

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,

Summer Reading is back! This year's theme is **Plant a Seed, Read**, and we have a full season of programs to go along with it. Log your reading on Beanstack for a chance to win prizes, and check the calendar for what's coming up. Kids and families can look forward to nature and gardening programs throughout the summer, including our Summer Reading Finale, which takes a closer look at wildlife from around the world and how animals and plants depend on each other to survive. Adults can drop in for craft programs or learn more than they ever imagined about coffee. Teens can solve a Murder Mystery or catch one of our craft events. There is something on the calendar for everyone this summer!

Last summer we gave out more than 80 summer reading prizes, and we're looking to top that this year. Thank you to all who have donated prizes this year! The Summer Reading Program is supported by contributions from the Friends of the Library.

Here's to a fantastic summer.
-Mike Long, Director

Say Hi to our friends at the Council on Aging!



<https://www.westboylston-ma.gov/senior-center/pages/newsletters>

The WB Senior Center is open for anyone 55+ to learn, connect, and have fun! Check out their newsletter to view their events, including intergenerational events for the whole family.

Beaman Birthday Bash!

The Beaman Birthday Bash raised over \$4,000 for the Endowment. Thank you to all who contributed to a fantastic evening!

Important Dates

- June 19 - Closed for Juneteenth
- July 4 - Closed for Independence Day

Plant a Seed, Read

Board of Trustees Meetings
All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are hybrid.
Tuesday, June 9
Tuesday, August 11

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

Endowment Update
The March 31, 2026 balance at Greater Worcester Community Foundation was \$354,145.72

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Adults



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Visit beamanlibrary.org to register for events.
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Recurring Programs

Adult Summer Reading Challenge: *Plant a Seed, Read Ongoing Through Summer*

Visit <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to sign up for our Summer Reading Program, **Summer 2026: Plant a Seed, Read for Adults Challenge**. Read for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant!

Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

June 13 and June 27, July 11 and July 25, August 8 and August 22

Join us to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

Registration is not required.

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

June 18 - *Remember* by Lisa Genova

July 16 - *James* by Percival Everett

August 20 - *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

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

Registration is not required.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group:

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

June 26, July 24, August 28

Join us to discuss a selected title. Books will be available for borrowing one month prior to the meeting date. Check our website for updates on the selected title for each month.

Registration is not required.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Discussion Group

Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

June 27, July 25, August 22

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.

Gentle Yoga for Life with Carol McGuigan

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

July 7 at the West Boylston Senior Center

July 14, July 21, August 11, August 18, August 25 at Beaman Library

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

Registration is required.

Mindful Meditation and Hatha Yoga with Carol McGuigan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

July 15, July 22, July 29, August 12, August 19, August 26

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

Registration is required.

Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuigan

Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Registration is required.

Puzzle Race Strikes Back

Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Assemble your team of 2 to 4 players and race against other teams to be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle.

Registration is required.

Protect Yourself from Ticks

Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a free Tick Safety and Prevention Presentation from the Central MA Regional Health Department. Public Health Nurse Bridget Hurley, RN, MSN will walk us through how ticks spread diseases like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, and Babesiosis, why older adults face greater risks, and what we can all do to stay safe this season.

Registration is not required.

West Boylston Old Town Series, Part 3 Lower Village with Paul Marrone

Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.

West Boylston 1896 was a thriving commercial center located on the major crossroads of Prospect Street and East Main Street. This busy hub held the West Boylston Railroad Station, livery stables, hotels and inns, provision markets, pharmacy, meeting hall, general store and...a saloon. The residents were chiefly businessmen (and women) and factory workers. Get a sense of the appearance of West Boylston Lower Village at this presentation.

Registration is not required.

Squeegee Art Greeting Cards

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

Make fun, abstract art greeting cards using squeegees and paint. Squeegee art is fun, easy to do, and very relaxing.

Registration is required.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuigan

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Registration is required.



