

MARCH 2021 SERVICES & EVENTS



An Evening with Author Arkady Martine* Thursday, March 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

Join Hugo Award winning author Arkady Martine as she discusses the science fiction genre, the 2020 Hugo Award Winner: *A Memory Called Empire*, and its sequel, *A Desolation Called Peace*.

Arkady Martine is not only an author, she is currently a policy advisor for the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, where she works on climate change mitigation, energy grid modernization, and resiliency planning.

This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Library.



Pulse of Reading: What Is Power and How Do We Use it?*

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 pm

Join us for a facilitated, virtual, community conversation where we will dive into types and forms of power, as well as reflect on how we all use power personally, in the workplace, and within our community. Using a virtual and inclusive format, we will discover what happens when we confront difficult topics with open and humble hearts. Facilitated by Monique Gnanaratnam and Deborah Gilburg



Debby Irving "I'm a Good Person! Isn't That Enough?!"* Wednesday, March 31, 7:00-8:00 pm

Using historical and media images, racial justice educator and writer; Debby Irving, examines how she used her white-skewed belief system to interpret the world around her. Her book *Waking Up White* is the story of her two-step-forward-one-step-back journey away from racial ignorance. She continues to study racism and strategies for its undoing while working to educate other white people confused and frustrated by racism. She remembers these feelings all too well and is passionate about transforming anxiety and inaction into empowerment and action, be it for an individual or an organization.



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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Virtual YUM! Cookbook Club*

Wednesday, March 3, Noon-1:00 pm

Join YUM online! Virtual Share: Skillet Dishes

Dust off that old cast iron pan and join us on a journey of shared and creative cuisine right out of the fire and into the frying pan! If you like to cook and share recipes, then this is the book group for you. Every month you will choose and make a recipe from a selected cookbook or theme and then join together at noon for a virtual pot luck lunch.

RPL Book Group*

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00-8:30 pm

Featured Book: *Walking to Listen: 4,000 Miles Across**America, One Story at a Time* by Andrew Forsthoefel

This is the story of others living all along the roads of America; how a life is made, and of how our nation defines itself on the most human level.

Discussion Leader: Nancy Benjamin

Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion*

Tuesday, March 30, 10:30 am-Noon

Have you read any good books lately? Stop by and share! Join us for an informal monthly discussion of what people are currently reading. It's a great way to learn about new books and authors.

KidLit Fan Club*

Thursday, March 18, 7:00-8:00pm

Join RPL Children's Librarians for a monthly book club for adults all about Kid Lit! We'll be reading middle grade, picture books, graphic novels, and even some young adult! If you're a fan of children's literature, then sign up to talk to other adults about these amazing books.

This month's picks: YA Fantasy *Cemetery Boys* by AidenThomas and graphic novel *Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh.

Copies of the books will be provided to participants. After you register, a librarian will contact you about scheduling a time to pick up your books.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SAT & ACT Strategy Session*

Tuesday, March 2, 7:00-8:30pm

Learn how the SAT and ACT is built and structured and what that means for you as a test-taker. Catch up on the content and how the test is scored. Get a sense of how one prepares for the SAT and ACT as well as the range of resources available.

A representative from the Princeton Review will lead you through this strategy session. The Princeton Review is a college admission services company offering test preparation services, tutoring and admissions resources, online courses, and books.

All About Birds: Spring Is Right Around the Corner!*

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00-8:30pm

The fifth in the All About Birds Series presented by Dave Williams. The first returning birds have already returned to Reading by St. Patrick's Day! How and why do birds migrate between Massachusetts and warmer regions? This presentation will examine the upcoming Spring migration and some of the special early returning visitors we can expect to see locally.



MEET-UPS

Virtual Poetry Share*

Tuesdays, March 9, 23, 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for an hour or two of poetry sharing. This is for those who write poetry and want to share their writings with other writers. Attendees are urged to bring one of their poems to the first session. Following sessions will be comprised of writing poems with particular themes that the group chooses.

Writers' Group*

Wednesday, March 10, 10:00-Noon

Join this drop-in community of writers every second Wednesday of the month to share ideas, drafts, and cheer each other on.



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Preschoolers

Virtual Countdown to Kindergarten!*

Mondays, March 1-April 12, 1:30-2:00 pm

Get ready for kindergarten in this group-based, 7-week virtual storytime series! Your children's librarians will combine engaging activities with favorite books for preschoolers entering kindergarten in Fall 2021. Kids will discover early reading skills, math concepts, STEAM activities, and more! *Ages 4 and up*

Virtual Pajama Storytime*

Thursdays, March 4-18, 6:30-7:00 pm

Wear your PJs for bedtime stories and nighttime lullabies. This virtual program is for the whole family!

Virtual Family Storytime*

Fridays, March 5-26, 10:30-11:00 am

Join your children's librarians for stories, songs, movement and other interactive fun at this virtual storytime.

Babies & Toddlers

Virtual Toddler Time*

Wednesdays, March 3-31, 10:30-11:00 am

Join us for a fun half hour of stories, songs and other learning activities on ZOOM. This weekly class is designed to jump-start early literacy skills for "wobblers" and toddlers from 18 to 36 months.

School Age

RPL Journal Club*

Fridays, March 5-26

RPL's Journal Club is for kids in grades 3-5. When you sign up, you will receive a box of supplies to create your own journal. Every Friday, you will receive an email with a journal prompt, a playlist to listen to, book recommendations, and some other activities to watch or do! Take 15-20 minutes out of your weekend to complete the prompt or work on something else you're excited about! Your journal is your place to be free to be you! A librarian will contact you about picking up your Journal Club supplies once you sign up! *Grades 3-5*

Virtual French for Kids*

Mondays, March 8-29, 3:30-4:00 pm

Bonjour! Kids in grades 1-4 can learn French in a 6-week online class led by students in the RMHS French Club! Each week will feature new vocabulary, online games, bilingual activities and more. *Grades 1-4*



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Study Buddies*

Thursdays, March 4-April 8, 5:00-6:00 pm

Study Buddies is designed to be an academic support system for middle schoolers that provides free one-on-one tutoring by high school volunteers. The Library is honored to continue hosting and supporting this Gold Star Girl Scout Project created in 2019. Every effort is made to pair students with a tutor, however due to potential overwhelming demand placement is not guaranteed. *Grades 6-8*

Teen Book Box*

Wednesday, March 10

Receive your very own themed box filled with 1-3 teen library books plus goodies and/or treats! As a perk, get an extended checkout time of 3 weeks. The only thing we need back is the book(s) once you're done reading. Box Theme: What if...? (sci fi) Boxes made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the Reading Public Library. *Grades 6-12, Reading resident or student. Must have a library card.*

Teens Cook: March Madness*

Monday, March 15, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Teen Librarian, Susan, in the kitchen making recipes worthy of March Madness. So, choose your brackets and let's get ready to see which dish will be taking down the net this year! The following are the bracket busting recipes we will be making this month: Hot Pizza Dip, Loaded Potato, Mini Pizzas. All in the microwave! *Grades 6-12*

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Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	1pm-8pm
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
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