

MAY 2021 SERVICES & EVENTS



Spring into Action: Reading Public Library Food Drive Saturday, May 1-Thursday, May 27

During the spring and summer months, the Reading Food Pantry sees a reduction in donations. Join the RPL in helping to keep the shelves stocked! The library will be collecting food items in May during regular library hours. Just drop items off in the donation box at the holds pick up or donate monetary gifts via PayPal or through their Amazon wishlist.



Vote for Peeps!

Monday, May 3 to Saturday, May 8

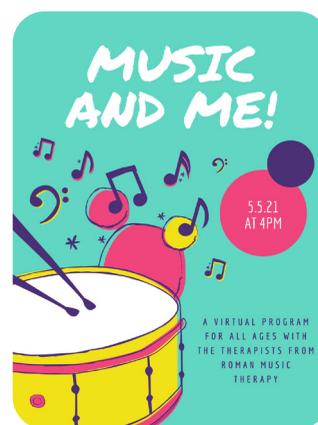
Hop over to the library to view the submissions for the First Annual Teen Peeps Diorama Contest and submit your vote to select the 2021 People's Choice Award winners! All ages are welcome to vote. Dioramas will be on display in the library's Community Room windows. Wishing all the Peeps the best of luck!



Music and Me!*

Wednesday, May 5, 4:00-4:45 pm

Looking for a fun, engaging way for your child to express themselves and reach their full potential in an environment that fosters inclusivity and growth? Children of all ages and abilities are welcome in this virtual space to explore how music can support them through active music making, instrument play, and peer to peer interactions facilitated by a board-certified music therapist with Roman Music Therapy Services.



Monday Morning Mindfulness*

Mondays, May 3-June 14, 10:00-11:00 am

Join Sally Palmer, Mindful Educator/ RYT200 Yoga Teacher, in an engaging six-week, online series. You will learn how to manage your stress and maintain wellbeing using mindful strategies practiced around the world. Sally has developed a stress management program that enables participants to learn how to recognize their stress, and through greater awareness develop healthy coping mechanisms and behaviors.





BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Virtual YUM! Cookbook Club*

Wednesday, May 5, Noon-1:00 pm

Join YUM online! Virtual Share: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican fare! Join us as we travel in history to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza.

Pints+Pages Book Group*

Thursday, May 6, 7:00-9:00 pm

Featured Book: *The Power* by Naomi Alderman, available on Libby as an ebook and audiobook, or place a hold on a print copy. Pints+Pages is a social book group designed for 20 & 30 somethings. Mix up your favorite cocktail and meet virtually with host librarians from Reading and Wilmington!

RPL Book Group*

Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-8:30 pm

Featured Book: *Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson
In Denmark, Professor Kristian Larsen, an urbane man of facts, has lost his wife and his hopes for the future. On an isolated English farm, Tina Hopgood is trapped in a life she doesn't remember choosing. Both believe their love stories are over. Brought together by a shared fascination with the Tollund Man, subject of Seamus Heaney's famous poem, they begin writing letters to one another. And from their vastly different worlds, they find they have more in common than they could have imagined.
Discussion Leader: Rita Graham

Pleasant Street Center Book Group*

Thursday, May 20, 10:30-11:30 am

Looking for a casual book group where you can discuss, engage and laugh with other like-minded readers? This month's discussion will feature the book, *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard. Copies are available at the Library (one month before the meeting) in both large and regular print. For more information, call the Reading Public Library at 781-944-0840.

Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion*

Tuesday, May 25, 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, May 20, 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, we are discussing the novels in verse, *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo and *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson! 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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Register online or call the library for more details.



MEET-UPS

Writers' Group*

Wednesday, May 12, 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

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Teen Book Box*

Wednesday, May 12

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. Read all the deets below before registering.
Box Theme: Celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month! May is a month to celebrate cultures, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Connect and explore with books that feature Asian/Pacific characters and are by Asian/Pacific authors! Boxes made possible through the generous sponsorship of Friends of the Reading Public Library. *Grades 6-12, Reading resident or student. Must have a library card.*

Teens Cook: Make My May*

Monday, May 17, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Teen Librarian, Susan, in the kitchen making recipes the May way! The nice weather has finally come, so recipes that are quick and easy to help get us outside faster are the way to go. We'll be dishing up: 10-Minute Gluten-Free Microwave Enchiladas, Homemade Single-Serve Macaroni and Cheese in a Mug, and Coffee Mug Cake.. *Grades 6-12*

Teen Math Circle (Grades 6-8)*

Tuesday, May 25, 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). *Grades 6-8*

Thank you to the Friends of the Reading Public Library for supporting many library programs and events. Learn more, support, and join:

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Preschoolers

Share Your Shine Storytime*

Wednesdays & Fridays, May 5-28, 10:30-11:00 am

Be unique, wonderful, creative YOU at the RPL's Share Your Shine Storytime! Join your children's librarians for empowering stories, friendly songs, and cooperative games on the library lawn. Registration and social distancing are required, and masks are strongly encouraged. This program will be cancelled in the event of rain or severe weather.

Virtual Pajama Storytime Recordings

Wear your PJs for bedtime stories and nighttime lullabies. Watch all your favorite recordings of our Pajama Storytimes at our YouTube Channel: <http://bit.ly/RPLPajamaStorytime>

Babies & Toddlers

VIB: Very Important Babies Playgroup*

Saturday, May 8, 9:30-10:00 am

Community Room

A playgroup storytime for babies up to 14 months and their grown-ups! Join your children's librarians for songs, play, and Very Important Fun with other babies and caregivers.

School Age

The Plant Lab: Planting Party*

Saturday, May 1, 2:00-3:30 pm Raindate: May 8

Got a green thumb? Want to give gardening a go? Help us start our Plant Lab on the Patio! We'll plant seedlings, talk about best planting practices, and bring home a bit of the garden with you! After helping to get the garden going, come back to the library any time, show us your Plant Ambassador Badge and go outside to water the plants or read them a story! *Grades 4-6*

RPL Journal Club*

Fridays, May 7-June 11

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*

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Kids Math Circle (Grades 4-5)*

Tuesday, May 25, 4:00-4:50 pm

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May-hem and Madness: Rockin' Rockets (Grades K-3)*

Tuesday, May 4, 3:00-3:45 pm

An after-school, outdoor STEM program for school-age scientists. Spend May the Fourth learning about rockets and the science behind them! *Grades K-3*

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May-hem and Madness: Pop, Fizz, Boom! (Grades K-3)*

Tuesday, May 18, 3:00-3:45 pm

An after-school, outdoor STEM program for school-age scientists. Try your hand at some experiments that will go pop, fizz, BOOM! Wear something you wouldn't mind getting a little messy! *Grades K-3*

May-hem and Madness: Pop, Fizz, Boom! (Grades 4-6)*

Tuesday, May 18, 4:00-4:45 pm

An after-school, outdoor STEM program for school-age scientists. Try your hand at some experiments that will go pop, fizz, and BOOM! Wear something you wouldn't mind getting a little messy! *Grades 4-6*

May-hem and Madness: Slime! (Grades K-3)*

Tuesday, May 25, 3:00-3:45 pm

An after-school, outdoor STEM program for school-age scientists. Get messy with everyone's favorite goop: SLIME! Wear something you wouldn't mind getting a bit messy! *Grades K-3*

May-hem and Madness: Slime! (Grades 4-6)*

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An after-school, outdoor STEM program for school-age scientists. Get messy with everyone's favorite goop: SLIME! Wear something you wouldn't mind getting a bit messy! *Grades 4-6*



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

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