

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.

Dear Neighbors,

Our summer theme, ***Level Up at Your Library***, captures the heart of what we do: provide a welcoming space where our community members can explore, try something new, or simply enjoy themselves. Whether you're mastering a life skill, joining a board game session, tackling an escape room, or choosing your next great read, there's always something here waiting to be discovered.

Our youngest patrons can explore kindness through creative crafts, cast votes in our Mock Book Awards, decorate Pokémon terrariums, or learn about dog training. Teens will find plenty to enjoy too, including *Magic: The Gathering* meetups, the Checkmate Crusade: Teen Chess Club, and even an engaging (and delicious!) class on leveling up the perfect grilled cheese. For adults, we're offering wellness and gardening workshops, a pickling class, needle felting tutorials, and our popular recurring book clubs and lectures.

We're also thrilled to introduce the Beaman Endowment Library of Things, a new circulating collection filled with tools, games, and seasonal gear, all available for free with your library card. Initial offerings include lawn games, gardening equipment, and travel necessities, with even more exciting additions on the way. Look for us at Goodale Park on Friday afternoons this summer, where we'll showcase new Library of Things items for you to use in the park or borrow to bring home. We're grateful to the Friends of the Beaman Endowment for funding this initiative.

Nearly all summer programs are made possible by the Friends of the Beaman Library. Their support shapes everything you see in these pages. If you appreciate the Library's role in the community, supporting the Friends helps sustain the wide variety of programs you love.

Of course, simply using your library card remains one of the strongest ways you can show support. Every program attended, every visit, and every borrowed item helps demonstrate our value and advocate for continued funding. The more you use the Library, the stronger it becomes.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely,

Michael Long
Library Director

Important Dates

- Saturday, May 24 - Closed
- Saturday, May 31 - Summer Saturday Hours Begin
- Thursday, June 19 - Closed
- Friday, July 4 - Closed
- Saturday, July 5 - Closed
- Saturday, August 30 - Closed



Board of Trustees Meetings
*All meetings are at 5:00 p.m.
and are hybrid.*
Tuesday, June 10

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

Endowment Update
The March 31, 2025 balance
at Greater Worcester
Community Foundation was
\$313,001.68.

Newsletter Staff
Director: Mike Long
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Lauren Espe
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Adults

Visit beamanlibrary.org to learn more and register for events.

Adult Summer Reading Challenge: *Level Up at Your Library* Ongoing Through Summer

Visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to sign up for our Summer Reading Program, **Summer 2025: Level Up at Your Library for Adults Challenge**. Prizes will include gift certificates to local dining establishments!

Pear Print Tea Towels

Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to block print using fruit. We will make a printed tea towel using real pears and block printing ink!



Solving the Climate Challenge

Thursday, June 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Are you concerned about climate change but don't know what you can do? Judy Palken, MNS, RD, LDN, an advocate for the health of our planet, will discuss the cause and effects of our changing climate, and effective actions we can take.

Libby 101: Accessing Digital Library Books

Saturday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Hands-on assistance with the Libby installation process and app set up will be provided.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga

with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Experience the benefits of Hatha and Yin yoga, calming breath techniques, and the value of meditation.

Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

Cultivate Your Ecosystem

Wednesday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Reimagined Roots for a lively, discussion-based workshop exploring how pollinators move through the landscape—and how you can design your garden to feed both yourself and the bees! Come ready to share ideas and leave inspired to grow!

Fermenting Pickles

Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Emily Makrez, owner of F-Word Farm and educator will show you how to pickle what's in season to make the most of your veggies, capture gut-healthy microbes, and prevent food waste.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Join us monthly to discuss a nonfiction title.

June 27: *This Chair Rocks* by Ashton Applewhite

July 25: *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

August 29: *Midnight in Chernobyl* by Adam Higginbotham

Gentle Yoga for Life with Carol McGuiggan

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

July 8, 15, and 22, August 12, 19, and 26

Open to all levels. Bring a mat and a receptive attitude.

Origami with Jess

Thursday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Jess to make simple origami boxes and baskets.

Thing Fling Fridays

Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 11 Through August 15

Catch our librarians at Goodale Park for Thing Fling Fridays! We're bringing a pop-up collection of fun from our Library of Things. Borrow a Kan Jam or Pickleball set, frisbees, lawn games, and more. Play while you're at the park, then take it home to keep the fun going all weekend.

Mindful Meditation and Hatha Yoga

with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

July 16, 23, and 30, August 13, 20, and 27

Learn Hatha yoga and mindfulness skills to turn off 'auto-pilot' and open to life more fully.

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.

July 17: *Joan is Okay* by Weiwei Wang

August 21: *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane

Felted Beach Scene with Pop Up Art School

Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to "paint" a seasonal landscape with wool. Use a barbed needle to attach colorful tufts of wool to felt stretched across an embroidery hoop. Needle felting is relaxing and easier than it looks! You'll leave the class with the basic knowledge to needle felt on your own.

Registration required.

