

# 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.

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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.

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**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
**All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are hybrid.**  
Tuesday, March 11  
Tuesday, April 8  
Tuesday, May 13

**Friends Meetings**  
**All meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.**  
Tuesday, April 15

**Endowment Update**  
The January 31, 2025 balance at Greater Worcester Community Foundation was \$319,180.65.

**Newsletter Staff**  
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# Teens

Ages 12-18



## 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!

## 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!





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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.

FRIENDS of the Beaman Library

**F**ind joy in working with library staff to sustain a vibrant community library  
**R**aise funds for the library to pay for programming, museum passes, and more  
**I**nspire others to read, attend programs, and use the variety of library services  
**E**ncourage family, friends, and neighbors to visit and support the library  
**N**urture the love of libraries in the community  
**D**onate time for online, ongoing, and annual book sales and more  
**S**hare 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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