



# SUMMER 2021

## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

### PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Summer Reading: Monday, June 21 to Saturday, August 14



#### MEET-UPS

##### Raining Cats & Dogs: Outdoor Art\*

Thursday, June 24, 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
Library Front Lawn/Sidewalk

Create a rainwork masterpiece that will appear each time it rains this summer for all to see on the library's sidewalk. All supplies provided. *Grades 6 and up.*

##### Virtual Fantastic Beasts Mafia\*

Thursday, July 15, 7:00-8:00 pm

In this classic social deduction game hosted by Howes Party Games, all participants will be assigned secret roles to play, with the task of finding out who is working with you, and who is working against you. All roles are based on creatures and characters from *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. *Grades 6 and up.*

#### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

##### Virtual Teens Cook: Have it Your Way & Showcase Your Favorite Dish!\*

Monday, June 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Teen Librarian, Susan, in the kitchen making YOUR favorite dish! This is an opportunity to showcase a recipe that you love to make. Be prepared to show us how you make the recipe and tell us what you love most about this recipe. *Grades Entering 6-12*

##### Virtual Drool Worthy (and Healthy!) Dog Treats\*

Wednesday, June 30, 11:00-Noon

Learn how to create scrumptious, wholesome dog treats that will have your pup begging for more! This virtual demonstration with Registered Dietician Heidi Roth will show you how to make dog treats using natural, unprocessed ingredients you probably already have in your kitchen. *Grades 5 to 12.*

##### Virtual Food Explorers: Lemon Blueberry Pop-Tarts\*

Tuesday, July 27, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Food Explorers to make Lemon Blueberry Pop-Tarts via Zoom! You'll be making the pastry, filling and glaze from scratch. *Grades 6-12*

##### Virtual Food Explorers: No-Churn Ice Cream and Hot Fudge Sauce\*

Thursday, August 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join Food Explorers to make No-Churn Ice Cream and Hot Fudge Sauce! You don't need an ice-cream maker for this recipe, which comes together in a flash. *Grades 6-12.*

#### BOOK AND READING

##### Pride Club\*

June 1-30

Read with Pride! During the month of June, read (or listen) to 3 books that feature LGBTQIA+ characters or stories or by authors of the LGBTQIA+ community and receive a Pride Club button and Pride flag pin. After reading, complete the online Pride Club form to receive your button and pin (printed forms available in the Teen Room). *Grades 6-12*

##### Bag of Tales\*

Wednesdays, June 30, July 21, August 18

In need of some fresh tales to read? Receive your very own bag filled with teen library books PLUS fun treats! What's inside will be a complete surprise and a great way to discover new books that are hand-selected by your librarians. 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.*

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### Break-In Bag\*

Friday, July 2

Break-In Bags are like an "escape room" on the go! Instead of trying to break out, you're trying to break into a bag filled with loot! Stop by the Teen Area to pick up a Break-In Bag to take home. *Available while supplies last. Grades 6-12.*

##### Pet Toys for Shelter Cats & Dogs\*

Library Front Lawn

Saturday, July 24, 2:00-3:00 pm

We're not the only ones having a tough time during this pandemic. Our little furry friends need some special attention too. Attend our outdoor demonstration on how to make some cat and dog toys. Drop completed toys off in the Teen Room and we will deliver them to the local shelters. *Take-home shelter cat & dog toy kits will be available in the Teen Room while supplies last. Grades 5-12.*

##### Take-Home-and-Sew Bags

Monday, June 21-August 2

Help reduce bag waste and support an Eagle Scout Project! Pick up a kit(s) which includes instructions and fabric to sew a reusable bag. Kits require the use of a sewing machine which is available to borrow through our Library of Things. The Reading Public Library is honored to host this Eagle Scout Project designed by local teen Theo Bester. *Available while supplies last. All Ages.*

\*Registration required. Register online or call 781-944-0840.



