

NEWS & EVENTS

MOVING UP, MOVING OUT

Dear Library Patrons,

Last year Library Director Peter Struzziero reflected on FY2022, which had been up to that point the second best year in library history for collection use. While we have yet to close out June, it is looking like another groundbreaking fiscal year for the Belmont Public Library, in so many ways!

Help us celebrate this year of great accomplishments by joining us for our last summer reading program in the current building. Whether you're an adult, teen, or kid, there's something awesome for everyone - magic shows, concerts, smashbook journaling, crafting, and more! And last but not least, don't forget to log your reading achievements for a chance to win prizes. Whether at home, on vacation, or at the library, we look forward to spending these summer days with you and a great read!

Many thanks,

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AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR LISA SEE

Wednesday, July 12, 7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Join *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa See as she talks about her new book *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, a captivating story of women helping other women. See's latest historical novel was inspired by the true story of a woman physician from 15th-century China and is a triumphant reimagining of the life of a woman who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and whose remedies are still in use today.

LINO CUTTING FOR BEGINNERS: LADY BUG STAMP CARVING

Monday, July 17, 7pm, Assembly Room

Registration Required

Stamping is fun, but stamps can get expensive! Join artist (and librarian!) Danielle Cook to learn how to carve your own stamps. We will be using linoleum blocks and cutting tools to create our own ladybug designs! Learn how to carve a double-sided stamp that you will use to create a 2-color ladybug stamp on a card. This is an easy skill that can be used to create stamps of all kinds, using multiple colors of ink to create layered, intricate designs.



AT THE WEATHER STATION WITH NBC10 BOSTON'S PAMELA GARDNER

Wednesday, July 19, 12pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Meet Pamela Gardner, on-air meteorologist for NBC10Boston/NECN! We'll be discussing how Pamela got to where she is, what it takes to be a weather person in New England, especially as a woman in STEM, and the current science around weather forecasting! Bring your questions, this is sure to be a fascinating and enlightening conversation! Presented in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR IPHONE (2 PART SERIES)

Part 1: Tuesday, July 25, 6pm, Assembly Room

Part 2: Thursday, July 27, 6pm, Assembly Room

Registration Required

Learn how to use and take full advantage of all the amazing features your iPhone offers: great camera and video capabilities, text messaging, Siri, FaceTime, Calendars, Contacts, Maps, and more! Whether you are new to the iPhone or want to learn more tips and tricks - this two-part class is for you. iPhone experience is helpful, but not necessary.

COOKING WITH SCRAPS WITH AUTHOR & SUSTAINABLE CHEF LINDSEY-JEAN HARD

Wednesday, July 26, 7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

Do you ever feel bad about throwing away (or even composting) food scraps that could be used? Well, feel guilty no more! Cookbook author and chef Lindsay-Jean Hard is here to help us learn how we can make use of those scraps, keep them out of landfills, and still have enough left-over for our compost pile! Pulling from her book *Cooking with Scraps*, Lindsay-Jean will be answering all of our questions about minimizing (or, in a perfect world, maybe even eliminating) food waste!

CRAFTALONG: MUSHROOM FAIRY HOUSES

Monday, July 31, 7pm, Assembly Room

Registration Required

Get crafty with us! We'll be using terracotta pots, paint, moss, hot glue, and recycled books to create whimsical fairy house scenes. A charming addition to any garden or bookshelf! For adults and teens entering grades 9-12. All supplies will be provided.



CHILDREN & TEENS



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Poolside Storytime

Mondays & Tuesdays in July, 1pm, Underwood Pool

Looking for a cool thing to do this summer? Join us just outside the fence of Underwood Pool for Poolside Storytime (no pool entry required). Each week, we'll dive into great stories and fun songs! All ages welcome.

Pizza Storytime for Families

Thursday, July 13, 12pm, Assembly Room

Registration Required

Hear all about how pizza is made and enjoy some of our favorite stories about pizza while munching on pies generously provided by Fiorella's Express!

Stories & Play for the Littlest Ones

Fridays, July 14 & 28, 9:30am, Flett Room

Join us for a fun, interactive lapsit program filled with songs, stories, and more with Librarian Rosanna. Stay afterwards for playtime with provided toys! For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers.

Family Bubble Show with Mike the Bubble Man

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30pm, Assembly Room

Mike the Bubble Man brings magic and science to the stage with this interactive indoor show about BUBBLES! Through music, choreography, and comedy, bubbles—in all different shapes and sizes—come alive, sparking imagination and wonder. Exploring science through bubbles creates an entertaining learning environment that introduces shapes, color, and chemistry.

Learn the Ukulele with Julie

Monday, July 24, 2pm, Assembly Room

Registration Required

Children ages 8 and up will have a blast while learning to play the ukulele with instructor Julie Stepanek. Ukuleles provided.

And check our website calendar for so much more!

Kids Super Dungeon Tie-In

Friday, July 14, 11am, Flett Room

Registration Required

Want to see what Dungeons & Dragons is all about? Heard about the Teen Super Dungeon, but not yet a teen? Join this tie-in for kids! The gate is closed -- can you open it in time? This one-time, roll-playing program includes pre-made characters, hands-on STEM activities, and lots of opportunity for fun! For ages 9-12.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Read-and-Bead-athon

Tuesdays, All Day, YA Room

Remember to read every week! Every Tuesday, reward yourself for reading and restock your nostalgia for beads with our Read-and-Bead-athon station in the YA Room.

Smashbook Journaling

Wednesdays, July 5 & 19, 3:30pm, YA Room

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 and either start a new one or build from an old one.

Camp College

Thursday, July 6, 10am, Flett Room

Registration Required

Worried about what life will look like once you are in college? Join us for a cram session day of tried-and-true advice about how to do your laundry, make simple meals without setting off a fire alarm, and check both your bank and study/life balance.

Write Space

Tuesdays, starting July 11, 9:15am, YA Room

Find the right space to write in this YA-focused writing session with the YA Librarian.

Boba & Books

Wednesday, July 12, 2pm, Flett Room

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

Banned Book Club

Thursday, July 13, 5:30pm, Flett Room

Registration Required

Get a free banned book by registering for our Banned Books Club for ages 11 and up.



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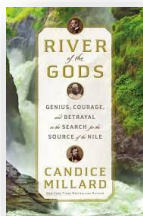
Page of Enlightenment

Thursday, July 13

7pm, Hybrid (Assembly & Zoom)

Registration Required

River of the Gods by Candice Millard



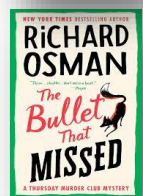
Better Read than Dead

Tuesday, July 18

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

The Bullet that Missed by Richard Osman



Virtual Trivia

Wednesday, July 19

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required



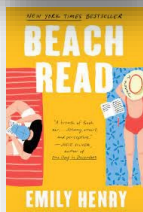
Pages & Pints

Thursday, July 20

7pm, Trinktisch (87 Leonard St)

Registration Requested

Beach Read by Emily Henry



Dial M for Movies

Friday, July 21

6:30pm, Assembly Room

The King and I (1956)



RainbowLit

Monday, July 24

7pm, Zoom

Registration Required

She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker-Chan



MONTHLY EVENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Summer!

Last month Frozen Hoagies served ice cream in the Library parking lot at the Friends' final 50th Anniversary



celebration event. Patrons who signed up for the summer reading program received a golden ticket (actually it was just yellow, but. . .) to exchange for several scoops from the food truck. Over 100 people braved the rain to choose from the eight flavors.

And Lucia Gates spoke at our June board meeting. Lucia is a member of the Friends, Belmont Garden Club, co-chair of the Woodland Garden Committee and co-chair of the town Shade Tree Committee. She drew on her expertise to discuss ways we can each use our own yards to promote ecological continuity. Some of her recommendations came from the book *Nature's Best Hope* by Douglas W. Tallamy. "Tallamy articulates a vision of what each of us can do. Nature is not somewhere else. It's in our very own yards," she said. One practical piece of advice is to have half your plantings be native plants. For more tips, why not check the book out at the library? Thank you, Lucia! We so appreciate your many hours caring for the library's gardens.

We hope you enjoy a relaxing summer with many good books.

Warmly,
Stephanie Cahoon and Kristen Carte-Smith


LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 9pm	Saturday: 9am - 1pm
Thursday: 11am - 9pm	Sunday: 1pm - 5pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm	

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