

WHAT'S NEW AT
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Exciting Changes This Summer!

I am thrilled to announce that The College of the Holy Cross has entered into a partnership with the Town of West Boylston to give our Library a gift that will allow us to extend our Saturday hours!

Starting Saturday, June 3, the library will be open on Saturdays during the Summer from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. In the Fall, Saturday hours will be extended also.



Many of you have requested increased weekend hours, especially over the Summer. We are so grateful to the College of the Holy Cross for making these extended hours possible.



This year's Summer Reading theme **Build a Better World** was selected by the Collaborative Summer Library Program. We hope you will participate by volunteering your time, donating to your favorite nonprofits, and giving back to your community.

This theme pairs well with the Library's mission:

The Beaman Memorial Public Library brings people and information together. The Library enriches the community by providing print and electronic resources, a community gathering space, and opportunities for personal growth and development.

If you're looking for ways to give back to the community, the Library is collecting Summer Reading Prizes for all ages, and Silent Auction items for an event in October. We accept tax deductible donations to the Endowment and the Friends of Beaman Library year round. If you are looking to serve, we need creative and enthusiastic volunteers to share their special talents with the community. We rely on volunteers to help out with special events, library programming, to serve on the Friends Board, to help out on the Endowment Committee, and with the Silent Auction. If you would like to get involved, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these opportunities.

See you at the Library!

Anna Shaw
Library Director

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

***The Silent Auction Endowment
Fundraiser will be held on
Friday, October 13 at the Manor.***

Board of Trustees Meeting:
Wednesday, June at 7 p.m.
All meetings are held in the
Stiles Meeting Room and are
open to the public.

***NEW* Saturday Hours**
June 3- August 26: 9am – 12
noon. These hours are made
possible by a gift from The
College of the Holy Cross.

Prom Dress Drive!
Please bring in your gently
used formal wear or
cocktail dresses to be given
to teens in Foster Care.

Newsletter Staff:
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Friends of the Library.

ADULTS OF ALL AGES

Join our annual Summer Reading Program!

From June 20 - September 1, adults who have read or listened to any books checked out at Beaman Library can submit tickets (one per book) for a chance to win a gift certificate to the West Boylston restaurant of your choice! These prizes are paid for by the Friends of Beaman Library.

How Worcester Helps Refugees

Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Between 2007-2012 Worcester accommodated more refugees than any other community in Massachusetts. Many organizations are involved in helping these refugees. Come learn how Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP) helps refugees settle in their new country. Their book written by refugee children will be available for purchase.

Pleasant Pairing: Tea and Chocolates Together

Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.



Join Kim Larkin, a licensed chocolatier, as she explores the history and health benefits of both tea and dark chocolate. Highlights of this fun program include learning where

chocolate comes from, a trivia quiz, the Japanese tea ceremony, the differences between tea varieties, how to brew a "proper cup," and of course, samplings. Please sign up in advance.

"Navigating Historical West Boylston from before Wachusett Reservoir" with Rob Smith

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Rob Smith will show you how to find your way through the historical photos and reservoir blueprints that are now available on the Digital Commonwealth website. He will also show how he has been able to map the reservoir blueprints onto today's satellite imagery, allowing you to accurately find the locations of property, roads, and buildings from before the reservoir was built. This includes being able to map your own GPS measurements of the area back into 1898.



Medicare Information Sessions and Q & A with Scott Lauer

Wednesday, July 5 and Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m.
The Medicare arena can be a maze of choices. Open enrollment for Medicare is Oct 15 - Dec 7 for 2018 coverage and now is the time to learn about Medicare, supplemental,

and private insurance options! Scott is a licensed broker and is certified through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Escape "Room" Challenge

Sign up for one of the times listed below.

Aliens are about to attack the planet and destroy all mankind! You will have 45 minutes to solve puzzles and decipher clues to save the planet! Sign up in groups of 3-6 people. Groups may be teens (ages 12-18) or family groups (school-age to 100). Email sgomes@cwmares.org or call the Library to sign up for one of the time slots below:

Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.,

Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m., or

Friday, June 30 at 1:30 or 3:30 p.m.

Bad Art Night For Tweens, Teens, and Adults

Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

No talent? No problem! It's all about the process, not the product! We will provide supplies. Unleash your creative side and have some fun. Please sign up at the Library.

Learn About the Library's New Telescope!

Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

A family-friendly PowerPoint presentation by The Aldrich Astronomical Society will teach you how to use the new Beaman Library Telescope to observe objects from your own backyard! The presentation will be followed by an outside viewing, weather permitting. The telescope was donated by Jack and Linda Geneva of The Nutrition Source and will be maintained by the Aldrich Astronomical Society.

