

BEAMAN BROWSER

What's new at Beaman Memorial Public Library

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Winter Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Holiday Closing: Saturday, December 24

Dear Patrons,

Inside you will find the details of all of the exciting events we have planned during the upcoming wintery months for patrons of all ages. Events that we are particularly excited about include Santa's visit to the Library in December, a Family Board Game Night in January, and the Search for Life with a NASA Ambassador in February. There will also be a new community stickerboard available on the main floor for all patrons to help complete!

During the month of January we invite you to join the *All the Feels* Winter Reading Challenge, a new Beanstack challenge. This reading challenge encourages readers of all ages to feel, experience, and dive into how reading enlivens our emotions—all while earning a new set of Beanstack badges. Register for the challenge by visiting <https://beamanlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Get ready to celebrate Love Your Library month in February. Visit the Library to customize a valentine and share why you love our Library. We will share a selection of your letters with our locally elected officials.

The Annual Cradles to Crayons Pajama Drive begins February 1 and continues through March 15. Please donate pajamas to help local children in need. When you contribute to the drive your name will go into a drawing for a pair of slippers of your choice.

On behalf of the Library staff and Trustees, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Anna Shaw
Library Director



Board of Trustees Meetings
All meetings are at 5:00 p.m.
Please contact the Library
for location details.
Tuesday, December 6
Tuesday, January 10
Tuesday, February 7

Friends Meetings
All meetings are at 6:00 p.m.
Please contact the Library for
location details.
Tuesday, January 17

Endowment Update
The September 30, 2022
balance at Greater Worcester
Community Foundation was
\$226,187.01

Newsletter Staff
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Adults

Please call the Library or email beaman@cwmares.org at least 24 hours prior to an event to register, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, please register early!



Adult Story Time: *A Cup of Christmas Tea* with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Carol McGuiggan for a reading of Tom Hegg's *A Cup of Christmas Tea* followed by an opportunity to reminisce. Bring along a favorite tea cup if you would like to share its significance.



Local Author Talk: Lou Pepi Returns to Vietnam

The Rocket Attack on Firebase Charlie 2

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

At "zero dark thirty" on January 30, 1971, units of the U.S. Fifth Mechanized Division embarked on Dewey Canyon II, a mission to reopen the road from Khe Sahn Air Base to the Laotian border. Alpha Company of U.S. 61st Infantry performed commendably, returning to Firebase Charlie 2 in April, exhausted but hopeful—the Fifth would be leaving Vietnam in July. They patrolled the "western hills" through May as rocket attacks fell each evening. On the 21st, a direct hit on a bunker killed 30 of the 63 men inside—18 were from the Alpha Company. This is their story, as told to Specialist Lou Pepi by members of his unit.



Italian Conversation Circle

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

December 10, January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25

Join other Italian speakers in the community for an opportunity to speak Italian exclusively for two hours!

How to Volunteer in Your Community

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join Alicia for a workshop on how you can donate your time, talent, and treasure to community organizations during the holiday season and throughout the year. Participants will take part in a seasonal letter and card writing campaign for Elder Services of Worcester Area to benefit local home-bound older adults.

Stress Reduction and Relaxation Yoga with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

December 14, January 18, and February 15

Experience the benefits of gentle yoga stretches, calming breath techniques, and the value of meditation. Dress for movement. Bring your yoga mat or a thick towel.

**Registration opens the month before the program.*



Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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

December 15: *The Last Letter from Your Lover* by Jojo Moyes

January 19: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

February 16: *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* by Heather Webber

Technology Office Hours

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

December 15, January 19, and February 16

During this 45-minute appointment, get help with your device or technology-related questions! **By Appointment**

Mindful Meditation with Carol McGuiggan

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

December 21, January 25, February 22

This class is open to all individuals wishing to develop inner awareness, health, and well-being. The practice will include techniques to improve concentration, clarity of mind, relaxation, and promote self-awareness. Bring your yoga mat or sitting cushion and a receptive attitude.

**Registration opens the month before the program.*



Puzzle Swap!

Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Are you a puzzle aficionado in need of new puzzles? Bring some of your previously loved puzzles to the Library to swap with other puzzle lovers.



Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

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

January 27: *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson

February 24: *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* by Bill Bryson

Resumé Review and Refresh Workshop

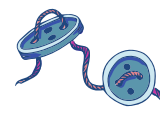
Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Please join Alicia for an interactive resumé review workshop. Participants will learn current best practices for resumé writing and will work with each other to refresh their resúmes. Participants should bring a copy of their current resumé to the workshop.

