

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.

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is just around the corner, bringing a shift from the bustle of summer reading to the comfort and coziness of the season ahead. It is a time for new routines, curling up with a good book, and gathering indoors as the days grow shorter. Whether you are returning to school, preparing your home or yard for winter, or simply enjoying the beauty of autumn in New England, our library is excited to be part of your fall.

Our summer reading program was a tremendous success, and we are grateful to everyone who joined in with such enthusiasm. This year's theme, Level Up at Your Library, brought the community together for games, puzzles, escape rooms, and countless other activities. Your participation and energy made the library a lively and welcoming place all summer long.

With fall approaching, we are happy to welcome back the ever-popular Friends of the Beaman Library Book Sale, taking place September 13 and 14. Friends members are welcome to join us for an exclusive members-only sale on September 12 from 5-8 (if you're not a member, you can join at the door). The Friends are curating an incredible selection of new and gently used books, along with puzzles, music, games, and other treasures from recent donations. The sale is the perfect chance to stock up on cozy fall reads or get an early start on holiday shopping. Proceeds directly support library programs and resources, and we are deeply grateful to the Friends for their ongoing dedication and support.

Our fall programs are just as inviting as the season itself. History enthusiasts can explore local stories in our upcoming lectures presented by the West Boylston Historical Society. Creatives can try their hand at crafting or cooking a new recipe for our new Cookbook Club. Teens can embark on new adventures in Dungeons & Dragons or join us for game nights. Families can look forward to storytimes, seasonal crafts, and family movie afternoons. Whether you come to learn, create, play, or simply connect with others, there is something for everyone on our calendar.

As autumn settles in, I hope you will stop by and see what's new. Explore our programs, discover a book or two to take home, or just enjoy a quiet corner to yourself. However you use the library this season, we are glad to have you here.

I look forward to seeing you at the library soon!

-Mike Long, Director



Important Dates

- September 12 - Booksale Open for Friends Members
- September 13, 14 - Friends Booksale Open to All
- Tuesday, October 21 - Friends Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, November 11 - Closed for Veterans Day
- Wednesday, Nov 26 - Close at 5PM
- Thursday, Nov 27 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Board of Trustees Meetings
All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are hybrid.
Tuesday, Sept. 9
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Tuesday, Nov. 18

Friends Meetings
All meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.
Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, October 21**

**Annual Meeting

Endowment Update
The June 30, 2025 balance at Greater Worcester Community Foundation was \$337,104.14

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Adults

Visit beamanlibrary.org to register for events.

Serving the World: Worcester Dining Cars Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Richard Gutman will speak about the history of dining cars, including the Worcester Dining Car Company. Richard is author of the book *American Diner Then and Now*, and the foremost expert on dining cars. *This program is co-sponsored by Beaman Library and the West Boylston Historical Society.*

Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books Saturday, September 6 at 10:30 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.

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

Sep. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8 and 22
Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

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

Sep 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

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

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Sep. 18: *The Island of the Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

Oct. 16: *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro

Nov. 20: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 24, October 8, November 12

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

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Sep. 26: *Witchcraft: a History in 13 Trials* by Marion Gibson

Oct. 31: *The Last Train from Hiroshima* by Charles Pellegrino

Nov. 28: *Flying Blind: the 737 MAX tragedy and the fall of Boeing* by Peter Robison

Material Needs: Colonial Worcester County and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Scarlet Hoey, Executive Director of the Wayland Museum and Historical Society, will present a sobering account of slavery in the Worcester area. *This program is co-sponsored by Beaman Library and the West Boylston Historical Society.*

Soap Making Workshop - Count Duckula & Friends Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.

In this all-ages workshop, you will create your very own soapy masterpiece with our unique process using glycerin based soap. You will add vibrant colors, delightful scents, and even embed a variety of adorable monster rubber duckies.

Making the Most of Time (with Judy Palken) Thursday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.

We have 24 hours per day, let's explore how can we manage those hours to be our most productive, creative, and happy selves, and fit in time for healthy eating.