Science and Books with Dr. Loree Griffin Burns

Thursday July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Do you love science? Are you a little bit afraid of it? Or do you fall somewhere in the middle of these extremes? Do you wonder? Then please join us for an interactive presentation by local author, Dr. Loree Griffin Burns. During this hour, Loree will share her simple secret for increasing science literacy in our community and in the world.

Korean Cultural Program

Saturday, August 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us for a documentary about Korean Culture and a Korean wedding re-enactment. If we have 30 people sign up, a traditional Korean lunch will be provided! Sign up and bring your friends.

TEENS (AGES 12-18)

Build a Better World: Pay it Forward is the theme of the Beaman Library Teen Summer Reading Program this year



Read and Win This Summer!*

Students who are entering grades 6 - 12 can sign up at the main desk for the "Teen Summer Reading Program" by filling in a short form. Then start reading! All books should be books that you haven't read before, and be appropriate for your reading level. Sign up and at the main desk and get a Free BOGO burrito or taco from Chipotle.

When you return a Library book that you have read, you can spin for an instant prize! Once you have read your 3rd book, you will get a scratch ticket for that book and each book you return after that. Scratch the ticket to see if you have won a prize from a local business or a goody from the grab bag. The more you read, the more you win! All readers will be entered into the drawing for \$25.00 gift certificates to Barnes & Noble on August 25.

*Not all spins or scratch tickets are winners. ☺

If you would like to donate to our Teen Summer Reading Program, a \$10 gift card would be perfect! This year's theme was developed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The prize program is funded by The Friends of Beaman Library, local business and generous donors.

Pay it Forward Bingo throughout the Summer

Stop by and pick up a bingo card. It will contain ideas for ways that you can build a better world by "paying it forward." Return your completed card to the Library when you have gotten 5 in a row and get a \$10 gift card!

Free Friday Fun – Pay It Forward: Kindness Rocks Friday, June 16 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Stop by the Library and make some positively awesome decorated rocks. We will provide the materials. Take your rocks home and then over the summer, leave a rock in a place where someone is likely to find it.

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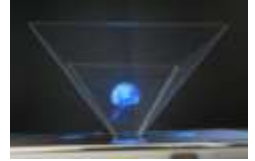
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Smart Phone Hologram Projector

Thursday, July 6 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Using heavy plastic and a utility knife, create an awesome Hologram Projector.



When it is finished, you can project 3D images of hummingbirds, butterflies, or tornados above your smart phone screen using images from YouTube. The projector is yours to keep and share holograms with your friends! Sign up by July 5.

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Free Friday Fun – Make a Beadie Critter Friday, August 18 from 2 - 3:30 p.m

Use a pattern to create a cute critter with beads and thread that can be used as a phone charm or to hang on your book bag. Supplies provided by the Friends with patterns from

www.beadiecritters.com. Please sign up by August 9.

Make a Splash!

Water Balloon Lawn Games

Friday, August 25 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Are you up for a little relief from the heat? Then prepare to get soaked. We'll be providing a variety of games and challenges that will get you at least a little wet. Bring some towels to enjoy the last days of summer. Sign up by August 22.



Everything, Everything: Book & a Movie

Read the popular book: *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon and then on **Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.** we will watch the movie and talk about the differences.

P.S. Don't forget to thank the businesses who kindly donated gift certificates and goodies to our Summer Reading program!

EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

In a timely fashion, the 2017 Collaborative Summer Library Collaborative Program's theme is



We will "construct" a fun summer experience here at the Library with programming each week focusing on this theme. **PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, LOCAL BUSINESSES**, we welcome your prize donations for this program. It encourages the kids to participate in our summer program and excites the reluctant reader! Prizes do not need to be grandiose, just something a child would enjoy playing with, such as art materials, LEGO sets, outdoor toys, science kits, backpacks, etc.



A special thanks to Menard's Auto Body in West Boylston for donating a bike for this prize program.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!!



Summer Reading Begins JUNE 20!!!!

When you return your books any time after the start of the summer reading program, you may log them in for immediate chances. When you sign up for

summer reading we will give you a book bag, bookmark, and a free meal from Chipotle restaurants!!!!

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

❖ **Make It, Take It Tuesdays:** Drop by to make a quick craft to take home. This year our friends at the **Webster First Federal Credit Union** in West Boylston will be sponsoring our craft table and supplies.

❖ **Thursdays: Story Time at 11:00 a.m.**
Hear some stories and do a little dancing!

❖ **Fridays: Build a Better Brain at 2 p.m.**
Dust off the summer rust with various building challenges using different supplies. These items will be left out with instructions informing you what to do! Do you accept the challenge????



