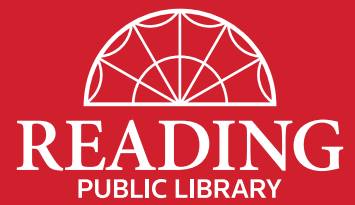


SUMMER 2023

June, July, August Programs



HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER CONCERT: PANNEUBAN STEEL

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00-8:00 pm

Reading Public Library Lawn

Bring your chairs and blankets and celebrate the beginning of Summer with the cool sounds of PanNeubean Steel, a Steelpan lead Caribbean band that specializes in showcasing the beautiful sounds of the Islands. Music will include a soulful blend of Reggae, Soca and Calypso. *All ages. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.*



READING JUNETEENTH- FREEDOM FEST

Saturday, June 24, 1:00-7:00 pm

Reading Town Common

Join the Town of Reading in celebrating Juneteenth! This family-friendly event will feature food, music, dance, and a beer garden. *All ages. Sponsored by OESJ, Reading Public Library and the Mass Cultural Council.*



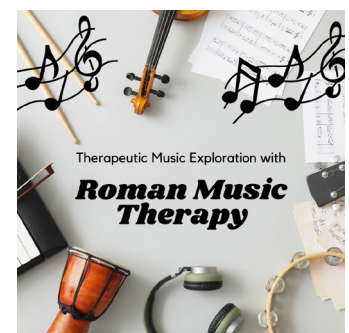
FIND YOUR MELODY: ADAPTIVE MUSIC CLASS WITH ROMAN MUSIC THERAPY

Mondays, June 26-August 28, Grades 1-5: 2:00-2:45 pm,

Grades 6-12: 3:00-3:45 pm, Ages 22+: 4:00-4:45 pm

Community Room

Join us in this musical space designed to facilitate meaningful social experiences and encourage creative self-expression! This series is designed for individuals with disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). *This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.*

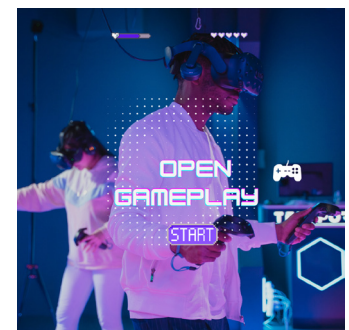


OPEN GAME PLAY WITH VR FOR TEENS!*

Thursday, June 22, 2:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for a 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! *Grades 6-12. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.*



**MEET-UPS****Teen Meet Up: NAGLY*****Tuesday, June 27, 1:00-3:00 pm****Teen Room**

Come join NAGLY this summer in the Teen Room for activities, adventure, and fun! Open to all LGBTQIA+ teens and allies. Pizza and snacks will be provided. This program is generously funded The Friends of the Reading Public Library. *Grades 6-12.*

Exam Cram**Wednesday-Friday, June 7-9****Teen Room**

Finals are here. Need a place to study? Come to the library! Enjoy TEEN ONLY spaces for quiet collaborative study. Need a break? Come to the Teen Room to talk with friends, enjoy some snacks, and fun activities! *Grades 6-12.*

DIY Comics & Zines for Teens!***Wednesday July 12, 1:00-2:00 pm****Teen Room**

Join Creative Arts for a fun comic and zine activity! Teens will write, illustrate, and construct their own mini comic or zine. Teens do NOT need to draw well. They just need an imagination and a willingness to learn! During this program teens will spend time brainstorming character and story ideas, as well as explore different ways to make mini comics. Multiple copies of the comics can be created and shared with friends and families. *Grades 6-12.*

Learn to Play Magic the Gathering for Teens!***Thursday, July 13, 2:00-5:00 pm****Conference Room**

Do you collect Magic cards but don't know how to play the game and want to learn? Join One Up Games to get a hands on lesson on how to play the game! All players will receive their choice of (1) official Magic the Gathering structure deck that they can take home at the end! Players will learn about what is needed to make a deck, how the game is played, and will be able to battle other players in some real life matches! *Grades 6-12.*

Beginner Quilting for Teens***Wednesday, July 19, 1:00-2:00 pm****Community Room**

Join Creative Arts for a fun quilting program! Teens will learn basic sewing skills to put a quilt together in this fun workshop. Teens will use easy-to-learn patterns, select color fabrics and textiles, practice cutting and piecing, as well as hand-stitching and finishing. No previous experience needed! *Grades 6-12.*

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****Mask Making for Teens!*****Wednesday, July 26, 1:00-2:00 pm****Community Room**

Join Creative Arts for this fun mask making program! Many cultures have traditions and celebrations that use masks. Teens will be shown examples of traditional masks from different countries and then encouraged to make their own. They will also look to nature and animals for inspiration in their mask-making project. *Grades 6-12.*

