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What's new at Beaman Memorial Public Library

8 Newton Street, West Boylston, MA 01583 ~ 508.835.3711 ~ www.beamanlibrary.org ~ beaman@cwmars.org Spring Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring will arrive in West Boylston, bringing a fresh start for us all. At our Library, it's a time to celebrate new opportunities to learn, connect, and grow. Whether you're stopping by to browse, catch up with friends, or enjoy some quiet time, we're always glad to see you.

We're excited to announce that Consumer Reports Online is now part of our digital resources! With access to their trusted reviews and buying guides, you'll have the tools to make confident decisions about everything from cars to appliances and more. Whether you're planning a big purchase or just exploring your options, this resource is here for you anytime, anywhere.

This spring's calendar is packed with programs for all ages. Teens will enjoy the return of the Tiny Art Show, where they can create miniature masterpieces to display in the Library. Kids can have fun with hands-on activities like the Pokémon Escape Room or Beaman Bakers, while adults can look forward to workshops on squeegee art, local history, and even a visit from the Registry of Deeds and the Probate Court to learn how they work together for the residents of Massachusetts. These are just a few highlights—there's much more to explore, so be sure to check out our full event listing!

Our Library is here to be part of your life in whatever way you need it. Maybe it's a program that sparks your interest, a quiet place to work or relax, or a resource that makes your day a little easier. Whatever brings you through our doors, we hope you'll take a moment to explore everything we have to offer this spring. There's always something here for you, and we can't wait to welcome you in.

Warmly, Michael Long Library Director

Important Dates

- Saturday, May 24 Closed
- Saturday, May 31 Summer Saturday Hours Begin, Library open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adults

Visit beamanlibrary.org to register for events.

Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books Saturday, March 1 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.

Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy with Author Andrew Noone Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

After conspiring to murder her husband, Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner (1746 – 1778) became the first woman in American history to be executed following the Declaration of Independence. Join Andrew Noone to hear about the most sensational "true crime" tragedy of the American 1700s. *This program is co-sponsored by Beaman Library and the West Boylston Historical Society.*

Italian Conversation Circle Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 31

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours! The May 31 session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuiggan Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. March 12, April 9, and May 14

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. March 19, April 16, and May 21

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. Books will be available for borrowing one month prior to the meeting date.

March 20: Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar April 17: Infinite Country by Patricia Engle May 15: Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese

Technology Office Hours Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. March 20, April 17, and May 15

During this 45-minute appointment, get help with your device or technology-related questions! Register online for your preferred time slot.

Movie Madness Bracket Wednesday, March 26 and Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

March is bracket season! Thirty two of the best movies of all-time (as rated by IMDb) will enter the first round of Movie Madness. The two movies with the most votes en route to the Final Four will be shown in the Library on the dates listed above. Visit the Library before March 21 to fill out a bracket.

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

Join us monthly to discuss a nonfiction title.

March 28: Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson

April 25: Before Brooklyn by Ted Reinstein

May 30: Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made

America by Leila Phillip

Introduction to the Registry of Deeds and Probate Court Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Learn from Katherine Toomey and Stephanie Fattman how the Registry of Deeds and the Probate Court work together for the residents of Massachusetts. Their presentation includes an overview of Deeds, Homesteads, Trusts and Estates, and a Q&A.

eLibrary Assembly Line Saturday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Want to get started with electronic Library content but don't know where to begin? Visit the eLibrary Assembly Line for a jumpstart! Librarians will briefly explain selected apps and will help you create your account, then you can explore on your own. March's Assembly Line will feature Kanopy (movies), Beanstack (summer reading tracker), and the CW MARS App. This program is perfect for patrons comfortable exploring technology on their own after a brief introduction.

Patrons needing more help should attend a Technology Office Hours session or the Libby 101 program.

Squeegee Art Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Jess to make beautiful abstract art with paint and a squeegee tool!

Author Talk: Ted Reinstein, Author of *Before Brooklyn* Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

News reporter and author Ted Reinstein will visit the Library to discuss the history of African Americans in baseball and his book **Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier**.

Ted's book tells the little-known story of the men and women who helped pave the way for Jackie Robinson, the first African American to break the color barrier and play for a Major League Baseball team.









The Snack-It Bracket: May the Best Chip Win Ongoing Through March

Collect your taste test snack pack at the main desk and then cast your vote for your favorite chip. A new snack pack will be available at the beginning of each week until the Snack-It Bracket is complete. *While supplies last; one snack pack per teen per week.

Settlers of Catan Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. March 1, April 5, and May 3

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 4:30 p.m. March 4, April 8, and May 13

Join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and provide valuable input to the Teen Librarian on programming, collection development, and more – all while enjoying snacks! Volunteer hours will be awarded to participants.