Books and Brownies

Wednesdays - June 7, July 5, and August 9 (note this is the 2nd Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

Who doesn't love a good book? Who doesn't love a good brownie? And when you pair them together, magic happens!!!

Bring a Beaman Library book which you have read to this program and do a little book talk on it! You will meet really nice friends and find some interesting new books to read!



Summer Reading Kickoff Program

Building Tall Ships & Pirate Tales

Wednesday, June 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Science Tellers will be coming to the Library to help kick off our summer reading theme, "Build a Better World." It's science, it's interactive, it's fun!!!! This family program is funded with money awarded to us from the **West Boylston Cultural Council grant and the Friends of the Beaman Library.**



Cutting Edge Design with the "Quirky Dad"

Wednesday, June 28, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Discover how to design with a computer controlled milling machine (CNC) that can engrave and shape blank wood or plastic by carving out your custom design. Each participant will learn how to create designs in the free Easel web-based software and cut their own personal keychain. Participants are encouraged bring a couple of sketches of their ideas on paper. Only 6 slots are available.



Create a Stained Glass Window

Friday, July 7 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Using Sharpie Permanent Markers, create your own one-of-a-kind window decoration. This

program is best suited for children in grade school, or younger children who like markers that do not come off their bodies. 😊



Don't forget to sign up at the Library for these programs

MORE EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Annual Pet Show

Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
(raindate July 19)

Bring your favorite pet (live or plush) to the library for our popular event! There is a \$1.00 fee for each pet entered. We will donate our funds to the Worcester Animal Rescue League to help their organization.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME JUDGES!

Must love kids and animals. Please contact the Children's room if you wish to offer your services!

Jumbo Jenga

July 18-21 on the front lawn, weather permitting.

We will place a giant, make-shift Jenga game on our front lawn with the rules of play. See how you can strategize pulling out the large cardboard blocks without toppling the tower!



Ramp it Up- Pool Noodle Edition

Friday, July 21 from 2 - 3 p.m.

What can you do with pool noodles and balls and marbles? We will see when you join the fun!!!!

Book BINGO

Wednesday, July 26 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Miss Jess, the Queen of Beaman BINGO, will be on hand for picture BINGO where you will win books for prizes. Entry fee is one gently used book. We will have a selection of book prizes to choose from, too!

Twisted Kids Yoga Classes

Wednesday, August 9

Session 1: Kids from walkers up to age 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Kids ages 3 -6/7 years at 11:30 a.m.

Come and explore the benefits of calming yoga with Lindsay Lucarelli from the Twisted Kids Yoga studio in Sterling. This yoga class is perfect for all children, but Lindsay specializes in using yoga techniques to calm children who have various special needs. Yoga mats will be provided. Please sign up as space is limited.

Summer Reading Ends on August 15.

This is the last day to
log in your books!



Family Reading Night and Frozen Ice Social

Thursday, August 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Reward yourself for all your hard work over the summer! Bring a blanket, a water bottle, bug repellent, and your family and relax on the Beaman lawn starting the first chapter of a new book. Frozen ice and live music provided by the Northborough Senior Center Harmonica Club will follow!

The Little Gym

Friday, August 18 from 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Wear comfortable clothes and come join us for another fun program. This program is sponsored by The Little Gym of West Boylston. This program is for preschoolers who LOVE TO MOVE!



Little STEAMers

Friday, August 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will have a class for preschool children focusing on one area of S.T.E.A.M.

Fall classes will begin the week of September 5.
Sign up for these programs begins August 22.



Don't forget to sign up at the
Library for these programs

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A Message from the Friends

The Friends have been very busy this spring with the Annual book sale, we would like to thank those who attended and purchased books and other items. These funds help to make the library passes and programs available throughout the year. If you want to continue to support the book sale, we accept donations year round. Just drop them off inside the Library during regular hours. Thank you all for your support.

We are always looking for new volunteers! Our next Friends meeting is May 24, 6:30PM in the Library. Come join us! We have several other events planned and would enjoy seeing you.

We are working on some additional events, so keep an eye out for further details and save the dates:

Gravestone Girls	Silent Auction
Saturday, September 16, 2017	Friday, October 13, 2017
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Cemetery	In the evening at The Manor Restaurant
www.GravestoneGirls.com	Tickets will be available at the Library in September

With all the events, passes, and programs that are available from the Friends fundraising, I am sure you will be able to make this summer enjoyable. Should you have any questions or comments on programs or events that you would like to see, feel free to contact a member of the Library staff or The Friends Board.

Enjoy all that our fantastic Library has to offer.

John Riopel
President