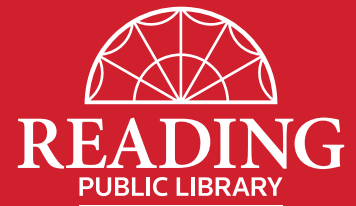


FALL 2024 SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER PROGRAM GUIDE



HIGHLIGHTS

VIRTUAL: LIBERATING LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE WITH AUTHOR SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA*

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us for a live virtual talk with Silvia Moreno-Garcia, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of several novels including *Mexican Gothic*, *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau*, *Gods of Jade and Shadow*, and her newest book *The Seventh Veil of Salome*. This is part of our Friends Speaker Series.

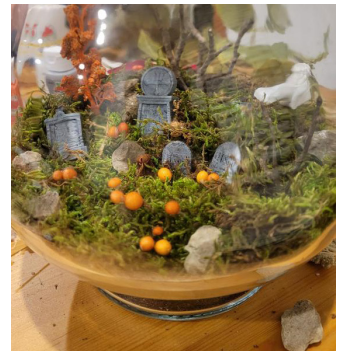


CEMETARIUM CRAFT FOR TEENS!*

Tuesday, October 8, 4:00-5:30 pm

Community Room

Do you have a black thumb when it comes to plants? Then come and make a cemetarium! Teens can assemble a fun spooky scene with a gnarled tree, gravestones, mushrooms, moss, and haunting characters all contained in a covered glass terrarium jar. *Grades 6-12*

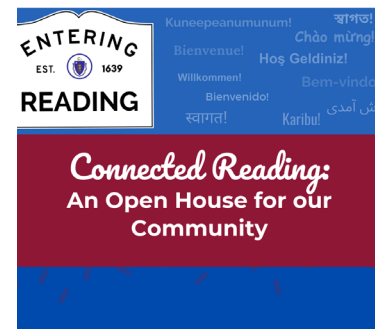


CONNECTED READING: AN OPEN HOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:00-7:00 pm

Reading Public Library

Join us for this drop-in event to meet representatives from town government and volunteer-led committees, schools, youth & faith-based groups, and community organizations. Refreshments will be served. The first 50 attendees will receive a welcome bag filled with information and gifts from local businesses.



CHILDREN'S FALL CONCERTS

All concerts, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Singalong with Peter Sheridan, Friday, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8

Sulinha's Trio for Kids, Friday, Sept. 27

Music With Mara and Motoko: Halloween Edition, Saturday, Oct. 26

Music and Movement with Miss Julie, Friday, Nov. 22



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ADULTS



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10:00-8:00 pm

Library Lobby

Join us for National Voter Registration Day and register to vote! The goal of National Voter Registration Day is to bring all Americans together for a bipartisan celebration of democracy. Town Clerk, Laura Gemme will have a voter registration table at the library. You must have an MA Driver's License or Social Security card to register.

Virtual: The Search for Alien Worlds From Earth's Largest Telescopes*

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:00-8:15 pm

Virtual or in Studio Watch Party

Drawing on his experiences as a researcher at CalTech, Joshua Liberman will describe how astronomers use cutting-edge instruments to view distant planets and possible new life forms!

Brenda Smith In-Person Author Talk

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 10:00-11:00 am

Conference Room

Former Reading resident and author, Brenda Smith will read from her debut book, *Becoming Fearless: Finding Courage in the African Wilderness*, a memoir that recounts her first overseas expedition.

RPL: Puzzle Swap

Saturday, Nov. 2, 12:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Visit the library for a free puzzle! Drop off puzzles in good condition at the Borrower Services desk any time between October 26, through October 31 and then come back on November 2 to grab a new one!

Has Anyone Seen \$500 Million in Art Lying Around Boston?

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

Conference Room

Join author Robert J. Ainsworth, in this lecture focusing on the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist. As a retired CPA he created a series of Massachusetts-based mysteries whose gumshoe, Hary Bartlett, is a fraud investigator.

