

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.

Dear Neighbors,

After a cold and snowy winter, I think I speak for all of us at the Library when I say we're very ready for the spring season. Warmer temperatures and longer days are a boost to energy, and we're just as eager as you are to get out of the house and try something new.

Spring always brings a mix of new programs and familiar favorites. Science fiction and fantasy fans can check out our new Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club, and our recently launched Cookbook Club continues to grow! The Children's Room has a full schedule all season, and April Vacation Week in particular is packed with activities for kids to teens, including an escape room and movie matinees. Teen patrons will find plenty to do all spring, from game nights to workshops that help build practical skills.

Starting March 1, patrons can stop in and try out The Accumuliterator! The Accumuliterator is a machine that collects a crowd sourced story. Read what the person before you has added to the story and contribute your own paragraph to keep it going. This project is a chance to see the creativity of our community come to life in a story like no other. We welcome patrons of all ages to participate! The Accumuliterator will be available for use near the circulation desk on the main floor.

Many of the events at the Library are only possible thanks to the ongoing support of the Friends of the Beaman Memorial Public Library. The Friends are of huge importance to our library, and we are deeply grateful for all of their support. If you haven't already done so, I hope you will consider supporting the Friends by becoming a member in 2026.

I look forward to seeing you in the library this spring.

-Mike Long, Director



Important Dates

- May 23 - Closed for Memorial Day

Save the Date!

The Beaman Endowment is planning a fundraising event on the evening of Friday, April 10th. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating an item for the silent auction, please contact the Library for more information.

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit that raises funds to support the Library's ongoing programs and regular operations. The Endowment is a subgroup of the Friends, focused on long-term projects and improvements.

Board of Trustees Meetings
All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are hybrid.
Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, April 14
Tuesday, May 12

Friends Meetings
All meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.
Tuesday, April 21

Endowment Update
The December 31, 2025 balance at Greater Worcester Community Foundation was \$362,244.19

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Adults

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West Boylston Historical Society

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 4: Yours for Humanity...Abby Kelley Foster

April 1: You'll Get a Bang out of Henry Knox

May 6: How Isaiah Thomas Brought the Revolution to Worcester

Join us each month for programs set up by the WBHS about the history of our community. For information on programs, visit the WBHS's website: <https://wbhistory.org>
Registration is required.

Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books

Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Hands-on assistance with the Libby app. Please include the type of device you will be bringing in the comment section of the online registration form.

Registration is required.

Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 11, April 8, May 13

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

Registration is required.

Puzzle Race

Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Join a purrr-fect puzzle team and race against other teams to be the first to complete the cat-themed puzzle!

Registration is required.

Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, May 9

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

Registration is not required.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20

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

Registration is required.

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

March 19: Emily's House by Amy Belding Brown

April 16: Lula Dean's Little Library of Lost Books by Kirsten Miller

May 21: The Last One at the Wedding by Jason Rekulak

Join us to discuss a selected title. Books will be available for borrowing one month prior to the meeting date.

Registration is not required.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Discussion Group

Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

March 21, April 18, May 16

Come try a less traditional book club where you choose your own reading goals and Sci-Fi/Fantasy book(s)! Share the amazing book you're reading now, caution others against the one you couldn't finish, and work together to write up short reviews to share with other readers.

Registration is required.

Tax Talks with Greg Zakarian, EA

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

TBD in March: Understanding Recent Tax Law Changes

April 7: Education & Taxes: Credits, Deductions and Planning Ahead

May 5: Small Business 101

Join Enrolled Agent Greg Zakarian for sessions on a range of tax topics.

Registration is required.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

March 27: Fire by Sebastian Junger

April 24: The Art Thief by Michael Finkel

May 29: Everything is Tuberculosis by John Green

Join us to discuss a selected title. Books will be available for borrowing one month prior to the meeting date.

Registration is not required.

Origami

Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Come learn the art of origami with Jess! In this program, we're going to practice modular origami, making multiple identical pieces and fitting them together to make intricately designed creations.

Ages 12 and up. *Registration is required.*

West Boylston Agricultural Commission Seed Swap

Saturday, April 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us on the lawn for WBAC's first annual Seed Swap! Gardeners of all levels are welcome to mingle with fellow plant-lovers. Bring excess seeds, plants, and/or cuttings from your garden to swap or share. For more information, visit the WBAC's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wbagcomm>

Registration is not required.

Woven Paper Baskets

Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day creatively by making a woven basket from recycled paper!

Registration is required.

Cookbook Club

Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us to sample recipes from **Half Baked Harvest Every Day** by Tieghan Gerard. Choose a recipe, prepare it at home, then bring it to the Library to share while discussing the book.

