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BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

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LIBRARY OF THINGS



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JOIN OUR SUMMER READING CHALLENGES

A **UNIVERSE** *of Stories*

ENDS AUGUST 16th

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCES

Read a book, watch a movie, attend a program, or listen to a CD/audio book and tell us your opinion! Each review is an entry to win one of our six Out-of-this-World experiences! For additional chances to win, try your hand at our challenges.

TEENS

PLANETARY PATCHES

We have 20 different iron-on patches you can earn by completing challenges - try for them all! We will also have scratch tickets for check outs, with various prizes.

KIDS

BEADS AND BOOKS

Kids earn all kinds of beads for tracking the amount of time they spend reading - from fuzzy beads to sparkle beads to sports beads and more!

REGISTER [ONLINE](#) OR IN PERSON
VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



LIBRARY

OF

THINGS

at Belmont Public Library

BORROW A VARIETY OF ITEMS FROM PLAYFUL TO PRACTICAL

The new Library of Things is a growing collection of non-traditional items that can be checked out the same way as ordinary library media. Current items available for checkout include e-readers, gaming and entertainment consoles, and digital conversion hardware.

Anyone may check out our things at the library; however, only Belmont cardholders can place a hold on these items.

Call the Reference Desk, 617-993-2870, for more information or assistance.

FEATURED THINGS

USB MICROSCOPE

NINTENDO SWITCH



LIBRARY NEWS

LATEST UPDATES FROM BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

Starting in July, the Belmont Public Library will be open on Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm. These hours will continue year round.

Library Closures:

Thursday, July 4th—Independence Day

BUILDING COMMITTEE SURVEY

We need your input! Please take a moment to fill out our Library Building Schematic Design survey.

[Click here to complete our survey.](#)

FEATURED DATABASE GALE LEGAL FORMS



Landlords and others will be please to know they can find vetted Massachusetts legal forms using our Gale Legal Forms database. This resource lets you download, edit, and save commonly-used legal documents such as Tenant-Landlord Agreements (a.k.a apartment leases), living wills and many more.

At-home access is available for Belmont card holders. See [Subject Guide > Law](#) to get started today.

Speak with a reference librarian at 617-993-2870 or askbelmont@minilib.net for assistance.

A colorful illustration of two children in a red and yellow rocket ship floating in space. The child on the left is a Black boy with short hair, wearing a red spacesuit and holding a red tool. The child on the right is a white girl with glasses, wearing a white spacesuit and holding a blue book titled 'EXPLORE (BOOK) WORM HOLES'. The background is dark blue with white stars and a constellation line.

EVENTS FOR KIDS

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

FEATURED EVENTS

BLAST OFF WITH BOOKS! MAGIC SHOW

THURSDAY, JULY 11 AT 10:30AM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join Magician Mike Bent for some mind bending book tricks. All ages.

TOE JAM PUPPET BAND

THURSDAY, JULY 18 AT 10:30AM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

5-4-3-2-1-Zero...Blast off!...into outer space with Tom and Vinny as they play original songs from their new CD, *Toe Jam in Outer Space*! Enjoy a spacey dress-up puppet show and some crazy anti-gravity dancing! Ages 7 and under.

COMIC CREATION WITH ERIC FULFORD

MONDAY, JULY 22 AT 10:30AM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Help invent a never-before-seen comic book! Using ideas from the crowd, Eric illustrates and tells the story of a brand new comic book hero. Perfect for the budding artist as well as anyone who enjoys a good story and a laugh! All ages.

GO HOME TINY MONSTER! PUPPET SHOW

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 AT 10:30AM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

After Sylvie and her family of handmade monsters experience a loss of epic proportions, the audience must help them find their way to a new home! All ages.

Generously funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council Grant.

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RECURRING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FARMERS' MARKET STORYTIME

THURSDAYS IN JULY AT 4PM
TOWN CENTER

Join the Belmont Farmers' Market Events Tent each week for this fun, all ages storytime! Located in the town center parking lot (Channing Road and Cross Street).