***The 5 Es of Excellence* with Olympian Fred Borchelt Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Hear from three-time U.S. Olympic rower and silver medalist Fred Borchelt as he shares his "5 Es in Excellence," the guiding principles that shaped his path to the Olympic podium.

When the Tiger Lies Down: A Somatic Approach to Calming the Fight or Flight Response Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00

Join Somatic Psychotherapist Anne Kulakowski for a one-hour presentation on Somatic Psychology and how it can help people experience a greater sense of safety and ease in their bodies.

Origami with Jess

Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn the art of origami! Join Jess in making origami cranes, hearts and pigs.

What if the American Revolution Never Ended? Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00

Join author William B. Warner for a discussion of the American Revolution and how it continues to shape America today. As the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution nears we honor the courage of lives lost in battle and learn what the revolution meant to the founders. William will also discuss the civic and political virtues of the American Revolution that can be applied to challenges in our own time.

Cookbook Club

Thursday, November 6 at 6:00

Join us to sample recipes from *The Complete Autumn and Winter Cookbook* by America's Test Kitchen. Choose a recipe, prepare it at home, then bring it to the Library to share while discussing the book. Registration required.

Teens

Ages 12-18



Friendship Bracelets Ongoing Through September

Materials will be available in the Teen Space all month for making beaded friendship bracelets. Drop in whenever you have a few minutes to spare and craft one for yourself, a friend, or anyone who could use a small handmade pick-me-up. No registration needed—just stop by and get creative.

Nintendo Switch Drop-In Gaming First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 3:00 p.m.

Come hang out at the Library and play Nintendo Switch games on our giant SMART Board, it's way more fun on the big screen! We'll have the Switch set up with a rotating selection of games to choose from, plus snacks to keep you going while you play. No registration required, just drop in and join the fun.

Teen Advisory Group Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. Sep. 2, Oct. 7, and Nov. 4

Join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and help shape the future of teen services at the Library. Share your thoughts on programs you'd like to see, suggest books and materials for the collection, and weigh in on ideas for making the Teen Space even better. It's a relaxed, informal way to get involved—and yes, there will be snacks. Volunteer hours will be awarded to participants.

Settlers of Catan Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Sep. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1

Join other teens for a round (or two) of Catan, the classic board game where strategy, negotiation, and a little bit of luck determine who builds the most successful settlement. Gather resources, trade with your rivals, and race to become the dominant force on the island. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all experience levels are welcome.

Red Panda Day Tuesday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Get ready for National Red Panda Day with an afternoon of red panda fun! We'll have interesting facts to learn, a red panda-themed craft to make and take, and a quick trivia game with small prizes for the winners. Stop by to celebrate one of the world's most adorable endangered animals and maybe learn something new along the way.

Dungeons and Dragons II Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Sep. 18, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20

Due to popular demand, we've added a second Dungeons & Dragons group! Join us for a two-hour session of your favorite role-playing game, where you'll create characters, battle monsters, and shape the story together. While it's recommended that you attend all three sessions to follow the full adventure, it's not required. Space is very limited and this campaign fills up fast, so don't wait to claim your spot.

Karaoke Night Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Sep. 25, Oct. 23, and Nov. 13

Join members of West Boylston Middle High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society for an evening of karaoke at the Library! Whether you're ready to belt out your favorite song or just want to cheer on your friends, it's a fun and low-pressure way to enjoy music together. All ages are welcome and no registration is required—just bring your voice (or your enthusiasm) and drop in!

Open Play After Hours Gaming Event Friday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m.

One Up Games is back at the Library for another three-hour video game free-play event! Drop in and explore a variety of consoles and experiences, including the Oculus Quest for virtual reality gaming, Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch. Whether you're into racing games, sports, multiplayer battles, or immersive VR adventures, there's something for every kind of gamer. This event is open to ages 10 to 17—come ready to play!



Stop in and say hi to Jess,
our new YA Librarian!

Children

Birth to Age 12 Visit beamanlibrary.org, stop in, or call 508-835-3711 to register.

Registration is required for all Children's events

unless otherwise noted.