Addressing Family Stress and Depression Workshop

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Does your family have the tools they need to address life's stressors? By being knowledgeable about self-care and mental health, you can help your family get on the path to wellness. This virtual workshop is facilitated by FFDA staff and delivered by a licensed mental health professional. During this 90-minute training, participants will learn how to identify symptoms of stress in themselves and family members, manage stress as a family, respond when symptoms become "more than stress," and get help for themselves or a family member.



Button Sewing

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to sew a button onto a piece of clothing and be able to wear your favorite garment again!

Teens

Ages 12-18

Please call the Library or email jwright@cwmar.org at least 24 hours prior to an event to register, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, please register early!



Glorious Garlands Ongoing Throughout the Winter

Help decorate the Teen Space! Next time you are in the Library, decorate a piece of paper with the provided materials. Your unique piece will be added to a garland that will be strung in the space for all to enjoy.

Manga and Anime Club

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

December 6, January 10, and February 7



Do you like to watch anime? Do you enjoy reading manga? Join other manga and anime enthusiasts at the Library to watch anime, chat about your favorite manga, and create related art or craft projects.

Make a Pair of Sock Snowmen

Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Come to the Library and learn how to make sock snowmen with Michelle! This adorable craft will make a perfect gift for a friend during the holiday season (or you may choose to keep them for yourself!).



Potato Printing

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to make wrapping paper using brown paper, paint, and a potato! The paper created will be unique to you, adding a personalized touch to any gifts that you give!

Sweets Decorating

Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Come to the Library and decorate some sugary treats. Share your creative confections with others to add a bit of sweetness to their holiday season.

Chapters and Chipper Chatter

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

December 22, January 26, and February 23

A book discussion group for those readers transitioning between the children's collection and young adult collection. Join Miss Sue and Jessica for an afternoon to read and discuss the first chapter of a fun, lighthearted young adult book. Copies of the book will be available to borrow so participants can finish the selected title at home.



Paper Snowflakes

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

Learn how to make a three dimensional snowflake using only a handful of simple materials to add an element of wintry wonder to any indoor space.



Gaming Tournament

Friday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our video game free play event, hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games! 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.*

Mug Meals with Julie on Zoom

Tuesdays, January 24 and February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a live cooking program with Julie. During this 30-minute class, learn how to make a delicious meal in a mug! January will feature pizza while February will focus on blueberry oatmeal bake. Participants will receive the ingredient list ahead of time so that they can prepare to cook alongside Julie.



The Search for Life

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Among the questions humans have, perhaps the most profound is "Are we alone?" There must be life elsewhere with billions of galaxies and trillions of stars and quadrillions of planets revolving around each other. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador, Geoff McLean for a presentation as we explore the various ways in which we humans are trying to detect life on other planets.

Valentine's Day Wish Pin

Thursday, February 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Do you have someone special that you would like to send a wish to? Join Jessica to learn how to make a wish pin! Using techniques similar to those used to make traditional friendship bracelets, participants will use the materials provided to create pins with a simple image that corresponds to their wish for a friend.



Fox Felting Workshop

Wednesday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of felting! Follow along with Rachel as she demonstrates how to create a wintry fox using the items included in our felting kits. Please email jwright@cwmar.org by February 1 to participate in this program. Each participant will be asked to contribute \$5 towards the cost of kits. The **Friends of the Beaman Library** will sponsor the remainder of the cost.

All Ages

National Houseplant Appreciation Day

Tuesday, January 10, All Day

Learn about houseplants, participate in a houseplant swap (bring your cuttings), create your own pot, and leave with a plant! Email ssmith@cwmar.org with 'Plant' in the subject line to register. Thank you to **Jerry's Hardware** for donating herb seeds for this program!



Love Your Library Month

Ongoing Throughout February

Write us a note about what you love about our Library. We will share a selection with our locally elected officials.



Children

Birth to Age 11



Santa Letters December 1-17

Come into the Library, fill out a special letter for Santa, and place it in the Santa mailbox here. We will be sure that it arrives at the North Pole in time for Santa to read it and respond to you!

Visit With Santa

Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Santa is coming to Beaman Library to hear your Christmas wishes. Sign up in the Children's Room the week before or as you enter the lobby that day.



Grinch Kindness BINGO Board

Tuesday, December 20-Saturday, December 31

Pick up your Grinch Kindness BINGO board, complete all 9 activities, and return to the Library to receive a holiday solar dancer.



PJ Story Time

Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Hear some holiday stories and go home with a Christmas cookie to decorate. Sign up by sending an email to ssmith@cwmares.org with 'PJ' in the subject line to reserve your spot.

Christmas Tree Craft

Wednesday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Make a Christmas tree craft to take home. Perfect for toddlers through early elementary students. Send an email to skelly@cwmares.org with 'Tree' in the subject line by December 14 to reserve your spot.