BABY BLASTOFF! STORYTIME

FRIDAYS IN JULY AT 1:30PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

A galactic storytime for astronauts age 0-2 with Children's Librarian Rachel. Come play, sing songs, and listen to a universe of stories. It'll be out-of-this-world!

KIDDIE CONCERTS AT PAYSON PARK

FRIDAYS IN JULY AT 10:30AM
PAYSON PARK

These all-ages family concerts are held at Payson Park (260 Payson Road in Belmont). For more information visit www.ppmf.org. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held at the library.

MONTHLY EVENTS

SING ALONG WITH CHARLIE HOPE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join us for a special performance by Seattle-based, award-winning, singer/songwriter Charlie Hope! Hear some classic well-known children's songs as well as some of her originals that will get children singing and moving along. For ages 6 and under.

HAMPSTEAD STAGE PRESENTS THE JUNGLE BOOK

MONDAY, JULY 15 AT 10AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Rudyard Kipling's novel, *The Jungle Book*, comes to life as Mowgli, an abandoned "man cub" raised by wolves, embarks on an adventure in the jungle. Join us on a daring quest, discovering the importance of family and a heroic battle of good versus evil. All ages.

STEAM PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AND JULY 31
9:30-11:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Even the youngest children can explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Join us for a fun-filled time with free play, activity centers and circle time with songs and movement activities. For ages 5 and under.





RECURRING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WATERTOWN CHILDREN'S THEATER PRESENTS: IN A NUTSHELL: FAVORITE WORKS OF SHEL SILVERSTEIN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 2PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

This unique show will bring to life the works of Shel Silverstein using theatre, dance, music, and the power of the imagination! Featuring works from *A Light in the Attic*, *Everything On It*, *Where The Sidewalk Ends*, and more! All ages.

MOVIES & MAKING

TUESDAY, JULY 16 AT 6:30PM—LEGO MOVIE 2 (PG)
TUESDAY, JULY 23 AT 6:30PM—SPACE JAM (PG)
ASSEMBLY ROOM

This summer we're turning the library's Assembly Room into your free neighborhood theater and craft studio! All ages.

SPACE CRASH ESCAPE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY 18 FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM
FLETT ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[KIDS SESSION 1—10:00AM](#)

[KIDS SESSION 2—11:30AM](#)

[KIDS SESSION 3—1:00PM](#)



Do you have what it takes to survive a crashing space ship? Our latest Escape Room puts that to the test! You are the surviving crew on the spaceship Belmont and with the main bridge and all of the command crew gone, you'll have to work together to get the secondary controls up and running to land your ship before you smash down on the planet below!

These sessions are for kids in grades 2 to 5.

CIRCLE OF SONGS WITH HUGH HANLEY

THURSDAY, JULY 25 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Come join the fun at this singalong/playalong concert for young children and their families! For ages 5 and under.

HANDS ON NATURE: SUMMER NIGHT SOUNDS

MONDAY, JULY 29 AT 6PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—OPENS JULY 1


What makes those amazing songs we hear outside of our window during the warm summer nights? Learn how to decipher which fascinating creatures make each sound. You might be surprised by what you learn! For grades K and up.

MAD SCIENCE: SPIN, POP, BOOM!

TUESDAY, JULY 30 AT 6PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Come be amazed when the Mad Scientist is able to defy gravity in this energetic and spectacular special event. Foaming cups and steaming chemical reactions will introduce exciting chemistry, while centrifugal force demonstrations and our Mad Science windbag will demonstrate some fun physics. For ages 5 and up.



A detailed illustration of a young astronaut in a white space suit with a blue helmet, floating in space. The astronaut is holding a glowing green laptop. Several books are floating around them, and the background is a vibrant cosmic scene with stars and nebulae.

EVENTS FOR TWEENS

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 4-6, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

FEATURED EVENTS

TWEEN STAR STITCHES

FRIDAY, JULY 19 AT 3:00PM
FLETT ROOM

Teen and Children's Librarians Rachel M. and Rachel O. will be on hand for some out-of-this-world crafting! For this session they will be making embroidered constellations. Join them and make some star stitches!




