9-11AM
- 🔺 Family Story Time 10AM
- Sing Along w/Matt 11:30AM

Tuesday, September 10

- 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- Ist Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 11

- 🔺 Family Story Time 3PM
- Tween Graphic Novel Book Club 3:30PM**

- Thursday, September 12
- Sing Along w/ Matt 10:30AM
- ♥ Art Smart 3:30PM

Saturday, September 14

- Drop In Coding 9-11AM
- 🔺 Family Story Time 10AM
- Bilingual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration 3PM**

Monday, September 16

- Mom & Baby Yoga 9:30AM**
- Hannah Moushabeck Author Visit 3:30PM**

Tuesday, September 17

- 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- 📕 Play Dough Club 3:30PM
- 4th/5th Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 18

▲ Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, September 19

- **§** Toddler Time 10:30AM
- 🔰 Lego Club 3:30PM

Friday, September 20

- Home School Maker Club 11AM**
- 3D Printing Workshop 3:30PM**

Saturday, September 21

- Prop In Coding 9-11AM
- ▲Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, September 23

- Mom & Baby Yoga 9:30AM**
- Stick People 3:30PM**
 - Tuesday, September 24
- 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- Painted Rocks 3:30PM**

Wednesday, September 25

- Family Story Time 3PM
- Dipped Candle Workshop 3:30PM**
- ▲ Sensory Story Time 6:30PM**

Thursday, September 26

- 🗧 Toddler Time 10:30AM
- 🤎 Art Smart 3:30PM
- 🤎 Reading w/Ryan 6PM**

Friday, September 27

Fine Motor Skill Friday 1PM

Saturday, September 28

▲ Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, September 30

♥ 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

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 For children ages 5+
 For children 8-12 years old
 ∞ For all ages

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Thursday, October 10



Tuesday, October 1 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM Kids' Drawing 3:30PM** Wednesday, October 2 🔺 Family Story Time 3PM Thursday, October 3 💈 Toddler Time 10:30AM 💛 LEGO Club 3:30PM Family Maker Night 6-8PM** Saturday, October 5 Drop In Coding 9-11AM Family Story Time 10AM Spanish Fun Time (ages 1-4) 10:30AM*' 🤍 Spanish Fun Time (ages 5-11) 11ÅΜ** Monday, October 7 Mom & Baby Yoga 9:30AM** STEM Kitchen 6PM** Tuesday, October 8 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM 🤎 1st Grade Book Club 3:30PM** Wednesday, October 9 📥 Family Story Time 3PM Tween Graphic Novel Book Club 3:30PM*

Sing Along w/Matt 10:30AM Art Smart 3:30AM Saturday, October 12 두 Drop In Coding 9-11AM 📥 Family Story Time 10AM STEM Challenge 2PM** Monday, October 14 Library Closed Tuesday, October 15 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM Sensory-Friendly Craft 3:30PM** দ 4th/5th Grade Book Club 3:30PM** Wednesday, October 16 🔺 Family Story Time 3PM Thursday, October 17 💈 Toddler Time 10:30AM 💛 Lego Club 3:30PM Friday, October 18 Home School Maker Club 11AM** Saturday, October 19 두 Drop In Coding 9-11AM 📥 Family Story Time 10AM Monday, October 21 Mom & Baby Yoga 9:30AM**

Tuesday, October 22
🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
두 Make Your Own Monsters 3:30PM**
Wednesday, October 23
▲ Family Story Time 3PM
두 3D Printing Workshop 3:30PM**
Thursday, October 24
🗧 Toddler Time 10:30AM
🤎 Art Smart 3:30PM
💛 Reading w/Ryan 6PM**
Friday, October 25
Fine Motor Skill Friday 1PM
Saturday, October 26
▲ Family Story Time 10AM
Monday, October 28
♥ 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club 3:30PM**
Tuesday, October 29
🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
Play Dough Club 3:30PM
Wednesday, October 30
▲ Family Story Time 3PM
Sensory Story Time 6:30PM**
Thursday, October 31
🗧 Toddler Time 10:30AM
💛 Lego Club 3:30PM

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Tuesday, November 12

- 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- 4th/5th Grade Book Club 3:30PM**

Wednesday, November 13

- 🔺 Family Story Time 3PM
- Tween Graphic Novel Book Club 3:30PM**

Thursday, November 14

- Sing Along w/Matt 10:30AM
- 💛 Lego Club 3:30PM
 - Friday, November 15
- Home School Maker Club 11AM**

Saturday, November 16

- Drop In Coding 9-11AM
- 🔺 Family Story Time 10AM

Tuesday, November 19

- 🔵 Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- 📕 Play Dough Club 3:30PM

Wednesday, November 20

- Family Story Time 3PM
- ✤ 3D Printing Workshop 3:30PM**
- ▲ Sensory Story Time 6:30PM**

