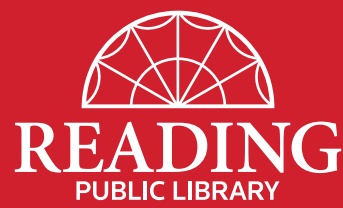


WINTER 2024-2025

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

PROGRAM GUIDE



HIGHLIGHTS

LIVEWIRES: DANCING WITH THE FOLK ARTS CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND*

Tuesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 4, 12:00-2:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading

The RPL presents a series of folk dance classes, brightening winter's coldest, darkest days.



WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP*

Saturday, February 1, 2:30-3:30 pm

Children's Program Room

Discover how important native plants are and bring a pot home to start your own native garden! With Suzanne Hale of Sassafras Garden Design.

Grades 3-5. This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



THE MAGIC OF NATIVE PLANTS: ATTRACTING BIRDS AND POLLINATORS

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room

Learn all about native plants with expert advice from Demetra of Gardens by Demetra. This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



STEM WITH CALLI*

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 4:30-6:30 pm

Teen Space

Learn about structural engineering and build a 12-inch structure, then see if it stands tall or takes a tumble when a simulated earthquake hits.

Grades 9-12.



SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2:30-4:30 pm

Community Room and Library Lawn

A "wonderland" for all ages to celebrate the first day of winter.

All ages.



**MEET-UPS****Crochet & Knit Drop-In Meetup**

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4., 7:00-8:30 pm
Studio

Bring your crochet hooks, knitting needles other fiber crafts for a monthly community drop-in. Teens through Adults.

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****Season Your Way to a Happier Healthier You***

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:00-8:30 pm
Community Room

Therapy Gardens will share their many recipes and everyone will make their own personal seasoning mix to take home.

English Conversation Group*

Mondays, Feb. 3-April 28, 10:00-11:30 am
Studio

Join the English Conversation Group to improve your conversational English skills.

Mental Health First Aid for Adults*

Tuesdays, Feb. 4-March 4, 5:30-8:00 pm
Conference Room

Get certified in Mental Health First Aid for Adults.

Chair Yoga with Kathryn Mahoney*

Thursday, Feb. 6-27, 2:00-3:00 pm
Community Room

Join us for chair yoga.

**PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS****The Bay Circuit Trail & Mystic Link Trail Project!**

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:00-8:15 pm
Community Room

Learn about a 230 mile trail that arcs around the city of Boston from Newburyport to Kingston.

Winter Music Series: Speechless

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2:00-3:00 pm
Community Room

Winter Music Series: Concert: Piano Quartet

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2:00-3:00 pm
Community Room

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS****The Real Story: RPL's Nonfiction Book Club**

Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, 7:00-8:30 pm
Conference Room

Join us for engaging discussions about all things non-fiction.

Fact or Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 7:00-8:30 pm
Studio

Check our events calendar for book titles.

Studio 64 Book Club

Fridays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28. 10:30-11:30 am
Studio

***Registration required.**

Register online or call 781-944-0840

Word of Mouth Book Discussion

Tuesdays, Dec. 31, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, 10:00 am-Noon
Conference Room

Join us for an informal discussion of what people are currently reading.



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Images and Stories from the Frontlines of Climate Change

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:00-7:30 pm

Community Room

Award-winning photographer Julia Cumes takes us on a visual journey through climate change in real time.

Sustaining the Monarch, One Yard at a Time*

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

Learn About Monarch Butterflies and Create a Milkweed Seed Ball!

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Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual/Studio Watch Party

Join us for another fantastic virtual event with Smithsonian Gems curator Dr. Jeffrey E. Post as he discusses The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels.

Virtual: A Conversation with Laura Dave*

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a captivating conversation with Laura Dave, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me*.

Virtual: A Conversation with Author TJ Klune*

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:00-8:30 pm

Join New York Times bestselling author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, TJ Klune.

Virtual: All About Getting Published with Agent Seth Fishman*

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:00-2:30 pm

Get an inside look into working with an agent and the beginning stages of the publishing process with literary agent Seth Fishman.

Virtual: A Virtual Chat with Bestselling Author Amanda Montell*

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us as author Amanda Montell attempts to make sense of the senseless as she explores cognitive bias and the concept of "magical thinking".

