Medford Public Library

Have You Taken Our Survey?
This Summer and Fall we are working on a 3-5 year strategic plan for the Library. We’ve put together three surveys—one for adults, one for teens, and one for parents and children. We’d appreciate it if you could take a moment to take one of the surveys. Your opinions will help us to shape the future of the MPL.

You can find the links to the surveys on the main page of our website in the Library news section.

Thank you for your time and thank you to everyone who has already taken the survey!

Keep up with us!
Life at the MPL moves very fast these days! Sometimes faster than the newsletter. To keep up with the latest news, events, drama, and stuffed animal activity follow us online at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr and YouTube.

Friends of the Library Fall Book and Bake Sale

Members Preview Sale:
Friday, September 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 21 from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Don’t miss our Fall extravaganza!!

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 16
Refreshments and Annual Meeting at 6:45

Followed at 7:30 p.m. by Music Through the Decades
A Performance by David Polansky

Please come out and show your support for this hardworking community organization!

Reading Club Donation
In the Spring, The Reading Club of West Medford made a generous contribution to the Friends of the Library, to be used to purchase prizewinning books. We thank the Reading Club for their continued support of the Library.

From left to right, Barbara Kerr & Sam Sednek from the Library, Trustee Carl DiMaiti, Friends President Sharon Gazik, Jean Spiers & Will Tenney from the Reading Club;

Well Done Summer Readers!!
This Summer we had a record breaking number of adults, teens, and children who joined out summer reading clubs. Over 200 children joined club. They read over 1700 books and blew the top off the “Books We Read” thermometer!

The adults and teens battled it out for the lead all summer. At the time of this printing we had 54 adults who have read 386 books and 95 teens who read 368 books but who knows who will be ahead when the final totals are in…

This is the largest number of summer readers we have ever had—thank you all for participating. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you very, very, very much to our very generous local sponsors:
Bestseller’s Café
CB Scoops
The Friends of the Medford Public Library &
To our state reading program sponsors:
The Big E, The Boston Bruins, Chipotle, Ebsco Information Services, Friendly’s, LEGO, Texas Road House, Topsfield Fair &
Massachusetts Library System, The Boston Bruins,
The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

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**Adopt-a-Book**

Honor a special event or person by purchasing a book for the library’s collection. For a tax-deductible contribution of $25.00 or more, you can give a great gift and support the Library.

Choose an adult or children’s book, and a genre or subject area. The Library will select the title, and will include a special book plate in each donation. We will also send a gift notice to those honored by the gift. Adopt-a-book donations will be listed in this newsletter. Gift forms and informational flyers are available online and at the Information Desk.

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**Databases**

Did you know the Library offers 52 (yes! 52! ) free databases for all ages? Many of the folks who took our survey this summer were surprised to know that all of these resources were available. Free!

The databases include periodical and journal indexes, business, consumer finance and career resources, health, medicine and science information, language learning courses, history and genealogy databases, literary criticism, readers guides, and more. There are databases for all ages, and many of them are designed for K-12 homework support.

To view the databases, visit http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/electronic/med1.htm. You can also go to the Library website at www.medfordlibrary.org and click on the Database link. Some databases may require you to enter your library card number.

Here are some highlights from the database collection:

**Mango Languages**

Mango Languages now available! This language program offers 62 languages and learning programs for adults and children.

**Books and Authors**

A popular reader’s guide to fiction and non-fiction.

**Consumer Reports**

The go-to source for unbiased advice about products and services, and other consumer concerns.

**Morningstar Investment Research Center**

Financial information on stocks, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds.

**Boston Globe & The New York Times**

Full coverage of both papers from the 1980’s to the present.

**p4A Antiques Reference**

p4A Antiques Reference provides price and background information on antiques, collectibles, fine art, and historic Americana.

**Contemporary Literary Criticism**

Critical essays on contemporary authors.

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**Taking the GRE? SAT? TOEFL? Real Estate or Firefighter Exam? AS-VAB?**

Practice tests and study aids for these and dozens of other tests are available online through the Library.

visit http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/electronic/med1.htm. And click on Testing and Education Reference Center

This database offers information on colleges and graduate schools, as well as scholarship searches, practice tests, and downloadable e-books to prepare for the entrance exams.