Puzzle Playoff

Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Gather a team and compete in the Puzzle Playoff, a fast-paced jigsaw showdown! The more pieces you place, the closer you get to victory! Work together and think fast to out-puzzle the competition. *For teens and adults!*

Registration required.

Cookbook Club

Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

A book club with a tasty twist! Join us to sample recipes from ***Cooking At Home With Bridget & Julia*** by Bridget Lancaster and Julia Collin Davison. Choose a recipe, prepare it at home, then bring it to the Library to share while discussing the book. *Registration required.*

Summer 2025: Level Up at Your Library for Teens Summer Reading Challenge
Tuesday, June 17 Through Friday, August 22

Go to  **beanstack**
(<https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>)
and sign up for the summer reading challenge.



Log your reading in Beanstack



Earn tickets to use in end-of challenge drawings for prizes!

Teens

Ages 12-18

Massachusetts Teen Choice Book Award Nominees Ongoing Through Summer

Earn a raffle ticket to be used in the summer reading prize drawings for each nominated title read. In September, teens will vote for their favorite nominee. Visit mateenchoicebook.org/home for a complete list of nominees. All titles are available for borrowing at Beaman Library too!

What Are You Reading? Ongoing Through Summer

Next time you stop by the Library, spend a few minutes chatting with Jessica about your current read and receive an extra raffle ticket to be used in the summer reading prize drawings.

Dungeons and Dragons II Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. June 12, July 17, August 21

Join us for a two-hour session of your favorite role-playing game! Committing to all three dates is recommended but not required. *Space is very limited!*

Checkmate Crusade: Teen Chess Club Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

June 24, July 8, 15, 22, and 29, August 12 and 19

Where teen chess enthusiasts of all levels come together to learn, play, and sharpen their skills! Whether you're just starting out or looking to take your game to the next level, experienced adult volunteers will help you unlock strategies of this classic game, take on exciting challenges, and enjoy friendly competition.

**Make sure you practice your skills on the giant chess board on the Library front lawn!*

Drop-In Nintendo Switch Gaming Wednesdays, June 25 Through August 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Come to the Library to play Nintendo Switch games on our huge SMART Board! One Nintendo Switch, a selection of games to play, and snacks (!) will be provided. *No registration required.*

Board at Four Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. June 25, July 30, August 20

Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza anyone?? From silly to strategic, there is a board (or card) game for everyone!

Level Up Your Life Skills: Grilled Cheese Thursday, June 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Who doesn't love grilled cheese? Learn how to make the ultimate grilled cheese, customizing your sandwich with the ingredients on hand!

Karaoke Night Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. June 26 and July 31

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

Open Play After Hours Gaming Event Fridays at 6:00 p.m. June 27, July 25, August 22

Yes, you read that right. One Up Games is here THREE times this summer with three-hour video game free play events! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! Bring a friend! *Ages 10 to 17.*

Magic: The Gathering Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. June 28, July 26, August 23

Come play the Commander format of **Magic: The Gathering**! Please note, knowledge of the game is required. If you have your own decks, bring them!

Settlers of Catan Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. July 1 and August 5

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.

Co-Operatives Escape Rooms - Without the Walls! Tuesday, July 15 Through Saturday, July 19

Sign up for a time slot to try this new type of escape room that brings players together by splitting them up! Players are divided into two groups and placed on either side of a wooden wall embedded with puzzles and secrets to discover. Everyone can still see and hear each other, they just have access to different information that they will need to combine to 'escape'. *Teens and adults welcome!*



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.

Mock Book Awards

Ongoing Through Summer

Which books deserve the top prizes? You decide!
Nominate your favorite authors and illustrators for our own versions of coveted literature prizes - winners to be announced at the end of Summer Reading.

Movie Matinee: *Super Mario Movie*

Wednesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m.

This film features the origin story of the brothers Mario and Luigi. The two plumbers, who are separated after being transported to another world, become entangled in a battle between the Mushroom Kingdom and the Koopas. Popcorn will be served! © Universal Studios.
Rated PG.

Summer Reading: *Level Up at Your Library*

Tuesday, June 24 Through Friday, August 15

This summer we will be challenging ourselves to **Level Up** in reading, dog training skills, being kind to others, pizza making skills, and of course, a few gaming activities! We will begin our summer with **Circus Minimus** and we will end with a Gala!

Summer Reading Tracking and More!

Tuesday, June 24 Through Friday, August 15

There are so many ways to **Level Up** your reading this summer. You can track your reading digitally with Beanstack or in person using a paper tracker. You can earn Reading Dragon playing cards while you read also.



And, Globe Trotter Gordon will be available to take with you on your summer adventures!

One Up Games

Friday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a special 90-minute free game play session just for kids, with the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! *Ages 8 to 12.*

Summer Kickoff: *Circus Minimus*

Tuesday, July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Kick off your summer reading adventures with a tiny circus that is an “enthraling, whimsical celebration of the imagination!” *All ages.*

Minecraft Selfies

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Using graph paper and other art supplies, create Minecraft-inspired selfies! *Ages 8 to 12.*

Wipe-Out Obstacle Course Challenge

Thursday, July 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Here's a chance for littles to get their wiggles out! See if your child can hop, skip, jump, and roll their way through an obstacle course adventure. *Ages 3 to 5.*

Pokémon Origami

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Make folded paper versions of some of your favorite Pokémon characters. *Ages 8 to 12.*

Annual Pet Show

Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the annual Beaman Library Pet Show! Bring your four-legged, furry, and flippered friends for a bit of friendly competition on the Library lawn. Thank you to **Maggie's Foods for Pets** for sponsoring this event. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the **Turtle Rescue League** in Southbridge. *Rain date: Thursday, July 24. All ages.*

Movie Matinee: *A Minecraft Movie*

Friday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Four misfits are pulled through a portal into a cubic world, and must embark on a quest back to the real world with the help of an expert crafter named Steve. Popcorn will be served! ©Warner Brothers Pictures.
Rated PG.

Cricut Bookmarks

Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Pick from various Cricut designs to make your own personalized bookmark. *Ages 8 to 12.*

Gamer-Themed T-Shirts

Tuesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Want to unleash your creativity on a custom gamer-themed T-shirt? Learn to use Cricut heat-transfer designs to create a one-of-a-kind shirt. *Ages 8 to 12.*

Rock, Paper, Scissors Craft and Tournament

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

Rock, Paper, Scissors - Go! In this program, we'll create our own Rock, Paper, Scissors-inspired crafts and practice our skills together. Who will win? *Ages 6 to 12.*

Messy Moments and Slime Time!

Thursday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Bring your little ones to the Library for some fun sensory play! We'll get hands-on with all things icky and sticky! *Ages 2 to 5.*

Level Up Your Dog Training Skills with Stephanie

Thursday, August 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Who's a good dog? Stephanie from Stephanie Duca Dog Training Services will teach us how to achieve “pawsitive” goals with our four-legged friends. She will bring certified therapy dogs to demonstrate her techniques, but please, leave your pup at home! *All ages.*

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(paper trackers available but
choose one or the other, please!)



Earn tickets to use in end-of-challenge
prize drawings!

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Movie Matinee: *Wreck-It Ralph*

Friday, August 8 at 1:00 p.m.

This film tells the story of Ralph, an arcade game villain who rebels against his "bad guy" role and dreams of becoming a hero. Popcorn will be served! ©Walt Disney Studios. *Rated PG.*

Pokéball Terrariums

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

Let's make our Pokémon friends a summer home. We will make a terrarium for them to live in! *Ages 8 to 12.*

Game On Gala: Final Level Edition

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

Come dressed to impress as your favorite book or game character. We will be announcing winners and enjoying some sweet summer treats! *All ages.*

Chris "The Confidence" Hypnotherapist

Friday, August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Would you like to be more confident as you start the school year? Chris will help us build the skills we need to have a successful year using hypnosis techniques. *Ages 8 to 12. Registration required.*

Recurring Weekly Activities During Summer Reading

Tuesday, June 24 Through Friday, August 15

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Storytime

Weather permitting, we'll enjoy stories and songs on the Library lawn! Held indoors on rainy days. *Ages 0 to 5. No program on July 10 or August 7.*

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: Moozie's Kindness Corner

Join us each week for stories and crafts in celebration of kindness to ourselves, animals, each other, and the Earth! *Ages 3 to 9.*

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.: Chess Club

A local teen will join us each week for all things chess. Whether you are a beginner or want to practice your skills, join us!

Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.: Level Up Your Pizza with Pizza Around the World

Each week, sample a different version of this crowd pleaser favorite! *All ages. No program on July 17 or the month of August.*



Don't forget to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program, ***Level Up at Your Library!***

The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the ***Massachusetts Library System***, the ***Boston Bruins***, and the ***Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners***.

Visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to register for the challenge for your age group.

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:

Frequently Asked Questions Received by the Friends of the Beaman Library

Q. How do I become a Friends member?

A. Contribute at least \$10.00 annually. More is always appreciated - there are a variety of membership categories.

Q. Why should I become a Friends member?

A. To help pay for library programming, museum passes, and other expenses not covered by the municipal budget.

Q. Do I have to attend any meetings?

A. No, unless you would like to join the Friends Board of Directors.

Q. What if I want to be more involved with the Friends?

A. The Friends Board meets 4 times per year plus an annual meeting. We are always looking for energetic people to join our Board. Please talk to the Library Director or Assistant Director to find out more.

Q. What else does the Friends Board do?

A. Run annual and online book sales. Discuss and approve funds for library programming.

A. Work with the Library Board of Trustees and Friends Endowment Committee to ensure long-term sustainability of the Beaman Library.



Thank you, Pincroft Dairy for your "FriendShip"! The March 13th Friends Fundraiser at Pincroft was a success, bringing in an extra \$250.00 for programming at the Library. We hope to do this again!

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