Registration is required.

Wait Until 8th Info Session

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Wait Until 8th is a nonprofit dedicated to encouraging parents to delay smartphone use until 8th grade. Come find out the benefits of this choice, and learn more about how you can encourage smart phone delay in your community!

Registration is not required.

Teens

Ages 12-18



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Recurring Programs

Nintendo Switch Drop-In Gaming

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

Come hang out and play Nintendo Switch games on our giant SMART Board! We'll have the Switch set up with games to choose from and snacks to keep you going. *No registration required, just drop in and join the fun!*

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

March 3, April 7, May 5

Join T.A.G. 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, weigh in on ideas for making the Teen Space even better, and earn volunteer hours for participating. It's a relaxed, informal way to get involved—and yes, there will be snacks. *Registration is required.*

Dungeons and Dragons II

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and May 28

Join us for a two-hour session of your favorite role-playing game, where you'll create characters, battle monsters, and shape the story as a group. *Registration is required. Space is very limited!*

English Tutoring with Rachel Orange

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

March 10, April 21, May 12

Need a little extra help with an English assignment? Or someone to help you study for a test? Or a fresh set of eyes to edit a paper? Then sign up for a slot with English tutor Rachel Orange! *Registration is required.*

Study Buddies

Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Need a place to study? To work on homework? Finish a craft project? De-stress after school? Then drop in for snacks, music, and a calm place to get out of the house and do whatever you need, or want, to get done. *Registration is not required.*

Karaoke Night

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 19 and May 7

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 cheer on your friends, it's a low-pressure way to enjoy music together. All ages are welcome—just bring your voice (or your enthusiasm) and drop in! *Registration is not required.*

Cookies and Crochet

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 24, April 28, May 26

Kids, Tweens, and Teens are coming together for snacks and crafts! Join Ms. Sue in the Children's Room to relax, work on your crochet skills, and enjoy a sweet treat. *Ages 7-15. Registration is required.*

Phoenix Farm Game Play

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

March 25, April 22, May 27

Phoenix Farm is a tabletop strategy game where players raise phoenix chicks to adulthood and collect phoenix feathers along the way. Learn to play with the developer of the game, Alex Maser, founder of Librarium Games. Snacks provided. *Ages 10-14. Registration is required.*

Spend Some Time with Shadow

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

March 28, April 18 and May 9

Shadow, our favorite EMS therapy dog, is coming to the Teen Space! Drop in and play with, pet, read to, or hang out with Shadow. *Registration is not required.*

Snack-It Bracket

Through the Month of April

Collect your taste test snack pack at the main desk and then cast your vote for your favorite popcorn. A new snack pack will be available at the beginning of each week* until the Snack-It Bracket is complete. *Registration is not required.*

**While supplies last; one snack pack per teen per week.*

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Tween Cricut

Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Step up your Cricut skills in this program especially for tweens and young teens. We'll use Cricut Design Space to create our own unique designs and make custom items to take home. *Ages 10-14. Registration is required.*

Bulk Up Your Resumé

Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

If you're planning to apply for a job this summer and want a little help with your resumé, this is the program for you! You'll learn tips and tricks to make your cover letter and resumé best represent who you are and what you can do. *Registration is required.*

Children

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



Birth to Age 12

Recurring Programs

Monthly Take-Home Craft

Come to the children's room on the first Wednesday of March, April and May and pick up a surprise craft bag to take home.

All ages. *Registration is not required.*

Story and Activity Hour

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20

Join us on select Wednesdays for a story and craft! We'll have fun, get creative, and build communication skills!

All ages. *Registration is not required.*

Music and Movement with Ms. Meredith

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

March 7, April 4, May 2

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

Ages 2-10. *Registration is required.*

LEGO Club

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

March 7, April 4, May 2

Come build with other LEGO enthusiasts and tackle our monthly build challenges!

All ages. *Registration is required.*

Monthly Movie

Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.: The Wild Robot

Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.: Cloudy with a

Chance of Meatballs

Friday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m.: How to Train Your Dragon

Celebrate your half day of school with a movie shown on the big screen. Popcorn is provided.

All ages. *Registration is required.*

Pokémon Club

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 11, April 8, May 20

This club is for anyone who likes to battle, trade and learn about Pokémon. Come if you want to learn to play!

Ages 5 and up. *Registration is required.*

The Thursday Scholars

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

March 12 and 26, April 9, May 14 and 28

Come up to the Children's Room for some educational fun! Play educational games and bring your homework if you need help.

