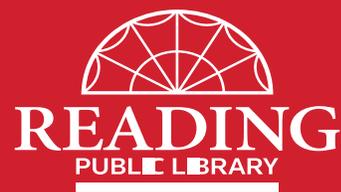


FALL 2022 PROGRAMS

September, October, November 2022



HIGHLIGHTS

NEW RESIDENT OPEN HOUSE*

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room, Conference Room

If you have moved to Reading in the last 12 months, you are invited to Reading's New Resident Open House! Meet representatives from local organizations, learn about services, programs, and events all while enjoying refreshments as you mingle with other new residents.



ONE NIGHT ULTIMATE WEREWOLF FOR TEENS!*

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with costumes, board games, and food! Grim Games, LLC will host a fun Halloween-themed board game and costume contest. Come dressed up in your best costume.

The winner will get a gift card to Whitelam Books and a copy of One Night Ultimate Werewolf! *Grades 6-12*



ADAPTIVE STORIES & SONGS

Saturdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

This program is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, other developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers. This program of stories, songs, and activities with visual supports and an expected routine might be just what you are looking for. *Ages 4-8*



BEADS AND STORIES: INDIGENOUS JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP WITH THOMAS GREEN*

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:00-noon or 1:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Join indigenous artist and Massachusetts Tribe Educator/Historian, Thomas Green in an introduction to seed beading. In this hands-on workshop Green will teach the basics of creating a seed bead bracelet while sharing Massachusetts traditions. All materials provided. *Ages 10-up*

This event is facilitated by Reading's Office of Equity and Social Justice. The rest of the series is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Reading Library. Crafting Connections: Indigenous Art, Stories, and Heritage is the first in the series of a collaboration between The OESJ, and the Reading Public Library.





PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Pirate or Patriot?*

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Did you know that colonial Boston was a hub of activity for the 18th century's most notorious pirates? Join Ranger Patrick Boyce of the National Parks of Boston as he examines the lives and deaths of four pirates: Captain William Kidd, "Black" Sam Bellamy, Ned Lowe, and William Fly.

Genealogy How to: Ancestry.com*

Monday, Oct. 3, 1:00-2:00 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 26 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Join Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian, Jocelyn Gould, as she introduces Ancestry.com's Library Edition and provides tips and tricks on how to maximize your research. Bring along some information and maybe we will use your query as our example!

Autumn Outdoor Concert: Eastern Medicine Singers

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5:00-6:00 pm

Library Lawn

Join us for an evening of music with the Eastern Medicine Singers. The Eastern Medicine Singers Drum Group was created by Daryl Black Eagle Jamieson of the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe. They are dedicated to keeping the eastern woodlands American Indian culture alive.

Psychic Lunch on the Lawn

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1:00-3:00 pm

Library Lawn

Join Psychic Medium and Paranormal Investigator Lucky Belcamino for an afternoon of Mystery and Murder! Lucky will share tales of her experiences in the field and her tenure as the Official Psychic at the infamous Lizzie Borden Murder House along with being the Official Ghost Host at the "Haunted Hotel" in New Orleans.

Virtual: Privacy & Reproductive Rights: What You Need to Know*

Monday, Oct. 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

This webinar will cover the ways that our digital lives expose information about our reproductive choices. Participants will learn how to map out their own personal risk profile and will leave with strategies to protect themselves from having their personal information weaponized against them. Presenter Claire Lobdell is a member of the Library Freedom Project, a surveillance resistance and digital privacy organization.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Therapeutic Program for Adults with Roman Music Therapy*

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 16, 30, 4:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Come join us in this musical space designed to facilitate meaningful social experiences. This series of programs is designed for adults ages 22+ with disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Caregivers are required to attend.

Ergonomics at Work: The Importance of Proper Posture*

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Is your home office literally a pain in the neck? Has working from home caused aches and pains that you didn't have before? Join Jaimee Mace, MSPT, owner of PhiT Physical Therapy, to learn the proper way to set up and use your electronic devices to avoid over stressing your body.

Mystic Valley Elder Services: Serving Older Adults and Caregivers*

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Do you know about Mystic Valley Elder Services? Their mission is to make it possible for older adults to live independently in their own homes for as long and safely as possible. They offer a variety of services for Older Adults and Caregivers too! Come and learn what they can do for you and your loved ones!