REGISTER



Recurring Programs

Story and Activity Hour

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Sep. 3 and 17, Oct. 8 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19

Join us on Wednesdays for a story and craft! The craft or activity will explore and enhance the main idea of the story. This will be fun while promoting communication skills. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Club

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

Sep. 6, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8

Are you ready for a LEGO challenge? This program is for anyone who loves to build with LEGO. We have the LEGO you bring your creativity and problem solving skills. *Registration is not required.*

Music and Movement with Ms. Meredith

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sep. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1

Ms. Meredith is back to stretch, dance, and hop around to fun, kid-friendly music to get energized! **Registration is required**

Pokemon Club

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Sep. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 19

Pokemon club, for ages 5 and up, is for anyone who likes to battle, trade and learn about Pokemon. This club is for patrons who want to learn to play and those who want to play. **Registration is required.**

Stories with Shadow

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sep. 13, Oct. 25, and Nov. 8

Shadow, our favorite EMS therapy dog, is ready to hear some more stories. Bring your favorite book to read to Shadow, or pick one out when you visit the library. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot. For ages 5 and older.

Makerspace Challenge

Wednesdays between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sep. 17, Oct. 22, and Nov. 26 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Join us for some fun and imaginative problem-solving. We present a problem or an unusual scenario and you solve it with the supplies we have available. Please sign up for a 30-minute time slot.

Book Snackers & Book Eaters Book Clubs

Snackers (ages 5-8) at 1:00, Eaters (ages 8-11) at 2:00
Oct. 18 and Nov. 15

This monthly book club is a chance for kids to meet up with other readers, swap book recommendations, and engage in crafts and activities based on book themes chosen by the kids. Readers do not have to read a specific book each month to participate! **Registration is required.**

Homeschool Hangout

Wednesdays, See Dates and Times below

Homeschoolers of all ages meet monthly to have fun, go deep on some interesting topics, and connect with others. Come to learn about the topic of the month or connect with friends old and new! **Registration is required.**

September 24, 1pm: Welcome Back Pizza Party

October 29, 1pm: Wachusett Mountain Ranger Talk

November 19, 1:30pm: Stone Soup

Cookies and Crochet

Tuesdays at 6:00

Oct. 28 and Nov. 25

Cookies and Crochet, a program for ages 7-12, is for anyone who wants to learn to crochet or someone who knows how to crochet and wants to share crocheting ideas and projects. Ms. Sue will gladly help you with any problems or give you ideas for a new project. **Registration is required.**

Beaman Bakers: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Wednesday, Sep. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone loves chocolate chip cookies. This program, for kids ages 7-12, will help them to read and follow a recipe, make a shopping list and then make a batch of chocolate chip cookie dough to take home and bake.

Registration is required.

Treat Your Grandparents to Lunch

Wednesday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m.

In honor of Grandparent's Day, bring your grandparents to a beautiful luncheon at the library. We will have small bites to eat, drinks and a special dessert to celebrate all the grandparents. We will also have a story and craft.

Registration is required.

Pinecone Bouquet

Wednesday, September 24

Ages 5-8 at 4:00, Ages 8-12 at 6:00

This program is all about pinecones. We will decorate the pinecones and make them into a beautiful bouquet that is sure to brighten somebody's day. Some adult help may be needed. **Registration is required.**

Arteca Karate

Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Master A from Arteca Karate will be sharing his wisdom with us about respect, listening, focusing, and what to do in difficult situations. We will also have fun while we learn some special moves and even have the chance to crack a board. Ages 5 and older. **Registration is required.**

Beaman Bakers: Trivia Edition
Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:00 p.m.

This fun-filled program for kids ages 7-12 will test knowledge of the baking world. Can you identify cooking utensils and tell what they are for? Do you know the faces of some famous chefs? There might even be some taste testing! **Registration is required.**

Sew a Plushie Monster
Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning some basic hand-sewing techniques, or looking to practice your skills, join us for an evening of fun! All materials will be provided for a simple project to take home. Ages 8-12. **Registration is required.**

Movie Matinee: Frozen 2
Friday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Frozen adventure with Elsa, Anna, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven as they venture into the enchanted forest. They will travel through the dark seas beyond Arendelle and find the truth about Elsa's past. Popcorn will be provided. Rated PG. ©Walt Disney Studios.

