

WHAT'S NEW AT  
BEAMAN LIBRARY

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## Winter Library News

Winter is a time to relax, enjoy a good book and sit by the fire. Our focus in this newsletter is to provide some suggestions, programs, and resources to help you get through the New England winter. The Danish have a word "Hygge" (pronounced hue-gah) which is described as "a quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being". So if you want to get out of the cold and add some hygge to your life, let us be your one stop shop! Come to the Library this winter to find a great book, plan your next vacation, lose the winter blues under our happy light, enjoy a warm bowl of soup and swap recipes, gather by the fire, do some knitting, brush up on your Italian, watch an Oscar nominated movie, learn about the hidden treasures in our Local History Room, or read a book and join one of our many book discussion groups. Keep reading to find out more about the programs we have planned. Stop by the Library and check us out!

Anna Shaw  
Library Director

P.S. Want to learn more about Hygge? Try *The Little Book of Hygge* by Meik Wiking, or *Hygge* by Marie Tourell S oderberg

## Attention West Boylston History Fans!

We are pleased to announce the grand unveiling of the new West Boylston History section on the Library's website. You may have noticed historic articles on the Library's Facebook page during the past year. These were curated by staff members Steve Carlson and Spencer Stevens. During September and October of this year, West Boylston High School senior Jenna spent part of her high school internship organizing and adding articles and photos to the Library's website. We are grateful to Jenna for her help, and hope that you will take a look. Visit [www.beamanlibrary.org](http://www.beamanlibrary.org) and at the bottom of the tab "Learning and Research" you will find links to articles in several categories.



**The Nonfiction Book Group** will meet in January. Watch for more information.

**Ask Andrew:** Computer and digital device help Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting:**  
Tuesdays, December 5, January 9,  
and February 6 at 7 p.m.  
All meetings are open to the public.

**Friends of the Beaman Library:**  
Wed., January 10 at 6:30 p.m.

**Friends Open House:**  
December 2 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

# ADULTS

## Celebration of Volunteers

During the month of December, enjoy our Volunteer Appreciation Tree decorated to honor the nearly one hundred members of the community who have given their time in support of the library throughout the year. We couldn't accomplish all we do without their talents and dedication!

## Food for Friends

During December and January we will be a drop off point for the WB food pantry. Thank you for remembering your neighbors in need.



## Book Discussion Group

Join us at 12:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays:  
December 21: The Christmas Train by David Baldacci  
January 18: The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce  
Feb. 15: The Telling Room by Michael Palerniti  
Copies of the selected books will be available at the Library one month prior to the meeting date.

## Italian Conversation Circle

### Twice monthly, Saturdays 10-12

Join other Italian speakers in the community, and some students from the College of the Holy Cross. Participants are encouraged to speak only in Italian for the two hours the Circolo meets. Call the Library for specific dates.

*"Che meraviglia!"*



## Fireside Crafts or Games

Fridays, Jan. 12 and 26 from 3-4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, Jan. 3 and 31 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your own project - knitting, crafts, or crossword or Sudoku games. Sit by the "fire" and enjoy some hygge.

## New! Winter Reading- with prizes!

### Ongoing - December and January

Use the wintry weather to give yourself a head start on our new Winter Reading Program! Submit an entry for each library book read and one lucky winner will be awarded a gift certificate at the end of January.

## Lose the Blues with Our Happy Light

This light therapy device mimics outdoor light... causing a chemical change in your brain to lift your mood and ease other symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. So stop by and sit under our happy light to banish the winter blues.

## West Boylston Room Tour

### Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Ever wonder what is kept in the West Boylston Local History Room? Find out what treasures are being preserved there by signing up for a 15-minute tour.

## Dr. Darrow: Hearing and Dementia

### Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Keith N. Darrow is a local hearing specialist who wrote the bestselling book, *Stop Living in Isolation*. In this book, Dr. Darrow documents ways to reduce the risks of developing dementia and exposes the devastating impacts of hearing loss if left unchecked. He will have free signed copies of his book at the program.