Ages 5-8 (Grades K-2). *Registration is required.*

Book Snackers & Book Eaters Book Clubs

Saturday, March 21, April 18, May 30

Snackers (grades K-2) at 1:00 p.m.

Eaters (grades 3-5) at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Registration is required.

Cookies and Crochet

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 24, April 28, May 26

Want to get "hooked" on crocheting? Join Ms. Sue once a month to learn how to crochet...while enjoying cookies!

Ages 7-15. *Registration is required.*

Homeschool Hangout

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

March 25: Joy of Music

April 29: Community Gardening

May 20: LEGO

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.

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Spend Some Time with Shadow

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Shadow, our favorite EMS therapy dog, is ready for some time with you. You can read Shadow a story, play a game or just sit with her. Shadow is a good listener!

Ages 5 and up. *Registration is not required.*

Kids' Chess Club

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

March 28, April 11, May 9

Whether you are a beginner or want to practice your skills, join us!

Ages 6-12. *Registration is required.*

Beaman Bakers: Cookbooks and Recipes

Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Bakers, this month is all about recipes and cookbooks.

We will look at several cookbooks and make a recipe box for you to keep your favorite recipes in.

Ages 7-12. *Registration is required.*

Jazziaks Irish Step Dancing

March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than with an Irish step-dancing demonstration from Jazziak's Dance School?

All ages. *Registration is required.*

Spring Wreath Making

Wednesday, March 18

Ages 5-7 at 4:00 p.m., Ages 8-12 at 6:00 p.m.

Let's welcome spring with a wreath for our home. Our wreath will have the greenest leaves, the most colorful flowers, some butterflies, and ribbons to pull it all together.

Registration is required.

Beaded Rainbow Craft

Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

We know what April showers bring - rainbows! Join us for a simple and fun beaded rainbow suncatcher craft to help us welcome spring.

Ages 5-9. *Registration is required.*

Beaman Bakers: Candy

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

There is more to making candy than you think. We will learn some simple techniques and make some delicious chocolates.

Ages 7-12. *Registration is required.*

April Vacation Week

Tween Cricut

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Step up your Cricut skills in this program especially for tweens and young teens. We'll use Cricut Design Space to create our own unique designs and make custom items to take home.

Ages 10-14. *Registration is required.*

Dog Man Escape Room

Wednesday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Petey the Cat is on a crime spree in the Children's Room and Dog Man needs your help to bring him to justice! Sign up for a 30-minute time slot in our fun-filled escape room - solve puzzles, meet challenges, and stop Petey in his tracks!

All Ages. *Registration is required.*

Mother Goose Story Time

Thursday, April 23 at 10:15 a.m.

Our regular birth to five story time continues through April Vacation.

Ages 0-5. *Registration is not required.*

Hangin' With My Peeps

Thursday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a Pajama storytime and craft all about Peeps. We will read a book and then using Peeps, candies and other stuff design the best bedroom for our Peep. We will even make a Twinkie car for our Peep.

Ages 5-12. *Registration is required.*

Tiles for Turtles

Friday, April 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by the Library to create a tile to decorate the base of Hocus and Scooter's new, deluxe turtle tank! Suggested donation of \$1.00 to support the Turtle Rescue League of Southbridge, MA.

All ages. *Registration is not required.*

Dog Man Movie Matinee

Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a showing of the Dog Man film (Rated PG, Dreamworks) on the big screen! Free popcorn will be served.

All ages. *Registration is required.*

Button Mosaic Silhouette Craft

Wednesday, April 29

Ages 5-7 at 4:00 p.m., Ages 8-12 at 6:00 p.m.

Choose a picture and fill it in, mosaic style, with colorful buttons of different shapes and sizes.

Registration is required.

Arteca Karate

Friday, May 1 at 3:45 p.m.

Master Jared is coming back to share his wisdom on focusing, listening, and respecting ourselves and others. There will be music, exercise and even board breaking.

Ages 5-12. *Registration is required.*

Mother's Day Vase with a Paper Flower

Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Let's make Mom a special gift for her special day. We will decorate book vases with pre-cut Cricut designs, fill them with some colorful rocks and include a flower made from old book pages.

Ages 8-12. *Registration is required.*

Beaman Bakers: Bakers Buffet

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Calling all Beaman Bakers: If you have attended one or more of our classes you are invited to make a dish or two showing off what you have learned. You and your family and friends will then be able to try all the wonderful things everyone has made.

Ages 7-12. *Registration is required.*

Early Literacy Program Series

Session 1 runs March 3 through April 9

Session 2 Runs April 28 through June 4

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

Registration is not 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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