Beans and Garlic

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Emily Makrez, owner of F-Word Farm, returns for another educational class! This time, Emily plans to talk about beans – her love of them, how to grow them, why they are good for us and the soil, and ways to use them. She'll also cover how to plant, harvest, cure and store, preserve and perennialize another favorite: garlic! *Registration is required.*

Coffee Cupping

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

Learn all about the fascinating world of coffee from coffee enthusiast, Rob Fitzgibbon. This half-hour presentation covers coffee as an agricultural commodity, how it's grown and processed, how it's been consumed throughout history. Learn about roasting, aroma, taste and mouthfeel. Then try three different coffees and document how they smell and taste using stickers and a flavor wheel. *Registration is required.*

Found Object Block Printing

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

Learn how to block print with found objects, and find printing inspiration everywhere! We will print a tea towel using a variety of objects including, but not limited to, soda cans, ramen, and other unlikely objects! *Registration is required.*

Cookbook Club

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

A book club with a tasty twist! Join us as we sample recipes from ***The Summer Table*** by Lisa Lemke. Choose a recipe, prepare it at home, then bring it to the library to share with others and discuss the book. Please bring your own serving ware. Registration required to reduce the likelihood of duplicate dishes. You will be contacted by a staff member if you choose a duplicate dish. **Please note: This is a potluck event. Neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local health agency.** *Registration is required.*

Murder Mystery

Thursday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a slice of pizza and help solve a (fake) murder using your wits alone! Absolutely no Googling! *Registration is required.*



Don't forget to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program, ***Plant a Seed, Read!***

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.

Summer 2026: *Plant a Seed, Read* for Teens Summer Reading Challenge
Tuesday, June 16 Through Friday, August 28

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

Recurring Programs

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.

What Are You Reading?

Ongoing Through Summer

Next time you stop by the Library, chat with Jess about what you're reading and get an extra raffle ticket to be used in the summer reading prize drawings!

Nintendo Switch Drop-In Gaming

Tuesdays, June 2 and 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday from July 1 through August 19 at 1:00 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!

Dungeons and Dragons II

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, August 6 and 20

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!

Chevron Bracelets

Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Looking for a crafty way to accessorize? Then come learn how to use embroidery thread to make colorful bracelets! You can show off your favorite colors or make something fun for a friend.

Registration is required.

Study Buddies

Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Drop in if you need a calm place to study for finals. We'll have snacks, water, music, and plenty of space to spread out and study.

Registration is not required.

English Tutoring with Rachel Orange

Tuesday, June 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Need some help studying for English finals? Then sign up for a slot with English tutor Rachel Orange!

Registration is required.

Dirt Cups

Friday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Let's "plant" our own edible gardens! Learn how to make a quick chocolate pudding and then customize it with edible garden additions like cookie dirt, gummy worms, and candy rocks.
Registration is required.

A Visit with Mat Heagarty, Graphic Novelist

Tuesday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m.

We are proud to offer a program featuring Mat Heagarty, a kids' graphic novelist from Vermont. His interactive presentations focus on the power of collaboration and the strengths of neurodiversity. Thank you to the West Boylston Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.

Ages 8-14. *Registration is required.*

Perler Beads

Tuesday, July 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Make your own produce charms using perler beads! Grab a stencil and make your own mini creation. Or, if you're feeling adventurous, make your own fruit or veggie stencil on graph paper for a unique charm!

Registration is required.

Tween Scratch Art

Wednesday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Choose a favorite image to recreate on scratch art boards - bring your choice to life in a unique and colorful way!

Ages 10-14. *Registration is required.*

Teen No-Sew Veggie Pillows

Thursday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m.

No sewing experience needed in this knot-tying pillow-making workshop! Learn a fun new skill and leave with either a tomato or an avocado pillow you made yourself.

Registration is required.

DIY Button Earrings

Wednesday, July 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Make a one-of-a-kind pair of earrings out of buttons of your choice!

Ages 10-13. *Registration is required.*

Mason Jar Terrariums

Tuesday, August 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Create your own everlasting garden, no seeds or water needed.

Registration is required.

Teen Murder Mystery

Thursday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

There's been a (fake) murder at the library! Can you and your group use your wits (and not Google) to solve the clues and unravel the mystery in time?

Registration is required.

