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BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

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OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 @ 7PM

LEARN ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING PROJECT

Come one, come all! The Library Building Committee, together with the Architectural Team, will present the final schematic design and budget for the new library on **Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm in the Assembly Room.**

Join us to see the architect's:

- Exterior & Interior Renderings
- Site plans

View what our new library will look like and how it will be used. All are welcome as we unveil the final schematic design and budget!

A cardboard box filled with various food items including a bottle of oil, pasta, tomatoes, and a container of lentils. The word "DONATION" is written in purple marker on the front of the box.

FOOD FOR FINES PROGRAM

AN ALTERNATIVE TO PAY FINES

Beginning November 1st, the Library will accept non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Belmont Food Pantry as an alternative for any patrons wishing to donate items to the BFP instead of paying fines.

We want to thank all those who worked with the library to make this program a possibility, including the Board of Library Trustees, the Town Administrator and of course, the Belmont Food Pantry.

If patrons wish to make a donation to the food pantry instead of paying late fees on Belmont items, we will have containers at the Circulation Desk to receive them. "Food For Fines" will be for Belmont late fees only. Fines from other libraries are not eligible, nor are replacement costs for lost or damaged items.

TO SEE A LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS PLEASE [CLICK HERE!](#)



OCTOBER

SPOOKY SUCCESSES



Libraries love Halloween! Read on for recaps of some of our spooktacularly themed events. We had a blast providing the following programs for the Belmont community, received great feedback from those that attended, and even got to meet some new patrons!

Murder Mystery Party—The Haunted Hunter

This evening was filled with mischief, mayhem, and murder! Jest Murder Mystery Co. provided two professional actors to facilitate the evening's festivities. Once everyone arrived, every participant was given a part to play in the story, and everyone was encouraged to embody their given character (with help from some clever details on their name tags). After the first act ended in the murder of a ghost hunter, it was up to our audience to decipher the clues, act their parts, and solve the whodunit!

There were numerous standout acting performances from the audience, with "Hugh Huffman" taking home a trophy for his brilliantly acted old man character. Participants all had a great time and even asked if we could have another event like this one! So be on the lookout for future programs!

This event was generously funded by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library.

Halloween Puppet Show

Librarians Rachel O. and Jonathan N. put on a special Halloween-themed storytime, which included a puppet show!

During the puppet show the audience was asked to help our resident witch, Esmerelda, cast a spell on her broom, who had forgotten how to fly. However, they performed the wrong spells and transform the broom into a variety of different animals: from a mouse to a dragon. After finally remembering the correct spell Esmerelda and her broom fly away to attend a pre-Halloween party!

We had amazing attendance with 120 patrons.



Community Trick or Treat

The Town of Belmont hosted a community trick or treat at Town Hall. Librarians Rachel O., Rachel M., and Jonathan N. were on hand dressed as the Sanderson Sisters from the movie *Hocus Pocus*. Candy was given out all of the trick-or-treaters who visited our table!

Halloween Party/Haunted House/Escape Room

Leading up to Halloween we had numerous programs for all ages! Our Boo Bash on Oct 29 saw 140 patrons get into the holiday spirit with craft making and cookie decorating. Later that evening we took willing participants on a virtual tour of a haunted house. Teen Library Rachel M. transformed the Flett Room into a vampire's lair on Oct 30. Kids and teens worked in groups to solve clues and puzzles in order to escape the lair!



LIBRARY NEWS

LATEST UPDATES FROM BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

The Belmont Public Library is open on Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm.

Library Closures:

Monday, November 11— Closed for Veterans Day

Thanksgivings Hours:

Wednesday, November 27— Open 9am-6pm

Thursday, November 28—Closed

Friday, November 29—Closed

Saturday, November 30— Open 9am-5pm

Sunday, December 1— Open 1pm-5pm

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EVENTS FOR KIDS

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES AND THEIR FAMILIES, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

FEATURED EVENTS

MATT HEATON CONCERT

THURSDAY, NOV. 14 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join acclaimed local musician Matt Heaton for this sing-along for babies and toddlers up to 24 months with both original songs and classic favorites.

MUSIC PUPS

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 AT 11:00AM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Attend a demonstration of the Music Pups program from the Powers Music School. This playful, creative music & movement program will have your child enjoying singing, dancing, wiggling, and exploring instruments and musical props.

For 0-4 year olds

VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE: TILT BRUSH

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 AT 3:30PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Come and paint your world the way you want it using Tilt Brush, which lets you paint in 3D space. The possibilities are endless! This program is collaboration with the Belmont Media Center.

For 1st graders and up.

