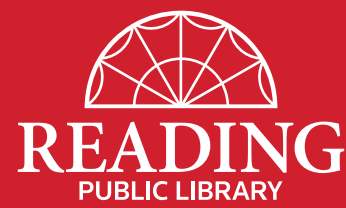


SPRING 2024 MARCH, APRIL, MAY PROGRAM GUIDE



HIGHLIGHTS

ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

Saturday, May 11, 12:00-4:30 pm

Join us for an Animal Extravaganza celebrating humans and their furry, feathered, and four-legged friends! Learn about local animal rescue organizations with live animal demonstrations. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome to attend outside events. *All ages*



AUTHOR EVENT: JARRETT J. KROSOCZKA*

Thursday, May 2, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

Jarrett J. Krosoczka is the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator behind more than forty books for young readers, including his wildly popular *Lunch Lady* graphic novels and *Hey, Kiddo*, which was a National Book Award Finalist. *Grades 6-Adult*

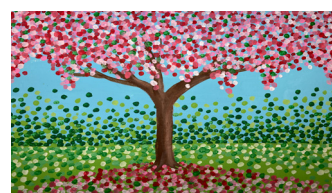


PAINT NIGHT*

Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join us for an intergenerational evening of creative fun, learning how to paint a springtime cherry tree using the technique of pointillism. Facilitated by Pop-Up Art School. All supplies are provided. *Ages 12 and up*



SWIFTIE SESSIONS

(Trivia Version): Tuesday, April 16, 6:00-8:00 pm* *Adults.*

(Bracelet Version): Wednesday, April 17, 1:00-2:00 pm* *Grades 3-5*

(Bracelet Version): Wednesday, April 17, 3:00-4:00 pm* *Grades 6-12*

Community Room

Hey Swifties, we've got you covered this April vacation whatever your age. Trivia for adults and two bracelet making sessions! Are you ready for it?



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**MEET-UPS****Teen Meet Up: Magic the Gathering***

Mondays, March 4, April 1, May 6, 5:00-7:00 pm

Teen Room

Come play Magic the Gathering in a casual environment at the library! *Grades 6-12***Teen Meet Up: True Colors**

Tuesday, March 19, April 23, May 21, 3:00-4:30 pm

Teen Room

Join us for activities, adventure, and fun! Open to all LGBTQIA+ teens and allies. Snacks will be provided. *Grades 6-12***Teen Meet Up: Book Group**

Thursday, March 14, April 11, 6:00-7:00 pm

Teen Room

Come to the book group, get book recommendations, and meet up with friends. Snacks and pizza will be provided! *Grades 7-12***CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****CPR Training for Teens!***

Thursday, March 7, 4:00-6:00 pm

Conference Room

Do you need CPR training for the summer? Come to the library and earn your free certification with Beck Safety and Education! *Grades 6-12***College Admission and Creative Summer Planning***

Monday, March 25, 6:00-7:00 pm

Studio

Unpack the secrets to college admissions and creative summer planning with Collegewise's expert counselor, Lizzie Leonard! *Grades 6-12***How to Write Great College Essays***

Thursday, April 25, 6:00-7:00 pm

Conference Room

Learn to write effective college essays with Collegewise's expert counselor, Lizzie Leonard! *Grades 6-12***Cooking for Teens!***

Thursday, May 23, 5:00-6:30 pm

Community Room

Chef Tom will teach teens how to use some prepared items and some fresh items to make whole new dishes. This demo combines cooking with knife and kitchen safety. *Grades 6-12***Learn to Play Pokemon***

Thursday, April 18, 2:00-5:00 pm

Conference Room

Learn to play Pokemon with OneUp Games. *Grades 6-12***SPECIAL EVENTS****"Kiss the Ground" Documentary Film Presentation**

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join us for a screening of this award winning documentary about how to make a positive change for a healthier future.

Crochet for Climate Awareness!

March 19-April 30, Various dates and times-check calendar Studio

Join a community crochet project to share a powerful message about our oceans.