**Fall Exhibits**

September: Italian Magazines from the 1930s

October: Italian-American Heritage Month

November: A Yarn Surprise!

**Show your stuff!**

We need Spring exhibits for our display case. Call the Information Desk at (781) 395-7950 to reserve a month.
Don Quixote
Great Books Group

Tuesdays, September 16, October 7 & 21, And November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Over four sessions, This discussion group will read and discuss Miguel Cervantes’ classic book *Don Quixote*. We will delve way beyond the ‘windmills’ to discuss how this book has been described as the ‘first novel’, influencing such writers as Dickens, Flaubert, Tolstoy and Borges. We will discuss how Cervantes makes the imaginative participation in reading at same time wonderful and potentially dangerous.

Open to all; you do not need to attend all sessions. Please sign up at the Information Desk. Books will be available to borrow by September 2.

Led by Kyna Hamill, Ph.D, a faculty member of the Core Curriculum at Boston University. Kyna led book discussions at the Medford Public Library last year on Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, Dante’s *Inferno*, Sophocles’ *Antigone* and Dostoyesky’s *Crime and Punishment.*

To sign up for any of these groups please call the Information Desk starting on September 2. Copies of the books will be available to pickup by September 2.

Romance Book Club
Romances comes in all shapes and sizes and genres. In this new group we will be reading a variety of romance novels. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from October through May.

October 8
*The Iron Duke* by Meljean Brooks
November 12
*Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
December 10
*Mad Love* by Suzanne Selfors

The titles for January through May will be announced at a later date. Or we may let the group choose what they would like to read!

Coffee and Books
Assistant Director Barbara Kerr presents this monthly review of new books. We take a look at a mix of fiction and non-fiction from the most popular bestsellers to surprise hits. It’s a fun hour of good company and talk. No registration is required—just stop by!

This Fall we will be meeting on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. September 12, October 10, and November 14.

Tuesday Night Book Group
Join the Tuesday Group as they celebrate 15 years of discussion!

The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from October to May. The November meeting will be on the third Tuesday, November 18 because of Veterans day.

October 14
The Testament by John Grisham.
November 18
The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway
December 9
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
January 13
Marmee and Louisa by Eve LaPlante
February 10
Flight by Sherman Alexie
March 10, April 14, & May 12 titles will be announced at a later date.

Local Author Book Club
This new book group will explore the rich legacy of Boston and Massachusetts in the literary life and history of the United States.

The discussions will be led by David Fedo. A longtime resident (with his wife Susan) of Medford, David has recently retired from a career at Curry College and Wheelock College. David has facilitated numerous book discussion groups sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.

This group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings will be held at the Medford Historical Society and Museum at 10 Governors Ave. The books will be available to borrow from the Library starting on September 2.

October 15
The Bostonians by Henry James
November 19
The Late George Apley by J.P. Marquand
December 17
The Last Hurrah by Edwin O’Connor
January 21
The Living is Easy by Dorothy West
February 18
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
March 18
The Friends of Eddie Coyle by George Higgins
April 15
Mystic River by Dennis Lehane
May 20
The Old Patagonian Express by Paul Theroux
Medford Knits!

Begin to Knit Classes
Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit? Now is the time to get started on a wonderfully relaxing and creativity-boosting activity! Each “Begin to Knit Class” with Kasey Norwalk will meet on the second Wednesday of the month for two months. During this time, you will be introduced to the basics of knitting. You will learn how to select yarn and needles, how to cast on, how to do the knit stitch, and how to cast off. All students will be able to take home a completed project by the end of the second class. Classes are for ages 13 and up.

Ongoing support will be provided, I promise!

To register, please call the Information Desk at the Library at (781) 395-7950 and provide your name, contact number & email, and which session you plan to attend.

1st Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Young Adult Department: Wednesday, September 10th and Wednesday, October 8th

2nd Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Young Adult Department: Wednesday, November 5th and Wednesday, December 10th

Thursday Night Knit Nights
Make time to knit this season! Join new and experienced knitters for an evening of knitting, socializing, and sharing tips and techniques.

