

# BEAMAN BROWSER

## *What's new at Beaman Memorial Public Library*

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Fall Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings: Saturday, September 2 ~ Friday, November 10 ~ Saturday, November 11 ~ Thursday, November 23

Early Closing: Wednesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Dear Patrons,

It is with bittersweet emotions that I share news of upcoming staffing changes at our Library.

Our beloved Head of Children's Services, Ms. Sue Smith will be retiring at the end of September. She has worked at our Library for the past 26 years and has been the leader of our Children's Department for the past 12. Ms. Sue's tireless dedication to children and families has set the tone of our Children's Room and has given our Library a reputation for excellence in Children's programming.

Please give a warm welcome to Ms. Sandie Kelly who has been with us for eight years, and will be our new Head of Children's Services. Many of you already know Ms. Sandie. She runs our morning Mother Goose on the Loose program for young children, is the mastermind behind our take-it-make-it craft kits, and also worked on the adult floor as a cataloger and craft program planner. We are so excited to welcome her in this new capacity.

After 12 years at Beaman Library, seven years as Director, I will be saying farewell to our Library on August 25. It has been a privilege to be your Librarian and is my hope that the relationships and partnerships I've built for the Library will continue to enrich the West Boylston community for years to come. While the Library Trustees search for a permanent director, our capable Assistant Director, Lauren Espe will be leading the department. Lauren has worked at our Library for the past 19 years, serving as Assistant Director for the past seven. The Library is in very good hands amidst all of this change.

### **Save the Date: Bagels and Bye-Byes**

**Saturday, September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Join us as we say farewell to Anna and Ms. Sue and hello to Ms. Sandie.

Bagels, juice, and coffee will be served.

Anna Shaw  
Library Director



### **The Friends of the Beaman Library Annual Book Sale**

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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day



**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
*All meetings are at 5:00 p.m.*  
*Please contact the Library*  
*for location details.*

September 12  
October 10  
November 7

**Friends Meetings**  
*All meetings are at 6:00 p.m.*  
*Please contact the Library for*  
*location details.*

September 19  
October 17:  
6:00 p.m. Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Annual Event

**Endowment Update**  
The June 30, 2023 balance at  
Greater Worcester  
Community Foundation was  
\$264,643.12

**Newsletter Staff**  
Director: Anna Shaw  
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Lauren Espe  
Sue Smith  
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# Adults

Visit [beamanlibrary.org](http://beamanlibrary.org) to register for events online!

## Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 13, October 18, November 8

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.

*\*Registration will open the month before the program.*

## Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books

Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Hands-on assistance with the Libby installation process and app set up will be provided. Please include the type of device you will be bringing in the comment section of the online registration form.



## Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 20, October 25, November 15

This class is open to individuals wishing to develop inner awareness, health, and well-being. Bring a yoga mat or sitting cushion and a receptive attitude. *\*Registration will open the month before the program.*

## Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss a selected title. Books will be available one month prior to the meeting date.

September 21: *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig

October 19: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

November 16: *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara

## Technology Office Hours

Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 21, October 19, and November 16

During this 45-minute appointment, get help with your device or technology-related questions! Please call the Library to reserve your time slot.



## Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

September 23, October 14 and 28, November 25

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

## Puzzle Race

Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Can you assemble a champion puzzle team? See if you can complete a jigsaw puzzle faster than your friends and neighbors. Compete in teams of 2 to 6.

## Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Join us to discuss a nonfiction title. Books will be available one month prior to the meeting date.

September 29: *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham

October 27: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

November 17: *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown

## Card Writing for Rise Above

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Rise Above is a non-profit that supports foster youth in their college journeys. Join us for an evening of writing supportive cards to students dealing with the stressors and successes of higher education.

## Solar Eclipses with Aldrich Astronomical Society

Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.

During this 45-minute, family-friendly PowerPoint presentation, participants will learn how to appreciate solar eclipses through images and storytelling. Tips for celebrating the upcoming eclipses over the North American continent will also be shared.