Virtual: Ways to Have a Green Holiday Season for Families*

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

Join us for an evening with Sarah Robertson-Barnes, founder of the Sustainable in the Suburbs blog, devoted to creating a holiday season focused on the magic of family and togetherness, instead of the accumulation of stuff.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Theatre at the Library: Murder in the Dark Screening

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2:00-4:15 pm

Community Room

On New Year's Eve, a car crash brings a troubled singer and his dysfunctional family to an isolated holiday cottage in rural England. Unexplainable events occur, leading to a power outage and the revelation of buried secrets. This production from the award-winning Original Theatre Company promises a chilling blend of a ghost story and a psychological thriller.

Buildwave: A Hands-On Building Game for Teens!*

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:00-7:00 pm

Community Room

Teens will boost their STEAM interest with Buildwave® a building event that feels like a gameshow! Participants build with waves of diverse materials like Lego®, Plus-Plus®, and more during the event. Each building wave is enhanced by a dynamic audiovisual experience unlike any other. *Grades 6-12*

Partners and Allies for an Inclusive Reading (PAIR)

Wednesdays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 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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[Readingpl.org](https://www.facebook.com/Readingpl.org)



[@ReadingPublicLibrary](https://www.youtube.com/@ReadingPublicLibrary)



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Storytimes

Jumping Beans: Family Storytime Drop-in

Saturdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 23, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

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

Babytime: Storytime for Babies 0-15 months*

Tuesdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 26, 6:30-7:00 pm

Children's Program Room

Join RPL Librarians for a storytime designed for our youngest audience! *Ages Birth-15 months*

Dribble Drabble*

Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 10:00-10:45 am

Children's Program Room

Join us for storytime, music, movement and paint exploration. *Ages 18-36 months*

Singalong with Peter Sheridan

Fridays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

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

Sulinha's Trio for Kids

Friday, Sept. 27, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join Sulinha's trio for great music featuring Brazilian musical instruments, songs kids love, and more! *Ages Birth-5 years*

Trick-or-Treat Storytime

Friday, Oct. 25, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join us for a trick-or-treat storytime around the library. Be ready to boogie oogie oogie with the best of the ghouls. *Ages 0-5*

Music with Mara and Motoko: Halloween Edition

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Amazing musical duo Mara and Motoko are back! And this time things will be spooky. Please wear your Halloween costume and prepare to trick or treat after the concert. *Ages Birth-5 years*

Music and Movement with Miss Julie

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:00-10:30 am

Community Room

Join Miss Julie for songs, some egg shaker games, and some chances to sing along together! *Ages 18-36 months*

School Age

The Creator's Guild Presents: Lego Building

Saturday, Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 3:00-3:45 pm

Children's Program Room

Join us for an afternoon of building Legos or participating in Lego challenges. *Grades 2-5*

Plant Lab! Series (Grades 3-5)*

Outdoor Patio

Plant Lab! Fall Greens*

Friday, Sept. 13, 1:30-2:30 pm

Plant Lab! Pumpkins*

Friday, Oct. 25, 1:30-2:30 pm

Plant Lab! Houseplants*

Friday, Nov. 22, 1:30-2:30 pm

Kids Can Series (Grades 1-3)*

Children's Program Room

Kids Tie-Dye!*

Monday, Sept. 9, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids Sculpt!*

Monday, Sept. 16, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids Experiment!*

Monday, Sept. 23, 3:30-4:15 pm

Kids Perform!*

Monday, Sept. 30, 3:30-4:15 pm

Snack Attack

Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30, 12:30-1:30 pm

Community Room/Library Lawn

Pack a picnic and head to the library for lunch and recess with other homeschool families! *Grades K-5*

Planners and Plotters

Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Program Room

Come help plan our Tween Space Open House. Stop by any of the meetings to help plan the night's activities. *Grades 4-7*

Welcome to the Tween Space: Open House

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:00-6:45 pm

Children's Room

Everyone is invited to our open house of our new Tween Space! *All Ages*

Nonfiction Smackdown!*

Thursdays, Oct. 10, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

Children's Room

Join our Nonfiction Smackdown club to read and vote: Whose facts will reign supreme?!?! *Grades 4-5*