All levels of knitters are welcome. Please bring your own project to work on. We will meet from 7 to 9pm one Thursday per month. Join us on September 25, October 23, November 20 and December 19 in the Young Adult Department!

Got Words?
Share them at the Spoken Word Salon! Medford Art Center, Inc in collaboration with the Medford Public Library is launching The Spoken Word Salon.

Thursday, September 25 & Monday, November 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Spoken Word Salon, held every other month, is an opportunity for storytellers, writers, poets, monologists, performance artists and others to share their passion for words with an appreciative audience. The Salon's format will alternate between open mike and specific genres and themes. July 8th will be open mike. Each spoken word artist will get between 5-10 minutes, depending upon the number of signups. Signup begins at 6:45.

Introduction to Playwriting
An 8 week course in writing for the stage
With Bill Doncaster

Mondays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27 and November 3 at 7:00 p.m.

This intensive 8-week course will cover the Basics of Writing for live theater, from correct format to story construction with a focus on character and rich dialogue, culminating in a live staged reading performance of a finished 10-minute play.

During the course, participants will read plays and discuss the short play format, and (more importantly) read, share and revise their work through a peer review format. Class discussions will include the production process – how directors, actors and designers approach a script – as well as Aristotle’s Poetics, and resources for seeking production in short play festivals.

The course is open to anyone, high school senior or older, with an interest in writing for stage. Writers of other genres (fiction, non-fiction) with an interest in enhancing their use of dialogue in storytelling are also encouraged to participate.

To sign up, call the Information Desk at (781) 395-7950

Writer’s Workshop
The Medford Public Library’s Writer’s Workshop will continue at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, September 24 & October 22 and Tuesday, November 25.

The group is always looking for new members so join the group to meet your community's fellow scribblers and get feedback on your work. If you have questions about the group, please contact David Chia at duuchia@gmail.com.

Board Game Night
Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for some geekastic board gaming.

Join us on September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19
Hope to see you there!

Play Go
The Go players will now be meeting on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
Beginners and experienced players of all ages are invited to join us every week.
To Prune or Not to Prune—That Is the Question

Thurs., Sept. 4 7:00 – 9:00

Adrian Bradley, founder and owner of An Artist’s Touch Tree & Shrub Inc., will provide answers to those pesky pruning questions. Find out what to prune, when to prune, and how to prune.

Certified by the Mass. Arborist Association, with a degree in arboriculture, Adrian has more than a decade of experience in the field and is an advocate of organic, holistic approaches to plant health care. You can look at Adrian’s website to find out a bit more about his approach: artiststouch.net.

This program is presented by the Medford Garden Club.

Heroes
With Sharon Kennedy

Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY!
SEPTEMBER 12, 1964 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2014!!

Heroes is a short saga of Sharon Kennedy’s adventures as she set out to meet some of her idols in the 1960’s. Join our favorite local storyteller’s reminiscence of how she crashed the Beatles’ 1964 press conference at the old Madison Hotel in Boston at the age of 15, and how she was granted an interview with Martin Luther King in April of 1968.

For the Medford Library performance on September 11, 2014, four or five lucky people will tell their own five minute stories about some encounter (or wishful encounter or strong memory) having to do with either the Beatles or Martin Luther King.

To become one of those telling a story that night you need to contact Sharon at sharon@sharonkennedy.com and either write up your story for her or meet her in person to try it out. Remember there are only 4-5 slots and your story can only be five minutes long.

This program is presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library

Walking Tour with Dee Morris

Roots in East Medford: The Glenwood Neighborhood

10:00 am on Saturday, September 13

Opening in 1899, the Benjamin Franklin School served a closely-knit neighborhood for over 100 years. This tour will highlight some interesting families who lived on the level plain of Central Avenue and nearby streets.

Meet in front of the Residence at Franklin School, 68 Central Ave.
No registration is necessary for this tour
The Friends of the Medford Public Library present...