#### FAIRY TALE CASTLE QUEST\*

Friday, June 25, 5:00-5:30 pm, 5:45-6:15 pm, 6:30-7:00 pm, 7:15-7:45 pm

Children's Room and Tent

Fairy tale, fantasy and adventure lovers - join us to kick off the 2021 Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program with a castle quest! Put on your favorite costume and come to the library for this after-hours event. Find all the clues in our scavenger hunt, make magical crafts, and test your skills at the hero's obstacle course! *There will be 4 timed entry sessions to help maintain social distancing. Please register your entire group for the same session. All ages.*

#### VIRTUAL: AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR NATE MARSHALL\*

Monday, June 28, 7:00-8:30 pm

Please join us via Zoom for a reading by award-winning author, rapper, and educator Nate Marshall from his recent collection, *Finna* (2020). This event is brought to you through a partnership among the Public Libraries of Andover, Brockton, Chelmsford, Medway, Newton, Reading, and Westford.



#### VIRTUAL ANIMART WORKSHOP SERIES\*

Wednesdays, June 23, July 14, 3:30-4:30 pm; August 11, 1:30-2:30 pm

"Animart" is animal inspired art! Each month this summer features a virtual workshop just for teens to explore the intersection of art & form with animals as the subject. Pop up Art School will teach a variety of art techniques in each workshop. Check our events calendar for what supplies are provided and what you will need from home. *Grades 6-12*

June 23: Felted Hedgehog

July 14: Hedwig Anamorphic Drawing

August 11: Clay Sloth

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## MEET-UPS

### Virtual Poetry Share\*

Tuesdays, June 1, 15, 29, 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.

### Virtual Writers' Group\*

Wednesdays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 10:00 am-Noon

Join this drop-in community of writers to share ideas, drafts, and encouragement.

### Casual Bird Walk with Dave Williams\*

Thursdays, July 15, August 12, 9:00-10:30 am

Reading Town Forest

Join Dave Williams for a Casual Bird Walk! Please sign up for only one bird walk session.

### Enthusiast's Bird Walk with Dave Williams\*

Thursdays, July 22, August 26, 7:00-8:30 am

Reading Town Forest

Join Dave Williams for an Enthusiast's Bird Walk! Please sign up for only one bird walk session.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Virtual YUM! Cookbook Club\*

Wednesday, June 2, Noon-1:00 pm

Join YUM online! Virtual Share: Breakfast All Day  
Join us as we create dishes from the most important meal of the day, breakfast! 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.

### Virtual RPL Book Group\*

Tuesday, June 8, 7:00-8:30 pm

Featured Book: *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley, in which a group of friends meet to welcome in the New Year together, at an idyllic and isolated estate in the Scottish Highlands. The trip begins innocently enough and then two days later, one of them is dead. . . and another of them did it. Discussion Leader: Sarah Fennelly

### Virtual Pleasant Street Center Book Group\*

Thursdays, June 24, August 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Looking for a casual book group where you can discuss, engage and laugh with other like-minded readers? June's discussion will feature the book, *The Genius of Birds* by Jennifer Ackerman. August book TBD. Copies are available at the Library (one month before the meeting) in both large and regular print.

### Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion\*

Tuesdays, June 29, July 27, August 31, 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, June 17, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room A

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! This month, we are discussing the award-winning books *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller and *King of the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callendar! Copies of the books will be provided to participants.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Virtual Monday Morning Mindfulness\*

Mondays, June 7, 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.

### Virtual Good Grief: Coping with Loss During a Pandemic\*

Thursday June 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

We've all had a lot of collective and individual loss in our lives this year. In this session therapist Liz Brenner explores the nature of grief, discusses how it manifests, and offers a path through heartbreak.

## LECTURES

### VIRTUAL: How Electrification Benefits the Environment\*

Monday, June 7, 2:30-3:30 pm

Join the RMLD to learn how electrification benefits the environment by reducing carbon emissions, and how you can help. This event is in partnership with the Wilmington, North Reading, and Reading libraries.