## Fit Body Forever

Friday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Join Herve Medard, owner of West Boylston Fit Body Forever for a 45-minute session that includes low impact exercises focusing on flexibility, mobility, and stability that will especially benefit our 55+ population.

## The Annual Friends Event: A Historical Presentation with Paul Marrone

Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.



Join Paul Marrone, WPI Instructor as he shares the latest research on the Wachusett Aqueduct, built to carry the water of the Nashua River from the Wachusett Reservoir in Clinton to the Reservoir at Chestnut Hill.

## Induction Cooking, in Partnership with WBMLP

Saturday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn how to prepare food on an induction range. Chef Tom will prepare samples and answer questions about the range. WBMLP will present information about incentives available for those upgrading to energy saving appliances.

## Holiday Harvest with Kim Larkin

Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to construct a fun, colorful buffet and table, healthful recipes, and easy wine and spirit batch recommendations. Get 'Board Certified' with a cheeseboard primer and easy entertaining ideas. Sample sweets, cheese, and a festive mocktail as well!

## Recycling Questions Answered

Saturday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for an interactive presentation as Norma answers your questions about textile recycling.

## Financial Aid Night

Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.



Learn the basics of college financial aid! We'll discuss the college financial aid process, demystify some vocabulary, and answer your financial aid questions.

# Teens

Ages 12-18

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## Battleship!

### Ongoing Throughout the Fall

Stop by the Library for an opportunity to play the classic naval combat game of Battleship. Instead of a traditional game board, this oversized version of Battleship will take place on a community bulletin board. Each time you visit the Library and check out an item, you will have a chance to launch one 'strike' against the opponent's fleet. If you are the one to launch the strike that sinks a ship, you will be awarded a small prize!

## The Snack Pack

### Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.

September 5, October 3, November 7

What are you reading? Do you love it? Despise it? We want to know! Join Jessica to chat about your current read while enjoying some snacks.



## Smash Journaling

### Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Start a smash journal! Using the materials provided, create a scrapbook-like journal to save keepsakes and thoughts that are important to you, without the stuffiness of a scrapbook! Bring along items that you would like to include, such as ticket stubs, photos, or receipts.

## Makeup Tutorial with Ciara

### Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to refine your back-to-school look by brushing up on your makeup skills with Ciara, a local makeup artist, during this tutorial! Learn how to make your skin look flawless, how to create the best silhouette for your eye shape, and practice false lash application. All participants will leave with a small set of supplies.

## Open Play Gaming Event

### Friday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m.

One Up Games is back with another video game free play event! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! Bring a friend! *For ages 10 to 17.*

## Settlers of Catan

### Saturdays, October 7 and November 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Join other teens to play Catan, a board game that requires strategic resource management as you settle a new world and attempt to create the largest kingdom.

## Marbleized Pumpkins

### Thursday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Join Jessica to learn how to make marbleized pumpkins using a simple technique that creates stunning results! All materials will be provided, including small pumpkins. If you have a larger pumpkin you would like to marbleize, please bring it along!



## The Zombie Barbie Apocalypse Returns!

### Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Autumn is upon us and Halloween is drawing near. This is the perfect time to change perfectly unsuspecting Barbies into zombies! All of the materials required to craft our disturbing dolls will be provided.

## Rebel Revolt Spy Mission

### Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

It's treason time in the empire of lies! The mission: take down the W.A.R facility before it's too late. So join our crew, pack your gear, and prepare for action in this daring spy thriller escape room experience. It's our last shot to save the world. Are you in?

## Life-Sized Clue

### Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m.

You've played this classic murder mystery game before. Now you can play a life-sized version, immersing yourself in the game as you work to figure out who dunnit. Was it Professor Plum in the Library with a candlestick? There is only one way to find out!

