

# OFF THE SHELF

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# NEWS & EVENTS

## A SWEET START TO SUMMER

Dear Library Patrons,

Don't look now but summer is almost here! Before school gets out and vacation starts, we hope that you will join us here at the library for some fun events. Looking for a beach read? We will be hosting best-selling author Jane Healey on Wednesday, June 14 to talk about her newest book, *Goodnight from Paris*. Got some wanderlust? Join us for a virtual sojourn in Venice, also known as La Serinissima on Thursday, June 29. Or relax after the celebratory Belmont Pride Parade with some classical guitar music on June 17 at 3pm.

And speaking of celebrating, the summer reading theme this year is one unique to the Belmont Public Library: Moving Up and Moving Out! This month and all throughout the summer, we look forward to celebrating our last summer in the current library building. You can join in the fun by registering for summer reading - from children to teens to adults, there's something for everyone! And to sweeten the deal, if you are one of the first 150 people to register for summer reading at the library on June 17th, you will get a ticket for free ice cream from the ice cream truck that will be here from 11am to 2pm. This sweet treat is thanks to the Friends of the Belmont Public Library, who help make every summer and every library event a memorable one.

Many thanks,

Lauren Pfendner  
Coordinator of Reference & Public Services

## SUMMER READING IS HERE!

Summer Reading 2023 runs from June 24th—August 19th, but you can register beginning June 17th! Sign-ups for the Children's program will take place in-person at the library and Teen and Adult sign-ups are online. Join us for another summer filled with books, activities, and fun!

### CHILDREN



### TEENS



### ADULTS



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### BEER HIKING NEW ENGLAND

Monday, June 5, 7pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

Author Carey Kish traveled over 300 miles on foot and tasted more than 230 different beers to bring readers this great selection of hikes and brews. Join him for a talk about his new guidebook, *Beer Hiking in New England*, showcasing a wide variety of fun beer hikes in MA and greater New England! From easy walks to strenuous climbs, Carey will talk about the stunning scenery that awaits you and the breweries and brewpubs nearby that'll quench your thirst at the end of your hike.

### PYTHON GRAPHICS PROGRAMMING

Tuesdays, June 6 & 13, 6:30pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

In this two-part series we'll examine many working examples of Python's tkinter graphics module widgets and take short looks at Canvas drawing items. A laptop will be required, as well as the ability to install Python. Some limited Python programming experience is expected.

### FOOD WRITER NICOLE A. TAYLOR

Wednesday, June 7, 7pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

We're so excited to welcome James Beard Award nominee Nicole A. Taylor for a conversation about her new cookbook, *Watermelon and Red Birds: A Cookbook for Juneteenth & Black Celebrations*. We'll talk about the ways in which Juneteenth has evolved and Nicole will share some of her favorite recipes to honor this holiday and other Black celebrations.

### JUNO'S EUROPA FLY-BY

Thursday, June 8, 7pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

On September 29, 2022, Juno passed by Jupiter's icy moon Europa, at an altitude of only ~350 km over its icy surface. The study of Europa is of high priority because the existence of a salty ocean suggests the possibility of habitability. In this session, participants will learn about the successful flyby, Juno's science objectives, and tour Europa through the high-resolution visible images returned.

### FRIENDS AUTHOR SERIES: JANE HEALEY

Wednesday, June 14, 7pm, Assembly Room

#### Registration Required

Help us welcome best-selling author Jane Healey to talk about her new novel, *Goodnight from Paris*. In it, she's combined romance, adventure, friendship, betrayal and redemption, to weave a heady, larger-than-life tale against the vivid backdrop of France during the Second World War.

### MUSIC ON SATURDAYS: CLASSICAL GUITAR WITH FRANCESCO BARONE

Saturday, June 17, 3pm, Assembly Room

#### Registration Required

Classical guitarist Francesco Barone will present us with a recital of classical guitar music from the traditional and 20th century repertoires. The first half of the program features music of the baroque and classical periods, such as Lute Suite no. 1 by Johann Sebastian Bach. The second half will include music written in the 20th century like The Elves Suite (1984) by Nikita Koshkin.

### RED SOX NATION WITH CHAD FINN

Wednesday, June 28, 7pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

'Tis the Season for BASEBALL! Chad Finn will discuss his book *The Boston Globe Story of the Red Sox: More Than a Century of Championships, Challenges, and Characters*. Baseball fans of all ages are welcome to join us for a conversation about the Sox, the sport, the stories, and the future of baseball in Boston. Hope you can join us! Play Ball!

### LA SERINISSIMA: A SOJOURN IN VENICE

Thursday, June 29, 7pm, Zoom

#### Registration Required

From its early incarnation as a refuge from invaders to its current place as a tourist mecca, Bruce Magnuson will explore the many facets of Venetian history, art, and architecture. Weaving local references to Venice (the Gardner Museum anyone?) with photographs from a recent trip, you'll come away with a greater appreciation for this complicated, captivating city.

# CHILDREN & TEENS

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

### Farmers' Market Storytime

#### Thursdays in June, 4pm, Belmont Farmers' Market

Orange you glad we're back? We're so excited to return for Farmers' Market fun! Join us in the town center parking lot for tasty stories and sing-alongs.

### Children's Concert with Matt Heaton

#### Friday, June 9, 10am, Assembly Room

Sing and dance along here at the library with one of Belmont's favorite rock stars! Matt's classic and original songs delight all ages (even parents!).

