



NEWS & EVENTS

APP, CHAT, AND MORE

Dear Library Patrons,

2022 has arrived and we are very excited for what the year holds. While the majority of our programs continue to be held online via Zoom, we are hopeful that in the coming months we'll see COVID cases decrease and we can announce the return of more indoor and outdoor (in person) programs. While we wait though, don't forget all the other great things the Library has to offer: books, movies, music choices, graphic novels, video games, periodicals, databases galore and the very popular Library of Things collection.

Indeed, you can also find all of these resources via the MLN Mobile App: just search Minuteman Library Network in your app store and gain full access to your account and more right in the palm of your hand. A new, handy feature is the Mobile Checkout function: during your next visit to the library, you can check out your materials instantly with the app, skipping the lines at our busy circulation desks & self-checkout machines. This is a great chance to try out our latest technology & socially distance while doing so! If you have any questions about our services or the Mobile App, please ask library staff to help with the answers.

Speaking of new initiatives and seeking answers, I would also like to introduce a new opportunity available to Belmont patrons: **beginning in February, join me for some morning coffee and conversation on the first Friday of the month!** Whether you want to ask questions about the new library or current space, share ideas, or just get to know each other, the door is open and the coffee is hot so please don't hesitate to sign up for one of these morning chat sessions here: <https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/events/>

Lastly, don't forget about our Winter Reading Challenge - it started just a few weeks ago, but there's still plenty of time to join - check out the link in the box below!

Kindest Wishes,

Peter J. Struzziero
Library Director



WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2022

Looking for socially distant activity ideas this winter? Our second annual Winter Reading Challenge is back from January 3 to March 31, 2022 and is chock full of activity ideas for all ages. Complete activities and be entered to win raffle prizes!

Sign up on Beanstack:
<https://belmontpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>



OFF THE SHELF

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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DISCOVER THE JOY OF HYGGE

Wednesday, February 9, 7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Have you heard the term "hygge" and wondered what it is? Do you need a fresh perspective on how to enjoy and savor the winter season? Life and leadership coach, Lisa Luken will illustrate what hygge is and where it's from, she'll share why it's important for happiness and how to create and embrace it in your life.



INTRO TO SOAP MAKING

Tuesday, February 19, 11am

Beech Street Center

Registration Required

Learn the basics of making cold process soap! Students will learn the following: the equipment needed, safety considerations, and recipes. Students will receive handouts and make their own 1lb batch of soap with their choice of color and fragrance to go home with.



VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, February 16, 7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Join us for another evening of Virtual Trivia for solo players and teams! Our questions are geared towards adults, but for families who want to play together, please know that there are no "embarrassing" questions or content. The ability to access Zoom and view slides on a screen is all you need for this fantastic trivia fun!

AUTHOR TALK: TED REINSTEIN'S BEFORE BROOKLYN

Thursday, February 17, 7pm, in person

Registration Required

Join us for this live, **in-person** author talk with the enthralling local legend Ted Reinstein as he discusses his new book, *Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's*



Color Barrier. This book tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball before Jackie Robinson.

MA MUST READ AUTHORS: LARRY TYE (*DEMAGOGUE*)

Tuesday, February 22, 6pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Bestselling author Tye was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Center for the Book as a must-read authors of the year. Join him for a presentation on his critically acclaimed book, *Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy*. Tye will be joined in conversation by Eileen McNamara, a journalism professor, Pulitzer Prize winner, and author.

SYBRINA FULTON: CULTIVATING JUSTICE TOWARD RACIAL EQUALITY

Thursday, February 24, 7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Since the death of her son, Trayvon Martin, Sybrina Fulton is dedicating her life to transforming family tragedy into social change. Despite the intense struggle of losing a child, Fulton has become a role model to many by turning her grief into advocacy. Remaining strong throughout the trial and ensuing months, she lends her voice to speak against violence towards children and the need to build better, safer communities for all.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: NANCY JO SALES

Friday, February 25, 7:30pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Join New York Times Bestselling author Nancy Jo Sales for a discussion about her latest book, *Nothing Personal: My Secret Life in the Dating App Inferno*, a memoir of her time on dating apps intertwined with research and interviews about the online dating industry.



