

# OCTOBER 2021 SERVICES & EVENTS



## Outdoor Concert with the Portrait In Jazz Sextet\*

Thursday, October 7, 5:00-6:30 pm

Library Lawn

A warm welcome to Portrait In Jazz. Come and join them for an outdoor evening of jazz at Reading Public Library! Bring your own blanket to sit on, There will be seating available for those who require it. This event will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather. Please note that due to capacity limits, each member of your group will have to register individually. *This event is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Reading Library.*



## VIB: Very Important Babies Storytime\*

Tuesdays, October 5-26, 6:30-7:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join your children's librarians for songs, play, and Very Important Fun with other babies and caregivers. This storytime is designed for babies ages birth thru 14 months.



## Roots, Shoots, and Branches: Storytelling Workshop\*

Wednesday, November 3, 3:30-5:00 pm

Community Room

Join our special guest, Andrea Lovett, and learn to tell and enjoy family stories. Hear some wonderful tales from Andrea, such as the time her family thought they lost their dog and the whole neighborhood turned out to search-only to find him taking an afternoon nap under the back porch. Kids will workshop their own stories and share them with others!

*Grades 3-5 This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program*



## Super Smash Bros Ultimate Game Tournament for Teens\*

Saturday, October 2, 1:00-4:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for our *Super Smash Bros Ultimate* game tournament, hosted by local MA eSport and gaming venue, *One Up Games!* Challenge your friends, choose your main character and see if you can last to the end!

*Grades 6-12. This event is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Reading Library.*





## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**RPL Book Group\***

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Conference Room

Featured Book: *The Wolves of Andover* by Kathleen Kent. In the harsh wilderness of colonial Massachusetts, Martha Allen works as a servant in her cousin's household, taking charge and locking wills with everyone. Thomas Carrier labors for the family and is known both for his immense strength and size and mysterious past. The two begin a courtship that suits their independent natures, with Thomas slowly revealing the story of his part in the English Civil War. But in the rugged new world they inhabit, danger is ever present, whether it be from the assassins sent from London to kill the executioner of Charles I or the wolves - in many forms - who hunt for blood.  
Discussion Leader: Diana Rhudick

**Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion\***

Tuesday, October 26, 10:30 am-Noon

Have you read any good books lately? Stop by and share! Join us for an informal monthly discussion of what people are currently reading. It's a great way to learn about new books and authors.



## PERFORMANCES &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS

**Outdoor Concert with the Portrait In Jazz Sextet\***

Thursday, October 7, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Library Lawn

A warm welcome to Portrait In Jazz. Featuring - Ashley Kamal: vocals, Gary Bohan: Flugelhorn, Chris Hildebrand: sax, Bob Abruzese: bass, Grant Smith: drums and Brad Ellenberg: guitar. Come and join them for an outdoor evening of jazz at Reading Public Library!



\*Registration required.  
Register online or call 781-944-0840.



## CLASSES &amp; WORKSHOPS

**Virtual Poetry Share\***

Wednesdays, October 6, 20 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for an hour or two of poetry sharing. This is for those who write poetry and want to share their writings with other writers. Attendees are urged to bring one of their poems to the first session. Following sessions will be comprised of writing poems with particular themes that the group chooses.

**Foster Parenting\***

Tuesday, October 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Virtual**

Find out more about foster parenting at this virtual workshop with the family resource recruiter from the Department of Children and Families. A nurturing, stable home is important to all children—especially those who may have faced neglect or trauma. At any given time there are 6,000-9,000 children in foster care in Massachusetts. Foster parents provide safe, loving homes at a crucial time in children's lives. You could change a child's life for the better!

**Teen Program:****Smash Ultimate Tournament for Teens\***

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**Community Room**

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*Grades 6-12.*



## MEET-UPS

**Dementia Friends Information Session\***

Monday, October 25, 10:00-11:00 am or

Thursday, October 28, 7:00-8:00 pm

**Conference Room**

Social stigma and lack of public awareness can make life more difficult for those living with dementia and the people who care about them. You can make a difference by becoming a Dementia Friend and learning more about dementia and how it affects people in our community. A Dementia Friend participates in a one-hour Dementia Friends information session. An information session is not a formal training. Sessions will be lead by a member of The Dementia Friendly Leadership Team.

