

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.

Early Closing: Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. Holiday Closings: Saturday, August 31 and Thursday, November 28

Dear West Boylston Community,

As the colors of fall begin to emerge, I am reminded of the warmth and togetherness that our Library brings to the community. Beaman Library is more than just a place to borrow books; it is a gathering place for all. Whether you are looking to host meetings, enjoy quiet reading moments, or engage in community events, our doors are always open to you. We are proud to serve as your community hub, a place where connections are made and strengthened.

This month, I am excited to highlight one of our valuable online learning resources: Mango Languages. Mango is an incredible online language learning platform that is available for free with your Beaman Library card. Whether you wish to refresh your skills from a language class you took years ago, prepare for an upcoming trip, or explore literary classics in their original languages, Mango is your gateway to a world of languages. Imagine diving into the French version of *Les Misérables* or brushing up on your conversational Spanish, all accessible from the comfort of your home.

As we transition from the relaxed days of summer back into the busy routines of school and work, it's important to remember to take time for ourselves. Life can be stressful, but the Library is here to help you unwind. Consider attending one of our Yoga events, enjoying a fun and interactive children's story time, or simply finding a quiet corner to read - our Library offers many ways to de-stress. Make the Library a part of your day, and discover how our resources and programs can help you relax and rejuvenate.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for making the Beaman Memorial Public Library a special place. We look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

As a reminder, the Library will be returning to extended Saturday hours, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as of September 7.

Warm regards,

Mike Long
Library Director
Beaman Memorial Public Library

The Friends of the Beaman Library Annual Book Sale

Friends Only Night: Friday, September 13, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Open to All: Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Details on back page of newsletter.



Board of Trustees Meetings **All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are hybrid.**

Tuesday, September 10
Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, November 12

Friends Meetings **All meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.**

Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 15:
6:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m.: Annual Event

Endowment Update

The July 31, 2024 balance at
Greater Worcester
Community Foundation was
\$308,008.36.

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Adults

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Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books Saturday, September 7 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.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuiggan Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 11, October 9, and November 13

Experience the benefits of gentle yoga stretches, calming breath techniques, and the value of meditation.

Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuiggan Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 18, October 16, and November 20

This practice will include techniques to improve clarity of mind, relaxation, and self-awareness.

Book Discussion Group Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss a selected title.

September 19: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

October 17: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

November 21: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arranging Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Nefertiti, also known as the Floral Therapy Queen, for a two-hour class on the calming art of Japanese floral arranging, using items found around your home. Space is limited; registration is required.

West Boylston Room Open House and Tour Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Take a journey through West Boylston history with Steve Carlson from the West Boylston Historical Society (and the Library's front desk!). Normally available by appointment only, the collection in the West Boylston Room, which houses historic treasures and artifacts from West Boylston's past, will be available for public viewing from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. *No registration required.*

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Join us monthly to discuss a nonfiction title.

September 27: *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

October 25: *The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini* by Joe Posnanski

November 29: *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande

Italian Conversation Circle Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

September 28, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23
Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

Sisters in Crime: Mystery Making! Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

In this interactive workshop, three local mystery authors writing different sub-genres, including traditional, historical, and thriller/suspense, will brainstorm on their feet to create a brand new mystery using suggestions provided by the audience. Fun, fast-paced, and fascinating, this improv game offers important insights into mystery writers' minds and the conventions of the genre.

Annual Friends Event: Crime Lab Case Files with Paul Zambella

Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Paul Zambella, retired Forensic Scientist at the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab, as he discusses some of his most infamous cases and how forensic evidence was instrumental in assisting prosecutors to secure the conviction of each suspect. *Due to the nature of the subject matter, the program is recommended for people of high school age and older.*

Weekly Meal Prep with Chef Tom, in Partnership with West Boylston Municipal Light Plant Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Professional Chef Tom Mottl, CRC, will host a live cooking demonstration focused on creating a week's worth of lunches and dinners that can be made quickly to save time and money while still being flavorful and exciting. Samples will be provided. WBMLP will present information about incentives available for those considering an upgrade to energy saving appliances.

Candle Making: Halloween-Themed Candles Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

During this workshop, we will discuss the many different elements of candles. Each participant will make one "spooky candle" using soy wax, color, and fragrance oils. Once the wax has cooled for approximately 24 hours, participants will take their candle home to use after a two-week curing period. *The wax is hot and fragrance oils can be strongly scented. Registration is restricted to patrons aged 18+ due to safety concerns.*

The Basics of Genealogical Research Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Names, dates, places, and events make up the core of genealogical research. Join genealogist Seema Kenney to discuss the importance of each piece of data, as well as the various relationships you may encounter. We'll also talk about both on and off-line places to research as well as furthering your genealogical education.

Teens

Ages 12-18

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Visit beamanlibrary.org/events/categories/teen/
to register for events online!
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Friendship Bracelets

Ongoing Throughout the Fall

Materials will be available in the Teen Space to make beaded friendship bracelets. Stop by when you have a few minutes and craft one for (you or) your bestie.

