

BEAMAN BROWSER

What's new at Beaman Memorial Public Library

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

Holiday Closing: Saturday, May 27

Dear Patrons,

In January, Beaman Library introduced our new website! While the new site remains at the current address, the content of the site has been rearranged. We hope this results in an improved user experience.

When creating this new website, our priority was to make the many Library resources easily discoverable. We are excited to have also added an event management system, allowing you to register for upcoming events and programs online. Going forward, we ask that patrons register for programs using this new system whenever possible. Please read below to learn about the basic registration process.

- Visit **www.beamanlibrary.org**.
- Navigate to the **'News & Events'** tab. Here you will find upcoming programs and events listed in the form of a calendar, a list, and by category (e.g. For Adults, For Children). Select your preferred way to explore upcoming programs by clicking on the menu item. Once you have selected your preferred format, you can view the upcoming programs. The calendar and list pages also feature a filter that you can apply by clicking this image: 
- When you find a program that interests you, click on the name of the program or **'More Info'** to learn more about the program, and to register for the program, if registration is required.
- To register, click on **'Book Now!'**, the ticket button, or scroll down to the **'Bookings'** portion of the event page.
- Select the **number of tickets** you would like to reserve for the event; 1 ticket is equivalent to 1 seat at an event. For example, if you are registering yourself, select 1 ticket. If you are registering yourself and your friend, select 2 tickets.
- Provide the required information as indicated by the asterisks (*) in the form.
- Click 'I consent to my submitted data being collected and stored as outlined by the site'.
- Click **'Send Your Booking'**.

**Once your information is saved, simply log in for future sessions and your information will be automatically populated in the form. Your information will not be shared with any other parties.*

You will receive an email stating that your **booking is pending**. Once your booking is confirmed by the Library, you will receive a second email stating that your **booking is confirmed**.

You may also manage your registrations by navigating to the **'My Event Bookings'** menu item in the same 'News & Events' tab. Here you can see the status of your program registrations and cancel your bookings.

We realize you may have questions as you begin to explore the new site, access resources you were previously unfamiliar with, and register for programs. As always, Library staff are here to help and to answer any questions you may have. And, we also appreciate your patience as we navigate the inevitable hiccups that may occur along the way!



Anna Shaw
Library Director

Board of Trustees Meetings
All meetings are at 5:00 p.m.
Please contact the Library
for location details.
Tuesday, March 7
Tuesday, April 11
Tuesday, May 9

Friends Meetings
All meetings are at 6:00 p.m.
Please contact the Library for
location details.
Tuesday, April 18

Endowment Update
The December 31, 2022
balance at Greater Worcester
Community Foundation was
\$242,073.25

Newsletter Staff
Director: Anna Shaw
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Lauren Espe
Sue Smith
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Adults

Visit beamanlibrary.org to register for events online!

Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, and May 13

Join other Italian speakers in the community for an opportunity to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

Pi Day



Tuesday, March 14 (3.14) - *While Pies Last!*

Celebrate one of the greatest numbers of all time! When you stop by the Library and complete a logic puzzle we'll give you a pie in honor of Pi Day! Thank you to Worcester-based Table Talk Pies for the donations.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 15, April 19, and May 17

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 opens the month before the program.*



Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.



Join us to discuss a select title. Copies of the books will be available one month prior to the meeting date.

March 16: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

April 20: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

May 18: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict

Technology Office Hours

Thursdays, March 16, April 20, and May 18 at 2:15 p.m.

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

Why We Read

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.



Literature can help us become attuned to parts of our daily lives that are literary or art-like in quiet experiences. Join Bryan Counter, expert in Comparative Literature, for a discussion on the philosophy of why we read and what happens when we engage with works of art.

Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 22, April 26, and May 24

This class is open to all individuals wishing to develop inner awareness, health, and well-being. The practice will include techniques to improve concentration, clarity of mind, relaxation, and promote self-awareness. Bring a yoga mat, sitting cushion, and a receptive attitude. **Registration opens the month before the program.*

James Webb Space Telescope

Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Join NASA Ambassador M.J. Johnson for a discussion of the James Webb Space Telescope. View phenomenal photos of the furthest reaches of outer space, and discuss what we can learn from these images.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

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

March 31: *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope* by Jon Meacham

April 28: *On Animals* by Susan Orlean

May 19: *Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote* by Ellen Carol DuBois

Learn How to Install Libby on Your Device

Saturday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Do you need help installing Libby on a new or existing device? During this session, Lauren will provide hands-on assistance with the installation process and answer basic questions to help you get started. Please include the name of the device you will be bringing with you in the comment section of the online registration form. *Space is limited.*



Dear Suzanne Poetry Reading

Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.