CHILDREN & TEENS



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Virtual Storytimes for Ages 0-5

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10am, Zoom

Registration Required

Short stories and songs will be performed for young library patrons. Have some fun singing along and interacting from home.

Animal Valentines: Who's Looking For Love?

Thursday, February 10, 6:30pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Join Mass Audubon Habitat's Barbara Bates for a look at some of the animals looking for love in February and the myths that surround their quests.

Matt Heaton Sing-Along

Friday, February 11, 11am, Zoom

Registration Required

Join one of Belmont's favorite rock stars for kids and sing and dance along at home.

Virtual Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal to this special evening storytime!

Take and Make Craftalong - Origami

Tuesday, February 22, 2pm on Zoom (or on your own)

Registration Required

Have fun with this Take and Make craft! Starting on February 14th, stop by the Children's room to get a kit, with supplies and instructions included!

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Bring a Book and Read

Wednesday, February 9, all day, in person

This book club aimed for teens in grades 6-12 is a self-selection book club that doesn't require any talking, but helps create an enjoyable and stress-relieving ambience for reading in the library. There is no registration required. We will meet in the New Books section of the library.

Pokemon Trading Day

Saturday, February 12, 12-2pm, in person

Drop-by for a Pokemon trading extravaganza! Whether it is on a video game or with a book full of cards, we will be opening stations for everyone to enjoy the thrill of a good trade. Come with Pokemon you are willing to trade! A special display of our librarian's 20+ year collection will be available to view (and possibly trade with).

Under 200: A Novella Book Club

Wednesday, February 16, 3pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Explore the wonders of genre fiction with the award-winning novellas that capture both hearts and imaginations. This month, we read the break-through novella Every Heart a Doorway by Seanan McGuire.

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION NOW LIVE

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is now available. To enter Kindergarten, the child must be five years old on or before September 1st of the year they will attend school. To enter Grade 1, the child must be six years old on or before September 1st of the year they will attend school. For more information for all grades, and to register your child, visit the Belmont Public Schools registration page: <https://bit.ly/3FHdwR6>.

OFF THE SHELF

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MONTHLY EVENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MONTHLY EVENTS

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, February 8

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

The Pioneer Woman Cooks by Ree Drummond



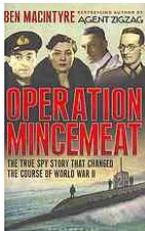
Page of Enlightenment

Thursday, February 10

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Operation Mincemeat by Ben Macintyre



Better Read Than Dead:

Mystery Book Group

Tuesday, February 15

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

The Last Flight by Julie Clark



Dial M for Movies

Watch: Friday, Feb. 18

6:30pm, Assembly Room

Discuss: Monday, Feb. 28

6pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Jurassic Park



Tai Chi

Saturday, February 19

10am, Zoom

Registration Required



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Authors Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library, continues to engage audiences by hosting fascinating, intimate conversations with exceptional authors. In January, Sanjena Sathian read from her debut novel *Gold Diggers* and then shared her thoughts on her favorite writers, her writing process and the role of fiction in society. The complete conversation, along with previous author events sponsored by the Friends, is available at the Library's Youtube channel: <https://bit.ly/FOBPLAuthors>. We will be back in March with another great interview!

In the meantime, enjoy some love at the Library! Join us on Sunday, February 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to celebrate winter with an ice sculpture, Valentine supplies, books and goodies. Bundle up! We'll be in the parking lot. We hope to see you there!

Happy New Year!
Stephanie Cahoon and
Kristen Carte-Smith

NEW!

SCANNX BOOK SCAN STATION

Do you have books, old documents or photos that need some high quality scanning? Bring them in and digitize them on the library's brand new Book Scan station—it can turn your scanned content into searchable PDFs, editable Word docs or images that are croppable. Whether black & white or color, double-sided or single-sided, the Book Scan station handles that and so much more. Come check it out!

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Library Hours:

Mon-Wed: 9-9, Thurs: 11-9

Fri & Sat: 9-5, Sun: 1-5

Closed 2/21 for Presidents' Day

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