Library Reopening for Browsing by Appointment Only
We will be reopening on an appointment only basis on Wednesday, August 5 for browsing. Appointments will be for 30 minutes in adult and 20 minutes in Youth Services. 
**You must call ahead for an appointment.**
Masks must be worn for the safety of staff and patrons.
Public computers will not be available.
To make an appointment please call 781-395-7950 starting on Monday August 3. The direct line for Youth Services is 781-475-5734. For more information and safety guidelines please visit [LINK](http://www.medfordlibrary.org/building).

For more Library construction photos, visit [www.medfordlibrary.org/building](http://www.medfordlibrary.org/building)

### Holds and Network Loans
Network loan delivery services have resumed on a limited basis. Out of network loans (OCLC/ILL) are not yet available.

Until further notice, when you receive a Medford hold pickup notice in your email that item will be checked out to you and will be waiting in the hall for pickup. Items will be left in the hall for 7 business days.

The building is open from 9a.m.-9p.m. Monday through Friday. If you do not want your item or need more information, please call us at 781-395-7950.

### MPL Foundation News
The heat isn't the only wave in town, you may have noticed the lovely steel waves that adorn High Street. The construction team has been hard at work and the frame of the new library is complete! The dog days of summer may have brought the heat, but it’s always cool to donate to the MPLF! [www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate](http://www.medfordpubliclibraryfoundation.org/donate)
Now it is summer, and so many local cultural venues have canceled their summer season. If you can’t go to a performance, you might want to read up on whatever you were interested in. Did you know that Shakespeare was popular among cowboys in Texas after the Civil War? In fact, just before the Mexican American war, when the United State Army was in Corpus Christi, Ulysses S. Grant auditioned for the role of Desdemona in a military production of *Othello*. He was rejected for the role. There are music-related articles, too. You can read about Adele, Mozart or Zendaya. Whether it’s art history, theatre, or anything else related to the fine arts, you’ll find it here.

**NoveList**

If you can’t browse the bookshelves at the Library, how do you find new books to read? Try NoveList! You can look up books by genre, author, or title and find an overview of what the book is about. Additionally, there is a “read-alike” component where you enter the names of authors you like and find new authors you might not be familiar with but whose style or focus is similar to authors you know and like. If you can’t get to the Library, this may be the next best thing!

To access any of our databases, go to our website, [www.medfordlibrary.org](http://www.medfordlibrary.org), click on databases, click your selection, and enter your library card number without the spaces.
Join us for Adult Summer Reading at medfordlibrary.beanstack.org

At long last, the eagerly-anticipated 5th volume of Medford poet Terry E. Carter’s Brown Skin book series is completed and available. “Brown Skin and the Brave New World: A Poet’s Anthems” comprises a tight anthology of the author’s first four works and a healthy, dynamic dose of righteous and real verse for where we are, right now.

Join us for a virtual book launch on August 7, 2020...Terry will talk about this latest volume, read from his new work, and respond to questions asked by his readers about his life and literary works. Signed books will be then available for sale and shipping at www.brownskinnedpoet.net

WHAT: AN AUTHOR TALK AND VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH FOR “BROWN SKIN AND THE BRAVE NEW WORLD: A POET’S ANTHEM”

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2020 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM

HOW: VIA WMCC FACEBOOK PAGE LIVESTREAM AND MEDFORD COMMUNITY MEDIA’S WEBSITE

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VIRTUAL LESSONS WITH DANCE CALIENTE

Dance away your cares as Dance Caliente presents fun and lively lessons for dancers of all ages and levels to enjoy from home.

Lessons are geared for students with no partners, but partners are also welcomed!

Visit Dance Caliente's Facebook for a sample of West Coast Swing!
https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3241695949283538

TUESDAYS, 7:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

August 11: West Coast Swing
September 22: Waltz
October 20: Argentine Tango
November 10: Salsa

Please register through the online calendar or by calling 781-395-7950. You will need to provide an e-mail address to receive the Zoom link.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Medford Arts Council, a local commission that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council and the City of Medford. Learn more at www.medfordarts council.org

Museum Passes

As many museums begin to re-open, we are once again offering museum passes. Reservations can only be made by phone, at 781-395-7950. Please call for details and availability!
If you have any questions about signing up for programs, no-contact pickups, or summer reading, please contact Nicole: nperrault@minlib.net

TEEN GAME NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 7:00PM

Sign up required for the Zoom link!

CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS

Creative Nonfiction:
Friday, July 10 at 12pm

World Building:
Friday, July 24 at 12pm

Sign up is required for the Zoom link!

MARSHMALLOWS PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST

For teens in middle or high school
Recreate your favorite book, meme, movie, or TV show using marshmallow peeps as characters!
You can spend as much time as you’d like on your diorama - they must be ready in time for our Zoom showdown: Friday August 14, 3pm.
Sign up is required for materials and the zoom link!
Sign up through the library’s online calendar or contact Nicole at nperrault@minlib.net

Follow the teen section on Instagram for more info on our upcoming events for teens!

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TEEN NEWS

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Friday, August 28 at 3pm
The Voting Booth, by Brandy Colbert
available as a free download from hoopla
Sign up through the Library calendar for the Zoom link!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB
For students entering grades 6-8
Tuesday, August 18, 12pm
Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery, by Peter Abrahams
Available as a free download from hoopla!
Sign up required for the Zoom link
Questions? Contact Nicole at nperrault@mil.lib.net

CHILDRENS’ NEWS

MAD SCIENCE OPTICAL ILLUSION PROGRAM
Saturday, August 8
Online 2PM

ONLINE Singalong
WITH MATT HEATON
THURSDAYS
June 11 and 25
July 9 and 23
August 15 and 27
10:00 AM
Find us on our Facebook page @MedfordLibrary
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!

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ZOOM BOOK CLUBS
AUGUST 2020

1ST GRADE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 - 3PM
SPORK BY KYO MACLEAR
Check out the ebook on hoopladigital.com and join us for a Zoom Meeting Book Club.
Email tisiegel@minlib.net for the link to the meeting!

2ND/3RD GRADE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - 3PM
THE WORLD'S BEST JOKES FOR KIDS VOL. 1 BY LISA SWERLING
Check out the ebook on hoopladigital.com and join us for a Zoom Meeting Book Club.
Email ssednek@minlib.net for the link to the meeting!

4TH/5TH GRADE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 - 3PM
ALL MY FRIENDS ARE GHOSTS BY S.M. VIDAURRI
Check out the ebook on hoopladigital.com and join us for a Zoom Meeting Book Club.
Email marisamv@minlib.net for the link to the meeting!

ALL BOOKS AVAILABLE ON HOOPLADIGITAL.COM

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