## Pet Portrait

### Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Create a colorful portrait of a beloved pet (or favorite type of animal) using acrylic paints and pens. The vibrant result is certain to bring a smile to your face! While all materials will be provided, please bring along an 8x10 *photocopy* of the photograph that you will be using as a guide.



## Rice Krispies Mash Up

### Tuesday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Come to the Library to create your personalized rice krispy treat with any (or all) of the fixings provided! A simply scrumptious snack!



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# Children

Birth to Age 11

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## Grandparents Day Book and Craft

**Wednesday, September 6 at 10:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Let's celebrate our grandparents and how wonderful they are. Listen to a story and make a special gift to show them how special they are to you.



## Butterfly Days Celebration

**Saturday, September 9 at 3:00 p.m.**

Celebrate butterflies throughout September, beginning on September 9 with stories and crafts. Details will be provided as additional opportunities to have fun with butterflies throughout the month become available.

## Homeschoolers' Library Visit

**Wednesday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

Learn all about what Beaman Library has to offer to support your at-home learning experience! During this visit you will receive a tour, make a cool craft, go on a scavenger hunt, and have any questions you may have about our Library answered.

## Sound BINGO



**Wednesday, September 20 at 10:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

Let's play a fun game of BINGO identifying alphabet sounds. This is a great activity for children developing their auditory skills as well as alphabet sound identification. *For children ages 1-5.*

## Outer Space Book and Craft

**Friday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m.**

October 4 marks the beginning of World Space Week and today we can see a full moon! Read a story and make a craft to celebrate the "Out of This World" events happening in our skies during the month of October.

## Bagels and Bye-Byes

**Saturday, September 30**

**from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Join us as we say farewell to Anna and Ms. Sue and hello to Ms. Sandie who will be taking Ms. Sue's place. Bagels, juice, and coffee will be provided.



## Two-Part Pottery Class

**Friday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. (required) and**

**Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. (flexible)**

During session one, form and decorate a hand-built clay sculpture or dish that will be fired and ready to glaze during session two. Session one is required while session two may be scheduled at a time that works for you, if needed! *For children ages 6-10.*

## Solar Eclipses Aldrich Astronomical Society

**Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.**

During this 45-minute, family-friendly PowerPoint presentation, learn how to appreciate solar eclipses through images and storytelling.

## Fire Prevention Week Book and Craft

**Tuesday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m.**

Learn about fire safety! We will read a book, make a craft, and sing a song about firefighters and staying safe.

## Fire Truck and Flame House

**Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

If you like fire trucks, join us on the Common to see and touch fire apparatus. You might even be able to hold the hose and put out a fire.



## Pumpkin Decorating

**Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18**

You bring the pumpkin, we supply everything else! There will be pompoms, stickers, paint and more. Come into the Library to sign up for a 30-minute time slot.

## Read for the Record

**Thursday, October 26, All Day**

Join over 2 million readers around the world to celebrate early literacy with *Jumpstart's Read for the Record* and the book ***With Lots of Love*** by Jenny Torres Sanchez, illustrated by André Ceolin. Books and Blankies Senior at 11:15 a.m. will be open to all who want to participate in this shared reading event. Grab-and-go craft kits will be available.

## Not-So-Spooky Story Time

**Saturday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m.**

Let's get ready for Halloween by reading some not-so-spooky stories. You can wear your costume while we share our favorite books and songs about Halloween. There might even be a small treat at the end.



## Storybook Ballet of *The Nutcracker*

**Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m.**

Join the MEM Dance Theatre of Sterling, MA for a reading of ***The Nutcracker*** followed by dance demonstrations.

## Veterans Day Story and Craft

**Thursday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

November 11 is the day we say thank you to all who have served in the armed forces. Read some stories about this day and make a craft to give to a veteran.

## Turkey Story and Craft

**Wednesday, November 15 at 10:15 a.m.**

Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for food, family, and turkeys. We will read stories and make a "Tom Turkey" craft.



## Turkey Centerpieces

**Wednesday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m.**

What is a Thanksgiving table without a centerpiece? BORING! Join Ms. Sandie to make a centerpiece that will make your table look SPECTACULAR!