### Monday Meet & Play!

#### Monday, June 12, 10am, Flett Room

Drop in for a morning of free-play and socialization! This open playgroup provides opportunity for caregivers of young children to connect and for children to explore the power of play. Toys and other materials provided. Intended for children ages 4 & younger.

### Family Book Club - PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together

#### Wednesday, June 14, 6:30pm, Assembly Room

### Registration Required

Kids and their grownups are welcome to join us for pizza and a book discussion of this month's title, PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together by Michele Assarasakorn and Nathan Fairbairn. Recommended for families with kids ages 8 and up.

### Creative Drama for Kids Ages 6 to 8

#### Monday, June 26, 11am, Assembly Room

### Registration Required

Big Kid Creative Drama brings imagination to the next level! It's high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, and super fun. Children will build confidence, social awareness, empathy, and problem-solving skills through pretending and performing.

### Children's Concert with Mariana Iranzi, Ages 2-6

#### Thursday, June 29; 11:15am, Assembly Room

Sing and dance in English and in Spanish with Mariana Iranzi! Lots of moving, grooving, and fun guaranteed!

### Beginner Cricut: Tote Bags

#### Thursday, June 22, 7pm, Assembly Room

### Registration Required

Walk in with any level of skill or interest in Cricut crafting and walk away with a library themed tote bag! You'll get an intro on how to use Cricut Design Space to create a design, cut it out, and iron it to your new bag.

## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### D&D Super Dungeon Player's Guide

### Released June 1st!

Register for early access to our Discord server with live updates on games, guild matches, and custom artwork designed by local artist, Samrath Kaur. Play over 100+ D&D one-shots everyday this summer from June 26-August 6.

### Boba & Books

#### Wednesday, June 14, 2:30pm, Flett Room

Get a free book and drink your favorite types of boba tea on the 2nd Wednesday of each month! This program is first-come, first-served for teens and tweens.



### Banned Book Club: Discussion

#### Thursday, June 15, 5:30pm, Flett Room

### Registration Required

Register for our Banned Books Club for ages 11+ and get a free copy of the book to keep! Copies of our first title, *Cinderella is Dead* by Kalyn Bayron, have been provided by Belmont Books and the Friends.

### Super Dungeon Guild Fair

#### Saturday, June 17, 11am, Assembly Room

### Registration Required

Learn about all the play styles of our Guild Masters this year for our very first Guild Fair for the National D&D Super Dungeon.

### Smashbook Journaling

#### Wednesdays, June 21 & 28, 3:30pm, Flett Room

Every week, create something new from something old. Smashbooks are unplanned journals using old books that incorporate printed words into a cathartic art form. Teens are welcome to drop-in every week and start a new smashbook or build from an old one.

### Teen Read-and-Bead-athon

#### Tuesdays starting June 27, All Day, YA Room

Remember to read every week and on Tuesdays, reward yourself by restocking your nostalgia for beads with our Read-and-Bead-athon station in the YA Room.

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## MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

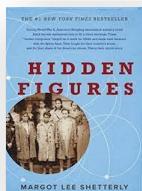
### Page of Enlightenment

**Thursday, June 8**

**7pm, Hybrid (Assembly & Zoom)**

### Registration Required

Hidden Figures by  
Margot Lee Shetterly



### Cookbook Club

**Tuesday, June 13**

**7pm, Assembly Room**

### Registration Required

Choose your own recipe!



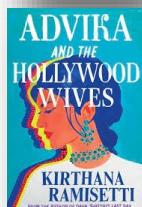
### Pages & Pints

**Thursday, June 15**

**7pm, Trinktisch (87 Leonard St)**

### Registration Required

Advika and the Hollywood  
Wives by Kirthana Ramisetti



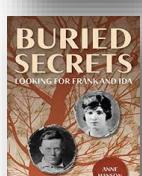
### Better Read than Dead

**Tuesday, June 20**

**7pm, Zoom**

### Registration Required

Buried Secrets by Anne Hanson



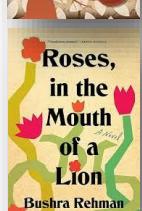
### RainbowLit

**Monday, June 26**

**7pm, Zoom**

### Registration Required

Roses in the Mouth of a Lion by  
Bushra Rehman



### Book A Trip Abroad

**Tuesday, June 27**

**7pm, Hybrid (Assembly & Zoom)**

### Registration Required

How to Turn Into a Bird  
by Maria Jose Ferrada



## MONTHLY EVENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Summer!

Start your summer with Summer Reading 2023. If you sign up at the library on June 17th, you'll receive a ticket for our ice cream truck! Frozen Hoagies Ice Cream will be there from 11am-2pm with free ice cream for the first 150 people who sign up. The only thing better than reading a good book, is enjoying one while eating Rancatore's ice cream.

Our May book sale generated more money for library programs, which is one of the very good reasons we hold book sales. The other good reasons are included in the thousands of book titles available for purchase. We hope you found something for your bedside table, beach bag, or briefcase. Belmont really is a town of generous readers! Thank you to all the volunteers who make our book sales possible. And if you missed the sale in May, stop by the Everyday Book Sale near the Reference Room or the Book Store in the Children's Room where books are always available to purchase.

As summer begins, we hope you are surrounded by people and books you love.

Warmly,  
Stephanie Cahoon and Kristen Carte-Smith

### From Our Friends at Belmont Farmers' Market

Belmont Farmers' Market opens on June 1. We'll also be holding our second annual Food Assistance Info Fair that day. Come hear about the wide range of available benefits, eligibility, and learn how to sign up!

And don't miss out on our monthly  
Tai Chi and Trivia offerings!



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