**Virtual Writers' Group\***

Wednesday, October 13, 10:00 am-Noon

Join this drop-in community of writers every second Wednesday of the month to share ideas, drafts, and cheer each other on.

Many of our library programs are sponsored by the  
Friends of the Reading Public Library.  
Support and join: [friendsofreadingpl.org](http://friendsofreadingpl.org)

## Babies & Toddlers

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays, October 5-26, 9:30-10 am or 10:15-10:45 am  
Community Room

Join us for a fun half-hour of stories, songs and other learning activities. This storytime is designed to jump-start early literacy skills for "wobblers" and toddlers. No registration is necessary, but attendance is limited. Please pick up free tickets from a Children's Librarian the morning of the program, starting at 9:00 AM. *Ages 15-36 months*

### Baby-Wearing Dance!

Saturday, October 16, 9:00-10 am  
Community Room

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for baby-wearing dance! What is baby-wearing dance you ask? It's simply that: dancing while wearing your baby! If you don't have a baby-carrier, all dance moves can be modified to dance while holding baby. Since it's October, we'll be learning some silly spooky dances. Costumes encouraged but not required. *Ages birth-18 months*

## Preschoolers

### Friday Family Fun Time

Fridays, October 1-29, 9:30-10 am or 10:15-10:45 am  
Community Room

Hand, hand, finger, thumb; pointing, clapping, tickling fun, join us for fingerplays and more today! No registration is necessary, but attendance is limited. Please pick up free tickets from a Children's Librarian the morning of the program, starting at 9:00 AM. *Ages birth-5*

### Wacky Art Wednesday\*

Wednesday, October 13, 10:30-11:30 am  
Community Room

Join your Children's Librarians for some hands-on, motor skills-learning art! We'll rock to some music, make some fun artwork, and practice important skills that we'll use in preschool! *Ages 2-4*

### Countdown to Kindergarten\*

Thursdays, October 7-21, 1:30-2:15 pm  
Children's Program Room

Get ready for kindergarten in this group-based, 6-week storytime series! This series will combine engaging activities with favorite books for preschoolers entering kindergarten in Fall 2022. Kids will discover early reading skills, math concepts, STEAM activities, and more!

**\*Registration required.**  
Register online or call 781-944-0840.

## School Age

### Literary Magazine: Meeting for Grades 3-5\*

Wednesday, October 6, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Children's Program Room, Outside Patio

Join RPL Children's Librarians for our first meeting about a new literary magazine we are starting here at the library! Stop in for a snacking & brainstorming session and to learn all about the makings of a literary magazine. Register in advance or stop in! *Grades 3-5*

### Literary Magazine: Meeting for Grades 6-8\*

Wednesday, October 20, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Children's Program Room, Outside Patio

Do you want to be a part of our new literary magazine? Stop by to be a part of the editorial board. We will strategize, talk all things editing, and most importantly, get inspired! Register in advance or stop in! *Grades 6-8*

### Reading Rockets\*

Thursday, October 14, 7:00-8:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

This discussion group is designed for students and their caregiver. Together we'll talk about characters, setting, language, art and much more. When you register, you are signing up for the entire school year, 8 discussion dates. October's title: *The Best At It* by Maulik Pancholy. Copies of the book will be provided to participants. *Grades 5-6*

### Half-Day Half Magic: Witch-Crafts!

Friday, October 1, 1:00-4:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

Kick off Spooky Season and join us for a drop-in craft event! Supplies will be available in the Children's Program Room. Stop in and make something fun and Halloween-y! *Grades 2-6*

### Half-Day Half Magic: Weird Science!

Friday, October 15, 1:00-4:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

Celebrate the spirit of Halloween with Children's Librarians for a drop-in science event. Stop in and make something fun and Halloween-y! *Grades 2-6*

### Half-Day Half Magic: Double Trouble Feature Film!

Friday, October 29, 1:00-4:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

Drop in for a seasonal double-feature of some of our favorite Halloween movies. Stop in and sit, eat some treats, and enjoy some Halloween spirit! *Grades 2-6*



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Friday	9am-5pm
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