### Virtual: Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees and Other Beneficials\*

Wednesday, June 23, 7:00-9:00 pm

Join Naturalist and Landscaper John Root and learn how to create a nature sanctuary in your backyard to attract birds, butterflies, bees and other beneficials by meeting their needs for food, cover, and water.

## PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Flying High Dog Show\*

Tuesday, June 29, 10:00-11:00 am

Library Front Lawn

Come see Mike Piazza and his amazingly talented Border Collie friends! Their tricks and stunts will leave you awe-struck. These are some truly high-flying pups! Mike and his team are award-winning K-9 Frisbee champions.

### Adventures of Chompy the Rabbit

July 1-August 27

Join Chompy on a walking (or hopping) adventure through Reading! Follow clues, solve puzzles and complete challenges in a quest to discover Chompy's path. Pick up an adventure booklet in the library to begin your journey.

### Vehicle Day

Tuesday, August 10, 7:30-9:00 am

Library Parking Lot

It's the 22nd annual Vehicle Day! Come see all of the amazing vehicles that make Reading out-of-this-world. The event will happen rain or shine; stay tuned for more details.

## Babies & Toddlers

### VIB: Very Important Babies Playgroup\*

Saturdays, June 12, July 10, August 14, 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. *Ages birth to 14 months*

## All Ages

### Virtual Music and Me!\*

Saturday, June 12, 1:00-1:45 pm

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.

### Go Wild Storytime!\*

Wednesdays, July 14 thru August 25, 10:30-11:00 am

Library Front Lawn

Join the Children's Librarians for animal-themed stories, songs, and games on the library lawn!

### Dog Man Days of Summer

Monday, August 16 thru Saturday, August 21

Children's Room

August is here, it's getting hot... it's the Dog Man Days of Summer! Drop in any time this week to have fun with Dav Pilkey's popular series in the children's room.

### Baby Shark Week

Monday, August 9 thru Saturday, August 14

Children's Room

It's OK to go into the water! Drop in any time this week to learn more about sharks in the Children's Room.

## School Age

### Fairy Tale Engineering: Humpty Dumpty Had a Great Fall\*

Tuesday, July 13, 3:00-4:00 pm

Library Front Lawn

What if Humpty Dumpty had had some protection when he fell from the wall? Would all the kings horses and all the kings men have been able to put him back together again? Join us in this thought experiment as we recreate Humpty Dumpty's fall and use all sorts of materials to protect him. *Grades 3-5*

### Fairy Tale Engineering: Three Little Pigs Construction Site\*

Tuesday, July 20, 3:00-4:00 pm

Library Front Lawn

Could you build a house that could stop the Big Bad Wolf? Try your hand at building homes for the three little pigs out of various materials to see what works the best against the strong lungs of the Big Bad Wolf. *Grades 3-5*

### Fairy Tale Engineering: The Goldilocks Challenge\*

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

Library Front Lawn

After Goldilocks so rudely broke into the home of the Three Bears and broke Baby Bear's chair, he is in need of a new one! See if you can craft a chair that will be just right for Baby Bear and support his weight. *Grades 3-5*

### Pop Up Art School: Shadowbox Theater\*

Tuesday, August 3, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Library Front Lawn

Learn about the animator Lottie Reiniger, a pioneer of silhouette animation, and create your own shadow box theater! *Grades 2-5*

### PAWS to Read\*

Thursdays, July 15-August 19, 3:30-4:30 pm

Children's Program Room

It's time to "paws" to read to a trained therapy dog! Our puppy pals will visit the Children's Room for an afternoon of cozy reading time. Bring your favorite book from home or pick a library book for your 15 minute appointment. To sign up call the Children's Room at 781-942-6705. Registration begins on Thursday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. *Grades K-5*

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