

# BEAMAN BROWSER

*What's new at Beaman Memorial Public Library*

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Summer Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Summer Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings: Saturday, May 27, Tuesday, July 4, and Saturday, September 2

Dear Patrons,

Summer is here and Beaman Library has a number of exciting events planned for our Summer Reading Program. The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program, **Find Your Voice!** is funded by the **Massachusetts Library System**, the **Boston Bruins**, and the **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners**.

For adults we are hosting an authors' multi-media event about 1940s women in fiction and film, an opportunity to learn about the history of Massachusetts' forests, how to take better photos with your smartphone, a S.T.E.M.-based Amazing Race-themed passport game night (that teens are encouraged to attend too), and more!

There are a variety of craft programs planned for teens, including the opportunity to LEGO-fy yourself. Teens will also be able to participate in a weekly Snack-It Bracket during the month of July, and One Up Games is returning for another exciting event, but after hours! Check out the teen programming page for additional programs and details.

Our Children's Room will kick off summer with a drumming event with Otha Day, grant-funded by the **West Boylston Cultural Council**. There will be a tie-dye night, weekly cultural programs, weekly take it, make it crafts, story times, family charades, fairy garden building, interactive bulletin boards, and the Annual Pet Show. We will close out summer reading with a frozen ice social.

Thank you to the **Friends of the Beaman Library** for providing funding for these events and prizes for top readers.

Once again we will be using Beanstack to record summer reading and activities. Please visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to register for the **Summer 2023: Find Your Voice! Challenge** for your age group. Beanstack continues to be grant funded by the **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners**.

If you would like to help inspire young readers to develop a lifelong love of reading, please donate a small, tax deductible toy or game to our Children's Room. These donations will be given as prizes to our young readers who participate in the Summer Reading Program.

Due to the continued generosity of the **College of the Holy Cross**, our Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays for the months of June, July, and August.

I'll see you at the Library!

Anna Shaw  
Library Director



**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
**All meetings are at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Please contact the Library**  
**for location details.**  
Tuesday, June 13  
July TBD  
August TBD

**Friends Meetings**  
**All meetings are at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Please contact the Library for**  
**location details.**  
Tuesday, July 11

**Endowment Update**  
The March 31, 2023 balance  
at Greater Worcester  
Community Foundation was  
\$254,151.31

**Newsletter Staff**  
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# Adults

Visit [beamanlibrary.org](https://beamanlibrary.org) to register for events online!

Our annual Summer Reading Program for Adults will take place during the months of June, July, and August! Visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to register for the **Summer 2023: Find Your Voice! for Adults Challenge** and learn more details. *Thank you to the Friends of the Beaman Library for funding our Summer Reading Program!*



## **Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books** **Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 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.

## **Taking Great Photos with Your Smartphone** **Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.**



This 1.5 hour workshop will break down basic rules for setting up a good shot, and show you how to edit your photos on your phone, producing high quality results.

## **Italian Conversation Circle**

**Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.**

**June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26**

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

## **Composting Basics**

**Wednesday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m.**

Learn how to turn food waste into useful compost.

## **Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga** **with Carol McGuiggan**

**Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

## **Book Discussion Group**

**Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.**



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

**June 15: *The Great Believers*** by Rebecca Makkai

**July 20: *The Immortalists*** by Chloe Benjamin

**August 17: *Carrie Soto is Back*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

## **Technology Office Hours**

**Thursdays, June 15, July 20, and August 17 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.

## **Local Author Talk: A Veteran Returns to Vietnam After More Than Fifty Years**

**Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

Lou Pepi, a West Boylston resident, has returned from a tour in Vietnam fifty-four years after serving in the War. Join Lou to recount some of this emotionally and physically harrowing experience. The discussion will be accompanied by a comprehensive slide show.

## **Recycling Smart**

**Wednesday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m.**



What belongs in your curbside bins and where can other items can be recycled. Come learn more!

## **Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuiggan**

**Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

## **Nonfiction Book Discussion Group**

**Fridays at 1:00 p.m.**

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

**June 23: *How the Word is Passed*** by Clint Smith

**July 28: *In the Kingdom of Ice*** by Hampton Sides

**August 25: *Alex & Me*** by Irene M. Pepperberg

## **Mindfulness Meditation and Hatha Yoga for Stress Reduction and Relaxation with Carol McGuiggan**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

**July 12, 19, 26, and August 9, 16, 23**

Learn hatha yoga and mindfulness skills to turn off 'auto-pilot' and open to life more fully. *\*Registration will open the month before the program.*

## **She Can Do It:**

**Real/'Reel' Women & Midcentury Mysteries**

**Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.**



Local suspense authors Janet Raye Stevens and Sharon Healy-Yang will reveal their inspirations for creating works set circa WWII. Using a multi-media approach, Sharon and Janet will talk about 1940s women in real, and reel, life and how these gals inspired their own work.

## **Return of the Puzzle Swap!**

**Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

Bring in your jigsaw puzzles to swap and share with other puzzleheads. Tell your puzzle loving friends!