## Stress Reduction & Relaxation through Yoga & Meditation

### Wed., December 13 and February 14 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

Experience the benefits of gentle yoga stretches, calming breath techniques, and the value of meditation. Dress for movement. Bring your yoga mat or a thick towel.

## Love my Library Month- during February

Tell us what you love about your library, and we'll give you a chocolate kiss.

## Fill-in-the-Blank Book Club for Teens, Tweens, and Adults With

### Loree Griffin Burns - Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Read any book about Art! Choose fiction or nonfiction, a young adult, adult, or picture book! Loree and Library staff will share some art book ideas in the library and online.

## Celebrate the "Souper Bowl"!

### Saturday, February 3 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Try some new recipes and meet some new friends! Sign up & bring a steaming pot of your favorite slow cooker soup, stew, or chili and a copy of the recipe to share!



## Intro to Microsoft Word

### Thursday, February 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Learn how to set up a document, format text, create indents and bullets, and insert text and image boxes. Basic mouse skills are required. Limited to two participants each hour.

## Meet the Oscar Nominees

### Wednesdays, Feb 28, March 7 & March 21 at 6 p.m.

Watch some of the 2018 Oscar-nominated films at the Library. Titles will be announced by mid-February. Stay tuned for more info!

# EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

**Saturday, December 2 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.**

Pack your kids, your camera/phone, and your Christmas wishes and join us for our annual holiday visit! Sign in upon arrival to hold your spot in line and we will call you down when he is ready for your visit! **The Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School's Jr. R.O.T.C. cadets will be here to accept the donation of unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program during this visit from Santa.**

Gina Doyle from the Department of Children and Families will be here to provide information on how to become a Foster Parent and help a child in need. She will be available to answer any questions about this process.

## NEW! NEW! NEW! READ AND BEAD!



We are offering a new incentive program to encourage children to read, not just during our Summer Reading program, but all year long! We will be handing out a booklet explaining how the Read and Bead program works. Beads will be earned based upon the level of book read. For every 4 Red level books, 2 Green Level Books, and 1 Yellow level book children will earn a bead. Beads will be added to a 24" ball chain necklace and can be traded up for specialty beads such as shaped or glow-in-the-dark beads. We will also have brag tags which are like dog tags with library slogans on them. These will be doled out when certain levels of reading have been achieved.

## Letters to Santa from December 5-19

Drop off your letter to Santa and we will be sure to get it to Santa before Christmas. We have special stationery and envelopes here.



## Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt daily through December 30

Find the hidden candy canes throughout the Children's Room and win a prize. We will change their locations every week.

## Create a Gift and Gift Box

**Tuesday, December 12 from 4- 5 p.m.**



For kids who wish to make a special gift from the heart for someone they love, join us for this craft program. You will not only make a gift, you will design a box for the gift! This program is limited to 15 school-aged children.

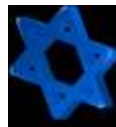


**Don't forget to sign up at the Library  
for these programs**

## Hanukkah P.J. Story Time and Craft

**Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

Hear some stories about the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, and make a craft. This program is designed to promote understanding of different cultures and religions.



## Christmas Vacation Week - Library LEGO

Christmas vacation week through the end of January, receive a little bag of LEGOs every time you check out a book. Add them to a community LEGO construction project that will be displayed next to the circulation desk. You may add LEGOs, but not change anyone else's contribution.

## Make It, Take It All Day Long

**Wednesday, December 27**

Come into the library and go home with some great books and a craft, too!

## Pokemon Club



**Wednesday, December 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Bring your cards and bring your friends and play some Pokemon. We will discuss what you would like to do in this club and see if it is something people wish to do on a monthly basis!



## Create a "Robot" from Recyclables

**Thursday, December 28 from 10:15- 11:30 a.m.**



We will lay out all the recycled materials and you can create your very own robot.

## Drop In Story Time

**Friday, December 29 from 11-11:30 a.m.**

## Holiday movie and popcorn – Title to be announced

**Friday, December 29 from 2:00- 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for a movie and popcorn. Bring in a blanket and pillow and we will provide some hot chocolate and popcorn.

## It's a Penguin Party

**Friday, January 12 from 10- 11 a.m.**



Who doesn't like penguins?!? We will enjoy some stories about penguins and make your own penguin statue to take home.