TWEEN SLIME

FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT 3:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join Teen and Children's Librarians Rachel M. and Rachel O. and make some stellar crafts. For this session they will be making Galaxy Slime!





EVENTS FOR TEENS

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

FEATURED EVENTS

MONDAY MAKES

MONDAY, JULY 8 FROM 2:00-4:00PM

NEEDLEFELTING

FLETT ROOM

Come make a needlefelted succulent all your own! Needlefelting is a rad craft where, by stabbing a piece of wool with a special needle, you can make soft sculptures. We'll have the supplies and the instructions you need to make a wool cactus or other succulent with this technique.

MONDAY, JULY 29 FROM 2:00-4:00PM

NEON SIGNS

FLETT ROOM

Make a custom light up sign! We won't be using real neon, but we'll get the same effect using flexible LEDs. You can make your sign into a word, a shape, whatever you want, and take it home to make your room extra rad!

SPACE CRASH ESCAPE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY 18

FLETT ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[Teen Session 1—2:00PM](#)

[Teen Session 2—3:15PM](#)

[Teen Session 3—4:15PM](#)



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These session are for teens grades 6 to 12.

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EVENTS FOR TEENS

MAGIC: THE GATHERING

MONDAY, JULY 15 AT 3:00PM
FLETT ROOM

Beginners, join us to learn how to play Magic the Gathering! We'll provide the cards—which you can keep. Veteran players, we will have open play as well, and access to a deck building toolkit and lands if you need to round out your deck!



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

MONDAY, JULY 22 AT 3:00PM
FLETT ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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.



LEVEL UP: TEEN GAMING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 AT 3:00PM
FLETT ROOM

Join us for an afternoon of gaming on the new library Nintendo Switch and SNES Classic! We'll have Mario Kart both old and new for you to try, as well as the brand new Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

FRIDAY, JULY 12 AT 3:00PM
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.



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 23 AT 3:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Working on your first novel? Love to write? Or maybe you just want to try your hand at it? Join us for our new monthly Creative Writing Club! We'll have writing challenges, time for you to share your writing if you want, and group writing games, plus an old school typewriter for you to try out, snacks and good company.





EVENTS FOR ADULTS

MONTHLY GROUPS AND BOOK CLUBS

COOKBOOK CLUB

Cookbook club will be taking a short break and will resume monthly meetings starting in October. Be on the lookout for our next tasty discussion!

BELMONT BOOK DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 3:00PM

FLETT ROOM

This month we're discussing [Little Fires Everywhere](#) by Celeste Ng.

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](#).

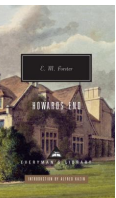


SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

FRIDAY, JULY 12 AT 11:00AM

CLASSROOM A, BEECH STREET CENTER

The senior book discussion group will meet to discuss [Howard's End](#) by E.M. Forster. The senior book discussion group is co-sponsored by the Belmont Public Library and the Belmont Council on Aging. All are welcome to attend.



PLANET PAPERBACK

THURSDAY, JULY 25 AT 6:30PM

FLETT ROOM

In honor of the Summer Reading theme, *A Universe of Stories*, the Belmont Library is starting its first-ever Sci-Fi book club. We will be reading [Dune](#) by Frank Herbert.



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For more information, contact Jonathan Nichols at jnichols@minlib.net



MORE MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

KNITTING CLUB

**FRIDAYS IN JULY FROM 12:30-2:30PM
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 Mary Carter at 617-993-2870 or mcarter@minlib.net.

ELL CONVERSATION GROUPS

**WEDNESDAYS IN JULY AT 7:00PM
FLETT ROOM**

**FAMILY CONVERSATION GROUP FOR ELL
PARENTS IN THE BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SATURDAYS, JULY 13, 20, AND 27 AT 10:00AM**
Improve your English and practice conversational skills in a small, welcoming group with guidance from the group leader.