POWERS MUSICAL STORIES

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 AT 10:00 AND 11:00AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Musicians from the Powers Music School present a musical telling of *Anansi Goes Fishing* by Eric Kimmel. **Recommended for families with children ages 2 and up.**

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RECURRING PROGRAMS

NO STORYTIMES NOVEMBER 26-28

INFANT STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 6, 13, AND 20
10:30AM FLETT ROOM

This short program of songs and rhymes is focused on engaging with your baby and meeting new friends.
For infants up to 12 months and pre-walkers.

STORYTIME FOR 1's

TUESDAYS, NOV. 5, 12, AND 19
9:30AM AND 10:30AM FLETT ROOM

We'll share simple stories, songs, and nursery rhymes, and includes time to play and make friends.
For walkers and toddlers under 24 months.

STORYTIME FOR 2's & 3's

THURSDAYS, NOV. 7, 14, AND 21
9:30AM AND 10:30AM FLETT ROOM

Come listen to stories and rhymes, sing, and even dance!
For 2 and 3 year olds.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 6, 13, AND 20
9:30AM FLETT ROOM

We'll read longer books, sing and dance, and enjoy some fun surprises.
For 3-5 year olds with a longer attention span.

EARLY LITERACY PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS, NOV. 1, 8, 15, AND 22
10:30AM FLETT ROOM

This parent and child group supports your child's language and literacy development. You'll play, read, sing and take home new ideas! Presented by educators from the CFCE grant program.
For children age 4 and under.

MONTHLY EVENTS

ARMENIAN STORY READING

SATURDAY, NOV. 2 AT 2:30PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Teachers from the Erebuni Armenian School will read traditional stories in honor of the 150th Birth Anniversary of celebrated Armenian poet and author Hovanes Tumanyan.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH RUBI

MONDAYS, NOV. 18 AND 25
9:30AM AND 10:15AM ASSEMBLY ROOM

This active program will get kids (and their grownups) moving, dancing, and having fun!
For kids ages 2-5.

PARENT-CHILD BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20
6:30PM ASSEMBLY ROOM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This book club is for children in grades 3-6 and their parents or other special adult. This month's title is *Howl's Moving Castle* by Dianne Wynn Jones!



EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

CHECK INDIVIDUAL EVENTS FOR RECOMMENDED AGES.

FEATURED EVENTS

HOMEWORK AND HOT CHOCOLATE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6
1:30PM ASSEMBLY ROOM

It's time again for Homework and Hot Chocolate! Our middle schoolers are invited to join us on the first Wednesday of each month for two hours of snacks, homework time, games, and crafts.
Drop-in for 5th-8th graders.



GIRLS WHO CODE

THURSDAYS, NOV. 14 AND 21
3:00PM FLETT ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Girls Who Code clubs equip girls with concrete technical skills that will provide the foundation

for futures in technology. The curriculum is provided by the organization, and involves 40 hours

of instruction in computer science including project-based activities to reinforce concepts like

conditionals, lists, and loops, with primary learning tracks in Scratch and Javascript.

Registration required. Please email moir@minlib.net for more information.

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EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

MONDAY, NOV. 4 AT 3:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MONDAY, NOV. 18 AT 3:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FLETT ROOM

Ever wanted to embark on your own epic quest? Here's your chance! The library is launching a Dungeons and Dragons campaign for teens! Beginners are welcome, and dice will be provided. Space is limited, please email rmoir@minlib.net for more details.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING

TUESDAYS, NOV. 5 AND 19 AT 3:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Beginners, join us to learn how to play Magic the Gathering! Veteran players, we will have open play as well, and access to a swap box and lands if you need to round out your deck!

For up to grade 12

NANOWRIMO WRITE IN!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 AND 27 FROM 2:00-4:00PM
FLETT ROOM

It's National Novel Writer's Month, when writers challenge themselves to write a whole 10,000 word novel by the end of November! All teen authors and aspiring authors are welcome to join us for a library write-in, where we'll have snacks, drinks, writing exercises, and a chance to share your work if you like, in celebration of NaNoWriMo! Whether you're trying to hit your word count for NaNo or you're just starting writing, we'd love to see you there from 2 to 4 pm in the Flett Room!

For grades 6 to 12.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 FROM 3:00-4:30PM
FLETT ROOM

Attention teens, grades 9 and up! Looking for a new community service opportunity? Join the teen advisory board. Meetings are held once a month on Friday afternoons, but you don't have to attend every month. We eat pizza, work on a volunteer project, and plan upcoming teen programs.

Please email rmoir@minlib.net for more details.





EVENTS FOR ADULTS

FOR PATRONS 18+, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

MONTHLY GROUPS AND BOOK CLUBS

BOOKS AND BITES

MONDAY, NOV. 4 AT 11:00AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Belmont author Sara B. Fraser will speak on her debut novel *Long Division*, published this year by Black Rose Writing. In this novel, Leigh Fortune reckons with the fallout of her mother's choices while her grandmother comes to terms with the role she played in the family's unraveling.