## ONGOING EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

As we approach the fall and families are getting back into the swing of the school year, we look forward to ramping up our early literacy programming for the youngest patrons. These programs are not only opportunities for parents, caregivers, and children to enjoy each other's company, but to meet new friends. We introduce children to music, movement, rhymes, instruments, books, and so much more.

- **Books and Blankies** is for children 18 months-3 years old. They will learn some sign language songs, play with the parachute, hear a story, sing some educational songs, dance, and make a simple craft.
- **Books and Blankies Senior** is for children 4-5 years old. This program will focus more heavily on pre-Kindergarten skills. We are once again holding this class in the Story Hour Room which will enable the children to participate on their own without their parent or caregiver helping. This will enhance their independence and encourage them to challenge themselves.
- **Mother Goose** is for babies and toddlers up to 18-months old. This gentle early literacy program introduces babies to simple songs, fingerplay, lap bounce songs, board books, and instrument play. It is the perfect way to get parents to meet others, learn to be a role model for reading, and have fun with their little ones.



The schedule runs in 6-week intervals as follows:

**Books and Blankies: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

- **Session 1:** September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24
- **Session 2:** November 7, 14, 21 (no class November 28), December 5, 12, 19

**Books and Blankies Seniors: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.**

- **Session 1:** September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26
- **Session 2:** November 9, 16, 30 (no class November 23), December 7, 14, 21

**Mother Goose: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.**

- **Session 1:** September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26
- **Session 2:** November 9, 16, 30 (no class November 23), December 7, 14, 21

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Sign up for the program that is right for you and your child by visiting <https://beamanlibrary.org> and navigating to the 'Events' tab.

## OTHER ONGOING PROGRAMS

For more information please visit [beamanlibrary.org](https://beamanlibrary.org).

### MONTHLY PROGRAMMING

#### **Math Wizards Club**

**Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**

Math is everywhere and we use it every day even when we don't realize it. Join Ms. Sandie to explore the history of math and all the fun and unusual ways we use it. We will play games, do crafts, and eat snacks while conjuring up our best math skills. For patrons in 4th grade-8th grade. *Begins Tuesday, September 12*

#### **Cookies 'n Crochet Club**

**Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.**

Want to get "hooked" on crocheting? Join Ms. Sue once a month to learn how to crochet while relaxing and enjoying cookies. For patrons in 4th grade-8th grade. *Begins Tuesday, September 26*

#### **Pokémon Club**

**Third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**

Join your friends to swap, trade, play, and talk about Pokémon! Register at [beamanlibrary.org](https://beamanlibrary.org) to receive your reminder email!

### WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

**Drop-In Saturday Story Time at 11:00 a.m.**

Stop by, hear some fun stories, and dance around a bit!



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## A Message From the Friends of the Beaman Library:

**What:** Friends of the Beaman Library Used Book Sale and Raffle

**When:** Saturday, 9/9/23 and Sunday, 9/10/23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Sunday only: Fill a grocery bag for \$10.00

Raffle baskets, high interest new fiction titles, beautiful puzzles, and Beaman Library candles will be available for sale in the Library two weeks prior to the Book Sale.

**Where:** Outside on the Library lawn. Weather permitting.

**Why:** All proceeds support Library programs, events, and museum passes.

**Donations:** If you would like to donate books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles or games to this sale, please call 508-835-3711 to make an appointment and review the donation guidelines. Book donations accepted include gently used fiction, nonfiction, recent reference, and children's books. If you are unable to attend the book sale, please consider making a donation to the Friends instead.

Thank you for your support!  
Ann Elizabeth Ramminger and all the Friends Board Members

Bring the completed word search to the book sale to be entered in a raffle to win a special Beaman Library candle!

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### Word List:

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library	ten	puzzles
used	read	dvds
book	kids	see
sale	teens	you
september	stories	there

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