The Library building is closed but we're still working...

200 Boston Ave is closed to the public and the book drop is blocked from use, but the library staff is still at work for you. We're working from our homes without access to the actual books, but we will still be able to answer questions and provide resources for our patrons. 

Just email us at medford@minlib.net.

Let us know if you encounter any problems using your card to access any of our available digital resources. We can help if you need to add a password (or PIN) to your account, or if you've forgotten what you wrote down as your password when you got your card.

If you don't have a card and need to register for one we can take care of that too. And if you had a card once but don't know where it disappeared to -- we can help.

And remember, there's no need to worry about any of the items you currently have checked out. We ask that you hold onto any materials you have until the library reopens. We won't be charging fines during this time. Once we're back in the building we'll be taking returns again.

Construction News

The new library project has been paused temporarily per order the Governor. Prior to that the project was moving along very quickly. The mild winter made it possible for the crew to do work that would have had to wait until warmer seasons had there been a lot of snow. If you go by the site, you can see the structure starting to grow. It is exciting! We thank the construction and steel crews for working until the last possible moment and we hope construction will resume shortly.

MPL Foundation News

Although construction is paused, fundraising is not. Check out the Foundation website and sign up for the new community newsletter which will keep you up to date on all the foundation progress. There are many naming opportunities still available - click on "Donate" tab.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends Spring Book sale originally scheduled for May has been cancelled. Keep your eye on the Friends website at friendsofmedfordlibrary.org for updates and news.
Hoopla, Kanopy, RB Digital (Acorn TV!), OverDrive/Libby and more!

You will need your library card number and library card password/pin to access many of these resources. Please email medford@minlib.net if you do not know your library card password/pin.

Visit https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/medford to access Medford Public Library Digital Resources remotely from your home! Access eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming film, music, and TV (including Acorn TV), through either Hoopla, Kanopy, Naxos, RB Digital, or OverDrive/Libby. These services will usually require you to first create a user ID and an additional password and then attach your library card number and library card password/pin to for access.

Hoopla, Kanopy, RB Digital, and OverDrive all have mobile apps in the Apple App Store or through the Google Play App Store which allow users to access these resources directly through the app. You will still need to create an app-specific user id and password and enter your library card number and library card password/pin to authenticate. Users of OverDrive (except for Kindle Fire users) have the option of accessing the Libby App by OverDrive. Kindle Fire users, please use the OverDrive App).

Visit Medford Public Library's Niche Academy for online tutorials on accessing many of MPL's eResources: https://my.nicheacademy.com/adultserviceseresourcepage.

For additional borrowing and access to resources, please visit the Boston Public Library and register for a BPL eCard here: https://www.bpl.org/ecard/.

A complete list of BPL eResources, many of which can be accessed from home using your BPL eCard, can be found here: https://www.bpl.org/online-resources.

NYT and Boston Globe Online

Did you know you can read the New York Times and the Boston Globe online for free through the Medford Public Library? Simply go to our website, www.medfordlibrary.org, click on databases, select Boston Globe online, enter your library card number without the spaces, and get to work! The Boston Globe has no pictures and is always 24 hours behind, but if there is a news story you’d like to research, you can do it. Coverage goes back to 1980. To see the latest issue, click on Publications, on the next page click on the link next to 1 Boston Globe, and then you will see the latest issue listed.

The New York Times, however, has photos and includes options, such as newsletters, news alerts, and mini crossword puzzles. You can research news stories going back to 1981, and there is historical coverage from 1851 to 1922. To access the newspaper, make sure you click on NYTimes.com (as opposed to New York Times) on our database page. You’ll see a bar with a code in it and the word “redeem” next to it. Click on “redeem,” and enter an email address and password to access the newspaper for 72 hours. At the end of 72 hours, simply hit redeem again. Enjoy!

Universal Class

Now is a great time to pick up a new skill!

Access over 500 continuing education courses with Universal Class, available free with your library card!

Learn about anything from cooking, gardening, dog training, wedding planning, citizenship test preparation, and personal finance, to conducting your own paranormal investigations.
Don’t know what to read, listen to or watch next?

Then take a look at the Medford Public Library Facebook page, “MPL What are you reading? And listening to? And Watching,” where you will find staff recommendations for authors, books, podcasts, streaming media and websites.

On Wednesdays, keep an eye out for our “Podcast Boutique” posts, which highlight a number of podcasts on a particular theme. Themes so far have included storytelling and general science.

Locate this page at:
https://www.facebook.com/MPL-What-are-you-reading-And-listening-to-And-watching-101249328201013/

You do not need to have a Facebook account to view, though you do to comment. You can also scroll down the Library home page, http://medfordlibrary.org, to “MPL Staff Recommends,” for a link to this Facebook page.

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TEEN NEWS

At Home Teen Volunteer Opportunities

book reviews | book clubs | digital content

visit our website for more information or contact Nicole with any questions! nperrault@minlib.net

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 7 3 pm

Heavy Vinyl by Carly Usdin

Available as a free Hoopla download!

Sign up is required to access the Zoom link

Introducing the Medford Public Library Podcast Boutique

On Wednesdays check out a selection of podcasts on a variety of topics or themes.
TEEN NEWS

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Friday, April 24, at 3pm
Miles Morales: Spider-Man, by Jason Reynolds
available as a free download from hoopla
Sign up is required for the Zoom codes

MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
TEEN SHOW AND TELL
Thursday, April 30, 3-4 pm
For teens in middle and high school
Show off a hidden talent, debut your new masterpiece, teach everyone a history lesson on a silly topic, and more!
Sign up is required!
Sign up through the Library’s online calendar or email Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net
Zoom codes will be sent out prior to the event

VIRTUAL TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, May 15, 7pm
For teens in middle or high school
Show off your pop culture knowledge and face off against other Medford teens!
Prizes for the top 2 contestants!
Trivia will take place using Kahoot and Zoom.*
Costumes are optional, but strongly encouraged. Honestly, why not at this point?
Sign up required!
Sign up through the Library Online Event Calendar or email Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net
*Meeting ID and password will be sent prior to the event
1st Grade Book Club

MONDAY, MAY 11 3PM
THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING
BY ASHLEY SPIRES
Check out the ebook on Hooplalicious.com and join us for a Zoom Meeting Book Club. The link to the meeting will be posted on Facebook or you can email ssednek@minlib.net for access.

2nd and 3rd Grade Book Club

THURSDAY, MAY 14 3PM
THIS IS HOW WE DO IT
BY MATT LAMOTHE
Check out the ebook on Hooplalicious.com and join us for a Zoom Meeting Book Club. The link to the meeting will be posted on Facebook or you can email ssednek@minlib.net for access.

We're doing digital story time!

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

Toddler story times (for ages 2-3)
THURSDAYS 10:30AM
Zoom links are posted weekly on our Facebook page or you can email ssednek@minlib.net for the link!