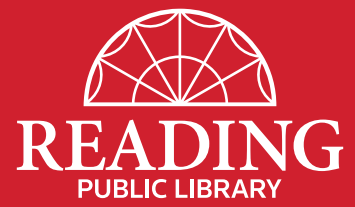


FALL 2023

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER PROGRAM GUIDE



HIGHLIGHTS

FALL CONCERT: THE BACK TRACK BAND

Monday, Sept. 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

Reading Public Library Lawn

Step back in time and enjoy the songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's with Reading's own Back Track band, a harmony-rich six-piece live band featuring three talented lead female vocalists backed by an experienced group of musicians. Bring your blankets or beach chairs and join us to sing along, dance with abandon and bid summer a fond farewell. *All ages. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.*



VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT: RYAN ESTRADA*

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual

The RPL is excited to host Ryan Estrada, co-author of the graphic novel *Banned Book Club*; the gripping true story of a South Korean woman's student days under an authoritarian regime in the early 1980s, and how she defied state censorship through the rebellion of reading. For those who attend, a random drawing will pick 10 winners to receive a copy of the book and a goodie tote bag! *All ages.*



SPARK SPOT (AGES 5 AND UP)

Fridays, Sept. 15, 22, Oct. 6, 27, Nov. 3, 2:00-4:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Draw, collage, glue, design, mold, bead, create! The Spark Spot is an open-ended art space designed for the entire family to explore their creativity at their own pace. Start your weekend with some art. *Grades K-5.*



NEW RESIDENT OPEN HOUSE*

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5:00-7:00 pm

Community Room, Conference Room, Studio

If you have moved to Reading in the last 12 months, you are invited to Reading's New Resident Open House! Meet representatives from town government, schools, youth and faith groups, and community organizations. Learn about services, programs, and events in Reading and enjoy refreshments while you mingle with other new residents.



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

**MEET-UPS****Teen Meet Up: NAGLY****Tuesday, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 3:00-5:00 pm****Teen Room**

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

Teen Meet Up: Magic the Gathering***Tuesday, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, 5:00-7:00 pm****Teen Room**

Do you like tabletop games? Are you looking for a group to learn and play with? Whether you're looking to make your very first Magic the Gathering deck or anxious to try out your newest ingenious build, we're bringing the friendly, casual play of the game store straight to the library! All skill levels and formats are welcome. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library. Thank you! *Grades 6-12*

The In BeTWEEN Book Club: Banned Books Week Edition***Wednesday, Oct. 4, 3:30-4:00 pm****Children's Program Room**

Join your RPL librarians for the first In BeTWEEN Book Club meeting of the year. In BeTWEEN Book Club is a book group exclusively for tweens to discuss important topics in their lives through the power of literature. This month we will be discussing *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by Amy Sarig King. Books will be available at the Children's Desk. *Grades 5-7*

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****Metalsmithing for Teens!*****Thursday, Nov. 9, 5:00-6:30 pm****Conference Room**

Teens are welcome to create their own bookmark out of copper! The workshop consists of learning about the structure of copper and how to create drawings in metal and use letter stamps to create textures and words on their bookmarks. Teens can put their favorite quote, name, or a drawing of their own creation on their copper blanks. The options are endless! *Grades 6-12*

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Thank you to the Friends of the Reading Public Library for funding library programming.

HEALTH NOOK CORNER**Wellness Wednesdays****Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Dec. 13, 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! There is no fee or health insurance needed and all services are confidential.

Mental Health First Aid for Older Adults***Tuesday, Sept. 5, Thursdays Sept. 14-28, 4:00-6:00 pm****Mental Health First Aid for Adults*****Thursdays, Oct. 5-26, 6:00-8:00 pm****Youth Mental Health First Aid for Parents and Anyone Working/Living With Teens*****Thursdays, Nov. 9-Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00 pm****Community Room**

The Reading Coalition for Prevention & Support and the RPL present a series of mental health first aid workshops for all ages. Similar to physical First Aid and CPR, MHFA helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis until professional assistance is obtained.

