

# NEWS & EVENTS

## PUTTING INTO SPRING

Dear Library Patrons,

Spring is right around the corner, despite Mother Nature's intentions this week! And with spring comes all manner of new opportunities. Consider some awesome library programs we have coming up. For example: whether it's celebrating Women's History Month, attending one of our many virtual author talks or joining one of our varied books clubs, there's plenty in which to participate. Or try beating the winter doldrums with some mini golf IN the library! Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we'll be hosting two mini golf events in March. **Putt 'n' Pint** on Friday, March 10th from 6-9pm, will be a fundraiser for adults featuring mini golf, beer and light snacks - what could be better? And for families and friends, join us on Saturday, March 11th from 9am-3pm for free mini golf for all ages.

Speaking of thanks, we are so thankful for the many amazing groups and individuals that help support both current library programs and services as well as the future of the library through the building project. Recently, we received generous donations from both CitySide Subaru and East Cambridge Savings Bank and we truly could not be more grateful. It is support such as this that will help to offset the amount of public funding required for the project, helping us to build the library that Belmont deserves—now and for years to come. Thank you, CitySide Subaru and East Cambridge Savings Bank.

Remember, you don't have to be a business or a bank to get involved and show your support. To learn more about the building project and to join the community of donors that will be represented on the Wall for All in the new building, check out the library building project webpage (if you're looking at the digital newsletter, click [here](#) for more info).

None of what makes the Belmont Public Library great is possible without you!

Many thanks,

Lauren Pfendner, Coordinator of Reference & Public Services

Peter Struzziero, Library Director

Elaine Alligood, Chair, Board of Library Trustees

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### NEED HELP WITH ALL THE APPS THE LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER?



There are so many apps to be had at the library—Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, and more! If you're looking for assistance with any of them, join our librarian May at **Beech Street Center** on **March 16th** and **March 30th**, starting at **10:30am** for drop-in, one-on-one help.

# OFF THE SHELF

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### WEDDING OF THE BIRDS: A PATACHITRA PAINTING DEMO

**Saturday, March 4, 10am, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Join us for a virtual demonstration of patachitra painting by Indian women folk artists living in Midnapur, West Bengal. These paintings are used as a storytelling platform and traditionally made using only natural dyes. The artists will share the local plants and flowers used to make their pigments and sing songs about stories depicted.



### ISAAC FITZGERALD (DIRTBAG, MA)

**Tuesday, March 7, 7pm, Crowdcast**

**Registration Required**

Isaac Fitzgerald has lived many lives—an altar boy, a bartender, a smuggler, a biker, a prince of New England. But before all that, he was a bomb that exploded his parents' lives—or so he was told. In his memoir, with warmth and humor, he recounts his ongoing search for forgiveness, a more far-reaching vision of masculinity, and a more expansive definition of family and self.

### HIDDEN FIGURES & OTHER WOMEN OF NASA

**Thursday, March 9, 7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Even before the space age began with Sputnik's orbit in 1957, women have worked at NASA. Celebrate Women's History Month and explore the lives of the many women who made their dreams of careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics come true at NASA, and who have been an essential part of the space program since its inception.

### AN AMERICA DIVIDED WITH *THE NEW YORKER'S* EMMA GREEN

**Tuesday, March 14, 7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

This program is an exploration of the ways that Americans are divided - politically, religiously, economically, communities, and even within



families. What has caused these ruptures and what are some ways for us to come back together? Pulling from the many, many people she has spoken to over the years as well as her articles on the Federalist Society, the Supreme Court, and Affirmative Action, Emma will lead us in this difficult but essential discussion!

### JUDY HEUMANN (*BEING HEUMANN*)

**Sunday, March 19, 3pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Judy Heumann is a lifelong advocate for the rights of disabled people and author of the memoir *Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of Disability Rights*. Join us for a conversation with Heumann about her life, her work, and her book.



### CULTURALLY CURIOUS: CASSATT & THE WOMEN IMPRESSIONISTS

**Monday, March 20, 7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Impressionism is too often only understood through the lens of the leading male practitioners. How did women Impressionists contribute to this novel artistic style and how did their art differ from their male contemporaries? This program explores the works of Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, and others and considers the unique challenges they faced in the male-dominated art world.



### MAYA RODALE & CAROLINE LINDEN: *DANGEROUS BOOKS FOR GIRLS*

**Wednesday, March 22, 7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

*Dangerous Books For Girls: The Bad Reputation of Romance Novels, Explained* examines the origins of the romance genre's bad reputation—from the “damned mob of scribbling women” in the 19th century to the sexy mass-market paperbacks of the 20th—and shows how these books have inspired and empowered generations of women to dream big and refuse to settle. For everyone who's ever hidden the cover of a romance and everyone who's been curious about “Fabio books”—Rodale and Linden show why there's no room for guilt when reading for pleasure.

# CHILDREN & TEENS



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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

### **Little Bookworms Author Study** **Wednesdays in March, 11am, Flett Room**

#### **Registration Required**

We're excited to have the educators from Watertown Family Center back at the library! We'll be reading and having fun each week as we explore a series of books by the same author. Intended for ages 3-6.

