Library Open for Browsing and Computer Appointments!

We are now open on an appointment only basis for browsing or computer use. Browsing appointments will be for 30 minutes in adult and 20 minutes in Youth Services. Computer use appointments are for one hour.

You must call ahead for an appointment. Masks must be worn for the safety of staff and patrons.

To make an appointment please call 781-395-7950. The direct line for Youth Services is 781-475-5734. For more information and safety guidelines please visit http://www.medfordlibrary.org/sites/default/files/Re-opening%20appointment%20procedures.pdf

No contact holds are still encouraged. No appointment necessary. Put an item on hold and we will check it out to you and leave it in a bag in the hallway with your name on it, to be picked up any time the building is open.

Please return your long overdue items

Do you have materials checked out from last year? We encourage you to return them. All returns are no-contact through the bookdrop or at the return stations outside of the Youth and Adult Services spaces. While we are not charging overdue fines, there are holds on many items that have been out since early 2019. We would like to make those items available to other borrowers. If you get a recall notice for an item, that is an indication that there is a hold for someone else. We would appreciate it if you could return recalled items.

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The Four Billion Year Story of Medford
with geologist Eamon Earls

Thursday, March 4
at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Vanished continents? Volcanoes? Dinosaurs? Glaciers? Discover the incredible four billion year true story of your community from the formation of Earth to the present day with geologist and author Eamon McCarthy Earls.

Author of multiple books on regional history and a former Town Councillor in Franklin, Massachusetts, Eamon studied geology at UMASS-Amherst.

Databases

Kanopy
Are you looking for something to do on a winter weekend? You can watch a movie! Available to Medford residents and absolutely free, Kanopy is full of movies of every category and genre. In addition to feature films, there are documentaries, foreign films, instructional videos, and kids’ films. Don’t even think about being bored if you can tune in to this database.

Military and Intelligence Database Collection
If you’d like to know more about government policies and their effects, as well as the long term effects of violent events on our society, then this is the database for you. Whether it’s Jonestown, Kent State, or the storming of the Capitol, you’ll find lots of thoughtful articles and videos composed in response to and because of the events they are covering. This database is perfect for students or anyone who just wants to know more about events that shape us.

To access any of our databases, go to our website, www.medfordlibrary.org, click on databases, click your selection, and enter your library card number without the spaces.

Plants Go to War: A Botanical History of World War II
with Judith Sumner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 AT 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

In a blend of botanical and military history, botanist Judith Sumner will talk about the surprising and crucial role of plants in World War II. From victory gardens to drugs, timber, rubber, and fibers, plants supplied materials with key roles in victory.

Judith Sumner is a botanist, author and lecturer. Judith has been the lecturer-in-residence at the Star Island Natural History Conference, and she has been a guest on the Martha Stewart Living television show, the PBS program “Cultivating Life” with Sean Conway, and various other PBS and educational programs. Her book Plants Go to War was published in 2019.

History Book Group
Co-sponsored by the MPL and the Medford Historical Society and Museum.
Register through the library calendar.

Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00 PM
Discussion led by Kathleen Kane
At Home: A Short History of Private Life by Bill Bryson

Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00 PM
Discussion led by Elaine Fossett Rittershaus
The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell

Museum Passes

We are once again offering museum passes, though many Museums have chosen to re-close at this time.

Reservations can only be made by phone, at 781-395-7950.

Please call for details and availability!
You must register on the library calendar to receive the Zoom invitation. Please contact the Information Desk if you need assistance with registration. Call the Library at 781-395-7950 to have a copy checked out to you for no-contact pickup.

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LGBTQ+ BOOK GROUP

The Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library LGBTQ+ Book Group will run October 2020 through and including May 2021.

SECOND THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

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We’ll discuss the books remotely via Zoom so please email Judy at jnudelman@mjinlb.net for the Zoom meeting address and password.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m

DECEMBER 8
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

JANUARY 12
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

FEBRUARY 9
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
If you have any questions about signing up for programs or no-contact pickups, please contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net
2021 TEEN READING CHALLENGE

For teens in grades 6 - 12

We've put together a collection of bookish challenges to help you read inside and outside your comfort zone in 2021.

Complete as many as you can for a chance to win one of our 5 end of year prizes!

SIGN UP AT MEDFORDLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG
You can also access the challenge through the free Beanstack app!

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

Scratch Art
Thursday, February 25, 7-8pm
Design and create your own scratch art paper
All materials will be provided

For teens in middle or high school
Sign up required for materials and the Zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar

CHILDRENS' NEWS

We're doing digital story time!

Family story times (for ages 3-6)
WEDNESDAYS 3PM

Toddler story times (for ages 2-3)
THURSDAYS 10AM

Zoom links are posted weekly on our Facebook page or you can email ssednek@minlib.net for the link!

MORNINGS WITH MATT HEATON

Thursdays at 10:00AM
March 11, Apr. 8, & May 13

Singalong is a free virtual program hosted on the library’s Facebook page.
CHILDRENS' NEWS

KIDS CRAFTROOMS
FRIDAYS 3:30PM
Dec. 11 - 3D Drawing/Shading
Jan. 15 - Tape resist painting
Feb. 26 - Marbled Paper

Crafthorooms meet online but we will provide the supplies needed for the Jan. and Feb. programs.
Email sseednek@minlib.net for the Zoom Meeting link and to register for supplies.

DESIGN YOUR OWN TREASURE CHEST

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
3:30PM
SIGN UP REQUIRED. SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE ZOOM MEETING.
AGES 6+.
EMAIL sseednek@minlib.net TO REGISTER!

Super Science!
Virtual Chemistry Lesson

WEDNESDAY, March 31 at 1PM
This online exploration of basic chemistry is for children ages 8-12. The program will be hosted on Zoom.
Please email sseednek@minlib.net for the Zoom link.

FIRST GRADE BOOK CLUB
Book club meets online and all books are available on Hoopla.
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