**The Band : Pioneers of Americana Music**
*With Craig Harris*

Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

*The Band: Pioneers of Americana Music* chronicles the successes and struggles of the five-piece group that countered Rock’s rebellion, inspired scores of artists, and paved the foundation for today’s Americana groups. A decade and a half after they last played a note together, The Band remains an important influence on popular music.

Author / photographer / educator / percussionist Craig Harris has documented an eclectic range of music for newspapers, magazines, and websites, for more than four decades. His book *The Band : Pioneers of Americana Music* was published by Rowman and Littlefield in 2014.

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The Friends of the Medford Public Library Present...

**Giuseppe Verdi’s Music and the Unification of Italy**
*A Lecture by Francesco Castellano*

Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Join lecturer Francesco Castellano for a look at the Music that served as the “soundtrack” of the Italian Risorgimento. Recent scholarship, inspired by the 2011 150th Anniversary of Italian Unity and Verdi’s bicentennial in 1813, has brought to light the profound influence the composer and his music had on the events that led to the Unification of Italy in the 19th century. Join us for this interesting look at the historical influence of this favorite composer.

Francesco Castellano is a professional linguist and a music lover. He is an opera enthusiast who has lectured on music in general and especially opera. He has lectured here on Verdi and presented the opera *Cristoforo Colombo* by Alberto Franchetti. Last fall, at Boston College, he participated in a round table discussion on the Anniversary of Verdi’s birth.

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**Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**
*Thursday, October 16*

Refreshments and Annual Meeting at 6:45, Followed at 7:30 p.m. by...

**Music Through the Decades**
*A Performance by David Polansky*

Join us for a thrilling, fun filled hour in which the audience is shown how history influenced the great American Popular Song Book in the first half of the twentieth century. Using keyboard, trumpet, and vocals David brings alive the music of George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, Fats Waller, George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael, and many more.

A career musician, David has played with Sandler and Young, Phyllis Diller, Henny Youngman, Ray Bolger, Arthur Fiedler, The Platters, The Coasters, among a long list of performers. This concert was commissioned by the Norman Rockwell Museum.
SCAMS AND FRAUDS
Presented by Amy Schram,
Better Business Bureau

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

This Better Business Bureau program will cover the most common scams currently circulating the community, the major Red Flags to watch out for and the precautionary tactics we can use to protect ourselves and our identity.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY INFORMATION DESK AT (781) 395-7950

Amy Schram is the Community Outreach Specialist of BBB Serving Eastern MA, ME, RI & VT.

Medicare’s Open Enrollment

Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Irene S. O’Donnell, Regional SHINE Director, will give us an overview of Medicare, the related insurances, and MassHealth programs. Please join us for an interesting and informative evening.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone….on Medicare) is part of a national program under the auspices of Medicare. SHINE provides unbiased, free, insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages. In our area, the regional office is supported by Mystic Valley Elder Services in Malden, and provides counseling services to 21 cities and towns.

December Preview

Boston in the Golden Age of Spiritualism
A Lecture by Dee Morris

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Join author Dee Morris as she navigates the complex history of Boston’s spiritualist movement in this lecture based on her new book.

Spiritualism flourished in Boston from the first rumblings of the Civil War until the early twentieth century. Numerous clairvoyants claimed to bring messages from beyond the grave at séances and public meetings. While many earnestly believed in the movement, there were those who took advantage of naïve Bostonians. Determined to expose charlatans, world-renowned magician Harry Houdini declared the famous medium and Bostonian Mina “Margery” Crandon a fake.

Dee Morris is a local historian and author of Medford: A Short History. Her new book on spiritualism will be published by History Press in September 2014!

Presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library.

It was a dark, stormy night...

Come one and come all to this night of creepy tales from beyond. Get your chills and thrills in with these fantastic ghost stories.

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
7:00 PM

Ages 7+ and/or ghosts...ghost are always welcome...

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Friends of the Library Fall Book and Bake Sale

Members Only Preview Sale:
Friday, September 19
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20
from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21
from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 16
Refreshments and Annual Meeting at 6:45
Come out for the evening to meet your fellow friends and show your support!

