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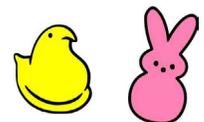
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Teen Peeps Diorama Contest: Power to the People!
Submissions begin Tuesday April 27,

Create a Peeps Diorama and you could win a prize! Starter supplies will be available for pick-up in the Library Lobby the week of April 19. Hop on down! Drop off dioramas in the Library Lobby on Tuesday, April 27 or Thursday, April 29. One entry per person or team. Dioramas will be on display at the library May 3 - 8 for the public to vote on the winners of the People's Choice Awards. The winners will be announced on Monday, May 10.
Grades 6-12



Girls Who Code: Coding Fundamentals Club*
Wednesdays, April 14-May 26 4:00-5:30 pm

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Open to female-identifying students in Grades 6-12





BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Virtual YUM! Cookbook Club*

Wednesday, April 7, Noon-1:00 pm

Join YUM online! Virtual Share: International Cuisine
Share with us a dish from your own heritage or something you have never tried. The world is your oyster! 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, April 13, 7:00-8:30 pm

Featured Book: *An Hour Before Daylight: Memories of a Rural Boyhood* by Jimmy Carter. In an American story of enduring importance, Jimmy Carter re-creates his Depression-era boyhood on a Georgia farm, before the civil rights movement that changed it and the country. In his singular voice and with a novelist's gift for detail, Jimmy Carter creates a sensitive portrait of an era that shaped the nation.
Discussion Leader: Ardella Montgomery

Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion*

Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 29, 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: *Fighting Words* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and each KidLit member will receive a bonus book to talk about during discussion!

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.



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MEET-UPS

Virtual Poetry Share*

Tuesdays, April 6, 20, 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. Sessions will be comprised of writing poems with particular themes that the group chooses.

Writers' Group*

Wednesday, April 14, 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.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Study Buddies*

Thursdays, April 1, 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 host this Gold Star Girl Scout Project that was created in 2019. Every effort is made to pair students with a tutor, however due to overwhelming demand placement is not guaranteed. *Grades 6-8*

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Teen Book Box*

Wednesday, April 14

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: Celebrate National Poetry Month! Books in this month's box are novels-in-verse, poetry and narrative fused together. Boxes made possible through the sponsorship of the Friends of the Reading Public Library. *Grades 6-12, Reading resident or student. Must have a library card.*

Teens Cook: Spring Family Dinner*

Monday, April 26, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Teen Librarian, Susan, in the kitchen making recipes for a Spring Family Dinner. We will be hopping into spring with some veggie recipes perfect for the whole family: Ravioli Lasagna, a Side Caesar Salad, and Carrot Cake. *Grades 6-12*

Teen Math Circle (Grades 6-8)*

Tuesday, April 27, 3:00-4:00 pm

Fascinating puzzles + games + team fun = Math Circle. Back by popular demand! Students will dive into various math problems and concepts designed by RMHS graduate, Corinne (AKA The Math Aficionado). Offered monthly; register for each session individually. *Grades 6-8*

Preschoolers

Virtual Pajama Storytime*

Thursdays, April 1-15, 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, April 2-16, 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, April 7, 14, 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, April 2, 9

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*

Reading Rockets: An #ownvoices Parent & Child Book-Discussion Group*

Wednesdays, April 14, May 12, 7:00-8:00 pm

Each month we'll discuss #ownvoices books for kids. This online discussion group is designed for students in grades 5 & 6 and their caregiver; together we'll talk about characters, setting, language, art and much more. WHO is your favorite (or least favorite) character? WHY did they make the choices they did? WHAT would you do if you were in the same situation? April's title: *Efrén Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros. Copies of the book will be provided to participants. *Grades 5-6*

Kids Math Circle (Grades 4-5)*

Tuesday, April 27, 4:00-4:50 pm

Fascinating puzzles + games + team fun = Math Circle. Students will dive into various math problems and concepts designed by RMHS graduate, Corinne (AKA The Math Aficionado). Offered monthly; register for each session individually: April 27, May 25. *Grades 4-5*



PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

StoryWalk

April 17-30

Reading Town Common

Get outside and read! Take a stroll through downtown Reading and discover our spring Storywalk featuring *Kite Day* by Will Hillenbrand. Start at the flagpole in the Town Common and follow the StoryWalk signs to read this adorable picture book. Fun for the whole family!

Trash to Treasure!

Tuesday-Friday, April 20-23, 3:00-4:00 pm

Library Front Lawn

Kids ages 5 and up can enjoy GREEN time instead of screen time at our school vacation week upcycling programs. We supply the recycled materials--you supply the creativity at these afternoon outdoor activity stations. Each day will feature different materials to create your own trash-terpieces!

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Library Hours

Monday	10am-8pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	1pm-8pm
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	1:30pm-4:30pm

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