Houseplants 101 with Biss Botanicals*

Monday, Nov. 7, 10:00-11:00 am

Houseplants 102 with Biss Botanicals*

Monday, Nov. 14, 10:00-11:00 am

Plant Matchmaking with Biss Botanicals*

Monday, Nov. 21, 10:00-11:00 am

Community Room

Are you intimidated by plants? Join Michaela, the owner of Reading's very own Biss Botanicals, and learn just how easy adding some green into your life can be! Attend one or all of this fun series and learn which plant is the perfect plant for you!

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



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COMMUNITY READ

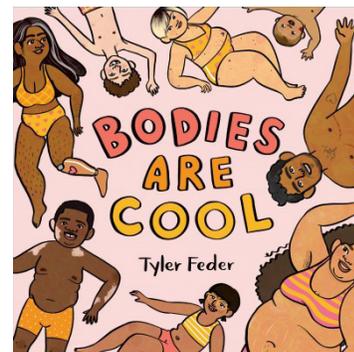
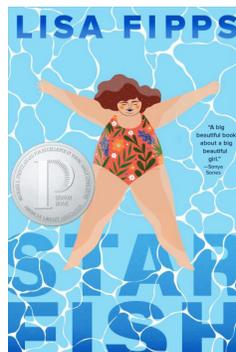


The Reading Public Library is excited to host a small but mighty Community Read that celebrates community dialogue around the themes of body autonomy, body positivity, and body neutrality.

Everyone in the community can participate: read a book, share perspectives, attend a program, engage on social media, and build a stronger community together.

Free copies are available at the library and at various locations throughout town.

Every body is a good body.

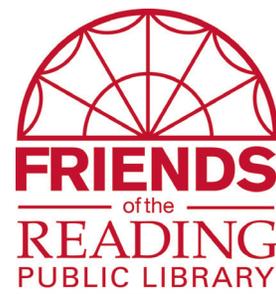


Unapologetically Positively You: Community Read 2022 August 13 - October 8 Various Locations throughout Reading

While the Library has plenty of extra copies available for checkout, free copies are at various locations throughout town waiting to be discovered.

If you stumble upon one of our collections in the wild, take a book, read it, and return it to the location for the next person to enjoy.

Check our website for a map of all the locations and more information.



COMMUNITY READ 2022



COMMUNITY READ



Community Read is sponsored by the Reclaiming Your Story Civic Hub Grant with support from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Friends of the Reading Public Library,

PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

What We Talk About When We Talk To Our Bodies*

Thursday, Sept 15, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Rachel Estapa, creator of *More to Love Yoga* will lead registrants in a thoughtful program about body positivity and body acceptance. How does body positivity take back the word "fat?" And how can we use yoga as a tool for self-actualization and personal wellness? We will follow the More to Love Yoga® philosophy and conclude with a body inclusive yoga session.

Ages 10-15 and caregivers



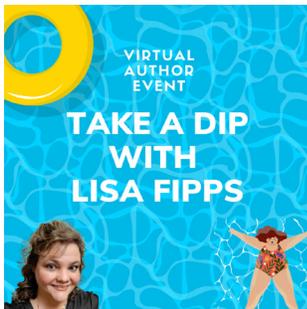
Take a Dip with Lisa Fipps: Author of Starfish*

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual

Join RPL Librarians and author Lisa Fipps for a virtual discussion of her award-winning debut novel in verse, *Starfish*. The event will begin with prepared questions and there will be time for a live Q&A!

All Ages



Mini Emergency Hiking Kits for Teens!*

Monday, Sept. 26, 4:00-5:00 pm

Studio

Do you like Hiking? Do you like to be prepared? Then this is the program for you! Teens will make their own mini emergency kits to take on their next hiking adventure. *Grades 6-12*

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Fat Girls Hiking Book Discussion: Adults & Teens*

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Trails Not Scales! This is the motto Summer Michaud-Skog has adopted for her organization "Fat Girls Hiking" with an aim and focus on self-care in the outdoors. Join us for a discussion on this movement that embraces all bodies and encourages the exploration of our outdoor spaces. Share your favorite trails and tips or just be part of the conversation. *Grades 9-12 and adults*

Starfish Book Discussion: Teens*

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Studio

Join your RPL librarians for a discussion about one of our Community Read titles: *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. Pizza will be provided! Please let us know about any allergies. This project aims to amplify local voices and changemakers through the art of storytelling. *Grades 6-12*

Starfish Book Discussion: Kids*

Friday, Sept. 23, 1:30-2:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Join your RPL librarians for a discussion about one of our Community Read titles: *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. Pizza will be provided! Please let us know about any allergies. This project aims to amplify local voices and changemakers through the art of storytelling. *Grades 3-5*