Nintendo Switch Drop-In Gaming

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 3:00 p.m.

Come to the Library to play Nintendo Switch games on our huge SMART Board! One Nintendo Switch, a selection of games to play, and snacks (!) will be provided. *No registration required.*

Settlers of Catan

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

September 7, October 5, and November 2

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

Teen Advisory Group

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

September 10, October 8, and November 12

We are dedicated to supporting the interests of our teen community members! By joining the Teen Advisory Group (TAG), you can provide valuable input to the Teen Librarian on programming, collection development (such as book and video game selections), and more – all while enjoying snacks! Volunteer hours will be awarded to active participants.

Healthy Food, Healthy Bodies

Thursday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Join Hannaford Dietician Heidi McIndoo to learn how to make Apple Cheddar Quesadillas that we can enjoy immediately after making!

Animal Portrait

Thursday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Create a vibrant portrait of a pet or favorite type of animal using acrylic paints and pens. While all materials will be provided, please bring along an 8x10 photocopy of the photograph that you will be using as a guide.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Join money coach Sandy Meindersma for a one-hour session of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Discover what it truly means to be a millionaire and how you can achieve this goal. Learn the essentials of financial literacy, including budgeting, saving, understanding debt, and investing. This interactive class will give you practical knowledge and skills to make smart money decisions. Every teenager has the potential to become a millionaire!

Karaoke Night

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 26, October 24, and November 21

Join West Boylston Middle High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society for an evening of karaoke! Light refreshments will be served. *All ages are welcome; no registration required!*

Magic: The Gathering, Commander Format

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

September 28, October 26, and November 23

Play the Commander format of *Magic: The Gathering* with other teens! Please note, knowledge of the game is required. If you have your own decks, please bring them along.

Felting Workshop

Thursday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Tweens and Teens! Follow along with a tutorial hosted by Rachel Benson of *The Fiber Web* and learn how to create playful felted ghosts. The result will be a darling decoration that you will want to enjoy year-round!

Rice Krispies Mash Up

Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 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!

Vincent Van Ghosts

Tuesday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Let's reimagine old pieces of art by adding the unexpected element of ghosts into the original scenes using acrylic paint. All materials will be provided.

National Pickle Day

Thursday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.

It's National Pickle Day! Come to the Library and join us in a pickle tasting event to help decide the ultimate pickle champion.

Open Play After Hours Gaming Event

Friday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

One Up Games is back with another three-hour 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! *For ages 10 to 17.*



Children

Birth to Age 11

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Music and Movement with Ms. Meredith

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

September 7, October 12, and November 2

Ms. Meredith is back to help us get our weekend started on the right foot. We will stretch, dance, and hop around to fun, kid-friendly music. When class is over we will be energized and ready to have a wonderful day. This is a family event and we encourage parents/caregivers to participate. *No registration is required.*

Math Wizards

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Math can be magical. We will see that math is a very important part of our everyday life and it isn't just about numbers. The topics we will cover include: art, nature, and even language. We will use problem-solving skills, creativity, and lots of hands-on fun. This is a monthly activity but it is highly recommended that you come to every class. *Ages 6 to 10.*

September 10: An introduction to the magic of math.

October 8: Use math skills to make a Zen Garden.

November 5: Hear the story of *The Rainbirds* and learn about triangles.

Drop-In Story Time and Craft

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 6 & 27

Join us on alternating Wednesdays for a story and craft on a special theme. *No registration needed. All ages with an adult.*

Snap Band Flower Bracelets

Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Snap bands, flowers, hot glue, and creativity are all you need to make a beautiful bracelet. *Ages 7 and up.*

Homeschool Hangout: Pokémath

Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Welcome back homeschoolers! Who doesn't like those cute little Pokémon? We will play a fun version of Pokémon that will help build math skills. If you have cards please bring them; if you don't, we will have some for you to use. Let's learn math Pokémon-style. *Ages 5 to 12.*

Welcome Home Fairies Tea Party

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

Our Library fairies have been on vacation all summer, and now we'll welcome them home with a party! Enjoy some fairy snacks and create your own fairy door to take home for the fairies that live at your house! *Ages 4 to 7.*

Kids' Bookbinding Workshop

Tuesday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Learn the art of book making using traditional materials. We'll design, fold, and stitch some beautiful and unique works of literary art! *Ages 7 to 10.*

Cookies 'n Crochet Club

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

September 24, October 29, and November 26

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.*

Smokey Bear Visit

Saturday, October 5

We are going to help Smokey Bear celebrate his 80th birthday by participating in the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge. We will have stickers and stamps to hand out and we may even get to sing "Happy Birthday" to Smokey Bear in person! *All ages.*

Book Eaters Club

Wednesdays, October 9 and November 13 at 4:00 p.m.