Trails and Tales

Monday, Oct. 7, 21, 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

Various Locations

We'll meet at a local conservation land site, read a science story, take a short hike, and do a nature craft. *Grades 1-3*

Tweens Cook with Kids' Test Kitchen*

Saturdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 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*

Creepin' It Real: Horror Writing for Tweens*

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Room

Join local horror writer Daniel Barkelamp for a writing workshop all about the defining genre of the season! *Grades 4-7*

Title Town*

Mondays, Nov. 4, 18, 25, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Room

Go Rockets! Join this program full of town pride, great books, and healthy competition. *Grades 3-5*

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MEET-UPS

Crochet & Knit Drop-In Meetup**Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Studio

Bring your crochet hooks, knitting needles, yarn, quilting, or other fiber crafts for a monthly fall community drop-in.

Writers' Group**Wednesdays, Sept. 4, Oct 2, Nov. 6, 10:00-11:30 am**
Studio

Join this group to provide yourself with accountability and a routine deadline to finish your writing project.

Evening Mah Jongg Meetup!***Mondays, Sept. 30, Oct 28, Nov. 25, 7:00-8:30 pm****Afternoon Mah Jongg Meetup!*****Wednesdays, Sept. 11, Oct 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 1:00-3:00 pm**
Studio

The library will provide the Mah Jongg sets and cards, you will provide the fun!

English Conversation Group***Mondays, Sept. 23-Dec. 16, 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

Mental Health First Aid for Older Adults***Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 8, 12:00-1:30 pm**
Community Room**Mental Health First Aid for Adults*****Thursdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3, 5:00-7:30 pm**
Conference Room**Youth Mental Health First Aid*****Tuesdays, Nov. 12-Dec. 3, 6:00-8:00 pm**
Community Room**What You Need to Know...Before You Go: Downsizing/
Rightsizing/Preparing Your Home for Sale***

Community Room

Tuesday, Sept 10, 10:00-11:30 am

Join us for an opportunity to familiarize yourself with companies and individuals who can assist you in downsizing.

The Joy of Journaling Workshop***Thursday, Sept. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm**
Studio

Join award winning author Jason M. Rubin, whose decades of journaling have helped his own writing, expression and creative therapy. Participants are encouraged to bring a blank journal.

**NARCAN Training with the Reading Coalition for
Prevention & Support****Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:00-7:00 pm**
Studio

Join us for Narcan Training. Learn 911 procedures & resources.

Disaster Preparedness Presentation**Monday, Sept. 23, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Community Room

Kathleen Shepherd and Lauren Mahoney of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency invite you to learn what hazards impact Massachusetts and how you can prepare yourself and your family before a disaster strikes.

**Identity Theft and Fraud Protection -
Protecting Yourself from Scams*****Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:00-7:00 pm**
Conference Room

Join Robin Putnam of the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation as she share how to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft, and scams.

Planning for Medicare***Thursday, Sept 26, 7:00-8:00 pm****Health Plan Options for People with Medicare*****Thursday, Oct 17, 7:00-8:00 pm****Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage? Which
Plan is Best for Me?*****Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:00-8:00 pm**
Community Room

Led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA representative, these presentations will help you understand your Medicare options.

Virtual - The Origins and Evolution of Project 2025***Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Join Professor Brian Conley of Suffolk University, as we delve into the history of Project 2025 and it's origins during the Reagan Years.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Real Story: RPL's Nonfiction Book Club**Wednesdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Conference Room

Join us for engaging discussions about all things non-fiction. Check our events calendar for book titles.

Fact or Fiction Book Group**Tuesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Studio

Join us for an inclusive participant-facilitated adult reading group. Check our events calendar for book titles.

Studio 64 Book Club**Fridays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, 10:30-11:30 am**
Studio

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

Word of Mouth Book Discussion**Tuesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26, 10:00 am-Noon**
Conference Room

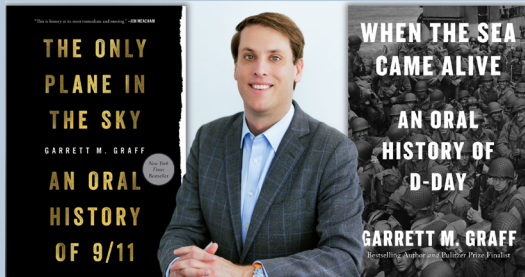
Have you read any good books lately? Join us for an informal discussion of what people are currently reading.