Storytimes

Jumping Beans: Family Storytime Drop-in

Saturdays, Dec. 7-Feb. 15, 10:00-10:30 am
Community Room

Join us for an active story and song time. *Ages Birth-5 years*

Cooking Up A Storytime*

Mondays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, 10:00-10:45 am
Children's Program Room

A storytime and cooking class mixed together! *Ages 3-5 years*

Baby Snow Ball

Fridays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 10:00-10:30 am
Children's Program Room

Come dressed to the nines for a dancing snow party!
Ages Birth-5 years

Singalong with Peter Sheridan

Fridays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, 10:00-10:30 am
Community Room

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

Playdough Palooza

Fridays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28; 10:00-10:35 am
Community Room

Come have a colorful time playing with playdough!
Ages 3-6 years

Sparkly Storytime*

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:00-10:45 am
Community Room

Join Madam Zapple and the authors of *Miss Rita Mystery Reader*, Sam Donovan and Kristen Wixted for a sparkly storytime!
Registration is required. *Ages 3-7 years*



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Moon Walk

Monday, Jan. 13, Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:00-8:00 pm
Laurel Hill Cemetery/ Mattera Cabin

Join us for evening hikes. *All ages.*

Campfire Singalong

Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, 7:00-8:00 pm
Community Room, Library Lawn

Songs and s'mores. *All ages.*

Cryptid Club*

Thursdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, 3:30-4:30 pm
Children's Program Room

Learn about a different cryptid each month and make a craft!
Registration required. *Grades 3-5*

Plant Lab! (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, Dec. 6, 1:30-2:30 pm
Children's Program Room

Funky Fungi: Mushroom Dissection and Tasting

Plant Lab! (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, Jan. 3, 1:30-2:30 pm
Children's Program Room
Indoor Herb Garden

Plant Lab! (Grades 3-5)*

Friday, Feb. 7, 1:30-2:30 pm
Children's Program Room
Planning Our Spring Gardens

Winter Wonders*

Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 24, 3:30-4:15 pm
Children's Program Room

Seasonal science for kids who love winter! Explore science at this weekly STEM program that features ice, snow, and frosty fun. *Grades 1-3 This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.*



Tweens Cook with Kids' Test Kitchen*

Saturdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, 2:30-3:30 pm
Children's Room

Tweens can join chefs from Kids' Test Kitchen to learn some early culinary skills! *Grades 4-7*

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**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS****Drone Adventure Workshop for Teens!*****Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4:00-6:00 pm**

Community Room

Jump into the thrill of coding as you command drones to zip through obstacles, tackle exciting missions, and take on challenges.

Creative Holiday Centerpieces***Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Studio

Join President of the Reading Garden Club, Mary Ann Higgins, in creating a fresh wreath for your holiday table using locally sourced greens and other natural materials.

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K-Pop Crafting!***Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Community Room

Do you love K-Pop??? Then come to the library to decorate your favorite photo cards, make some bracelets, and meet other fans!

Crafting Drop-In for Teens!**Monday, Dec. 23. Friday, Dec. 27, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Teen Room

Looking for something to do during winter vacation? Come to the Teen Room and get creative with friends! A variety of supplies will be out for teens to use.

Hands-On Visible Mending with Cathy Karp***Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4:30-7:30 pm**

Studio

Start the new year sustainably by learning the art of visible mending! Preserve a favorite well-worn textile with creative and decorative techniques in this beginner workshop.

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Exam Cram for Teens!**Thursday-Friday, Jan. 16-17, Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 21-22, 2:30-8:00 pm**

Studio and Teen Room

Looking for a space to study for midterms? Come to the library to study in teen only spaces! Hungry or looking for a break? Come to the Teen Room for some candy and snacks!

Felted Woodland Toadstools for Teens!***Thursday, Feb. 13, 5:00-6:30 pm**

Community Room

Create toadstools to be displayed in the Teen Room for a temporary art installation!

**Tabletop Games for Teens!****Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 18-20, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Teen Room

Come to the Teen Room and play tabletop games with friends! Feel free to bring your own games or use some of ours. A variety of games will be set out for teens to use.

**Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading (PAIR)****Wednesdays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Community Room, Conference 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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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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