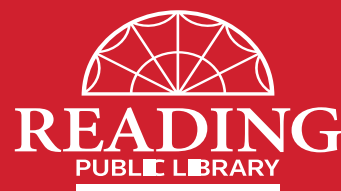


SPRING 2023 PROGRAMS MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2023



WRITING BOXES: WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 4-6*

Thursdays, March 2-April 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

We know writing can be stressful for school-age kids. You have so many ideas; getting them down on paper is hard! In this 7-week program, kids will have fun writing and creating in a nonjudgmental setting. The sessions will include a brief lesson, and time for thinking, writing, and sharing. *Grades 4-6*



THE ABCS OF IMMIGRATION: AN INTRODUCTORY SERIES-VIRTUAL*

Monday, April 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

We are excited to partner with the MIRA Coalition to offer a 3-part series to present relevant and accurate information on immigration topics, open to all individuals who would like to increase their knowledge of immigration-related topics and learn about helpful resources.

The first session provides an overview of common immigration statuses.



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TEEN MEET UP: ZINES!

Tuesdays, March 7-28, 4:00-6:00 pm

Teen Area

DIY ZINES! What are zines? How do I make one? What's the Teen Art Showcase? Stop by the Teen Room to create your own zines and learn about the Teen Art Showcase. Supplies and instructions will be available.



WRITERS' GROUP -VIRTUAL*

Wednesdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 10:00-11:00 am

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



CATO CONVERSATION: READING IN 1963 AND 2023 - BILL RUSSELL'S LEGACY, 60 YEARS LATER*

Monday, March 6, 7:00-8:45 pm

Community Room

One's experience may be someone else's education. Join a Community Conversation about Bill Russell's life and legacy in Reading.





MEET-UPS

Genealogy One-on-One: Private Research Appointment*

Mondays, March 13, April 10; 1:00-2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 2, 3:00-4:00 pm

Fridays, March 3, 24, April 28, May 12; various hours, check website

Wednesdays, April 19, May 24, 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!

Bird Meet-up with Dave Williams*

Monday, March 27, May 22; 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.

Wellness Wednesdays

Wednesdays, March 1-29, April 5-26, May 3-31; 2:00-4:00 pm

Library Lobby or Children's Room

Taunya L. Jarzyniecki, LCMHC MLADC, Public Safety Clinician for the Reading Coalition has office hours at the library! As a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Ms. Jarzyniecki can assist residents with brief therapeutic support and accessing resources. There is no fee or health insurance needed and all services are confidential.



BOOKS & READING

Virtual: Dirtbag, Massachusetts: An Evening with Isaac Fitzgerald*

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us for a very special author event! Best-selling author Isaac Fitzgerald has lived many lives. He's been an altar boy, a bartender, a fat kid, a smuggler, a biker, a prince of New England. But before all that, he was a bomb that exploded his parents' lives—or so he was told. In his memoir *Dirtbag, Massachusetts*, Fitzgerald, with warmth and humor, recounts his ongoing search for forgiveness.

RPL Book Group

Wednesdays, March 8, April 12, May 10, 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 March Book: *Agatha Arch is Afraid of Everything* by Kristin Bair, Discussion Leader: Jodi DeCleene; Featured April Book: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, Discussion Leader: Lisa Goldsmith; Featured May Book: *Star Fish* by Lisa Fipps, Discussion Leader: Susanne Sullivan.

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

Overcoming Hurdles to Disability Inclusion: Community Workshop*

Thursday, March 30, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Join an exciting workshop provided by MERGE Inclusion Consulting to learn strategies for recreation, school and community organizations to create a culture for all. *This program is in collaboration between SEPAC, PAIR, RPL, YMCA, Reading Recreation and the Pleasant Street Center.*

Pleasant Street Center Book Group*

Wednesdays, March 15, April 19, 9:30-11:00 am

Pleasant Street Center

Looking for a casual book group where you can discuss books with other like-minded readers? March Title: *The Barbizon* by Paulina Bren; April Title: *Tin Man* by Sarah Winmon. Copies are available at the Library and at the Pleasant Street Center.