The Great North American Eclipse

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

Astronomer Meg Thacher will explain how solar and lunar eclipses happen and how to safely view the April 8th eclipse.

Bike Maintenance Workshop

Monday, April 22, 6:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Join REI bike mechanics for a workshop on how to care for and maintain your bike.

Stephen Puleo presents *The Great Abolitionist*

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

Community Room

Join author Stephen Puleo as he presents the groundbreaking biography of Charles Sumner, forgotten civil rights hero.

OESJ EVENTS**Blindness: As Identity / In Society**

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

In this talk, disabled writer and educator Aymon Langlois will discuss what it means to identify as blind as well as what cultural freight that carries.

The Disability Rights Movement, the ADA, and Social Models of Disability

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

Join disabled writer and educator Aymon Langlois as he probes the ADA and the Disability Rights Movement.

Disability in Religion and in the Wider World

Saturday, May 11, 2:00-3:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading

Join disabled writer and educator Aymon Langlois as he presents a preliminary survey of disability representation across faith traditions.



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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

Pajama Playdate

Fridays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Stay in your PJs and join your children's librarians for music, toys, big body play, and friends. *Ages Birth-5 years*

Jumping Beans: Family Storytime Drop-in

Saturdays, March 2-May 18, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

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

Babytime: Storytime for Babies 0-15 months*

Tuesdays, March 5-May 28, 6:30-7:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join us for stories, songs, play, and Very Important Fun with other babies and caregivers. *Ages Birth-15 months*

Show and Tell Storytime (Pre-K-Grade 2)*

Tuesdays, March 5-April 9, 1:30-2:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Stories, songs and time to share about your special treasures with friends. *Ages 3-7*

Adaptive Stories & Songs*

Thursdays, March 7-May 30, 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. *Ages 3-8*

Singalong with Peter Sheridan

Fridays, March 8, April 12, May 10, 10:00-11:00 am

Community Room

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

Stuffie Storytime (all ages)

Fridays, March 15, April 26, May 17, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Grab your favorite stuffed animal and head to the library for some storytime fun with books, songs, rhymes, and movement. *All Ages*

Special Guest Storytime (Ages 5 and under)

Fridays, March 22, May 31, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join RPL Librarians and local professionals as we talk about what they do! Every week there is someone new! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Dribble Drabble (Ages 18-36 months)*

Mondays, March 25, April 22, May 13, 11:00-11:30 am

Children's Program Room

Storytime and paint exploration! We will integrate storytelling, music, and movement with painting. *Ages 18-36 months*

Spring Into Color

Fridays, March 29, May 24, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join RPL librarians for music and art! *Ages Birth-5 years*

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School Age

Local Heroes, Big Stories (Grades K-3)

Fridays, March 1-29, 1:30-2:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join RPL Librarians and a local hero for storytime. *Grades K-3*

Home(schoolers) Away from Home (Grades 1-5)

Tuesdays, March 5-April 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

Children's Program Room

We'll read the story of an explorer or inventor and create a STEAM project inspired by their life. *Ages 6-10*

BeTween Time (Grades 4-7)*

Wednesdays, March 6-May 29, 3:00-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Tweens can join us for a range of fun activities, from crafting to gaming and everything in-between! *Grades 4-7*

Writing Boxes: Tween Creativity Workshop (Gr 4-7)*

Thursdays, March 7-April 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

At these workshops, we'll allow ourselves a time and place to create freely. *Grades 4-7*

The Solar Eclipse: What's the Big Deal? (Grades 2-5)

Wednesday, April 3, 3:30-4:30 pm

Community Room

Join author and teacher, Meg Thacher, to learn all about the eclipse that will take place on April 8. *Grades 2-5*

Title Town (Grades 1-4)*

Thursdays, April 25-May 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

Community Room

Join us to play team games, read sporty books, and meet some Rocket champions! *Grades 1-4*