Healthy Food, Healthy Bodies Tuesday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Who doesn't love grilled cheese? Come to the Library for an opportunity to make and customize your sandwich with the ingredients on hand!

Karaoke Night Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. March 13, April 24, and May 22

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

It's Boba Tea Slime Time! Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Boba tea-inspired slime - what could be better? Come to the Library to create this bubbly craft.

Magic: The Gathering Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. March 22, April 26, and May 31

Come play the Commander format of *Magic: The Gathering*! Please note, knowledge of the game is required. If you have your own decks, please bring them. *The May 31 session will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

Quiet Quest: The Silent Book Club Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. March 26, April 23, and May 28

A new kind of book club where you can read your favorite book in peace. Bring a book, find a spot, and read. There will be a chance to share your experience or recommend a book to the group, but only if you want!

The Tiny Art Show Returns! Kits Available Through the Month of April

To participate, register online to reserve an art kit. Bring your kit home to create your tiny masterpiece to be included in the Library's Tiny Art Show display between May 1 and May 31. Participating artists will be entered into an art-related prize drawing!

Mock Interviews with Ed Lawrence Thursday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Are you starting to think about a summer job? Join Certified Interview Coach Ed Lawrence to learn about interview-related concepts. Then, practice those ideas in a mock interview with Ed or other teens.

Open Play After Hours Gaming Event Friday, April 11 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.

Wicked Sing-Along Saturday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Come watch *Wicked* and sing-along to your heart's content!

Careers and Motivators Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Career Coach Sally Phelps and Life Aligned Leadership Coach Julie Quinne as they take you through a series of questions about what you enjoy doing and the types of careers that may bring you satisfaction as you set out on the path to understanding what is important to you, and how that factors into decisions about your future. All high school and college students welcome!

Celebrate Earth Day with a Dirt Cup Wednesday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate Earth Day early with a 'dirt cup' full of Oreos, pudding, and gummy worms!

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Join money coach Sandy Meindersma for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Discover what it means to be a millionaire and how to achieve this goal. This interactive class will teach you the essentials of financial literacy, including budgeting, saving, understanding debt, and investing so you can make smart money decisions.

Baby Yoda Finger Puppet Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to make an adorable Baby Yoda finger puppet - almost as cute as Baby Yoda himself!

Personalize Your Popcorn Friday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

We've leveled up our ramen, now it's time to personalize some popcorn!

Children

Birth to Age 11

Visit beamanlibrary.org to register for events.

Please note, program registration is for individual and family sign-up only. If you would like to plan a program for a group, please contact the Library.

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Name Our Book Dragon Contest Ongoing Through March

According to Book Dragon's creator Alpaca Sews, Book Dragon's favorite place in the world is the Library. He wants to work here some day but first he needs a name. Visit the Children's Room to submit your name pick!

Music and Movement with Ms. Meredith Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. March 1, April 5, and May 3

Ms. Meredith is back to stretch, dance, and hop around to fun, kid-friendly music to get energized! *Registration is not required.*

Pottery Paint Party: Spring Planters Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Glaze a ceramic spring planter to help you celebrate the season! *Ages 6 and up*.

Drop-In Story Time and Craft Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. March 12 and 26, April 9 and 30, May 14 and 28

Join us for a story and craft. No registration needed. All ages with an adult.

Movie Matinee: *Riverdance* Wednesday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Inspired by the Irish step dancing show, an Irish boy and a Spanish girl journey into a mythical world and learn to appreciate Riverdance as a celebration of life. © Sky Cinema. Rated G for all ages.

Beaman Bakers: Turkey Roll-Ups Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to make a family favorite, turkey roll-ups! It's like a Thanksgiving meal in a little pocket. We will watch a short video and then make some to take home. *Ages* 9 to 12.

Jazziaks Dance School Thursday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for some Irish Step Dancing to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. *All ages*.

Homeschool Hangout: Fungus Amongus Wednesday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m.

We'll put the "fun" in fungus! Let's get hands-on with some weird (and gross) science, and learn about the organisms that are all around us. Homeschoolers will help to create a moldy, fungal display that will be on display in the Children's Room.

Boba Tea for Tweens Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Miss Kate for fun crafts and Boba tastings. Participants will bring home Boba tea with their choice of toppings. *Ages 10 to 12*.

Spring Take-It, Make-It Craft Tuesday, March 25, All Day

Celebrate spring with a fun craft to make at home with your family. You will also be given a QR code for some fun story tie-ins. While supplies last.

Global Story Time Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Come and hear some stories from different cultures read in their original language. *All ages*.

March 29: MalayApril 19: FrenchMay 31: German

Elementary Book Clubs

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. - Book Snackers, Grades K-2 Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - Book Eaters, Grades 3-5 March 29, April 19, and May 17

Kids will chat about what they are reading, swap book recommendations, and engage in activities and crafts that align with book themes chosen by the kids. You do not have to read a specific book each month to join!