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This concert was commissioned by the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Have You Joined the Friends!
If you are reading this newsletter you are benefitting from the contributions of the Friends of the Medford Public Library. Membership fees help to support all the services that the Friends provide.

Friends members receive the Library newsletters in the mail and are invited to the Friends only Preview nights at the Book Sales.

Membership Fees per year:
Senior/student: $10.00
Individual: $15.00
Family: $25.00
Superfriends: $50.00
Organization/Business: $100.00

Membership forms are available at the Library Information Desk and on the Friends website at http://friendsofmedfordlibrary.org

United for Libraries
Have you ever wondered what other friends group up are to? Check out the United For Libraries division of the American Library Association. This national organization posts news and advocacy information for Friends groups, library trustees, and interested library users.
http://www.ala.org/united/

Visit the Friends Website
http://friendsofmedfordlibrary.org
Send us e-mail at:
friendsmpl@comcast.net

Who Are the Friends of the Library and What Do They Do?
The Friends of the Library are a group of Medford citizens who care deeply about our library and want to help it continue to be an incredible community resource. Imagine that the library’s money from the city goes to pay for the main ingredients of a cake—funds raised by the Friends make up the icing—we add that little extra sweetness.

The Friends pay for over a dozen passes for area museums, zoos, and other attractions. The Friends of the Library also help the library with community outreach. We represent the library at various community events, such as Read by the River, and help to promote literacy and library use through the Kindergarten books program. If you love the library and want to help the Friends help the library, please join us!

The Friends also regularly fund the library’s Bookletters Online Newsletters, the DearReader.com online book clubs, lectures and performances for adults, children’s sing-alongs and programs, and craft supplies for the children’s department.

Please consider joining and volunteering.

Become more involved with the Friends!
The Friends are always looking for new friends and volunteers. Please come to a Board meeting!
Upcoming Friends meetings will be on September 29, October 27, and November 24 at 7:00 pm in the Library.
The meetings are open and everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact the Friends via email at: friendsmpl@comcast.net or leave a message at the library at: 781-395-7950.
Scratchboards!
Tuesday, September 9 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
DIY Scratchboards Day 1
Step 1: coloring and painting the scratch boards.

Wednesday, September 10 from 3:30-4:00 p.m.
DIY Scratchboards Day 2
Step 2: scratching them up to reveal the colors underneath the paint!

Middle School Book Club
4:00-5:00 p.m. in the YA Section on
September 17: 
Doll Bones by Holly Black

October 15:
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

November 19:
Eragon, by Christopher Paolini

Banned Books Week Events
September 22 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Reader Mugshots
Have your mugshot taken at the scene of the crime! What Banned Book were you caught reading?

September 23 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Banned Books Week Obstacle Course
These books have been Banned and Blocked. If you want to check them out, you need to get through our “laser beam” obstacle course first.

September 24 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
DIY Fahrenheit 451 Manicures
Celebrate this classic anti-censorship novel on the edge of your fingertips.

September 25 All day event, beginning at 3:00 p.m.
Character Mugshots
Choose a character from your favorite banned book and create their mugshot which will be displayed on our Claim to Shame wall.

September 26 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
DIY Buttons
Make your own “I Read Banned Books” buttons!

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB
Thursdays, September 25, October 30, November 20
From 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Do you think that graphic novels are incredible? Answer: YES!!!

Join the Teen Graphic Novel club and discuss your favorites with other teens who love graphic novels just as much. Titles will be announced.

What’s the letter after Q?
RRRRRRRRRR
Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day
Friday, September 19
With Capture the Flag
From 3:00-4:00 p.m. Outside the Library
Teens vs. Children!

YA Board Game Nights
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, October 7 and November 4
Silent Jenga, Clue, Apples to Apples, whatever you’d like to play!
Thursday October 2 from 6:00-7:30pm

**DIY Watermark Literary T-Shirts**  
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED]

Choose a quote from your favorite book and dye it onto a t-shirt.

Thursday, October 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Make Your Own Lava Lamp**  
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED]

With just a few household ingredients, you can make your own groovy lava lamp.