Starfish Book Discussion: Grown-up & Child*

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1:30-2:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Join your RPL librarians for a discussion about one of our Community Read titles, *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. Bring your grown-up for a lively discussion. Pizza will be provided! Please let us know about any allergies. This project aims to amplify local voices and changemakers through the art of storytelling. *Grades 3-8*

Fat Girls Hiking Book Discussion: Adults*

Thursday, Sept. 29, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

In her newly released book, *Fat Girls Hiking: An Inclusive Guide to Getting Outdoors at Any Size or Ability*, Summer Michaud-Skog promotes fat activism, body liberation, and building a community. Join us for a discussion on this movement.

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

Who are Astronomers?*

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30-8:30 pm

Children's Program Room, Outdoor Patio

Join our guest Museum of Science Planetarium educator and NASA Solar System Ambassador for an evening under the stars. Kids in grades 3-5 can learn about astronomers, what they do, and the tools they use as we explore the night sky. *Grades 3-5*

Scary Stories, Treats, and Ghosts, Oh My! (Ages 7+)

Thursday, Oct. 27, 4:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for a spooktacular event! Wear your favorite costume to the library for spooky stories and then follow the librarians on a haunted trip through the library for treats! Costumes are encouraged! *Grades 1-4*

Storytimes**Toddler Time**

Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

Join us for a fun half hour of stories, songs and other learning activities! This weekly class is designed to jump-start early literacy skills for walkers and "wobblers." Join us for a special storytime with the Town Manager on Sept. 20. Pick up tickets from a Children's Librarian before the program begins. *Ages 18-36 months*

Babytime: Storytime for Babies 0-18 months

Fridays, Sept. 16-Nov. 18, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

Join your children's librarians for stories, songs, play, and Very Important Fun with other babies and caregivers. Pick up tickets from a Children's Librarian before the program begins. *Ages 0-18 months*

Trick or Treat Storytime (Ages 0-6)

Thursday, Oct. 27, 1:30-2:30 pm

Community Room

Join us for a spooktacular storytime! Wear your favorite costume to the library for songs, stories, and rhymes and then follow the librarians on a haunted trip through the library for treats! Costumes are encouraged! *Ages Birth-6*

School Age**Nature Stories and Exploration**

Mondays, Oct 3, Nov. 7, 3:30-4:30 pm

Locations: To Be Announced

There is so much nature to explore right here in Reading! We'll meet at a local conservation land site, read a science story, then take a hike and use our observation skills to find fascinating things. Wear closed-toe shoes, bug spray and sun screen. *Grades 1-3*

The Plant Lab: Fall Open Hours*

Fridays, Sept. 2-Oct.28, 2:30-3:30 pm

Children's Program Room, Outdoor Patio

Whether you're a seasoned gardener, a plant ambassador, or new to gardening, pop by to help maintain the garden and harvest vegetables or herbs to take home! Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and stay the entire time or just for a little while. As the season progresses, it'll start to get chilly outside so make sure to check the weather before heading over! *Grades 4-6*

Nonfiction Smackdown!*

Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Are you a kid who loves learning new things? Do you devour books about TRUE things like nature, history, geography, and science? Each month you'll read 2 or 3 picture book nonfiction titles assigned by your fearless leader, Librarian Ashley. We'll discuss the books at our meetings, and in January we'll vote and decide which one we think is the BEST. When you register, you are signing up for all 5 meetings (Sept.-Jan.) *Grades 4-5*

Teens**TAG: Teen Advisory Group***

Thursday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Conference Room

Interested in making an impact on Teen Services at the library? Join TAG to share your ideas about programs, book selection, and community engagement! This teen led group will also give you the opportunity to earn volunteer or community service hours through program development. Join us at our September meeting for a meet and greet to learn about TAG and enjoy some pizza! *Grades: 8-12*

Turkey BINGO for Teens!*

Community Room

Thursday, Nov. 3, 4:00-5:30 pm

Gobble! Gobble! It's BINGO time! Teens are welcome to join us for an afternoon of food and prizes. *Grades 6-12*

TBW: Creative Writing for Teens!*

Wednesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 3:30-4:30 pm

Studio

Join our creative writing group TBW: To Be Written. Teens will participate in creative writing exercises and hands on activities. Join us at our September meeting for a meet and greet to learn about TBW and enjoy some light snacks. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program. Grades 8-12*