KidLit Fan Club! A Book Group for Adults*

Mondays, March 20, April 24, May 15 7:30-8:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Adult fans of children's and young adult books sign up for a book discussion about all things KidLit! Each month a different book is chosen. Check the events calendar for more information. Copies of the titles will be put on hold for registrants.

Word of Mouth Book Discussion

Tuesdays, March 28, April 25, May 30, 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.



LIFELONG LEARNING

Virtual Lunchtime Lectures*

Wednesdays, March 1-29, 12:00-1:00 pm

This March enjoy your lunch while learning local history! Each session is lead by a National Park Service employee.

Wednesday, March 1: Olmsted's Life & Legacy

Wednesday, March 8: Past & Present Here Unite

Wednesday, March 15: Explore the Black Heritage Trail

Wednesday, March 22: Stories from the Whaling Port

Wednesday, March 29: From Beals Street to the White House

They Did It: Boston's Own Rosie the Riveters*

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Did you know that over 8,000 Massachusetts women joined the workforce at the Boston Navy Yard during World War II? As men signed up to join the military, women also wanted to do their bit beyond volunteering with the Red Cross or serving as nurses. Though limited at first to administrative jobs, women soon became painters, crane operators, welders, and even Marines!

Mindful Parenting Skills*

Thursday, March 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Are you a parent struggling to balance all of the things in your life? Meet with Kristen Herlihy, psychotherapist & health coach who can show you how to create a balance so that you can feel good in your body and in mind. Herlihy is the owner of REfine from Within, and mom of two with over 25 years of experience.

Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading (PAIR)

Wednesday, May 17, 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. As a town-wide network, PAIR serves as a non-partisan advisory group to the Director of Equity and Social Justice. For more information, please contact the Director, Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Job Search Series: Resume Writing Review*

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00-8:30 pm

Conference Room

Join presenter Gary Gekow as he leads a discussion on resume writing, including a variety of best practices. Participants can email their existing resume for confidential one-on-one analysis to rdgref@noblenet.org with the subject line *Resume Review*.

Job Search Series: In Person Interviews*

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00-8:30 pm

Conference Room

Join presenter Gary Gekow as he leads an interactive and informal question and answer session where we role-play typical interview questions and how best to answer them. The seminar also includes ways to avoid job candidates' most common interview mistakes.

Job Search Series: Why Should We Hire You?*

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00-8:30 pm

Conference Room

Join presenter Gary Gekow as he discusses the most important question job candidates will be asked during an interview: *Why should we hire you?* The best answer is multi-faceted and includes more than the delivery of one's elevator pitch.

Mindfulness Meditation Series*

Thursdays, March 23-April 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room or Studio

Christine Rose, a nurse in Reading, is completing a 2-year Mindfulness Teacher Training course and would like to share some of the practices with you. In this 4-week session, we will learn the basics of the meditation practice and explore increasing awareness in our day to day lives.

Therapeutic Program for Adults with McFarlane Arts*

Wednesdays, March 8, 22, April 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Come join us in exploring your inner artist with local artist Susan McFarlane of McFarlane Arts. This series of programs is designed for adults ages 22+ with disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). They are not respite programs; caregivers are required to attend.

Paint Night for Older Adults*

Tuesday, March 28, 5:00-7:00 pm

Studio

Do you enjoy being creative, exploring the arts, or learning a few new brush strokes? Join us for an entertaining evening of acrylic painting. Local artist Ann Klein will guide you in painting a 12X12 original piece of colorful flowers that is yours to take home. No experience necessary and all supplies included. You are welcome to bring an apron or smock.

Postpartum Depression and Perinatal Mental Health ... What Is It and How Do We Identify It?

Thursday, April 27, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join us to learn what to look for and how to help if you believe someone is experiencing symptoms of postpartum depression. Taunya L. Jarzyniecki, LMHC, LADAC, the Reading Public Safety Clinician, will lead the discussion about this often overlooked diagnosis.

VIRTUAL: Rights and Benefits for Immigrants: An Introductory Series*

Monday, April 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

The MIRA Coalition is offering a 3-part series on immigration topics. This session will cover the basic rights of all individuals — regardless of immigration status. Attendees will receive a broad overview of immigrant eligibility for health and safety net programs.