Introduction to the Health Nook**Tuesday, Sept. 26, 12:30-1:00 pm****Health Nook Healing Library****Tuesday, Oct. 24, 11:30-noon****Databases Available in the Health Nook****Thursday, Nov. 16, 5:30-6:00 pm****RPL Health Nook**

What is the Health Nook? Drop by and find out about the Health Nook, the transformed turret next to the Research & Reader Services Desk. This new space is full of health and wellness information.

Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans? Which Coverage is Best for Me**Tuesday, Oct. 24, 10:00-11:00 am****Community Room**

This presentation will discuss the differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans, and help in the decision process.

Health Plan Options for People with Medicare**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4:00-5:00 pm****Community Room**

This presentation is geared towards existing Medicare enrollees. The emphasis will be on the differences between Medigap and Medicare Advantage plan.



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Library Hours

Monday	9am-9pm
Tuesday	9am-9pm
Wednesday	9am-9pm
Thursday	1pm-9pm
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm (Oct-May)

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Storytimes

Monday Marvels Storytime: Ages 5 and under*

Mondays, September 11-October 30, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

Our storytimes are full of stories, songs, rhymes, and activities, and foster opportunities for social engagement and early literacy. Plus, they're fun! *Ages Birth to 5 years*

Tuesday Treasures Storytime: Ages 5 and under*

Tuesdays, September 12-October 31, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

Our storytimes are full of stories, songs, rhymes, and activities, and foster opportunities for social engagement and early literacy. Plus, they're fun! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Wednesday Wishes Storytime: Ages 5 and under*

Wednesdays, September 13-October 25, 10:00-10:30 am

Children's Program Room

Our storytimes are full of stories, songs, rhymes, and activities, and foster opportunities for social engagement and early literacy. Plus, they're fun! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Adaptive Stories & Songs*

Thursdays, September 14-October 26, 6:30-7:00 pm

Children's Program Room

This program is designed for children who are neurodiverse or have developmental/intellectual disabilities, and their typically developing siblings and peers. If your child has difficulty with our other storytimes, this program might be just what you are looking for. *Ages 3-8*

Babytime: Storytime for Babies 0-15 months*

Tuesdays, September 12-October 24, 6:30-7:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join your children's librarians for stories, songs, play, and Very Important Fun with other babies and caregivers. *Ages Birth-15 months*

Special Guest Storytime (Ages 5 and under)

Fridays, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 17, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join RPL Librarians and local town employees as we talk about what they do! What do firefighters do to stay safe? How do police know when to use their siren? Every week there is someone new to tell us about what they do! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Jumping Beans: Family Storytime Drop-in

Saturdays, September 16-November 25, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

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

Dribble Drabble (Ages 18-36 months)*

Mondays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 11:00-11:30 am

Children's Program Room

Storytime and paint exploration! We will integrate storytelling, music, and movement with painting. The process is valued over any finished product. Dress for a mess! *Ages 18-36 months*

Hello Neighbor Multilingual Storytime

Fridays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 27, Nov. 17, 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! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Singalong with Peter Sheridan

Fridays, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, 10:00-11:00 am

Community Room

Join our longtime friend Peter Sheridan for a musical celebration. *Ages Birth-5 years*

School Age

Kids Can Series*

Kids Build! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, September 14, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Kids Sing! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, September 28, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Kids Map! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, October 12, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Kids Joke! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, October 26, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Kids Bake! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, November 9, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Kids Publish! (Entering Grades 1-3)*

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

Children's Program Room

Nonfiction Smackdown! (Grades 4-5)*

Thursdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

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. *Grades 4-5*

Nature Journaling (Grades 3-5)*

Fridays, Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Nov. 17, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Nature journaling combines observation, drawing, writing and data collection. Kids can join the ranks of Henry David Thoreau and Leonardo DaVinci while enjoying nature and spending time with friends. Dress for the weather. *Grades 3-5*

Nature Stories and Exploration (Grades K-2)

Saturdays, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 3:00-4:00 pm

TBA

There is so much nature to explore right here in Reading! We'll meet at a local conservation land site, read a science story, take a short hike, and do a nature craft or activity. *Grades K-2*

Parenting Programs

Virtual: Grandparents as Parents*

Monday, Oct. 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

Please come join Colleen Pritoni, the first Coordinator for The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for an informational session on the services offered by the Commission.