April is National Poetry Month! Honor French post-impressionist artist Suzanne Valadon as Eve Rifkahn and Josette Kaplan perform Eve's novel in verse and share images of Valadon's art. The performance explores the struggles and joys of finding voice through making art and the multiple roles a woman lives as daughter, mother, wife, and artist.

Bad Art Night

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Flex your creativity without the pressure to be any good at all! Bad Art Night provides participants with the materials and encouragement to make some truly terrible art while having a lot of fun. We'll vote on the worst piece to determine the 'Baddest Artist in Residence'.



Teach Yourself to Sew

Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.



Do you want to learn to sew, but feel overwhelmed by the process? Join us for a discussion about the best resources available for teaching yourself to sew. There will also be a meet and greet with a sewing machine!

Board Game Night

Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Stop by the Library for an hour of board game play. Play one of our many board games or bring one of your own! *For patrons ages 12 and up.*

Teens

Ages 12-18

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Hang Out in the Teen Space! Throughout the Spring

Spend some time in the Teen Space with friends playing one of the card games available!

The Tiny Art Show Returns! Throughout the Month of March

Celebrate the many benefits of art by creating pieces to be displayed in the Library for all to enjoy! To participate, register online to reserve an art kit that includes a tiny canvas and easel, acrylic paint, and brush. Bring your kit home to create your tiny masterpiece. Return your work to the Library by March 24 so that it may be included in the Library's Tiny Art Show display between April 1 and April 30. Participating artists will be entered into an art-related prize drawing!



Settlers of Catan

Saturdays, March 4, April 1, and May 13 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.

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Firefly Jars (½ Day at WBMHS)

Wednesday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate the return of spring with this illuminated craft. All of the materials needed to create a fanciful woodland scene full of 'fireflies' in a glass jar will be provided.



Chapters and Chipper Chatter

Tuesdays, March 21, April 25, and May 23 at 5:30 p.m.

A book discussion group for those readers transitioning between (TWEEN) the children's collection and young adult collection. Join Miss Sue and Jessica to read and discuss the first chapter of a fun, lighthearted young adult book. Copies of the book will be available to borrow so you can finish the selected title at home.

Bottle Bots (½ Day at WBMHS)

Wednesday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn how to turn an old bottle cap into a tiny robot that dances and scoots! All of the materials needed to complete this simple project will be provided.



Glass Etching

Tuesday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Join Jessica to learn how to spruce up a simple piece of glassware by etching a design into the surface. Your design will be not only unique, but permanent and dishwasher safe! All required materials will be provided.

Open Play Gaming Event (½ Day at WBMHS) Friday, May 5 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.*

4-H Babysitting Certification

Saturday, May 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participants will better understand the responsibilities of babysitting and learn the skills needed to become a capable, caring, and reliable babysitter. Upon completion of this course, participants will receive first aid supplies, a 4-H Babysitting Manual, a Babysitter's ID card, and a Certificate of Completion. Participants must attend the full session. Space is limited; participants must pre-register. The cost of the course is \$10 per person. The **Friends of the Beaman Library** will sponsor the remainder of the cost for each attendee. *For patrons between 11 and 18 years old.*



Makeup Tutorial with Ciara

Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Prom season is just around the corner! Brush up on your makeup knowledge and skills with this one-hour tutorial with Ciara, a local makeup artist-in-training! Learn how to make your skin look flawless, how to create the best silhouette for your eye shape, and practice false lash application. Leave with a small set of supplies.

Book Sculpture

Wednesday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Transform an old, worn book into a delightful decoration! Books will be available for use.



Stress Survival Guide for Teens

**Presented by Families for Depression Awareness
(½ Day at WBMHS)**

Friday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Pressures from school, family, friends, work...teens are surrounded and burdened by stress. Untreated stress can lead to mental health conditions like depression, and teens need to develop practical strategies to manage day-to-day stress. During this workshop, a trained facilitator will share their experience of surviving stress and depression throughout their young adult life. Participants will learn the signs of stress and depression, identify strategies to manage day-to-day stress, and begin to create a survival guide of their own!

Board Game Night

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Children

Birth to Age 11

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National Pig Day

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

Who doesn't squeal with excitement to see a cute pig? We will hear some stories about pigs and make a piggy bank to bring home! Please sign up by February 28 to reserve your spot!

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St. Patrick's Day Story Time and Take Home Craft Kit
Friday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.

We will hear a very special story read by Michelle Brown, *The St. Patrick's Day Shillelagh* by Janet Nolan. Michelle will bring in a shillelagh for all to see and each participant will go home with a craft kit! Please sign up by March 10 to attend.

Johnny Appleseed Day Drop-In Story Time and Craft
Saturday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a story about Johnny Appleseed and make an apple printed craft to bring home.



