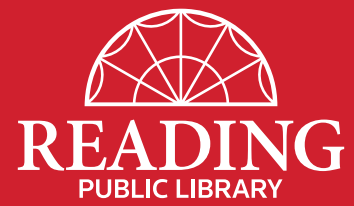


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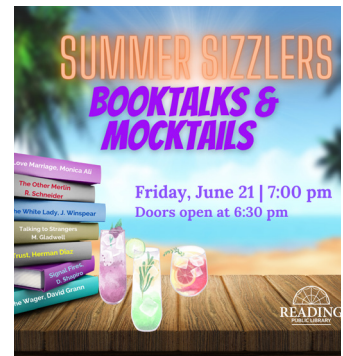


HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER SIZZLERS

Friday, June 21, 7:00-8:30 pm

Join the literary and social event of the year! Summer Sizzlers are speedy book reviews presented by some of your favorite library staff. Bring your wallet and friends to enjoy cash bar mocktails to pair with your new summer reading list, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



THE WHALEMOBILE @ RMHS FIELD HOUSE*

Monday, July 1, 10:00-12:00 pm

RMHS Field House

Join the Whalemobile as it travels to Reading. Hosted by the Children's Room at the RPL, you'll get to see just how large a whale is and you get to go inside it! Please sign up each child for ONE half hour session.

Grades K-6

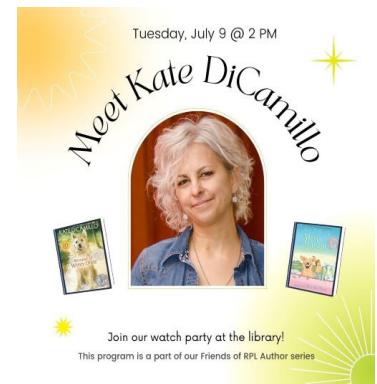


KATE DICAMILLO: FRIENDS SPEAKER SERIES

Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for a live watch party as we watch Kate DiCamillo live via Zoom discussing her writing. Kids can ask questions during the program to be submitted for the Q&A section at the end of her talk.



GUILD HALL STEM WORKSHOPS

Flying Machines for Teens! Thursday, July 11, 2:00-4:00 pm*

Combat Robotics for Teens! Thursday, July 18, 2:00-4:00 pm*

Gondola Challenge for Teens! Thursday, July 25, 2:00-4:00 pm*

Community Room

Guild Hall allows teens to unleash their creativity by designing and building machines, using physics and simple objects. *Grades 6-12*



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Storytimes

Chalk & Bubbles

Friday, June 7, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Wear something comfortable as we play outside and blow the biggest bubbles we can! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Babytime: Storytime for Babies 0-15 months*

Tuesdays, June 4 & 11, 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*

Singalong with Peter Sheridan

Friday, June 14, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

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

Sunset Storytime (For ages 0-5)

Tuesdays, June 25-August 13, 6:30-7:15 pm

Various Locations

Join RPL Librarians as we go around town to local parks to perform our storytimes! Check our calendar for locations. *Ages Birth-5 years*

Family Rock Painting: Reada the Rock Snake

Friday, June 28, 2:30-3:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Come help us start Reada the RPL Community Rock Snake. Bring a rock and we will bring the paint, brushes, and FUN! This event is to contribute to a library installation. Throughout the summer, we welcome you to bring painted rocks to add to Reada and see how long she can grow. *All Ages*

Music with Mara and Motoko

Saturday, July 13, 10:00-10:45 am

Community Room

Join musicians Mara and Motoko for another round of great singing, dancing, and of course, bubbles! *Ages Birth-4 years*

Vehicle Day

Tuesday, August 13, 7:30-9:00 am

Library Parking Lot

It's the 25th annual Vehicle Day! Stop by the library parking lot to visit cool cars, tough trucks, and excellent emergency vehicles! This event is rain or shine. *All Ages*

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School Age

BeTWEEN Time (Grades 4-7)

Wednesdays, June 26, July 10, 24, Aug. 14, 21, 3:00-3:45 pm

Children's Program Room

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

Chew & Chat: Pizza and Book Discussion*

Thursdays, June 27, July 18, August 15, 6:00-6:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Join us for pizza and time to talk about books with friends and Librarian Miss Ashley. Please bring at least one book to share with the group. *Entering Grades 1-3*

Books & Bites: Pizza and Book Discussion*

Thursdays, June 27, July 18, August 15, 6:30-7:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Join us for pizza and time to talk about books with friends and Librarian Miss Ashley. Please bring at least one book to share with the group. *Entering Grades 4-5*

Virtual: Kate DiCamillo: Friends Speaker Series

Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Join RPL librarians as we watch Kate DiCamillo live via Zoom discuss her writing. *Ages 5 and up*

Plant Lab! (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, July 12, 26 & August 16, 3:00-4:00 pm