**No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's
Black Workers in the Civil War Era****Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Community RoomWe are thrilled to host 2024 Pulitzer Prize Winner in History, Jacqueline Jones, as she presents on her most recent work *No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era*.**The Salem Witch Trials with Author Dan Gagnon****Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:00-8:00 pm**
Community RoomHistorian Daniel A. Gagnon will discuss his biography: *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*.



Celebrated Authors, Compelling Speakers: Live and On Demand

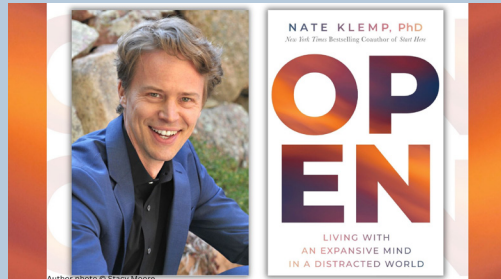
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Virtual: Capturing the Human Drama Through History with Author Garrett Graff

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2:00-3:30 pm

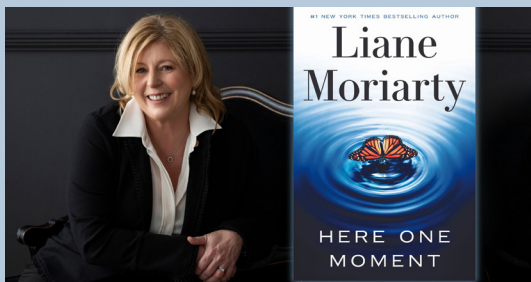
Join us for a live virtual author talk with New York Times bestselling author Garrett Graff, an expert at capturing human drama, who will speak about his body of work with particular focus on his oral histories, *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11* and *When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day*.



Virtual: Opening the Mind with Author Nate Klemp

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2:00-3:30 pm

Join us for a live virtual talk as New York Times bestselling author and philosopher Nate Klemp helps us explore pathways back to openminded living and his new book *Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World*. In this climate of distraction and division, Nate Klemp's *Open* offers a path back to a way of living that is expansive, creative, and filled with wonder.



Virtual: Liane Moriarty live author talk

Saturday, Sept. 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us for a virtual chat with mega-bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel *Here One Moment*, a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world.



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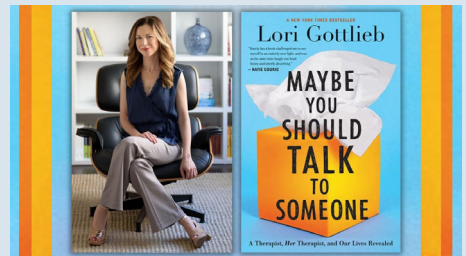
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The Hidden World of Tropical Bats with the Smithsonian Institute
 Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2:00-3:30 pm
Studio

Join us in kicking off October as we welcome three Smithsonian-affiliated scientists to teach us about the remarkable world of tropical bats! For decades, scientists at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute have studied the remarkable biodiversity of bats on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, where an astonishing seventy-six species coexist.

Now, for the first time, Smithsonian scientists' expertise pairs with the stunning photography of National Geographic contributor Christian Ziegler for a captivating visual journey into the fascinating world of these elusive night creatures, to bring you the book *Bat Island: A Rare Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats*.



Virtual: Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions we Tell Ourselves with author Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a live virtual talk as author and psychotherapist Lori Gottlieb talks about mental health, therapy, and what goes on in our hearts and minds behind closed doors. Every year, nearly 30 million Americans sit on a therapist's couch—and some of these patients are therapists.

In her remarkable book *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, Lori Gottlieb tells us that despite her license and rigorous training, her most significant credential is that she's a card-carrying member of the human race. "I know what it's like to be a person," she writes, as a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose office she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.