Creepy (or Not-So-Creepy) Cottage Pumpkins
Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 p.m.

We always carve the outside of the pumpkin but what about the inside? We will be decorating the inside of foam pumpkins with creepy (or not-so-creepy) items. You can design the cottage of your dreams. This program is for ages 8-12. **Registration is required.**

Night Owl Night Story Time and Author Visit
Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Local author and birder Susan Edwards Richmond will be visiting to read her story *Night Owl Night*. It's all about owl conservation and will spark curiosity in nature, bird, and science lovers. Meet Susan and learn about owls and other birds that live right in our own backyards! For families with children ages 3 and up. **Registration is required.**

Annual Family Pumpkin Decorating
Wednesday, Oct. 29 All Day

It is that time of year again! You provide the pumpkin and we will provide everything imaginable to decorate your pumpkin. We have markers, sequins, toothpicks, googly eyes and so much more! Register and sign up for a 30-minute time slot.

Not So Scary Storytime
Friday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 a.m.

We will read some stories and make a craft to help us celebrate the Halloween season. Ages 0-5.
Registration is Required.

Beaman Bakers: Copycat Edition
Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

This program will test their decorating abilities. Can the Beaman Bakers copy Ms. Sandie's fall-inspired cookie, cupcake and cake? Who will be the best Copycat? We will let the judges decide. Ages 7-12. **Registration is required.**

Festive Turkey Wreath
Wednesday, Nov. 12

Ages 5-8 at 4:00 a.m., Ages 8-12 at 6:00 p.m.

Who doesn't like a happy turkey to decorate their door? We will be making a fall-colored turkey wreath just by tying knots! Some adult help may be required.
Registration is Required.

Pasta Art
Friday, November 14

Ages 3-6 at 10:30 a.m., Ages 7-12 at 4:00 p.m.

Pasta isn't just for eating. This program involves some glue, some paint and a lot of pasta. Will it be a picture, a wreath, or even a 3D sculpture?
Registration is required.

Movie Matinee - Elio
Tuesday, November 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Elio is beamed up to the communiverse by accident and mistakenly identified as the Earth's representative to the rest of the universe. As he makes friends with Aliens from all over, he finds out who he is meant to be. Popcorn is provided. ©Walt Disney Studios.

Early Literacy Program Series

Session 1: September 2 through October 9

Session 2: October 28 through December 11

Registration is Required.

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. - Toddler Time 1
Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. - Toddler Time 2

Ages 2 to 4

6-week sign up

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

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

Ages birth to 5 with an adult caregiver

No registration required

This gentle literacy program is for families with young children. There will be songs, stories, simple sign language, lap bounces, connections to other parents, and play.

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch

Ages 4 and 5

6-week sign up

Weekly story, craft, and school readiness sessions with lunch from home. Caregivers are not required to attend but must remain on the Children's floor.

Please note that food items provided during programming are prepared in the Library and/or kitchen of a Library staff member, not a professional kitchen.

While staff members follow basic food safety procedures (washing hands, disinfecting surfaces), the Health Department has not inspected our materials.

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A Message From the Friends of the Beaman Library:



SAVE THE DATE - Friends of the Library Used Book Sale & Raffle

- Friday, Sep. 12 - 5pm-8pm | *Current Friends Members Only*
- Saturday, Sep. 13 - 9am - 3pm
- Sunday, Sep. 14 - 9am - 3pm | *Bag Day (\$10/bag)*

Located in the Library's Stiles Meeting Room
All sales help support programs and museum passes

Donating books?

Please call 508-835-3711
to find out if donations
are still needed and
to set up an
appointment.

THANK YOU!



Thank you Dairy Queen for your "FriendShip"
The July 21 Fundraiser raised \$350 to support library
programs and museum passes.



**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

Friends Annual Meeting | Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

Come join us for a Friends Board meet and greet (with refreshments), a very short annual meeting, and a presentation from 3-Time Olympian Fred Borchelt.

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