VIRTUAL: Immigration Policy Updates and the Work Ahead: An Introductory Series*

Monday, May 8, 7:00-8:00 pm

In this session panelists will hold a discussion on some of the changes that have occurred over the past year and what MIRA Coalition's advocacy is focused on for the future.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Poison Ivy

Thursday, April 20, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Got Poison Ivy? Pesky Pete to the Rescue! Pete Barron, otherwise known as Pesky Pete, will show us how to identify poison ivy, how and where it grows, and most importantly, how to get rid of it organically. Come join us for more great tips!



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome to the Graveyard with the Gravestone Girls*

Wednesday, March 22, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join us for an illustrated 'virtual tour' chronicling cemetery art, history and symbolism. From colonial New England burial grounds of the 16 & 1700s, through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st century locations, the program examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones.

The Tragedy of the Cocoanut Grove Fire

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Even after 80 years, the horrific 1942 Cocoanut Grove nightclub fire continues to cast a long shadow across Boston. Stephanie Schorow, author of *The Cocoanut Grove Nightclub Fire: A Boston Tragedy* will discuss the inferno and the lingering impact on the lives of New Englanders three generations later.

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Hello, Neighbor! Series

Thank you to the Friends of the Reading Public Library for sponsoring our Hello, Neighbor! series of events, culminating in our Dia celebration. Dia (Children's Day/Book Day) is a celebration of children, families, culture, and stories.

Hello, Neighbor! Multilingual Storytime for Families

Saturday, March 18, 25, April 15, 22, 10:00-10:30 am
Community Room

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and activities! This storytime for families will be led by a librarian as well as community members who will share languages they know. Let's have fun and get to know our neighbors!

Día Celebration: Interactive Family Movie

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Community Room

Join us for an interactive showing of a popular animated musical about a magical home and the special family who lives there. *Ages 3-5, Grades K-2*

Día Celebration: Family Story Recording Studio

Saturday, April 29, 12:00-3:00 pm
Children's Program Room

Come and record a family story or greeting! We will have all the tech you need. Our goal is to combine the footage into a video that captures the diversity of our town, the warmth of our community, and the stories that unite us.

Día Celebration: Indigenous Stories for Families

Saturday, April 29, 3:00-4:00 pm
Community Room

Join Thomas Green, member of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag, for an indigenous storytelling session. *Grades K-5*

School Age

Virtual-Coding Club*

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join a 6-week coding class to learn and practice coding skills with children's librarian Theresa Boulrice. Your child must commit to the full session in order to participate. *Grades K-5*

PAWS to Read*

Tuesdays, March 7-28, 3:30-4:15 pm
Children's Program Room

It's time to "paws" to read to a trained therapy dog! Our puppy pal Winnie will visit for an afternoon of cozy reading time. Kids can sign up for a 10-minute time slot to practice their reading in a stress-free way. To sign up call the Children's Room at 781-942-6705. *Grades K-5*

Bouncing Broomsticks Book Club: Grades 3-5*

Wednesdays, March 22, April 26, May 31, 3:30-4:30 pm
Children's Program Room

Calling all fantasy readers! Join Miss Olivia as we soar through the clouds and read and discuss all things fantasy. Each month we will discuss different books or series. The March title is *The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui Sutherland. Copies will be available at the Children's Desk. *Grades 3-5*

Seed StartSwapShare

Tuesday, April 4, 3:30-4:30 pm; Saturday, April 8, 2:30-3:30 pm
Outdoor Patio

Stop by the library anytime this afternoon to select, trade, share, or find out about great things to grow this spring. This program is for families but look for the start of the RPL's Seed Library soon!