Thursday, October 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**DIY Book Quote Keychains**

Tuesday, October 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Zombies 101**

Want to learn how to make fake zombie flesh wounds just in time for Halloween? Yes, yes you do.

Wednesday, October 29 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

**Candy Science**  
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED]

Observe glowing candy, disintegrating candy, deconstructing candy colors, and of course, dropping Mentos into soda.

Thursday, November 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Design Your Own Mario Kart**  
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED]

Take a break from all that studying to design and make your own Mario Kart.

Wednesday, November 12 from 3:30-4:30pm

**DIY Temporary Tattoos**

Make your own temporary tattoo! Literary quotes and designs are strongly encouraged!

Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-8:00pm

**Mockingjay Boot Camp**  
[REGISTRATION REQUIRED]

Pick a district to represent and battle it out in Hunger Games themed activities.

November 17 from 3:00-4:00 P.M.

**DIY Bookmarks**

Make some new bookmarks for that huge stack of books you’re going to check out later that night!
**A SPECTACULAR SUMMER!!**

We had a great summer and great readers. The members of the Summer reading Club read over 1700 books and blew off the top of our reading thermometer. Thank you to everyone who joined the club and took part in our summer events. We had a lot of fun and hope you did too!

**Thank you to our summer sponsors:**
The Friends of the Medford Public Library, The Massachusetts Library System, The Boston Bruins, The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners & The Big E, Chipotle, Ebsco Information Services, Friendly's, LEGO, Texas Road House, Topsfield Fair.

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**Meet Pearl!**

Pearl is a Reading Therapy Dog.

Pearl really likes to help young readers gain confidence in their reading. The Medford Library will be hosting five reading times with Pearl each week. Sign up in the children’s room for a 15 minute reading time slot, bring your favorite book, and read to Pearl!

Pearl is great with kids who have started reading but need a little practice.

(First grade on up!)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Questions, comments, concerns? Ask in the children’s room or call 781-595-7950.

Pearl will start visiting EVERY Tuesday from September 16 onwards! Sign up for one of her five 15 minute reading time slots between 3:00PM and 4:15PM.

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**3rd & 4th Grade Book Club**

Medford Public Library invites 3rd and 4th graders to join us each month.

**Monday, September 29 at 6:30PM**

We will be discussing Lauren Taylor’s novel *Astonishing”, “Allergy to Eggs, School, and Other Scary Things”.*

**Monday, October 27 at 6:30PM**

We will be discussing Ruth Sanderson’s novel *My Father’s Dragon.*

**Monday, November 24 at 6:30PM**

We will be discussing Laurie Halse Anderson’s book *Give Me Some Sweet Thanksgiving.*

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**5th & 6th Grade Book Club**

Medford Public Library invites 5th and 6th graders to join us each month.

**Thursday, September 25 from 6-7PM**

We will be discussing Raina Telgemeier’s award winning graphic novel *Smile.*

**Thursday, October 30 from 6-7PM**

We will be discussing Bill Brittain’s award winning novel *The Nutcracker.*

**Thursday, November 20 from 6-7PM**

We will be discussing Darwen Childe’s action-packed novel *The Savage Fortress.*

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**Growing A Reader**

Medford Public Library wants to provide a forum for communities, workshops, local talks, and discussion by and for parents who are working to make sure their children are on the right path to acquiring all those 21st Century literacy skills.

On Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 PM, our discussion will center on Internet Research With Your Middle Grade Kid. For parents of those in 4th grade and up, we will talk about the ins and outs of online research with kids and highlight the library’s database collection.

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**Mice on the Road**

Our Library mice, Louis, Fooey, Zoey, Screwy and Bob had many adventures this summer. They went to Maine, Bermuda, Washington D.C, Mount Greylock and all sorts of exciting places!

They had a wonderful time.

Thank you to everyone who took the mice on vacation and sent back postcards and pictures. If you going somewhere fun—borrow a mouse to take along!

Talk to Sam or Janice in Children’s to check out a mouse.
**Toddler Time**

This weekly Tuesday story time is for children between the ages of 2-3. The shorter story time will not include crafts. We will laugh and share great books and songs. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in!