Citizen Kids (Grades 3-5)*

Tuesdays, April 23-June 4, 3:00-4:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Young leaders will create a service project for our community in this series. *Grades 3-5*

Kids Can! Dollar and Sense Program Series*

Kids Spend! (Grades 1-3)*

Monday, March 4, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids Save! (Grades 1-3)*

Monday, April 1, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids Give! (Grades 1-3)*

Monday, May 6, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Thank You, Veterans: Drop-In Art Project

Fridays, May 3-24 1:30-2:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Join RPL Librarians as we create an art installation for the veterans of Reading and beyond. *Ages 5 and up*

Plant Lab: Seed Starting (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, April 12, 3:00-3:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join us to plant pepper and tomato seeds. *Grades 3-5*

Plant Lab: Patio Planting (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, May 24, 3:00-4:00 pm

Outdoor Patio

Join us as we transplant the tomatoes and peppers we started in April. *Grades 3-5*

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

**MEET-UPS****Virtual-Writers' Group*****Wednesday, March 6, 10:00-11:00 am**

Join this writer's group to share ideas, drafts, and encouragement.

English Conversation Group***Mondays, March 4-April 29, 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.

Play Mah Jongg**Wednesdays, March 6-May 29, 1:00-3:00 pm**

Studio

Drop in and enjoy a game of Mah Jongg with other interested players. Bring your own card for the current year's standard hands and rules.

Pleasant Street Center Memory Cafe**Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 10:30-12:00 pm**

Community Room

Come to the Memory Cafe for support for those with memory impairment & their care partners. To RSVP, call Kerry Valle at (781) 942-6659 or Alyse Warren at (781) 942-6693.

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

History Room

Book an appointment with our Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian today!

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****Gun Safety Discussion for Parents and Guardians****Monday, March 4, 6:00-7:00 pm**

Community Room

Join volunteers from Everytown for Gun Safety to learn how to discuss gun safety.

Virtual: Demystifying the Federal Hiring Process***Wednesday, March 20, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Join HR Specialist Lena C. Jackson as she introduces you to the the federal hiring process.

Spring is On the Way ... and So Are the Birds!!**Monday, March 25, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Community Room

The Spring migration is right around the corner. Learn about the avian jewels that will be pouring through our area starting in April.

Getting Ready for Your 2024 Garden**Monday, April 1, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Community Room

Join members of the Crystal Garden Club and learn tips on getting your garden ready for the season.

Flower Pollination and the Bees that Feed the World**Tuesday, April 9, 7:00-8:15 pm**

Community Room

Join beekeeper, and research scientist Peter V. Hauschka, Ph.D. to learn about bees, flowering plants and the benefits of pollination.

Ask an Organizer!**Thursday, April 18, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Community Room

Professional home organizer Danielle Nicholas of Oasis Organizing Solutions shares ways to tackle clutter and mindfully organize.

AI @ Work: Getting Started with Artificial Intelligence**Thursday, April 25, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Community Room

AI adoption expert Michelle LeFavor will provide introductory training on today's user-friendly AI tools.

Mental Health First Aid for Adults***Tuesdays, May 7-28, 5:00-7:30 pm**

Conference Room

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.

**PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS****March Matinees:****Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 27, 2:00-5:00 pm**

Community Room

March Matinees is a midday Spring series where we broadcast live-on-tape productions from English-speaking theatres near and far. Check our events calendar for more information.

Celtic Music Concert with Ulster Landing:**Monday, March 18, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Community Room

Join Boston-based group Ulster Landing for traditional folk music of the Celtic regions, roaring rhythms and all around good cheer!

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS****KidLit Fan Club!*****Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 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!

RPL Book Group***Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Conference Room

Join our participant-run adult book discussion group. Check our events calendar for book titles.

Studio 64 Book Club**Fridays, March 22, April 19, May 17, 10:30-12:00 pm**

Studio

Join our casual book group! Check our events calendar for book titles.

Word of Mouth Book Discussion**Tuesdays, March 26, April 30, May 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.