Citizen Kids*

Tuesdays, April 11-May 16, 3:30-4:30 pm
Children's Program Room

Hey, kids! Maybe you are the next compassionate leader that the world needs! We will be using the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots format "to help you create meaningful projects that solve real-life issues with big impact." Participants must commit to all six weeks in order to design and execute their campaign. *Grades 3-5*

Storytimes

Babytime: Storytime for Babies

Fridays, March 3-May 19, 10:00-10:30 am, 11:00-11:30 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*

Adaptive Stories & Songs*

Saturdays, March 4, April 1, May 6, 10:00-10:30 am
Children's Program Room

If attending one of our other storytimes is challenging for your child, 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 years*

Jumping Beans: Family Storytime Drop-in

Saturdays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 10:00-10:30 am
Community Room

Join us for an active story and song time especially designed for the under 5s and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, and plenty of music and motion to get the wiggles out. *Ages Birth-5 years*

Preschool Storytime Fun: Ages 3-5

Thursdays, March 2-May 25, 1:30-2:15 pm
Children's Program Room

Join us for some stories, songs, felt boards and other visual methods of storytelling! The goal of this series is to increase both your child's enjoyment of reading and attention span. Enjoy longer stories and take home thematic/book related activities to extend the storytime experience! *Ages 3-5*

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, March 7-May 23, 10:00-10:30 am
Community 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." Pick up tickets from a Children's Librarian before the program begins. *Ages 18-36 months*

Nature Stories and Exploration (Grades 1-3)

Monday, April 3, May 1, 3:30-4:30 pm
Kurchian Woods

There is so much nature to explore right here in Reading! We'll meet at a Kurchian Woods, read a science story, then take a hike and use our observation skills to find fascinating things. Flowers, insects, animal tracks, rocks... who knows what treasures we'll find! *Grades 1-3*

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Teens

TBW: Creative Writing for Teens!*

Wednesdays, March 8, May 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, April 12, 3:30-5:30

Studio

Join our teen creative writing group TBW: To Be Written. In March we will be learning about zines and working on a three-spread book! In April we will be brainstorming for our June Showcase and taking a photo walk using the Library of Things Instax cameras! In May we will be making a haiku holder and prepping for our June Showcase! *Grades 8-12*

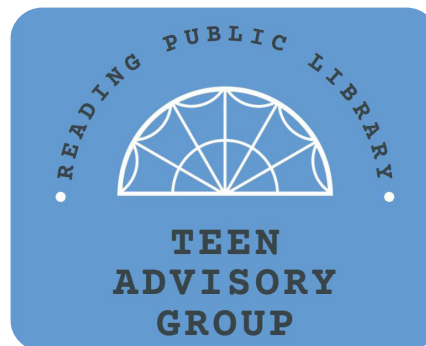


TAG: Teen Advisory Group*

Thursdays, March 16, April 13, May 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Studio

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/community service hours through program development. Contact Teen Services Librarian, Meghan, with any questions at: rdgteen@noblenet.org or 781-942-6703, *Grades: 8-12*



Branching Out: Be a Tween Advisor!*

Children's Program Room

Mondays, April 10, 24, May 8, 22, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids ages 10-13 join us to help build our new Tween Room! We are in the process of building a tweens-only space in the Children's Room. Join this advisory committee to discuss furniture, rules and expectations, the book collection, and future programs. *Grades 6-8*



Teen Crafternoon: Collages!

Teen Area

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 18-25, 2:00-4:00 pm

What's a collage? How do I make one? What's the Teen Art Showcase? Stop by the Teen Room to learn about collages, the Teen Art Showcase, and create some of your own masterpieces! All supplies provided. *Grades 6-12*

Teen Crafternoon with McFarlane Arts*

Studio

Tuesday, May 2, 4:00-5:30 pm

Join us for craft time! Teens will create their own multimedia frame under the instruction of Susan McFarlane of McFarlane Arts. *Grades 6-12*



Teen Paint Night with McFarlane Arts*

Community Room

Tuesday, May 16, 4:00-5:30 pm

Join us for Paint Night! Teens will create their own abstract piece under the instruction of Susan McFarlane of McFarlane Arts. *Grades 6-12*

Princeton Review Presents: Finding Your Dream Colleges*

Community Room

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

There is a college out there for everyone, and thousands of colleges across the country. Join us for this presentation, which will help students discover what a dream college means for them, and help them find their best fit. *Grades 9-12*