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Children

Birth to Age 12

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



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Summer 2026: Plant a Seed, Read for Children Tuesday, June 23 through Wednesday, August 5

Our "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program, will run from Tuesday June 23 through Wednesday Aug 5. We will end with a program presented by The Joys of Nature and then announce some prize winners!

Seedlings Club Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. June 24 through July 29

Join us as we explore everything "seeds!" We will plant seeds, make artwork, and learn about what foods grow from seeds. Join us this summer and get ready to grow!
Ages 3-9. *Registration is required.*

Kids' Chess Club Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. June 25 through July 30

Enjoy a friendly game of chess with your library friends. If you don't know how to play and want to learn there will be someone here to teach you!
Ages 5-12. *Registration is required.*

Movie Matinee Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.: Zootopia 2 Tuesday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m.: Hoppers

All ages. *Registration is required.*

Beaman Author Society Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. June 25 through July 30

Calling all aspiring authors! We're turning summer reading into summer creating and writing our own books. We'll dream up characters, build their worlds, learn their stories, and end with a book launch to share your imagination.
Grades 2-5. *Registration is required.*

Tasty World Adventures Fridays at 2:00 p.m. June 26 through July 31

Join us as we discover foods, crafts and music from around the world. This program is inspired by the book "The Book of Cultures!"
All ages. *Registration is not required.*

Outdoor Storytime Tuesdays, June 30 through July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, June 25 through August 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us outside on the front lawn for some stories, songs, dancing and stretching as we enjoy the beautiful days of summer. **There will be no session on Thursday, July 9.**
All ages. *Registration is not required.*

Summer Reading Kick-off, Karaoke with Tri-M Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Let's start our summer off on a high note as we enjoy an evening of Karaoke hosted by the West Boylston Middle High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society. Singing will plant seeds of happiness in our hearts as we look forward to a fun and adventurous summer!
All ages. *Registration is required.*

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Ages 10-14. *Registration is required.*

Flip-Flop Decorations with Ms. Sandie Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Flip-Flops are a true sign of summer. Join us as we make a door decoration that shouts "Welcome Summer!"
Ages 6-12. *Registration is required.*

Summer Crafternoon: Bee Baths Tuesday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Bees play a vital role in our ecosystem. Let's thank them for their hard work by making them a safe (and beautiful) place to cool off in our gardens!
Ages 6-10. *Registration is required.*

Annual Pet Show Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. (Rain date: Thursday, July 30)

The Annual Pet Show is here again and this year's proceeds will be given to NEADS. Bring your dogs, cats, stuffies or horses - no animal is too big or small to be judged by our distinguished panel of judges. The registration fee is \$2.00 per animal. Thank you to Maggie's Foods for Pets and the Celebrations Committee for co-sponsoring this event.
All ages. *Registration is required.*

No-Sew Fruit and Veggie Pillows with Ms. Sandie Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Do you have a favorite fruit or vegetable? Let's make it into a pillow. All you need to know is how to tie a knot.
Ages 6-12. *Registration is required.*

DIY Button Earrings Wednesday, July 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Make a one-of-a-kind pair of earrings out of buttons of your choice!
Ages 10-13. *Registration is required.*

Summer Crafternoon: Felting Tuesday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m.

We'll use the hands-on art of wet felting wool to make unique and colorful designs!
Ages 6-10 *Registration is required.*

End of Summer Reading Party with The Joys of Nature - Amazing Animals Surviving Life in the Wild Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate the end of summer with The Joys of Nature! Learn about wildlife, how animals and plants depend on each other to survive, and meet live reptiles in person! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Thank you to the West Boylston Cultural Council for sponsoring this program.
All ages. *Registration is required.*

Celebrating Our Harvest Wednesday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.

It is time to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall! We will celebrate by having a small feast made from some of the items we have grown this summer. Garden contributions welcome! Join us for stories and music to help us get ready for the new school year. Thank you to the West Boylston Celebrations Committee for collaborating on this event!
All ages. *Registration is required.*

Arteca Karate Friday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Master Jared is back to share his wisdom on focusing, listening, and respecting ourselves and others! Enjoy music, exercise and even board breaking.
Ages 5-12. *Registration is required.*

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