Outdoor Patio

Patio Garden to Table! Join us for weeding, watering, harvesting and eating the delicious plants from our patio garden. *Grades 3-5*

Beekeeping and Candle Making*

Tuesday, July 16, 1:00-1:45 pm

Children's Program Room

Join local beekeeper, Nora Neale, for a lesson in all thing bees! And then stick around as we make some rolled candles. *Entering Grades 1-6*

Max Brallier: Friends Speaker Series*

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

Children's Program Room

Join us for a viewing of Max Brallier's author talk all about *The Last Kids on Earth!* We will make slime and celebrate Halloween the way it's supposed to be...in the dead of summer. *Grades 3-6*

Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals: Stuffed Animal Vet Clinic*

Wednesday, July 31, 1:00-1:45 pm

Children's Program Room

Join local author Jennifer Welborn and illustrator Rozillia for a reading from their book *Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals* and learn about veterinary science through a stuffed animal clinic. Bring a stuffed friend along, and we will provide the vet kits! *Ages 4-8*

Hula Hooping with WildKat Hoops

Monday, August 5, 10:00-11:00 am

Community Room

Join Kat Suwalski of WildKat Hoops for a hula hooping class that will make you hoopsessed! *Ages 8 and up*



MEET-UPS

Crochet & Knitting Meetup Drop-In

Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, August 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

Studio

Bring your crochet hooks, knitting needles, yarn, quilting, or other fiber craft for a meet up with crafters. The library will share patterns and local resources in need of handmade items.

Writers' Group

Wednesdays, June 5, 10:00-11:30 am

Studio

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

English Conversation Group*

Mondays, June 10-August 12, 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.

Kitty Cafe with Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am-Noon

Community Room

Meet some feline friends available for adoption and learn about how you can support local cats through adoption, fostering, volunteering, with the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Virtual: Home Improvement with Mercury Stardust*

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

Join us as we welcome trans handywoman and TikTok star Mercury Stardust. Mercury is the acclaimed author of *Safe and Sound: A Renter Friendly Guide to Home Repair*. Her focus has been helping renters and homeowners reclaim independence through home improvement. *Sponsored in part with the Rowley Public Library.*

The Legacy of Old Mother Boston

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Learn about "Old Mother Boston" and how she and her family participated in some of Black Boston's most important events of the 1800s at this lecture by Local History Reference Librarian Jocelyn Gould.

Hiking in New England with the AMC

Wednesday, July 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Looking to get out on the trails this year? Join us for a talk with Jess Halvorsen from Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC) Boston Chapter to learn about some amazing trails in the New England area and how to keep yourself safe while out on the trail.

Mindfulness Meditation with Christine Rose*

Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 3:00-4:30 pm

Studio

Mindfulness Meditation Trainer and Reading resident, Christine Rose, will lead this series. You will learn the basics of the meditation practice and explore increasing awareness in our day-to-day lives.

The Dog Behavior Institute*

Thursday, July 18, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join Stephanie and Ran from The Dog Behavior Institute for a workshop on dog behavior and body language, with a goal to have a healthy, joyful relationship with your dog.

Laughter in the Kitchen*

Thursday, August 8, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Join us for a unique baking workshop where stress relief meets culinary creativity. Cynthia Neale from Therapy Gardens/SeniorU, will share plenty of recipes, some samples and how baking can be stress relieving.

Hiring a Reliable Contractor*

Tuesday, August 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

Robin Putnam of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (OCABR) will share informative tips and tricks about hiring a reliable contractor in this session.



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

CONCERT: Les Sampou and the Dirty Martinis

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

Library Lawn

Kick off summer with an outdoor concert that brings the American Songbook to life with a unique and sultry take on the classics—the music of Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, Diana Krall, Peggy Lee, and George Gershwin.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Emotional Lives of Teenagers - What Every Parent Needs to Know

Thursday, June 6, 6:00-7:00 pm

Conference Room

Join us as we talk through *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers* by Lisa Damour. Attendees will receive a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Circulating copies are also available at RPL. Sponsored by the Reading Coalition for Prevention & Support.

RPL Book Group*

Wednesday, June 12, 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

Friday, June 21, 10:30-12:00 pm

Studio

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

Virtual: Freida McFadden: Friends Speaker Series*

Thursday, June 13, 8:00-9:00 pm

Virtual

Freida McFadden will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers and her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid* series, in particular her forthcoming third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*.