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Christmas Vacation Week

Take and Make Craft Kits

Tuesday Through Friday

First-come, first-served (30 made for each day). Each day is a new kit, so visit us daily!



LEGO Room Open ALL WEEK!

Tuesday Through Saturday

Our LEGO room is ready! Sign up ahead of time for a slot to create your own LEGO structure. If you don't finish, place your design on the shelf with your name on it and continue another day! *Parents/caregivers must stay in the room to supervise.

Make a No-Sew Pillow

Wednesday, December 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to make a cozy, polar fleece pillow! This is for school-aged children. Email skelly@cwmares.org with 'Pillow' in the subject line by December 21 to register.

Drop-In Story Time

Thursday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Stop by, hear some fun stories, and dance around a bit!

Happy Noon Year Kit

Kits Available Friday, December 30 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the New Year with Beijing where they will be celebrating 12 hours before us. Reserve your party kit to take home with you by emailing ssmith@cwmares.org with 'Noon Year' in the subject line by December 23.



Family Board Game Night

Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Stop by the Library for a family board game night. Play one of our many board games or bring one of your own to play! Email arogers@cwmares.org to register.

Snow Story Hour

Friday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Drop in to listen to winter stories and make a snowy craft.

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a story time and craft. Please email ssmith@cwmares.org with 'King' in the subject line to register.

Gaming Tournament

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Color Me Happy

Tuesday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m.



Join us for a relaxing night of coloring. Bring your friends, pick your coloring page, and listen to soothing music. This is for all ages (coloring sheets will be of all levels of difficulty). Please send an email to ssmith@cwmares.org and put 'Color' in the subject line to register.

Arteca's Karate Class

Friday, January 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Interested in learning more about karate? Master Jared from Arteca's Karate Academy will be here to give you a free class. Learn self-discipline, get exercise, and make friends by participating! This class is for children ages 5 and up. Please send an email to ssmith@cwmares.org with 'Karate' in the subject line to register. *Snow date: Friday, February 3.*

PJ Drive Kick-Off Program:

Llama Llama Red Pajama Craft and Stories!

Wednesday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Donate a pair of pajamas in any size to help local children in need. Your name will go into a drawing for a pair of slippers of your choice. A special story time and craft will kick off this event. Email ssmith@cwmares.org with 'Llama' in the subject line by January 25 to reserve your spot.



ONGOING PROGRAMS



To **register** or for more information please call **508-835-3711 x3** or email Ms. Sue at ssmith@cwmares.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! Please email skelly@cwmares.org with 'Pokémon' in the subject line to receive your reminder!

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

Books and Blankies on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

An early literacy program that runs in 6-week sessions during the school year. We have books, lap bounces, instrument play, parachute fun, and bubbles! For children ages 18 months to 3 years. *Registration required for entire session.*

Virtual Story Time on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Hear some fun stories on Beaman Library's YouTube channel that will keep your kids entertained while you prepare dinner! Contact the Library for access information.

Mother Goose with Ms. Sandie on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

A 6-week gentle literacy program for the youngest patrons. There will be songs, stories, simple sign language, parenting tips, lap bounces, etc. For children between the ages of birth and 18 months. *Registration required for entire session.*

Books and Blankies Senior on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

Have fun prepping for kindergarten by joining us for songs, stories, crafts, and literacy skills. This program runs in 6-week sessions. For children 4 to 5 years of age. *Registration required for entire session.*

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 Facebook page. Then you can come into the Library to check them out if you wish!

Saturday Storytime at 11:00 a.m.

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School Vacation Week



LEGO Room Will Be Open All Week!

Reserve your time slot by signing up at the Library.

Candy Bar Bingo

Tuesday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Donate a pair of new adult socks for a shelter in Worcester to attend. Win candy bar prizes donated by the **Friends of the Beaman Library**.

Fairytale Engineering

Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.

This S.T.E.A.M. program is for school-aged children. Email skelly@cwmares.org with 'Fairytale' in the subject line by February 15 to attend.

Drop-In Story Time

Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a few new library books and dance around a bit!

Miniature Golf

Friday, February 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sign up for a time slot at the Library.

A Message From the Friends of the Beaman Library:

Our Library is a jewel. Located at the center of town, the Library provides access to a tremendous number of resources and a dedicated staff who will happily help you navigate it all.

The Friends of the Beaman Library support the Library by means of annual memberships. When you become a Friend of the Beaman Library, you support programming, supplies to enhance patron Library experiences, the Library Museum Pass Program, and more. You can become a Friend for as little as \$15 per individual, \$10 per senior, or \$25 per family.

The membership form can be found on the back of this page. Please complete this form and return it to the Library with your membership dues so that the Library can continue to provide our community with these valuable resources!

Susan Black
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Thank You for your Membership and Support 2023



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