## Iggy Peck Architect Engineering program

**Friday, January 19 from 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



Want to be an engineer? We will be reading "Iggy Peck, Architect" by Andrea Beaty and then construct our own bridge! Suitable for school-aged children.

# MORE EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

## Little STEAMERS class

**Friday, January 26 from 11 a.m-12 p.m.**



Explore early S.T.E.A.M. concepts with your preschooler. This program always excites the younger set in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. It is never too early to tap in to your child's curiosity!



## Color Me Happy

**Wednesday, January 31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



We will provide coloring pages and a variety of media to enable you to create a beautiful colored masterpiece. Enjoy some companionship during a long winter evening and we will serve you some cookies and cocoa while you relax and create.

*Fala português?*

## Portuguese Story Time

**Saturday, February 3 from 11:00-11:30 a.m.**



Mel Adun, a local patron and author, was born in the U.S. but raised in Bahia, Brazil. "The Moon Full of Wind" (A Lua Cheia de Vento) was the first book that she published. This book is about African/Brazilian traditions and culture. Like everything based on these traditions, it is full of music, rhythm and joy. Her husband has written music to go along with this book. There will also be a craft involved. Join us for a special story time event!

## "Souper Bowl" Saturday

**Saturday, February 3 from 12:30- 1:30 p.m.**



This is a family program! Make a crockpot of your favorite soup or chili to share and try out some new recipes on your kids! (See Adult section for full write up.)

## Valentine's Day Pajama Story Time and Craft

**Wednesday, February 14 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



Slip into your pajamas, bring your favorite blanket, and listen to some fun Valentine stories. When we are done we will make a craft for you to give

## Valentine's Date Night

**Friday, February 16 from 6- 9 p.m.**



Sign up your kids for a fun evening at the Library. We will entertain them while you go out with your spouse, or friends! We charge families only \$5.00 per hour, a mere \$15.00 for the whole evening and proceeds will go toward our Luau Overnight. **Children must stay for the entire three hours and be over 5 years old.**

## FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK!

### Annual Candy Bar Bingo

**Tuesday, February 20 from 2-3 p.m.**



Play picture BINGO for really sweet prizes with Miss Jess! This year's entrance "fee" is a donation to the New Dog for Jennifer Fund. Jennifer Sappington shared her beautiful companion, Mernie, with the Library for years as a gentle listener for children learning to read. We would like to help Jennifer with the tremendous expense of another specially trained dog. Any donation\* will be welcomed for this cause. The Friends of the Library will match donations up to a total of \$500.

### NEW! NEW! NEW! Tween Pizza and Pages book group

**Wednesday, February 21 from 6-7 p.m.**



We are going to test out a new program! Any patron from 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade who is reading at our Yellow older reader or YA level may join us for a book share and pizza. Just bring in a library book that you have read and share a brief book talk about it without sharing the ending!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beaman Bake-off

**Thursday, February 22 from 2-3 p.m.**



Last year's bake off was a tasty success so we shall go for round 2...but there is a catch! You must check out a library cookbook and make a recipe from your selection! We have cookbooks for kids, young adults, and adults so there are plenty of choices! Bring in the recipe and citation of the book it was taken from and we will compile a new Beaman cookbook with the entries. The winner will receive a \$20 Darby's gift card so they can relax while someone else makes the treats!

### Annual Beaman Family Sleepover- Luau party

**Friday, February 23 from 7 p.m.-Saturday,**

**February 24 at 8 a.m.**



Making memories is what our library is good at and this annual sleepover event is a perfect opportunity to spend a special time with your kids. We will organize all the activities throughout the evening and then you may "stake claim" of where you want to sleep with your kids. What better way to spend a cold winter's night but to enjoy a luau? This program is suitable for children from kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **This event is sponsored by S & S Farms and the Friends of the Beaman Library.**

Check out our website for all our recurring programming: <https://tinyurl.com/CRongoing>

# TEENS (AGES 12-18)

## **New! Winter Reading- with prizes during Dec-Jan**

Combat the winter blues with our Winter Reading Program! Submit an entry for each library book read and we will choose one lucky winner who will be awarded a gift certificate at the end of January.