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



MEET-UPS

Virtual Writers' Group***Wednesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 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? Book an appointment with our Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian today!

PSC Memory Cafe in Partnership with Stoneham SC***Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Nov. 14, 10:30-noon****Community Room**

The Stoneham & Reading Senior Centers and the RPL are partnering to bring a Memory Cafe to those with memory impairment & their care partners. To RSVP, call Kerry Valle at (781) 942-6659 or Alyse Warren at (781) 942-6693.

English Conversation Group***Fridays, Sept. 29-Dec. 15, no class Nov. 10, 10:00-11:30 am****Studio**

Would you like to improve your conversational English skills in a fun, friendly, free setting, join the english conversation group.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Writers' Workshop Series: There's No Write Way To Write***Wednesdays, Sept. 13-27, 10:00-11:30 am****Studio**

This series is designed to meet writers where they are and can help you start from scratch or help you to continue and complete work you've already begun.

Community Beading: Help Create a Piece of Art for the Library!***Saturday, Sept. 30, 12:30-4:45 pm****Studio**

Join Indigenous artist and Massachusetts Tribe Educator Thomas Green, as we create a community art project for the RPL.

Reading's Contribution to WWII**Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:00-8:30 pm****Studio**

Join Autumn Hendrickson for a night of Reading History!

The Basics of Budgeting with Certified Financial Planners of Boston**Monday, Nov. 6, 7:00-8:00 pm****Community Room**

How do you create a budget and keep it? Join Tirthraj Gupta and Walter Hartford, of the CFP Society of Boston, to learn financial basics.

Birds Back from The Brink: Massachusetts Success Stories with Dave Williams**Monday, Nov. 20, 7:00-8:30 pm****Community Room**

What do the Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Osprey, and the Wild Turkey all have in common? All four of these species were pushed to the brink of elimination here in MA.



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Trivia at the Library!***Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:00-8:30 pm****Community Room**

Grab your team and join us for trivia at the library! All ages are welcome. Trivia questions are geared toward adults.

Virtual: Banned in the USA: A History of Censorship, Book Bans, and First Amendment Freedoms***Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Join Jocelyn Kennedy, a lawyer and librarian, to explore the history of censorship within our country.

On Being a Second Generation Holocaust Survivor: The Importance of Keeping the Legacy Alive**Monday, Oct. 23, 7:00-8:30 pm****Community Room**

2023 marks the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, RPL is honored to welcome welcome Gayle Saks, whose family was directly affected by Nazi persecution.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

RPL Book Group***Wednesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 7:00-8:30 pm****Conference Room**

The RPL Book Group is a participant-run adult book discussion group that meets to discuss a broad range of book selections.

Pleasant Street Center Book Group**Tuesdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, 9:30-11:00 am****Pleasant Street Center**Join our casual book group! September title: *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont, October's title: *Once There Were Wolves* by Char-lotte McConaghy, November's title: Alex Finlay's thriller, *Night Shift*.**Word of Mouth Book Discussion****Tuesdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 28, 10:00 am-Noon****Conference Room**

Have you read any good books lately? Join us for an informal monthly discussion of what people are currently reading.

Read-In on the Library Lawn**Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:00-noon****Library Lawn**Come to our read-in and celebrate the freedom to read! We will have a storytime for the little ones at 10. Bring a book, a blanket or lawn chair. Folding chairs provided. *All Ages***KidLit Fan Club!*****Mondays, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, 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! Oct. title: *Harvest House* by Cynthia Leitich Smith, Nov. title: *This is not a personal statement* by Tracy Badua. Copies of the books will be provided to participants.**The Ransomware Hunting Team: A True Crime Author Talk with Renee Dudley****Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:00-8:00 pm****Community Room**The *Ransomware Hunting Team* traces the adventures of these unassuming heroes and how they have used their skills to save millions of ransomware victims.