### **Pokémon Trading Afternoon** **Wednesday, March 8, 4pm, Assembly Room**

Drop-by for another Pokémon trading extravaganza! Whether it is on a video game or with a book full of cards, we'll be opening stations for everyone to enjoy the thrill of a good trade.

**Glow in the Dark Crafternoon**  
**Monday, March 13, 3:30pm, Assembly Room**  
Celebrate the light returning with this glow in the dark crafternoon. In addition to our crafts, feel free to bring something you would like to decorate with glow paint (like a white t-shirt). This may get messy, so make sure to dress accordingly. Intended for ages 12 & under. Families welcome!

**Elephants Cannot Dance - A Musical Storytime**  
**Saturday, March 25, 10am, Assembly Room**  
Do you love Mo Willems? Do you love listening to music with your family? Come to this one of a kind musical experience with active storytelling by the incredible musicians of the Powers Music School.

### **Family Bookclub: Roll for Initiative** **Wednesday, March 29, 6:30pm, Assembly Room**

#### **Registration Required**

Kids and the grown ups they love, join us for pizza and a book discussion! Please register each member of your family and we'll help arrange pick up of the book. For families with kids ages 8+.



## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### **Teen Advisory Board (Volunteer Opportunity)** **Wednesday, March 1, 3pm, YA Room**

Want to learn how the library builds its programs and services? TAB is at the core of program development for their peers: design new volunteer opportunities, build ideas for programs, and make decorations for the library space.

### **Craft Supply Swap** **Saturday, March 4, 10am, Flett Room**

Have a craft you never got around to learning? Found your favorite hobby, but all the old ones are gathering dust? Bring along still-useable craft supplies for our community Craft Supply Swap to share with other happy hobbyists. All are welcome to donate or trade in this free event.

**Boba & Board Games**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2:30pm, Assembly Room**  
Play board games and drink your favorite types of boba tea! This is a drop-in first-come, first-served program for teens and tweens. Maximum attendance: 20 people.

### **Pop-Up Crafts** **Wednesday, March 29, 11am, YA Room**

#### **Sign Up for Reminders**

Dive into the deep collection of crafts we have for our young adult patrons in this once-a-month event!

**Secret Readers' Society Book Swap**  
**Wednesday, March 29, 4pm, Assembly Room**  
Love books? The Secret Readers' Society will be celebrating the end of each month with a Book Swap to clean off their shelves and try something new, so feel free to drop by and add to the fun! This event is for grades 5-12.

## **PYTHON PROGRAMMING CLASS**

**Tuesdays, March 21 - May 2, 6:30pm, Zoom**  
**Registration Required**

Learn what computer programming is all about and how to write and run programs using the programming language Python. Minimal computer experience is useful, but no previous programming experience is necessary - this series is designed to help you decide if programming is for you! This series is designed for adults and young adults.



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## MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

### Page of Enlightenment

Thursday, March 9

7pm, Hybrid (Flett Rm & Zoom)

**Registration Required**

*Killers of the Flower Moon*  
by David Grann



### Cookbook Club

Tuesday, March 14

7pm, Assembly Room

**Registration Required**

*Tartine All Day* by  
Elisabeth Prueitt



### Pages & Pints

Thursday, March 16

7pm, Trinktisch (87 Leonard St)

**Registration Requested**

*Ceremony* by Leslie  
Marmon Silko



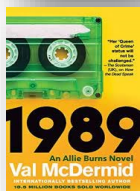
### Better Read than Dead

Tuesday, March 21

7pm, Zoom

**Registration Required**

*1989* by Val McDermid



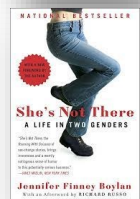
### RainbowLit

Monday, March 27

7pm, Zoom

**Registration Required**

*She's Not There* by Jennifer  
Finney Boylan



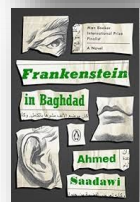
### Book A Trip Abroad

Tuesday, March 28

7pm, Hybrid (Assembly & Zoom)

**Registration Required**

*Frankenstein in Baghdad*  
by Ahmed Saadawi



## MONTHLY EVENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends is hosting mini golf in the Library! That's right, for two days in March you can swing a golf club in our very own Belmont Public Library. (And yes, the Director knows!) New England winters are long and cold. Sometimes you just need something new to do. We guarantee you have never golfed in the Library, so put it on your calendar.

As part of our Friends 50th Anniversary Celebration we are offering two days of mini golf: Friday, March 10, 6-9pm for adults (\$15) and Saturday, March 11, 9am-3pm for families and friends — for free.

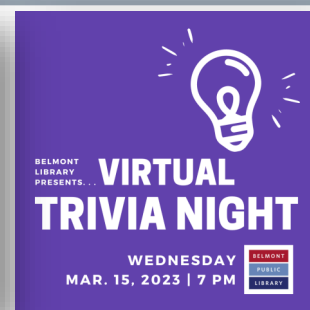
Whether you are a regular on the links, or have never swung a club, this weekend is for you.



We hope to see you there!

Stephanie Cahoon and Kristen Carte-Smith


### But wait, there's more!



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