Maker Space Studio Wednesday, April 2, All Day

We're transforming our Story Hour Room into a STEAM Maker Space! We will provide tools, materials, loose parts, and craft supplies. Sign up for a timeslot to come and see what you can create! *All ages*.

Beaman Bakers: Grilled Cheese or Quesadillas Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

What better way to celebrate cheese than in a "sandwich." We will learn how to make these sandwiches using a griddle or a quesadilla maker. Ages 9 to 12.

Homeschool Hangout: Pokémon Escape Room Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

See if you can crack the codes in our newest escape room full of puzzles and challenges. *All ages*.

Poem in My Pocket Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Let's explore the world of poetry and why we celebrate Poem In My Pocket Day on April 18. We will write some of our own poems and then go home with a stack of poems to put in our pockets so we are ready for the day. Ages 8 to 12.

Celebrate Earth Day Friday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

This year we are partnering with Neighborhood Forest to grow more trees in our neighborhoods. A guest Naturalist will talk to us about the importance of trees and how we can help them thrive in our yards. Register by March 15 to receive a free sapling.

April Vacation Week

Pokémon Escape Room Tuesday, April 22, All Day

Can you catch them all? Sign up for a time slot to try your trainer skills in the Children's Room! Ages 5 and up.

Movie Matinee: *Sing* Wednesday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

In a city of humanoid animals, koala Buster Moon, a struggling theater owner, attempts to save his theater with a singing competition that becomes grander than he anticipates, even as its finalists find that their lives will never be the same. © Universal Pictures. *Rated PG*.

Stories in a Jar for Tweens Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.

A jar full of random items could inspire a wonderful story. Bring an open mind and tell the story of what's in your jar. *Ages 10 to 12.*

Rubber Duckie Soap Friday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

We'll use simple materials to make an adorable soap creation! *Ages 5 to 10*.

Thai Temple Meditation Friday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Wat Nawamintararachutis, located in Raynham, MA, is one of the biggest Thai Temples in the world outside Thailand. Monk Benny will be teaching us Insight Meditation, also known as Vipassana or mindfulness meditation. This practice involves observing thoughts, sensations, and experiences with non-judgmental awareness. Insight Meditation aims to develop a profound understanding of the nature of existence, fostering mindfulness, clarity, and self-awareness.

- 10 minutes: Loving-Kindness Meditation techniques to cultivate compassion and empathy.
- 40 minutes: Insight Meditation, incorporating mindful prostration, walking, and sitting practices.

We highly recommend that our young participants acknowledge that this is a "sit still" kind of activity, as running around or talking will disturb the other participants. *Ages 8 to 12*.

Homeschool Hangout: Arteca Karate Wednesday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Master Jared will be here to share his wisdom on focusing, listening, and respecting others as well as ourselves. There will be music, exercise, and even board breaking. *Ages 5 and up*.

Mother's Day Take-It, Make-It Craft Friday, May 9, All Day

Show Mom how special she is with a craft kit to take home! While supplies last.

Stuffed Animal Birthday Party Saturday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m.

We're celebrating all of the stuffies! Bring your special stuffed friend to the Library for a birthday party complete with snacks, stories, and crafts. *Ages 3 to 8*.

Movie Matinee: Zootopia Friday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

This film follows a rookie police officer rabbit and a con artist fox as they work together to uncover a conspiracy involving the disappearance of predators. © Walt Disney Studios. *Rated PG*.

Beaman Bakers: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to make this classic recipe that is a musthave in any baker's repertoire! Ages 9 to 12.

Recurring Early Literacy Programs

Session 4: March 4 through April 10 Session 5: April 29 through June 5

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 prereading skills, develop social skills, and have fun.

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

Ages birth to 5 with an adult caregiver Weekly drop-in March through May, no registration required

This gentle literacy program is for families with young children ages 0 through 5. 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.

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

*Unless there is a special program planned.

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:

Did you know that without the Friends financial support, some library programs would not be possible? By joining the Friends of the Beaman Library, your donation ensures existing and future programming, access to museum passes, and more. Talk to a librarian or visit the library website "Get Involved" tab. There are varying levels of support (starting at \$10), and donations can be paid by check, cash, or PayPal on the website.

Want to be more involved? Please consider joining the dedicated Friends Board. These are the people behind the scenes, working with library staff for ongoing, online and annual book sales, procurement of museum passes, and more! The Board meets four times yearly and holds an annual meeting.

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Donate time for online, ongoing, and annual book sales and more

Share enthusiasm for the importance of libraries

Thank you (current and future Friends) for your support! Ann Elizabeth Ramminger President, on behalf of the Friends Board

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