Thursday, November 21

- Toddler Time 10:30AM
- Art Smart 3:30PM
- 👐 Reading w/ Ryan 6PM**

Saturday, November 23

▲ Family Story Time 10AM

Monday, November 25

- 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club 3:30PM**
 - Tuesday, November 26
- Baby Lapsit 9:30AM
- Machine Sewing Workshop
 3:30PM**

Wednesday, November 27

▲ Family Story Time 3PM

Thursday, November 28 Library Closed

Friday, November 29

Fine Motor Skill Friday 1PM

Saturday, November 30

Family Story Time 10AM

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Monday, September 2		
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Tuesday, September 3		
Makerspace Sewing Badging	3:00 PN	
Wednesday, September 4		
Chair Yoga	11:00 A	
Silk Road Art and History	6:00 PN	
Makerspace Cutting Machine	6:00 PN	
Intro to Windows	7:00 PN	
Friday, September 6	40.00.4	
Database of the Month	10:00 A	
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Intro to Windows	7:00 PN	
Scrapbooking	7:00 PN	
Climate Change Book Group	7:00 PN	
Thursday, September 12		
55+ Crafternoon	1:00 PN	
Medicare and You	7:00 PN	
Friday, September 13		
Coffee and Books	10:00 A	
Makerspace Drop-in	2:00 PN	
Saturday, September 14		
Spanish for Adults	9:00 AN	
Mystic Makerspace	2:00 PN	
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Silk Road Art and History	6:00 PN	
Sewing 101	6:30 PN	
Intro to MS Word	7:00 PN	
Friday, September 20		
FMPL Book Sale Preview	6:30 PN	
Saturday, September 21		
Book Sale	9:00 AN	
Podcasting 101	2:00 PN	
Sunday, September 22		
Book Sale	2:00 PN	
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Financial Literacy Workshop	7:00 PN	
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Writer's Workshop	6:45 PM	
Intro to MS Word	7:00 PN	
Dance Caliente	7:00 PN	
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Friday, September 27	1.0011	
Poetry Club	3:30 PN	
Saturday, September 28		
Spanish for Adults	9:00 AN	
Makerspace 3D Printing	10:00 A	
Makerspace Safety	1:00 PN	
Makerspace Laser Cutter	2:00 PN	
Monday, September 30		
Financial Literacy Workshop	7:00 PN	
Mystic Makerspace	7:00 PN	

October **Tuesday, October 1** Makerspace Sewing Badging 3:00 Mystic Makerspace 7:00 Wednesday, October 2 Μ Silk Road Art and History 6:00 Intro to MS Excel 7:00 M Μ Thursday, October 3 Μ Cheese, Please! 6:00 Μ Friday, October 4 Database of the Month 10:00 AM Saturday, October 5 M Spanish for Adults 9:00 Mystic Makerspace Μ 1:00 Grief Workshop 3:00 Monday, October 7 M Monday Mysteries Group 10:0 Μ Financial Literacy Workshop 7:00 Μ Carmen Maria Machado Talk 7:00 Μ Wednesday, October 9 Μ Chair Yoga 11:00 Makerspace Cutting Machine 6:00 Μ Intro to MS Excel 7:00 Μ Climate Change Book Group 7:00 Thursday, October 10 7:00 M Mike Curato Talk Friday, October 11 Μ Coffee and Books 10:00 Saturday, October 12 Μ Spanish for Adults 9:00 Μ Monday, October 14 Μ LIBRARY CLOSED Tuesday, October 15 Cookbook Club Μ 6:30 Wednesday, October 16 Μ Adult Game Night 6:30 Intro to MS PowerPoint Μ 7:00 Μ Thursday, October 17 55+ Crafternoon 1:00 Sewing 101 Μ 6:30 Salem Witchcraft Trials 7:00 Friday, October 18 M Μ Makerspace Drop-in 2:00 Saturday, October 19 Μ Spanish for Adults 9:00 Monday, October 21 Μ Makerspace Drop-in 6:00 7:00 Financial Literacy Workshop Μ Tuesday, October 22 M The Last Lighthouse Keeper 7:00 Μ Wednesday, October 23 Μ Chair Yoga 11:00 Life of Johnny Cash Μ 6:30 Μ Intro to MS PowerPoint 7:00 Friday, October 25 Poetry Club M 3:30 Saturday, October 26 Μ Spanish for Adults 9:00 Makerspace 3D Printing 10:00 Μ Makerspace Safety 1:00 M Makerspace Laser Cutter 2:00 Monday, October 28 Μ Μ Financial Literacy Workshop 7:00 Mystic Makerspace 7:00 Μ **Tuesday, October 29** Meditation 101 7:00 M

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) PM	Saturday, November 30	10.00
) PM	Makerspace 3D Printing	10:00 AM
) PM	Makerspace Safety	1:00 PM
	Makerspace Laser Cutter	2:00 PM