DIAL M FOR MOVIES

**FRIDAY, JULY 12 AT 6:30PM
VIEWING
ASSEMBLY ROOM**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 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

**TUESDAY, JULY 9 AT 7PM &
SATURDAY, JULY 20 AT 10:00AM
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.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 AT 7:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM**

Join us and Aldrich astrophotographer, Kevin Boucher as we explore amazing Hubble pictures and some of Kevin's own photography. This talk will help you understand and see some of the amazing wonders of our universe!

This program is made possible by the support of the Friends of the Belmont Public Library.



SPACE CRASH ESCAPE ROOM

**THURSDAY, JULY 18 FROM 6-8:30PM
FLETT ROOM**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—ADULTS ONLY!

ADULT SESSION 1—6PM

ADULT SESSION 2—7:30PM

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A stylized illustration of a cityscape where the buildings are stacks of blue books with yellow windows. The background is a warm orange and yellow gradient with large, glowing circular shapes resembling moons or planets and small white stars.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

SENIOR CENTER – BEECH STREET

COOKING FROM THE MARKET

**FRIDAY, JULY 19 at 11:00AM
BEECH STREET**

The Beech Street Center is excited to welcome Mireia Carpio, Marketing Manager for the Belmont Farmers Market, and Suzanne Johannot MD, and president of the Belmont Food Collaborative for a fun cooking demonstration! Mireia and Suzanne will show us how to utilize fresh seasonal fruits, vegetables, and other products accessible through the market.

Everyone will get to try a sample of what they make plus take home the recipes! Arianny Medina from Springwell will also stop by with a limited number of Senior FMNP Farmers' Market coupons for eligible seniors who receive Section 8 Housing, Energy Assistance, Medicaid or Commodity Food Assistance. Please make sure you **sign-up at the front desk**.

Cost: Free

4TH ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ DANCE

**TUESDAY, JULY 23 at 4:30PM
BEECH STREET**

Nothing heats up summer like a great barbeque combined with dancing! Artis Senior Living of Lexington is cooking a barbeque dinner for up to 80 guests. Menu items include BBQ chicken, potato salad green salad, and brownies w/vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. A reservation is required. Call 617-993-2970 to get your seat! Put on your dancing shoes for an evening with the Steve Taddao Big Band, featuring music from the American Songbook including Benny Goodman and Cole Porter. Even if reservations are been filled, you are welcome to come dance or just listen.

Thanks to our sponsors, Artis Senior Living of Lexington and Friends of the Belmont Council on Aging, for making this event possible.

Cost: Suggested donation \$5 per person

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BILL MCGOLDRICK ACOUSTIC DUO

TUESDAY, JULY 30 at 1:15PM

BEECH STREET

Join us for a fun musical program featuring Bill McGoldrick and Danielle Jean! Bill is a music lover from way back and says he's been playing his whole life. You can find Bill performing with some of the best female vocalists at different venues and private events across the state.

Danielle loves to teach music and sing! Danielle has performed with the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, on the Miss America stage, and has performed the National Anthem for President George W. Bush. Please welcome Bill and Danielle to the Beech Street Center!

All are welcome to attend.

Cost: Free.

SUMMER SOCK HOP PARTY!

FRIDAY, JULY 26 at 1:15PM

BEECH STREET

Put on your saddle shoes, poodle skirt, letterman sweaters, and leather jackets because we're having a sock hop! The good ole days of summer make us think back to a time when we were drinking cold fountain sodas, egg creams, and root beer floats.

While you're enjoying a cool treat, popular music from the Brill Building performed by "The Brill Project" will get us up off our feet and twistin' the afternoon away.

Cost: Free. This event was generously sponsored by Wingate at Chestnut Hill.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS AT BEECH STREET](#)

BELMONT GALLERY OF ART - HOMER BUILDING

MY SISTER & ME



ME & MY BROTHER

Recent work in acrylic paint and fused glass by
Richard Hill & Sue Hill Simms

RECEPTION SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, 6:30 -8:30 pm

June 9 - September 1, 2019
M-TH 10-4, F 10-12, Su 1-4 June only

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BELMONT CENTER
www.belmontgallery.org