**Toddler Time Dates:** Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6

**(THURSDAYS) 10:00-10:30AM**

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Children’s Department at (781) 395-7950

This program was generously sponsored by the Friends of Medford Public Library.

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**Baby Lapsit Story Time**

Babies (age 0-24 months) can join us each week with their parents and caregivers for fun songs, fantastic rhymes, and gentle movement activities.

**Lapsit Dates:** Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Nov. 25

**Lapsit Times:** 9:30AM-10:30AM

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Children’s Department at (781) 395-7950

(Schools and Daycares are invited to schedule private story times)

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**Story Hour!**

This weekly Wednesday story hour is for children between the ages of 4-5. We will explore new concepts with great books, songs, and craft activities. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in!


**Story Hour Times:** 10am-11am

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**Sing Along with Matt Heaton**

**New Time!**

Come to the Medford Public Library on Thursday, September 18, October 23, and November 13th!

At 10:30 AM for parent/child interactive songfests!

Have lots of fun and enjoy singing, clapping, and action with your baby and toddler! Singalongs are for parents and their children from birth to 36 months.

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Science Explorers

This monthly program is for children between the ages of 6-12. Come experiment and learn about different types of science. Bring your brain! You'll need it for this exploration into life, the universe and everything.

Science Explorers' Dates: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 10
3PM-4PM

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Robotics Club

Sept. 22, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24
3:30PM

Youth (ages 9-14) are invited to come to the Children’s Room to build, learn, and play with the LEGO Mindstorm Robot.

Registration Required.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Children’s Department at (761) 395-7950

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Board Game Day

Bring your favorite games to the library and play with family and friends.

ALL AGES.

Wednesdays—Oct. 1 and Nov. 5
3-5 PM

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Children’s Department at (761) 395-7950

Art Smart

This bi-weekly Thursday program is for children between the ages of 6-12. We will explore, create, design, and play with different types of arts and crafts. Bring your imagination and be prepared for some really mess... fun!

Art Smart dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20
3PM-4PM

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LEGO Club

This bi-weekly Thursday program is for children between the ages of 5-12. We will bring the LEGO, you just have to show up with your building boots on!

Play, Learn, Build.

3PM-4PM

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International Speak
Like a Pirate Day

Yarns, matesy, it be International Speak Like a Pirate Day on

* Friday, September 19

If you swing by Medford Public Library

From 3-4PM

We will make sure ye landlubbers all walk the plank. Or, perhaps, if you’re keen, matesy, we might capture some flags outside!

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Chalk Art Mural

Celebrate your freedom to read this Banned Books Week by drawing your favorite book covers on our sidewalk outside.

—program will be weather permitting—

Wednesday, September 24

3:00-4:00PM

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Children’s Department at (781) 395-7950

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Pumpkin Painting Extravaganza

Whether you’re for silly pumpkins, scary pumpkins, or smashing dashing pumpkins, we could use your artistic talents to create some new pumpkin faces. Program is for ages 6+. No registration is required.

Wednesday, October 22

3:00-4:00PM

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Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, October 16

Drop Off Time: 3:30-4:30PM

Sometimes your animals just need a vacation!

Drop off your stuffed animal at the Medford Public Library Children’s Room any time between 3:30 and 4:30 for a sleepover, and then pick him/her up the next day.

(Limit to one animal per child).

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September

- Wednesday, September 3
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, September 4
  - To Prune or Not to Prune: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 9
  - DIY Scratchboards: 3:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 10
  - DIY Scratchboards: 3:00 p.m.

- Thursday, September 11
  - Begin to Knit: 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, September 12
  - Coffee and Books: 10:00 a.m.

- Saturday, September 13
  - Walking Tour: 10:00 a.m.

- Monday, September 15
  - Science Explorers: 3:00 p.m.
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 16
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 17
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Middle School Book Club: 4:00 p.m.
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, September 18
  - Singalong: 10:30 a.m.
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Lego Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - Growing a Reader: 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, September 19
  - Talk Like a Pirate Day: 3:00 p.m.