Sara B. Fraser is a Belmont resident and a teacher at Belmont High School. Her fiction has appeared in various literary magazines.



All are welcome to attend this free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library. Refreshments will be provided. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

COOKBOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, NOV. 5 AT 7:00PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Like cooking? Like eating? Like eating and talking about cooking?

Sign up each month for the Cookbook Club. We'll pick a different cookbook every month, and all make recipes to share & talk about.



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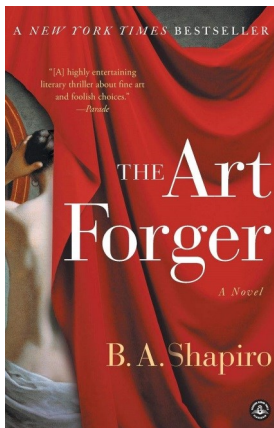
MORE MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 at 11:00AM

BEECH STREET CENTER

This new book group will be led by Coordinator of Public Services Mary Carter, Community Outreach Librarian, Jonathan Nichols, and Beech Street Center volunteer, Kimberly Sliney. Please join them for their next meeting, where they will discuss this month's selection. This group is open to anyone and every one so please bring you ideas and book suggestions!



DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 AT 7:00PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

FLETT ROOM

Learn how you can get the most out of Ancestry.com, *library edition*. This 90-minute program will cover the types of information Ancestry holds, search tips, and hands-on practice. It will be led by librarian Nancy McColm.



DIAL M FOR MOVIES

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 AT 6:30PM

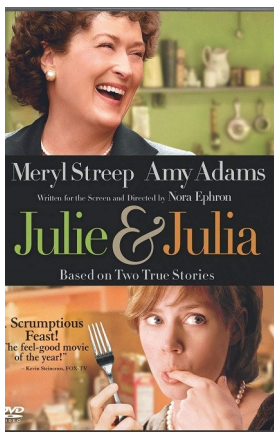
VIEWING—JULIE & JULIA
ASSEMBLY ROOM

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 AT 7:00PM

DISCUSSION

FLETT ROOM

Dial M for Movies is the Library's movie club, hosted by Library Director Peter Struzziero. Join Peter for the film viewing - with popcorn of course - then come back later in the month to discuss the film.



TAI CHI AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 AT 10:00AM

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 AT 7:00PM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Tai Chi practitioner and coach, Aisling O'Shea, will guide you through this beautiful and low impact form of martial art and meditation. NO equipment necessary, just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

Registration is optional but appreciated.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library.

BELMONT BOOK DISCUSSTION

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 AT 3:00PM

FLETT ROOM

This month we're discussing [The Other Einstein](#) by M. Benedict.

No registration is required and all are welcome. Find out more about the library's book groups, including the Belmont Book Discussion group's [titles for 2019](#).



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MORE MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

KNITTING CLUB

FRIDAYS FROM 12:30PM-2:30PM (DROP-IN)
FLETT ROOM

Bring your knitting, crochet, weaving, or other portable crafts or projects, and we'll get to know each other as we work. We're mainly a social group who like to take a few hours on Friday afternoon to relax and work with yarn, although we're happy to help if you've reached a tricky point in your pattern, or need assistance fixing a dropped stitch. No commitment necessary - we look forward to meeting you!

For more information, contact Jonathan Nichols at 617-993-2896 or jnichols@minlib.net.

ELL CONVERSATION GROUPS

MONDAYS, NOV. 4, 11, 18, AND 25
AT 10:00AM
FLETT ROOM & YOUNG ADULT ROOM

WEDNESDAYS, NOV 6, 13, 16, 20, AND 27
AT 7:00PM
FLETT ROOM

Improve your English and practice conversational skills in a small, welcoming group with guidance from the group leader.

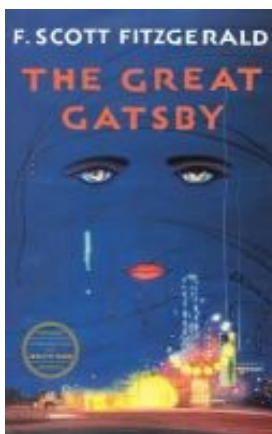
UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 AT 1:30PM
FLETT ROOM

The Classics Book Group will discuss the novel [The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald](#) on Wednesday, December 4th at 1:30 PM in the Flett Room of the Belmont Public Library. A true classic of twentieth-century literature, *The Great Gatsby* is the story of the mysterious Jay Gatsby who uses his vast and implicitly ill-gotten fortune to buy his way into society, hoping to win back the love of his life, Daisy Buchanan. Published in 1925, this exquisitely crafted novel of America in the 1920s has been acclaimed by generations of readers.