## **Edible Gifts and Ribbon Trees**

**Thursday, December 14 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Create some delectable edible treats as holiday gifts. You will make an assortment of treats including dipped pretzels, candy cane hearts and more! We will supply all ingredients and a limited amount of gift containers. This program is limited to 12 attendees. Please sign up at the Library by Dec. 12.



## **Snowflake Fingerless Sock Mittens**

**Thursday, January 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

We'll supply you with a pair of new cable knit socks to turn into fingerless mittens. Then decorate your mittens with sequins and embroidery thread. Be sure to sign up by January 2 so we have materials for everyone.

## **Finals Week Spa Treatment**

**Wednesday, January 17 from 6:30-7:45p.m.**

Stop by and be treated to the comforts of a spa to help keep you calm during finals. Some of the pampering may include: smoothies, spa food, relaxing music, yoga, guided relaxation, and aromatherapy. Leave refreshed and ready to ace your exams! Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel or a mat if you are interested in doing yoga.

## **NEW! Justice League Book Group for grades 8-12**

**Thursday, February 1 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in reading about and discussing topics that explore social justice topics, such as: poverty, homelessness, race, criminal justice, immigration, human rights, etc.? We'll meet every other month to share thoughts about a book we have read related to a topic.

**Please sign up by January 4.** For the meeting in February you can read any book about race relations. Suggestions include: *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas, *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone, and *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds.

## **Make a "Candygram" for your Valentine**

**Thursday, February 8 from 6:30 -7:45 p.m.**

Craft a creative message on the computer using candy bars for some of the words "Snickers," "Take 5," "Payday," etc. Print out your message, attach the candy in the appropriate places, and give your Valentine a fabulous gift! An assortment of candy bars will be provided. Please sign up by February 6.



## **NEW! NEW! NEW! Tween Pizza and Pages book group**

**Wednesday, February 21 from 6-7 p.m.**

This book group is for any student from 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade who is reading books from the Yellow section of the Children's Room or from the YA area. Just bring in a library book that you have read and share a brief book talk about it without revealing the ending! We'll have pizza & drinks for you, too.

## **A message from the Friends**

As we move into the colder weather, let's gather at our Library, where in addition to checking out books and other items you can get a Friends-sponsored pass to a museum. Drop in for two Friends events ... the Holiday Open House and the "Souper Bowl". These events and many other programs are paid for by the Friends of the Beaman Library. We anticipate another year of great programming, and as such, are planning our annual membership drive. We hope that you will support the Library with your membership!

Thanks,  
John Riopel  
President, Friends of Beaman Library

## **Help Jen get a new Service dog!**

A few months ago our volunteer Jen Sappington suddenly lost her beloved service dog, Mernie. Mernie was the star of our Waggin' Tales program. Mernie was trained to assist Jen with hearing and stability. A new service dog with this training costs \$20,000. The Friends of the Library will match up to \$500 in donations. If you would like to participate please drop off a check at the library payable to Sean Sappington, Jen's brother, who is helping to coordinate our efforts.



Thank you, every donation matters.

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWS\*\*\*  
Residential Customer

**Show your support for the Library by joining or renewing your Friends membership!**

Your membership funds will ensure that the Library can continue to offer literacy, technology and lifelong learning programs for all ages. The Friends also cover the cost of the Museum Pass Program, technology products, mailing of this newsletter, and more.



**2018 Friends Membership Form**

Drop off at the library, or mail to: Beaman Library, 8 Newton Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

**Please make checks payable to: The Friends of the Beaman Library.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (to receive notifications from the Friends): \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Please check one membership type below)**

- Senior (Resident and Non-resident) .....\$5.00
- Household (Resident and Non-resident) .....\$15.00
- Contributor .....\$25.00
- Business .....\$50.00
- Sponsor .....\$100.00
- Beaman Benefactor .....\$250.00

**If you are willing to help in some way, please let us know and someone will contact you.**

- Assist with the Annual Book Sale (March)
- Share your talents by serving as a member of the Friends Board.

**Thank You for Your Support!**