TBW: Creative Writing for Teens!*

Wednesday, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, 3:30-4:30 pm

Studio

At our October TBW session, we will have local author Laura Hatosy join us for a two part series on NaNoWriMo! Laura is a writer and teacher. Her book, *Drawn From Memory*, started out as a NaNoWriMo project. Part one: Laura will guide teens through the steps of making goals, outlining, research, and world building as well as answer any general questions. Part two: Teens will brainstorm and focus on going through their projects and filling in the worksheets from the previous meeting. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program. Grades 8-12*

Teen Crafternoon: Mason Jar Turkey*

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 4:00-5:30 pm

Community Room

November is a good month for reflection. What are you thankful for? What makes you happy this month? Teens will make a mason jar turkey that will highlight what brings them joy. Candy will be provided to fill the jars too! *Grades 6-12*

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MEET-UPS

Genealogy One-on-One: Private Research Appointment*

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1:00-2:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 16, 10-11:00 am
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Local History Room

Researching your family history and need some help? Looking to learn more about your house? Book an appointment with Jocelyn Gould, our Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian today!

Virtual Writers' Group*

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 10:00-11:30 am

Join this drop-in community of writers to share ideas, drafts, and encouragement.

Bird Meet-up with Dave Williams*

Mondays, Sept. 26, Nov. 28, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

You've learned all about birds, but do you want to learn more about birds? And share some of your knowledge too? Novice birders and experts alike are welcome to attend these informal gatherings every other month.

Conversation Group*

Mondays, Oct. 3 thru Nov. 28, 7:00-8:30 pm

Studio

Would you like to improve your conversational English skills in a fun, friendly, free setting? The English At Large conversation group is for intermediate to advanced adult English language learners to practice speaking and listening. Join a group of 10-12 learners and 2 facilitators to discuss topics including American culture and holidays, idioms, casual spoken English, and daily life situations.



BOOKS & READING

Pints+Pages Book Group*

Thursdays, Sept. 1, Nov. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: TBD

Pints+Pages is a social book group designed for 20 & 30 somethings. Meet up to talk about the following books: (September) *Matrix* by Lauren Groff and (November) TBA with host librarians from Reading and Wilmington!

KidLit Fan Club!*

Mondays, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 7:30-8:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Adult fans of children and young adult books sign up for a book discussion about all things KidLit! Oct. titles: *Ophie's Ghosts* and *Dread Nation* both by Justina Ireland, Nov. titles: *Thanks A Lot, Universe* by Chad Lucas and *A-Okay* by Jarad Greene. Copies of the books will be put on hold for registrants.

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

RPL Book Group*

Wednesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 7:00-8:30 pm

Conference Room

This is a participant-run book discussion group. Copies of each selection are available at the library. Featured Sept. Book: *Lorna Mott Comes Home* by Diane Johnson, Discussion Leader: Diana Rhudick; Featured Oct. Book: *Drawn From Memory* by Laura Hatosy, Discussion Leader: Laura Hatosy, Featured Nov. Book: *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson, Discussion Leader: Jocelyn Gould.

Word of Mouth Book Discussion*

Tuesdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, 10:30 am-Noon

Conference Room

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.

Pleasant Street Center Book Group*

Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 10:00-11:30 am

Pleasant Street Center

Looking for a casual book group where you can discuss books with other like-minded readers? Sept. Title: Community Read book, *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps; Oct. Title: *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Nov. Title: *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey* by Amber Ruffin & Lacey Lamar. Copies are available at the Library and at the Pleasant Street Center.

The Family Roe: An American Story with Joshua Prager*

Monday, Sept. 19, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual

Join Investigative Journalist Joshua Prager for a talk on his deeply researched book, *The Family Roe: An American Story*. *The Family Roe*; which was named a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize, offers insight into the Supreme Court's most divisive case and its plaintiff, Norma McCorvey. Joshua Prager has written for the *Atlantic*, *Vanity Fair*, the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Tiziana Dearing, host of *Radio Boston* will moderate.

Poetry Reading with Moira Linehan*

Monday, Sept. 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Studio

Lauded Reading Poet Moira Linehan reads from her latest collections *Toward* and *& Company*. She will discuss her writing process as well. Copies of her most recent books are available for sale at Whitelam Books.

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**Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading (PAIR)**

Wednesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 6:00-7:30 pm

Community Room

The monthly meeting for the volunteer advisory and support board for the Office of Equity and Social Justice; PAIR: Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading. As a town-wide network, PAIR serve as a non-partisan advisory group to the Director of Equity and Social Justice. For more information, please contact the Director, Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee.