

# OFF THE SHELF

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## NEWS & EVENTS

### NEW YEAR, NEW STUFF, NEW STAFF

#### NEW COLLECTIONS OF NOTE:



**Binge Boxes** are collections of 4-6 movies connected by a theme that you can check out for two weeks. So whether you want to enjoy movies about *Going for the Gold*, explore why you *Don't Travel with Tom Hanks*, or remind yourself that *Age is Just a Number* we've got a Binge Box for you!



Itching to watch the *Friends Reunion* or revisit the old *Space Jam* before seeing the new one? **Rokus with HBO Max** are also available in our Library of Things collection. They circulate for 1 week and can be renewed.

**Be sure to check out our vinyl albums, jigsaw puzzles, and other Library of Things offerings too!**

#### NEW STAFF:



**Bethany Campbell** loves stories - writing them, reading them, and recommending them! She is so excited to be starting this new chapter and joining the Children's Department team.



**Nancy Dignan** joined the Circulation Department because she was looking for an excuse to hang out at her favorite place in Belmont, volunteering with the Friends wasn't enough. She is looking forward to learning more about the inner workings of the library and meeting patrons. Recently read and loved book: *My Year Abroad* by Chang-rae Lee.

#### LOOK FOR US AT TOWN DAY!

Rides, games, live music, Belmont's very own dog show and so much more - including the library! Look for us at this fun town event on Saturday, September 4th from 9am - 4pm!

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#### SUMMER READING AT THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sign up on [Beanstack](https://belmontpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/readers95) (via [our website](https://belmontpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/readers95)) to participate in our Summer Reading programs for all ages. The program will run until August 27. Adults can complete activities for weekly raffle prizes; teens will log their reading and children will return to a version of the popular Read and Bead program from pre-pandemic times. Join us for an end-of-summer **ice cream social from 1-3pm on August 24 at Payson Park** to celebrate all our reading and activities!



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### OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES

**Thursdays beginning July 8th, Town Field**  
**6:30-7:45pm Games & (bring your own) Picnics**  
**8-10pm Movie**

August 5 – Finding Nemo

August 12 – Grease

August 19 – Raya and the Last Dragon

August 26 – Aladdin (2019) - makeup date

### R-RATED TAILS: VICIOUS ANIMALS

**Tuesday, August 17th**

**7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Matt Gabriel of Animal World Experience will focus on different animals that use their tails as weapons, and will show a few animals. Not for the faint of heart!

### VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

**Wednesday, August 25th**

**7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Registrants (soloists and team captains only) will receive a link to access the Zoom Meeting. Our questions are geared towards adults in challenge rating, but for families who want to play together, please know that there are no "embarrassing" questions or content.

### Pop Up Libraries - coming to a park near you!

Join our librarians this summer in various parks around town! Follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) or check our calendar to find out where we'll be on short notice. You can check out books right there! Make sure to bring your Minuteman library card or ID. (Don't have a library card? You can also get one - just bring some ID with your current address!)

**Save the Dates:** We plan to be at the Farmer's Market on the first Thursday of every month, and at the Outdoor Movies most Thursday evenings.

### ASIANS IN HOLLYWOOD

**Tuesday, August 24th**

**6:30pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

In the pre-talkie early years of Hollywood, two of the biggest silent movie stars, Sessue Hayakawa and Anna May Wong were Asian. Portrayed as exotic and inscrutable, these stars graced the silver screen with great success. But suddenly and within a short period of time, all the major Hollywood movie studios began hiring white actors instead of actual Asians and gave them the "yellowface" treatment with taped-back eyes and makeup. Fast-forward to today, and Asians have attained an amazing level of stardom and success both on TV and the big screen. How, when and why did all those cultural shifts come about? Presented by Gil Asakawa, a journalist, editor, author and blogger who covers Japan, Japanese American, Asian American and Pacific Islander cultural and social justice issues.

### NINA SANKOVITCH AUTHOR TALK

**Thursday, August 26th**

**7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Author Nina Sankovitch will discuss her recent book, Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Celebrating the Joys of Letter Writing with us on Zoom. Sankovitch goes on a quest to discover and celebrate what is special about the handwritten letter.



# CHILDREN & TEENS



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

**Poolside Storytimes for All Ages**  
**Tuesdays, August 3rd, 10th, and 17th**  
**9:30am, Underwood Pool**

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! May be canceled due to weather.

**Online Storytimes for Ages 0-5**  
**Wednesdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th**  
**10am, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Interact virtually in this weekly Zoom program filled with stories, songs, and move-alongs! Sign up for link.

**Farmer's Market Storytimes for Ages 2-6**  
**Thursdays, August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th**  
**4pm, Farmer's Market**

We are so excited to return in person for summer Farmers' Market fun! Join us for tasty stories and sing-along songs. May be canceled due to weather.

**Life of a Meadow - a Virtual Habitat Program**  
**Wednesday, August 18th**  
**7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

It's high summertime and meadows are full of beautiful plants and animals. Join Mass Audubon Habitat's Barbara Bates to explore the meadow web of life and look at some of summer's flying wonders.

**Matt Heaton Sing-Along**  
**Friday, August 13th**  
**11am, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Join one of Belmont's favorite rock stars for kids and sing and dance along at home with Matt's classic and original songs.



## TEEN PROGRAMMING

**College Cooking 101**  
**Wednesday, August 4th**  
**7pm, Zoom**

**Registration Required**

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to learn along with Hannah, our YA Services Librarian, as they go over safe (and healthy) ways to feed yourself when parents aren't around.  
August 4: Breakfast of Champions

**Morning Pages for Teen Writers**  
**Thursdays in August from 9-10am**

**Registration Required**

We will introduce each session with excerpts from Julia Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way," and begin the session with thoughtful (or thoughtless) writing. Open to students entering grades 6-12.

**After Hours @ the Library: D&D Night**  
**Friday, August 20th from 6-9pm**

**Registration Required**

Play D&D in this special after-hours event open to all ages. Never played before? We will have one-shot playable scenario kits available for pick-up for attendees who want to DM their own game with friends and family at the library as well as character creation Q&A before the event (Friday, August 13th, 3-4:45pm, Monday, August 16th, 3-4:45pm, and Thursday, August 19th, 1-2:45pm). This is an in-person, indoors event after-hours at the library. Only registered attendees will be let in to the building for the program. Library services will be unavailable for the duration of the program.

**Ice Cream Social**

**Tuesday, August 24th, 1-3pm**

Celebrate the end of summer reading with ice cream from Rancatore's at Payson Park!



## Summer Reading... IN OVERDRIVE

If you're in a panic over not having cracked open a school reading list book, never fear! You can get them at home—or away!—using the Overdrive or Libby apps and your library card.

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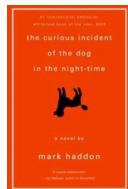
### MONTHLY EVENTS

**Tai Chi - LIVE!**  
**Tuesday, August 17th**  
**6pm, Town Field**  
**Registration Required**



**Page Turners Senior Book Discussion**  
**Friday, August 13th**  
**11am, Beech Street Center**  
**Registration Required**

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

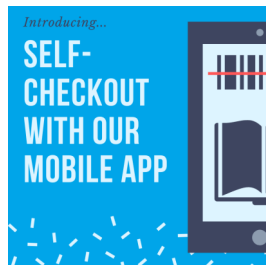


**Dial M for Movies**  
**Friday, August 20th, 6:30pm**  
*Back to the Future*  
**Friday, August 27th, 6:30pm**  
*Back to the Future II*  
**Assembly Room**



### Check Yourself Out!

Did you know you can check out books right on your smartphone? Download the MLN Mobile App and then tap "My Account" and "Mobile Checkout." Easy as pie!



### SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

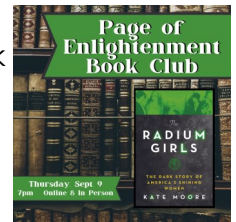
**20th Anniversary of 9/11**  
**Registration Required**



A slate of programs for various ages including an author talk by middle-grade author Jewell Parker Rhodes; a discussion of 9/11, the pandemic, and trauma; and how to talk to your kids about 9/11. Stay tuned for more details!

**New Book Club: Page of Enlightenment**  
**Registration Required**

This history-focused nonfiction book club will start in September with discussing Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore. The group will meet monthly beginning on **Thursday, September 9th at 7pm** on Zoom.




**Under the Stars: Astronomy Talk & Viewing**  
**In Person (location TBD); Registration Required**

Our friends from the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston organization will give a short lecture on what's currently in the night sky, and then we will be able to look through their telescopes and see for ourselves. The moon will be close to first quarter, and both Jupiter and Saturn will be in view along with assorted fainter star clusters and nebulas.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

**Save the DATE** – POP-UP BOOK SALE September 25th weekend. We are in the planning stage and will send the details late this summer. Please sign up for our email notifications at [belfriendslib@gmail.com](mailto:belfriendslib@gmail.com).

All programs run by the Library are free and open to the public. This newsletter and many of the services and programs contained herein - wherever you see the  - are sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library. Would you be our friend? Visit <https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/give/renew-join-or-donate/>



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**Library Hours until 9/7:**  
**Mon-Wed: 9-7, Thurs: 11-7**  
**Fri: 9-5, Sat 9-1, Sun: Closed**