Word of Mouth Book Discussion

Tuesdays, June 25, July 30, August 27, 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.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

History of Nintendo for Teens!*

Thursday, June 6, 5:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

History of Nintendo brings a walkable/playable museum to our library! Players will be able to learn about how Nintendo started and see how the iconic console evolved to where it is today. *Grades 6-12*

Exam Cram: Finals

Monday and Tuesday, June 10-11, 3:00-8:00 pm

Teen Area and Studio

Finals are here... Need a place to study? Enjoy TEEN ONLY spaces for collaborative study in the Teen Room and the Studio. Need a break? Come to the Teen Room to talk with friends and enjoy some snacks! *Grades 9-12*

FRIENDS SPEAKER SERIES

Virtual: Tiffany Jewell, Author Talk*

Thursday, June 20, 2:00-3:00 pm

Virtual

Unpack a history of systemic racism in the American education system with New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Jewell. Join us for a live viewing party of this virtual author talk! Tiffany Jewell highlights the inequities Black and Brown students face from preschool through college as she presents lessons and knowledge from her new book *Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School*. *Grades 6-12*

Virtual: Elizabeth Acevedo, Author Talk*

Tuesday, July 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

Virtual

You're invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! In this author conversation and Q&A, Acevedo will provide a short reading from her National Book Award winning and New York Times bestselling novel-in-verse, *The Poet X* serving as the backdrop to this amazing chat! *Grades 6-12*

Virtual: Dan Santat, Author Talk*

Tuesday, July 30, 2:00-3:00 pm

Virtual

Join this year's winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Dan Santat, as he inspires tweens and teens to tell their own stories through graphic novels. His winning book, *A First Time for Everything*, is a graphic memoir based on his own awkward middle school years and the trip to Europe that changed his life. *Grades 5-8*



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Felted Rainbow Patches*

Thursday, June 27, 5:00-6:30 pm

Community Room

Make a fuzzy felted patch with wool. Pick from four rainbow designs. Use the finished piece as a patch on a jacket, or frame it for a unique piece of art! Pop up Art School will show you how to use a barbed needle and wool roving to make this cool accessory. *Grades 6-12*

K-Pop Crafting for Teens!*

Thursday, August 8, 2:00-3:30 pm

Community Room

Do you love K-Pop??? Come to the library to decorate your favorite photo cards (PCs) and meet other fans! Bring your PCs to decorate and trade. There will be snacks, boba tea, and K-Pop hits playing. Don't have any photo cards? No problem! We'll have some unofficial cards available or you can create your own. *Grades 6-12*

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OESJ EVENTS

Juneteenth Freedom Festival

Saturday, June 15, 1:00-7:00 pm

Reading Town Center

Come celebrate culture and community and the anniversary of the freedom granted to enslaved African Americans. Freedom Fest centers around music, food, and celebrating black culture.

Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading (PAIR)

Wednesdays, July 17, August 21, 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.



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



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We've just launched a new digital resource: the **Friends Speaker Series**—that always gives you the best seat in the house at events featuring world-renowned authors. Each month, there will be 2-3 live virtual events with bestselling authors across a variety of genres. During each moderated event, authors answer questions submitted by viewers. If you miss a live event—no worries! Each live event is recorded so you can watch a backlog of author talks through our Friends Speaker Series site.



**For the Love of Mars:
A Human History of the Red Planet with
Smithsonian Curator Matt Shindell**
Monday, June 3, 2:00-3:00 pm
Studio

Join us for a live watch party with Matt Shindell, National Air and Space Museum Curator, as he introduces viewers to historical figures who have made sense of Mars and its secrets, in an online discussion of the book *For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet*



**Shelby Van Pelt, Author of Remarkably Bright
Creatures**
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7:00-8:00 pm
Studio

Join us for a live watch party with bestselling author Shelby Van Pelt about her beloved novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures!* *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is a luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus.



A Visit with Kate DiCamillo
Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-3:00 pm
Community Room

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Thriller Author Talk: Freida McFadden*
Thursday, June 13, 8:00-9:00 pm
Virtual

Register online for a virtual author talk with Freida McFadden. She will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers and her mega-bestselling hit series, *The Housemaid*. In particular her forthcoming third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*.



Summer Reading starts June 14

Children's Summer Reading Program: Stick with Summer Reading!*

Friday, June 14-Friday, August 16

Kids can join us in completing secret summer reading tasks and earning amazing summer reading stickers. We will hide our giraffe friend around town. If you see him, let us know and get a raffle ticket to win a personal karaoke machine. *Grades K-6*



Teen Summer Reading Program: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead*

Friday, June 14-Friday, August 9
 Teens entering grades 6-12 will be able to explore all things related to science and art! By attending programs and writing book reviews teens can earn raffle tickets to be entered to win one of 3 raffle prizes. *Grades 6-12*

Adult Summer Reading Program: BINGO!

Friday, June 14-Friday, August 9

Readers age 18 and older are invited to explore all the library has to offer through fun activities, interesting resources, and diverse reads. Complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line (BINGO) to be entered into prize drawings! Complete every space on a BINGO card and be entered to win a \$50 grand prize gift card to Market Basket! Finish and submit as many BINGO cards as you like all summer. *Ages 18 and up.*



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