The Classics Book Group meets on the first Wednesday of every other month at 1:30 PM in the Flett Room. All are welcome to attend!



COOKBOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 AT 7:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ASSEMBLY ROOM

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BOOKS AND BITES

TUESDAY, DEC. 9 AT 11:00AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Author Stephen Puleo will speak on his book [American Treasures: The Secret Efforts to Save the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address](#) at Books and Bites on Monday, December 9th at 11:00 AM in the Assembly Room of the Belmont Public Library. This book charts the little-known journeys of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN BELMONT

BEECH STREET—SENIOR CENTER

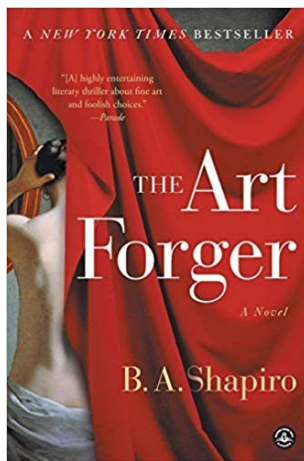
PAGE TUNERS BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 AT 11:00AM

BEECH STREET CENTER

This month's selection is *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro. Almost twenty-five years after the infamous art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—still the largest unsolved art theft in history—one of the stolen Degas paintings is delivered to the Boston studio of a young artist. Claire Roth has entered into a Faustian bargain with a powerful gallery owner by agreeing to forge the Degas in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. But as she begins her work, she starts to suspect that this long-missing masterpiece—the very one that had been hanging at the Gardner for one hundred years—may itself be a forgery.

Cost: Free



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEECH STREET—SENIOR CENTER

5TH ANNUAL VETERANS' BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 FROM 9:00-10:30AM

BEECH STREET

As a thank, you to our local Veterans, the Belmont Council on Aging will host its fifth annual Veterans' Breakfast, free for Veterans, spouses, and families.

Meet Belmont Veterans' Service Officer Bob Upton, Council on Aging Staff, and local representatives over coffee and breakfast. Eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, and pancakes provided by The Diner at 11 North Beacon in Watertown. After breakfast, journey back to the 1940s with a special performance by the Company Bees. Enjoy songs such as "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and the "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

Breakfast is limited to 120; please call 617-993-2970 to reserve your seat by Wednesday, Nov. 6. If space is available and you are not a veteran, you may attend, but a monetary donation is required.

This event is generously sponsored by East Cambridge Savings Bank.

SHINGLES AND PNEUMONIA VACCINE CLINIC

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 AT 10:00AM

BEECH STREET

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends people 60 and older should get their Shingles vaccine, and 65 and older get their pneumonia shot. Wegmans pharmacy is setting a certain number of doses aside for the Beech Street Center, and therefore we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Please call 617-993-2970 for more information and to register.

Cost: Most insurance plans cover both vaccines. Please check with your providers before registering.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 AT 12:00PM

BEECH STREET

Come and celebrate this wonderful time of the year with Springwell kitchen staff Barbara, Mary, and our lovely volunteers. We'll be serving turkey with all the fixins'. Make sure you save room for pumpkin pie and hot apple cider. Stay after lunch to enjoy singer Christine Elise featuring music from the Great American Songbook.

Cost \$2 suggested donation to Springwell. You must fill a Springwell menu out to sign-up.

This event is generously sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

ANNUAL BEECH STREET CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 FROM 9:00AM-3:00PM

BEECH STREET

We hope to see you at the 2019 Annual Beech Street Craft Fair at the Beech Street Center! Over 48 vendors will display and sell their handmade crafts, including a wide variety of jewelry, greeting cards, knit items such as scarves and sweaters, quilts, photography, pottery, soaps and candles, holiday ornaments and decorations. This is an excellent opportunity to begin your holiday/seasonal shopping! There will also be a Vendor Raffle as well as a fabulous Bake Sale with homemade goodies. A light lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Craft Fair is open to the public. Donation at the door is \$1.00; children under 12 are free.

Additional volunteers are needed to help run this event, so if you or a friend has some free time on Friday and Saturday, November 22-23, please email; graystreet@aol.com or call 781-646-8287.

Event sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Council on Aging and the proceeds will help fund programs at the Beech Street Center

CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS AT BEECH STREET

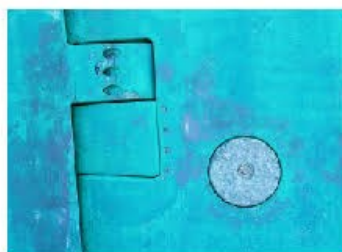


COMMUNITY EVENTS

BELMONT ART GALLERY—HOMER BUILDING



ELEMENTAL



SHAPE

LINE

FORM

COLOR

SPACE

TEXTURE

OCTOBER 27 - DECEMBER 27, 2019