Painting for Teens!***Wednesday, August 2, 1:00-2:00 pm****Community Room**

Join Creative Arts for this fun painting program! This workshop will focus on interesting and engaging topics inspired by the world around us. Teens will learn how to develop painting techniques using watercolors and acrylic paints. They will also learn about color and art to create their own masterpieces! No previous experience needed! *Grades 6-12.*

Upcycled Art for Teens!***Wednesday, August 9, 1:00-2:00 pm****Community Room**

Join Creative Arts for a fun upcycled activity! Looking for little ways to waste less, recycle, reuse, and repurpose items in general? Then upcycled art is for you! Teens will use everyday materials combined with art materials to create upcycled works of art. All items will be provided but teens are welcome to bring supplies they'd like to use in this craft: plastic packaging, paper containers, metals, styrofoam, and more! *Grades 6-12.*

**SPECIAL EVENTS****18 Hole LED Mini Golf for Teens!*****Thursday, August 10, 2:00-5:00 pm****Community Room**

Join One Up Games as they take over the Reading Public Library with a full 18 hole LED mini golf set! Players will be able to play all holes throughout the event. *Grades 6-12.*

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

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PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome Back Peter Sheridan!

Friday, June 9, July 14, August 11, 10:00-11:00 am
Community Room

After a long hiatus, we are proud to welcome back Peter Sheridan to RPL! Join us for a musical celebration and help us welcome back our old friend. *Ages 0-5.*

Vehicle Day

Tuesday, August 8, 7:30-9:00 am
Library Parking Lot

Come see all of the amazing vehicles that make Reading so exciting! Check out cool cars, tough trucks, and excellent emergency vehicles!

Storytimes

Adaptive Stories & Songs*

Saturday, June 3, 10:00-10:30 am
Children's Program Room

This program is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, other intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers. *Ages 4-8.*

Stuffie Storytime

Thursdays, June 1-August 10, 6:30-7:00 pm
Children's Program Room

Grab your favorite stuffed animal and head to the library for some summertime stories! Join Miss Ashley and Cocoa Moose for some books, songs, rhymes, and activities. *All Ages.*

Find Your Fun: Bubbles & Chalk

Fridays, July 7, August 4, 10:00-10:40 am
Library Lawn

Join Miss Olivia for a fun outdoor sensory playtime featuring all different kinds of bubbles, soothing music, and of course, chalk! *Ages 0-5.*

Find Your Fun: Backyard of Books

Friday, July 21, August 18, 10:00-10:40 am
Library Lawn

Join us for an outdoor storytime on the library lawn! We will read, sing, dance, and have tons of summertime fun. *Ages 0-5.*

Find Your Fun: Sunshine Storytime

Friday, July 28, 10:00-10:40 am
Memorial Park: Charles Street/Bandstand Side
Friday, August 25, 10:00-10:40 am
Bancroft Ave Tot Lot

Join Miss Megan for stories, songs, and outdoor fun at parks and greenspaces all over Reading! *Ages 0-5.*

School Age

Kids Blossom*

Friday, June 9, 1:30-2:15 pm
Children's Program Room

Kids can make a paper flower bouquet for their teacher at this hands-on craft program. *Grades 1-4.*

Plant Lab: Transplanting Summer Plants*

Friday, June 2, 3:30-4:15 pm
Children's Program Room/Outdoor Patio

Kids can figure out what soil works best outdoors vs. indoors and which plants grow better in warm weather. Plant Lab team members can then drop in anytime to check on the garden and

care for the crops. *Grades 3-5.*

Plant Lab: Farm to Table Green Smoothies*

Friday, June 23, 3:00-3:45 pm
Children's Program Room/Outdoor Patio

This month's program features recipes for all things smoothies. Ingredients include collards, spinach, and kale. Yum! *Grades 3-5.*

Plant Lab: Spinach and Basil Pesto*

Friday, July 14, 3:00-3:45 pm
Children's Program Room/Outdoor Patio

Kids can come harvest our plants, learn how to wash crops properly, and make an amazing spinach and basil pesto sauce! *Grades 3-5.*

Plant Lab: Harvesting Summer Crops*

Saturday, August 12, 3:00-4:00 pm
Children's Program Room/Outdoor Patio

This month, kids will harvest the crops! Take home herbs, veggies, and fruit. *Grades 3-5.*

Plant Lab: Farm to Table Pico de Gallo*

Friday, August 25, 3:00-3:45 pm
Children's Program Room/Outdoor Patio

Learn how to make pico de gallo from the plants on our patio! *Grades 3-5.*

Find Your STEAM Series:

Children's Program Room *Grades 1-2:*

Find Your STEAM: Science*

Thursday, June 22, 3:30-4:15 pm

Find Your STEAM: Technology*

Thursday, June 29, 3:30-4:15 pm

Find Your STEAM: Engineering*

Thursday, July 20, 3:30-4:15 pm

Find Your STEAM: Art*

Thursday, August 3, 3:30-4:15 pm

Find Your STEAM: Math*

Thursday, August 10, 3:30-4:15 pm

Find Your Green Thumb: Kokedama for Kids*

Wednesday, July 26, 3:00-4:00 pm
Community Room

Learn about this Japanese planting style and create your own miniature Kokedama display with the botanists from the New England Botanical Garden. *Grades 3-5.*

Find Your Structure

Tuesdays, July 11-August 8, 3:00-3:30 pm
Children's Program Room

Join your RPL librarians for a drop-in building class featuring Legos and other building blocks! *Grades 1-6.*

Find Your Stage: Theater Games*

Thursdays, July 13, August 15, 1:30-3:30 pm
Community Room

Come learn the basics of improv with the talented team from Little Spark Theater! Get ready for some antics, shenanigans, and a ridiculously fun time! *Grades 3-5.*

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MEET-UPS

Virtual Writers' Group***Wednesdays, June 7, 10:00-11:00 am**

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

Genealogy One-on-One: Private Research Appointments***Various Dates-Check Calendar****History Room**

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

Homeschool Curious: All Things Paperwork***Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 pm****Children's Program Room**

Are you a caregiver interested in homeschooling? Do you have questions about all the nitty gritty paperwork? Come talk to our resident homeschool expert, Miss Megan! We will discuss how to submit paperwork to the schools and methods for end-of-year reports.

Homeschool Curious: Schedules from Annual to Daily***Tuesday, July 25, 6:30-7:30 pm****Children's Program Room**

Are you a caregiver who is curious about homeschooling? Do you have questions about scheduling your lesson plans? Stop in to discuss all things schedules with our resident homeschool expert, Miss Megan.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Juliette Fay Author Visit**Monday, June 5, 7:00-8:30 pm****Community Room**Calling all book groups and book lovers! Whitelam Books, in partnership with RPL, hosts reader favorite Juliette Fay to discuss her brand new novel *The Half of It*. Book sale and signing to follow.**KidLit Fan Club!*****Monday, June 12, 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! This month, we are reading *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee. Copies of the books will be provided to participants.**Pleasant Street Center Book Group*****Wednesday, June 21, 9:30-11:00 am****Pleasant Street Center**Looking for a casual book group where you can discuss, engage and laugh with other like-minded readers? This month's discussion features *The Long Flight Home* by Alan Hlad. Copies are available at the Library and at the Pleasant Street Center.**Word of Mouth Book Discussion****Tuesdays, June 27, July 25, August 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.

Nancy Horan in Conversation with Therese Fowler***Wednesday, June 28, 7:00-8:00 pm****Virtual**Join us for a virtual event hosted by the Burlington Public Library. Nancy Horan, author of the million-copy New York Times best-seller *Loving Frank*, returns with her new book *The House of Lincoln*, New York Times bestselling author, Therese Fowler will moderate.**Summer Sizzlers Book Talk and Mocktails****Friday, June 30, 7:00-8:30 pm****Reading Public Library**

Summer reading just got even hotter! Summer Sizzlers are on-the-spot book reviews presented by some of your favorite library staff members in speed-dating fashion. Bring your wallet and your friends to enjoy cash bar mocktails to pair with your new summer reading list, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. This Adult Summer Reading kick-off event is held on a Friday evening when the Library is closed.

Headed into the Abyss: The Story of Our Time, and the Future We'll Face with Brian T. Watson**Tuesday, July 11, 7:00-9:00 pm****Community Room**Join author, architect, and current affairs columnist Brian T. Watson for a presentation and discussion of his recent book, *Headed Into the Abyss: The Story of Our Time, and the Future We'll Face*. The book describes the state of society today, the many challenges we face, and assesses our potential to meaningfully address these problems. Book sale and signing to follow.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Virtual: Improper Bostonians***Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-7:30 pm****Virtual**

Celebrate Pride Month with a presentation from The History Project, Boston's LGBTQ archive. Learn about 400+ Years of LGBTQ people, community, organizing, and change in Massachusetts. The History Project is Boston's LGBTQ+ community archives. A non-profit established in 1980, documents, preserves, and shares the history and stories of Massachusetts' LGBTQ+ community. This event is a collaboration between Burlington, Bigelow (Clinton), Memorial Hall (Andover), and Reading Public Libraries.



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Drive to Sing Documentary Screening with special guests The Reading Community Singers**Tuesday, August 22, 7:00-9:00 pm****Community Room**

Join members of the Reading Community Singers for a screening and possibly a song! Are you passionate about choir singing? Don't miss this award-winning documentary made in Massachusetts. This film is about choirs during the pandemic and the importance of making music together. Featuring choruses from MA, NJ, WI, and Alberta, this uplifting film won Best Indie Feature at Oniros Film Awards in New York.

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