- Saturday, September 20
  - Preview Book Sale: 6:30 p.m.

- Monday, September 21
  - Book and Bake Sale: 9:00-3:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 22
  - Robotics Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - Banned Books Mugshots: 3:00 p.m.
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 23
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Banned Books Obstacle Course: 3:00 p.m.
  - The Band: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, September 24
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Chalk Art Mural: 3:00 p.m.
  - Banned Books Manicures: 3:00 p.m.
  - Writer’s Group: 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, September 25
  - Banned Books: 3:00 p.m.
  - Character Mugshots: All Day
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Art Smart: 3:00 p.m.
  - Graphic Novel Club: 6:00 p.m.
  - 5/6 Grade Book Group: 6:00 p.m.
  - Spoken Word Salon: 7:00 p.m.
  - Knit Night: 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, September 29
  - 3/4 Grade Book Group: 6:30 p.m.
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.
  - Friends Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 30
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.

October

- Wednesday, October 1
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - CL Board Game: 3:00 p.m.
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 2
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Lego Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - DIY T-shirts: 6:00 p.m.

- Monday, October 6
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, October 7
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - YA Board Games: 6:00 p.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, October 8
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.
  - Begin to Knit: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 9
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Art Smart: 3:00 p.m.
  - Guiseppe Verdi’s Music: 6:00 p.m.

- Friday, October 10
  - Coffee and Books: 10:00 a.m.

- Tuesday, October 14
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday Book Group: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, October 15
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Middle School Book Club: 4:00 p.m.
  - Local Book Group: 7:00 p.m.
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 16
  - Lego Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - Animal Sleepover: 3:30 p.m.
  - DIY Key Chains: 6:30 p.m.
  - Friends Annual Meeting: 6:45 p.m.
  - David Polansky: 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, October 20
  - Science Explorers: 3:00 p.m.
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, October 21
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, October 22
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Pumpkin Painting: 3:00 p.m.
  - Writer’s Group: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 23
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Singalong: 10:30 a.m.
  - Art Smart: 3:00 p.m.
  - Knit Night: 7:00 p.m.
  - Scams and Frauds: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, October 29
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Zombies 101: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 30
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Lego Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - 5/6 Grade Book Group: 6:00 p.m.
  - Graphic Novel Club: 6:00 p.m.

November

- Monday, November 3
  - Playwriting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 4
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - YA Board Games: 6:00 p.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, November 5
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, November 6
  - Art Smart: 3:00 p.m.
  - Mario Karts: 6:00 p.m.

- Monday, November 10
  - Science Explorers: 3:00 p.m.
  - Spoken Word Salon: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, November 12
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Don Quixote Discussion: 7:00 p.m.
  - DIY Temp Tattoos: 3:30 p.m.

- Thursday, November 13
  - Singalong: 10:30 a.m.
  - Lego Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - Mockingjay Boot Camp: 6:00 p.m.

- Friday, November 14
  - Coffee and Books: 10:00 a.m.

- Monday, November 17
  - DIY Bookmarks: 3:00 p.m.
  - Medicare: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 18
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday Book Group: 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, November 19
  - Story Hour: 10:00 a.m.
  - Middle School Book Club: 4:00 p.m.
  - Local Book Group: 7:00 p.m.
  - Board Games: 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, November 20
  - Toddler Time: 10:00 a.m.
  - Art Smart: 3:00 p.m.
  - Graphic Novel Club: 6:00 p.m.
  - 5/6 Grade Book Group: 6:00 p.m.
  - Knit Night: 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, November 24
  - Robotics Club: 3:00 p.m.
  - 3/4 Grade Book Group: 6:30 p.m.
  - Friends Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 25
  - Baby Lapsit: 9:30 a.m.
  - Read to Pearl: 3:00 p.m.
  - Writer’s Group: 7:00 p.m.

See the back cover for Fall holidays and schedule changes.
Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. starting on September 13

Fall 2014 Holidays and Schedule Changes
Monday, September 1 Closed for Labor Day
Monday, October 13 Closed for Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11 Closed for Veteran's Day
Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26
Closed November 27 for Thanksgiving

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