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Mermaid/Merman Day

Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Hear some stories and then make a mermaid/merman windsock craft. Please register by March 22.



April Showers Bring May Flowers

Tuesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun craft using shaved crayons, parchment paper, and a warm iron to make a beautiful raindrop mobile! This program is for elementary school children grades 2 through 5. Please register for this program by March 27.

Scrabble Day

Thursday, April 13 After School

We will set up some Scrabble boards in our LEGO room for you to play a game of Scrabble with your parents or friends. Stop by the Library to reserve an hour-long spot no later than April 6.

School Vacation Week
April 18 - 22

Please register at least one week before a program to reserve your spot!

Peep Mobile Craft

Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.



We will be constructing a little car for a marshmallow peep to drive! Each craft will be an original that you may take home to eat after dinner! Please register by April 11 to reserve your spot!

Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day!!

Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Story time and craft, in your pjs of course!

Earth Day (Celebrated a Little Early)

Thursday, All Day

For anyone who checks out a book about caring for our Earth, we will have 30 craft kits available to make a "stained glass" Earth art piece (first come-first served). We will also have grocery bags available to pick up trash along your neighborhood street.



In My Garden Stories

Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Hear some stories about gardening and go home with a mini vegetable garden with six seedlings that you can nurture until it is warm enough to plant them outdoors.

Jelly Bean Day

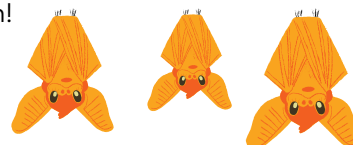
Friday, All Day

Join us for a S.T.E.A.M.-filled day with stations set up using jelly beans as the materials. This program is for children 4 years of age and older. Parents must be in the Story Hour Room with their children while they explore the stations.

Audubon Program About Bats

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Please sign up by April 14 to attend, although we will allow anyone in the Library at that time to participate if there is room!



May the 4th Be With You
Thursday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Star Wars Day by coming into the Library to hear a few stories and make a simple Baby Yoda origami craft to take home. Please register for this program by April 26 to reserve your spot.

Make It for Mom
Friday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Make your Mom a special craft to give her to celebrate Mother's Day. Please register for this program by April 28 to reserve your spot.



Lost Sock Memorial Day Story and Craft
Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

EVERYBODY has lost socks. We think that the washing machine makes them disappear, or they could be under the bed! Bring in one of your socks that is missing its mate and we will make a "Socktopus" with it while we listen to some stories!

Save Your Tooth Month Program with Kaylee from Doctor Tony's Office
Wednesday, May 24 at 10:15 a.m.

Learn all about caring for your teeth, including what you should and shouldn't eat to preserve them. Hear some stories about teeth, and go home with a special tooth fairy pillow! Please sign up to reserve your spot!

Teddy Bear Picnic
Wednesday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

It's picnic time for teddy bears and those who love them. Join us on the Library front lawn for teddy stories, a bear hunt, and a craft. Bring a comfy blanket to sit on and your own lunch! Please register by May 24 to reserve your spot. *Rain date: Friday, June 2*



Calling all parents, grandparents, and caregivers!

We are accepting donations of summer reading prizes beginning May 1 for the upcoming summer! These do not have to be expensive prizes, just something to encourage our youngest patrons to read during the summer when the "rust" from being out of school happens. There are tax deductible forms that we can give you to fill out upon donating to this wonderful program!



ONGOING PROGRAMS

To **register** or for more information please visit
beamanlibrary.org.

MONTHLY PROGRAMMING

Pokémon Club: Third **Wednesday** of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Join your friends to swap, trade, play, and talk about Pokémon!

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

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

An early literacy program that runs in 6-week sessions during the school year. We have books, lap bounces, instrument play, parachute fun, and bubbles! For children ages 18 months to 3 years. Registration is required for the entire session. The next session begins on March 7.

Virtual Story Time on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Hear some fun stories on Beaman Library Children's Room YouTube channel that will keep your kids entertained while you prepare dinner!

Mother Goose with Ms. Sandie on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

A 6-week gentle literacy program for the youngest patrons. There will be songs, stories, simple sign language, parenting tips, lap bounces, and more. For children between the ages of birth and 18 months. Registration is required for the entire session. The next session begins on March 9.

Books and Blankies Senior on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

Have fun prepping for kindergarten by joining us for songs, stories, crafts, and literacy skills. This program runs in 6-week sessions. For children 4 to 5 years of age. Registration is required for the entire session. The next session begins on March 9.

Friday First Chapters on Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

Hear the first chapters of two early reader chapter books and two advanced reader chapter books on Beaman Library Children's Room YouTube channel. Then you can come into the Library to check them out if you wish!

Saturday Story Time at 11:00 a.m.

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



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