## **Passport Night for Teens and Adults with MobileQuest** **Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attempt different S.T.E.M.-based Amazing Race-themed activities or missions and earn a stamp in your passport for each successful mission completion. Missions may be attempted individually or as a team!

## **A History of Massachusetts Forests**



**Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join DCR Forester Chris Capone to discuss the history of forests and land use in Massachusetts. Learn how today's forests can tell us about the past.

## **Fused Glass**

**Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

Create a Dichroic fused glass pendant or magnet in this easy, fun class. Your item will be available for pickup after it has been kiln-fired by instructor Deenie Pacik. Reservation is required. *This craft is for ages 13 and up.*

# Teens

Ages 12-18

Visit [beamanlibrary.org](https://beamanlibrary.org) to register for events online!

## Button Making

### Ongoing Throughout the Summer

Express your ideas with a button as unique as you! Stop by the Teen Space and use the supplies provided to create your button design. A staff member will press the button for you and then you can adorn your backpack or jacket with your one-of-a-kind button!



## Chapters and Chipper Chatter

### Tuesdays, June 13, July 18, and August 22 at 5:30 p.m.

A book discussion group for those readers transitioning between the children's collection and young adult collection. Join Miss Sue and Jessica to read and discuss the first chapter of a young adult book. Copies of the book will be available to borrow.

## Summer Reading Program for Teens

### June 20 through August 18

Visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> and register for the **Summer 2023: Find Your Voice! for Teens Challenge**. Once you are registered, you will be able to log your reading and receive notifications of prizes you have earned! In the meantime, take a look at the programming scheduled for the summer and then visit [beamanlibrary.org](https://beamanlibrary.org) to sign up for events you are interested in! I am looking forward to seeing you all! ~ Jessica  
*Thank you to the **Friends of the Beaman Library** for sponsoring this summer-long event!*



## LEGO-fy Yourself

### Tuesday, June 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Is there a better way to express yourself than by creating a version of yourself in LEGO form?! All of the materials required to create your personalized LEGO figure will be provided. *\*These figures will be made of resin and will not have the signature brick indentations.*

## Sew Your Own Felt Pronoun Pin

### Thursday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Gender expression and identity is just one of the many ways you may choose to define yourself. Join Michelle to create a felt pin in the shape of your choice and then hand-stitch your preferred pronouns into the felt shape. All materials will be provided.



## Snack-It Bracket

### Wednesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 29

Help us determine the ultimate gummy snack! Stop by the Library's main floor to request your taste test snack pack. After performing your scientific taste test, cast your vote for your favorite. A new snack pack will be available at the beginning of each week until we complete our Snack-It Bracket! *\*While supplies last; one snack pack per teen per week.*

## A Conversation About Publishing with Erin Dionne

### Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Local author Erin Dionne recently published ***Bad Choices Make Good Stories: Conversations About Writing***, a nonfiction book about writing, publishing, and the tools authors need to create stories. Please join Erin for an engaging conversation about publishing one's work.



## Morse Code Bracelets

### Thursday, July 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Perhaps you prefer to express your ideas in a more private way. If so, a Morse code bracelet embedded with a secret message may be just right for you! The words you choose to incorporate into your bracelet will only be known to you, allowing you to share it with others only if you want! All of the materials required to create these beaded bracelets will be provided.

## Passport Night for Teens and Adults

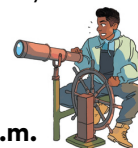
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Join MobileQuest for a Passport Night! Participants will attempt different S.T.E.M.-based Amazing Race-themed activities or missions, earning a stamp in their passport for each successful mission completion. Missions may be attempted individually or as a team!

## Introduction to Tie-Dyeing

### Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Join local tie dye artist Neil Rogers for an opportunity to learn several basic tie dye techniques that will allow you to create an awesome design of your own. All materials will be provided with the exception of an item to tie dye. Please bring a white, previously washed, 100% cotton t-shirt from home to tie dye; *items to dye will not be available that day.*



## An Evening of Book Tasting

### Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Jessica for an evening of book tasting! During this 60-minute tasting event, participants will have an opportunity to sample books from a variety of genres and collect notes in their menus related to each title sampled. At the end of the session, all items will be available for borrowing. *\*Light refreshments and passed 'hors d'oeuvres' will be offered.*

## Open Play After Hours Gaming Event

### Friday, August 18 at 6:00 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.*

# Children

Birth to Age 11

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## Interactive Bulletin Board June 1 - June 30

Take a hand-shaped cut out and decorate it while visiting the Children's Room. We will add it to a bulletin board in the shape of wings. When complete, you may have your picture taken in front of the board and let yourself soar!



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## Summer Reading Begins!

**June 20 through August 8**

Our Summer Reading Program, **Find Your Voice!** begins June 20. Visit Beaman Library's Beanstack site at <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to create an account and register for the **Summer 2023: Find Your Voice! for Kids Challenge**. You may register beginning June 1. The Beanstack Challenge will go live on June 20 and any books read in the previous three weeks will count toward your summer reading tally.

We are now accepting prize donations to encourage our young readers to participate. These donations are tax deductible. Thank you to **Menard's Auto Body** for donating \$150 towards the cost of a bike of your choice!

## Kindness Club

**Daily, June 20 through August 8**

A self-guided craft station in the Children's Room featuring something to be shared with another person to make their day.



## Take It, Make It Crafts

**Tuesdays, June 20 through August 8**

Available first-come, first-served (30 each week). Sponsored by the **Webster First Federal Credit Union**.

## A Taste of Culture

**Wednesdays, June 21 through August 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

Learn about different cultures through food tastings, crafts, stories, music, and games. We will give you a passport to be stamped weekly. Attend all seven to receive a world traveler pin! (*Will not be held on July 5.*)

## Drop-In Story Time

**Thursdays, June 22 through August 24 at 11:00 a.m.**

Stories, songs, and dancing on our front lawn!

## Kick-Off Program: Otha Day Drumming Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m.



Join us for an exciting drumming program with Otha Day. There will be plenty of drums to go around so all can participate. Thank you to the **West Boylston Cultural Council** for providing the funding for this program.

## Rock and Fairy Garden Creation

**Friday, June 30 at 11:00 a.m.**

Help us create a fairy garden in front of the Library by making fairy houses, planting flowers, and painting rocks with positive messages.

## Interactive Bulletin Board

**July 1 - July 29**

Decorate a puzzle piece with your name and we will put all the pieces together on our bulletin board which will be named, "We Are All a Piece of the Puzzle."

## Silhouette Art: All About Me

**Friday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m.**

We will trace and cut out your silhouette. Then you will add words and artwork that tell others who you are.



## Family Charades

**Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

Play a rousing game of family charades at the Library. This program is fun for all ages!

## Tie-Dye a T-shirt

**Friday, July 14 at 3:00 p.m.**

Bring a washed, white, 100% cotton t-shirt to the Library and we will create a one-of-a-kind expression of yourself in fashion. *Rain date: Friday, July 21*

## The Annual Pet Show

**Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

A patron favorite is our Annual Pet Show sponsored by **Maggie's Foods for Pets**. Bring your special pet, live or stuffy, to our event and win a ribbon or maybe, be the Best of Show in your pet's category. Sign up at the show by donating \$1.00 per pet. Proceeds will go to the Worcester Animal Rescue League. *Rain date: Thursday, July 27*



## Traditions from Around the World

**Tuesday, July 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

Learn about the traditions of different countries while having fun! How do other people celebrate the tooth fairy or make wishes? Come find out!

## Open Mic Family Night

**Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

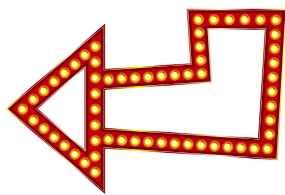
Come sing a special song, read poetry you have created, tell your favorite jokes or family story - express yourself! We will serve popcorn!





**Summer Reading Ends  
Tuesday, August 8**

Today is the last day to log your reading in Beanstack!



**Family Frozen Ice Social  
Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Bring your lawn chair or blanket, a water bottle, a library book, and your family for a wonderful evening of family time, music, and frozen ice on the Library lawn. Celebrate the many accomplishments of our participants, including prizes for the highest readers.



**De-Stress to Be Your Best  
Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

Is going back to school giving you a jittery feeling? We will have stations set up for you to create stress balls, a school survival kit, learn some yoga techniques, get a stress-reduction playlist with guided meditations, and other self-help ideas to assist you in getting back into school mode. This program is for parents, teachers, and school-aged children.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

To **register** or for more information please visit [beamanlibrary.org](http://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**

**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! It's a great way to broaden your reading choices!



Don't forget to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program, ***Find Your Voice!***

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Have you installed the Beanstack app? If not, search for 'Beanstack Tracker' in your app store or scan this QR code:



Search Beaman Memorial Public Library (MA) --> click on our Library --> follow the steps to register an individual or family!



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## A Message From the Friends of the Beaman Library:

### Some Interesting Library History...

- The Library Company of Philadelphia was founded in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin. It was a subscription library supported by members.
- The first free modern public library opened in 1833 in Peterborough, N.H. It was funded by the municipality with the explicit purpose of establishing a free library open to all.
- The first public library in West Boylston opened in 1878 following a \$100 bequest from the estate of David Lee Child. In addition, Lydia Maria Child, his widow, donated 170 volumes from her personal collection. In 2016 the Library was named to the National Registry of Historic Places. Visit Beaman Library's history page to read more fun facts: <https://beamanlibrary.org/library-history/>
- For more than 40 years, the Friends of the Beaman Library have generously supported the Library. Donations to the Friends support Library programming, technological enhancements, the museum pass program, and so much more!
- The Friends have a goal to raise \$10,000 in 2023. Help us meet, or surpass, our annual goal! Visit the Friends of the Beaman Library page located at <https://beamanlibrary.org/get-involved/friends-of-beaman-library/>, or ask a librarian how to donate. Let's keep the history of the Beaman Library vibrant and strong!

On behalf of the Friends Board, thank you for being a Friend or considering becoming one!

Ann Elizabeth Ramminger  
Friends Secretary

*A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.* - Norman Cousins

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