If you are someone who practically eats books, this club is for you! Readers in grades 3 through 5 will meet monthly to chat about what we are reading, swap book recommendations, and engage in activities and crafts that align with book themes that are chosen by the kids. You do not have to read a specific book each month to be a part of this club!

Homeschool Hangout: Food Preservation

Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m.

It is that time of year to start preparing for the winter months. We will have a fun time learning about how to can, dry, and freeze the things you grew over the summer so they will last you all winter long. *All ages.*

Family Pumpkin Decorating

Tuesday, October 22 - All Day

It wouldn't be Halloween without our yearly pumpkin decorating event! You bring the pumpkin and we provide all the things you need to decorate it. Please sign up for a time slot at the Library. *All ages.*

Pumpkin STEM Activities

Thursday, October 24 - All Day

From seeds to stem, pumpkins are chock full of science and math fun! We will have self-guided stations for exploring pumpkins and all that we can learn from them. Please sign up for a time slot for your family! *All ages.*

First Responder Therapy Dog Story Time
Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Jenn Brenner and her First Responder Therapy Dog Shadow will share some of their favorite stories with us. We will also learn about what a First Responder Therapy Dog does. *All ages.*

Not-So-Scary Story Time
Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Wear your costume, wear your pajamas, come prepared with a flashlight for some not-so-scary stories. Stories will be appropriate for all ages.

Cooking with Kate
Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Kate is back with another fun cooking class featuring all things NOODLES! *Ages 7-12 with an adult.*

Homeschool Hangout: Gratitude
Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Gratitude is a big part of this time of year as we think about what we are thankful for and how we can help others. Today we will do something nice for someone else to maybe put a smile on their face. *All ages.*

Native American Presentation
Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Tim Red Loon Kelly will share with us the history, music, arts, and regalia of the Nipmuc people who call Mt. Wachusett their home. We will hear stories and music, make a craft, and taste some traditional food. *All ages.*

Art Class
Tuesday, November 26
1:00 p.m. for Ages 5 to 8; 4:00 p.m. for Ages 9 to 12

Using different media, we will create our very own colorful, circular art pieces inspired by the new artwork in our front staircase.

All Ages
Pumpkin Book Character Contest
October 1 through 26

Starting October 1, styrofoam pumpkins will be available to pick up at the Library. Bring your pumpkin home and transform it into your favorite book character, then bring it back to the Library to be featured in our spooky Halloween display! The top three designs will win a Halloween goody bag. Don't have craft supplies at home? No problem! Sign up for our pumpkin decoration station on October 22 in the Children's Room.

To be featured in our display, pumpkins must be back at the Library by October 26. Voting runs 10/29-11/2.

Recurring Early Literacy Programs

Session 1: September 3 through October 10
Session 2: October 29 through December 12
No classes on November 26 or 28

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. - Toddler Time
Ages 2 to 4

6-week sign up

A 6-week program that will include stories, music, and STEM activities to help your child enjoy books, build pre-reading skills, develop social skills with peers, and just have fun.

Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. - Sensory-Friendly Story Time
Ages 2 to 5, limit 4 children

Weekly sign up

A story time that will include stories, songs, and STEM-related activities. This story time is for children who enjoy a quieter, slower paced experience. We will work on pre-reading skills and social skills through sensory-based activities and interactive stories.

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. - Mother Goose
Ages birth to 5 with an adult caregiver

Drop-in, no registration required

Join us weekly for stories, rhymes, musical instruments, and more!

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch
Ages 4 and 5

6-week sign up

Four- and five-year-olds can bring a lunch from home to enjoy eating with friends, reading stories, and building school readiness skills like sharing, listening, taking turns, and fine motor skills while we do crafts and activities built around the story of the week. Space is limited!

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. - Drop-In Story Time
**Unless there is a special program planned*



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A Message From the Friends of the Beaman Library:

SAVE THE DATE! - Friends of the Beaman Library Used Book Sale and Raffle

At the Friends book sale you will find,
Lots of treasures of all kinds,
Maybe even books that have been signed,
Come join us to expand your mind!

When: Friday, September 13, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Current Friends Members Only*
Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (All are welcome.)

Where: Beaman Library Stiles Room

Why: All proceeds pay for library programs, events, and museum passes!

**Current (2024) Friends members will receive a post card invitation for Friday Night Friends Only!*

Not a Friends member? To become a Friend, talk to a librarian, visit the Library website “Get Involved” tab, or join at the Friends Book Sale! Memberships can be paid by check, cash, or PayPal on the website. There are varying levels of support starting at \$10.

Donations: Call 508-835-3711 to ask if additional books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, or games are being accepted. If items are still needed, an appointment at the Library is required. Book donations accepted include gently used fiction, nonfiction, reference, and children’s books. No ripped, torn, or stained books please.

Thank you for your support, we hope to see you at the Book Sale!
Ann Elizabeth Ramminger, Secretary, on behalf of the Friends Board

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