

# SEPTEMBER 2021

## SERVICES & EVENTS



READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Climate Justice: Finding Equitable Solutions to the Climate Crisis\*

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00-8:30 pm

Community Room and Streaming

Climate change is the number one existential threat to humanity and the planet, but some communities are more vulnerable than others. How can we fight climate change in a way that is just and equitable for all? Join Nia Keith, Mass Audubon's Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, in this interactive lecture.

*This event is held in partnership with Citizens Responding to Extreme Weather's Climate Preparedness Week and Mass Audubon.*



### Pride Storytime with Drag Friends\*

Saturday, September 18, 10:00-11:00 am

Community Room

Join us for a celebration of Pride with our special guest readers! This storytime "is just what it sounds like drag queens (and kings) reading stories to children.

This storytime captures the imagination of gender fluidity in childhood and gives kids positive and unabashedly queer role models." Please contact the Reading Public Library Children's Room to register for this event. *All Ages This special storytime is sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.*



### Outdoor Concert with Albino Mbie\*

Thursday, September 9, 5:00-6:30 pm

Library Lawn

Welcome award winning musician, Albino Mbie back to the Reading Public Library, and join us for an outdoor evening of music! Albino's music incorporates his experiences from Mozambique, the U.S., and around the world. Please note that due to capacity limits, each member of your group will have to register individually. *This event is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Reading Library.*



### Downtown Reading Art Walk Exhibit in the Library Studio September 7-30

Library Studio and Downtown Reading

Stroll along the downtown sidewalks and visit the library to see works of art by local artists. For more details and a venue map, visit [DRAW01867.org](http://DRAW01867.org), or

[Facebook.com/DRAW01867](https://www.facebook.com/DRAW01867). *DRAW 01867 is a local art exhibit made possible with the support of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Town of Reading and business owners.*

DOWNTOWN READING ART WALK



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## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Pints+Pages Book Group\***

Thursday, September 2, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Red Heat Tavern, Wilmington

Featured Book: *A Burning* by Megha Majumdar, 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. Meet up to talk about this month's book with host librarians from Reading and Wilmington!

**RPL Book Group\***

Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Conference Room

Featured Book: *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel  
Distant and exacting, Bruce Bechdel was an English teacher and director of the town funeral home, which Alison and her family referred to as the Fun Home. It was not until college that Alison, who had recently come out as a lesbian, discovered that her father was also gay. A few weeks after this revelation, he was dead, leaving a legacy of mystery for his daughter to resolve. This title can be picked up in the holds pick-up area. It is also available to read on *Hoopla*. Discussion Leader: Melissa Seldon

**Virtual Word of Mouth Book Discussion\***

Tuesday, September 28, 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.



## PERFORMANCES &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS

**Fall Street Faire: New Residents Scavenger Hunt**  
Sunday, September 12, Noon-5:00 pm  
Downtown Reading

Attention New Reading Residents! If you have moved to Reading in the past 12 months, we invite you to visit all the Town of Reading booths at the Fall Street Faire and participate in a scavenger hunt to learn about the Town. Finish the scavenger hunt and be entered to receive a New Resident Tote Bag courtesy of the Reading-North Reading Chamber of Commerce. One welcome bag per family. Come to the Fall Street Faire and learn what makes Reading great!



## CLASSES &amp; WORKSHOPS

**Virtual Poetry Share\***

Wednesdays, September 8, 22 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.



## MEET-UPS

**Virtual Writers' Group\***

Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 am-Noon

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

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

Many of our library programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Public Library. Learn more, support and join: [friendsofreadingpl.org](http://friendsofreadingpl.org)

## Babies & Toddlers

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays, September 14, 21, 28, 9:30-10 am or 10:15-10:45 am

#### Community Room

Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 or 10:15 AM for a fun half-hour of stories, songs and other learning activities. This weekly storytime is designed to jump-start early literacy skills for "wobblers" and toddlers. No registration is necessary, but attendance is limited. Please pick up free tickets from a Children's Librarian the morning of the program, starting at 9:00 AM. *Ages 15-36 months*

### VIB: Very Important Babies Storytime\*

Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30-7:00 pm

#### Children's Program 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-14 months*

## Preschoolers

### Friday Family Fun Time

Fridays, September 17, 24, 9:30-10:00 am

#### Community Room

Hand, hand, finger, thumb; pointing, clapping, tickling fun, join us for fingerplays and more today! No registration is necessary, but attendance is limited. Please pick up free tickets from a Children's Librarian the morning of the program, starting at 9:00 AM. *Ages birth-5*

### Wacky Art Wednesday\*

Wednesday, September 15, 10:30-11:30 am

#### Community Room

Join your Children's Librarians for some hands-on, motor skills-learning art! We'll rock to some music, make some fun artwork, and practice important skills that we'll use in preschool! *Ages 2-4*

### Countdown to Kindergarten\*

Thursdays, September 16-October 21, 1:30-2:15 pm

#### Children's Program Room

Get ready for kindergarten in this group-based, 6-week storytime series! This storytime series will combine engaging activities with favorite books for preschoolers entering kindergarten in Fall 2022. Kids will discover early reading skills, math concepts, STEAM activities, and more! Caregivers are required to stay in the library building, but will not be in the program room during the storytime.

## School Age

### Reading Rockets Registration\*

Wednesday, September 1

#### Register online or call the library

Registration starts today for Reading Rockets, our parent/child book discussion group. We will meet 8 times over the school year. The first monthly discussion is Thursday, October 14. *Grades 5-6*

### Plant Lab: Harvest & Winterizing\*

Friday, September 10, 2:00-3:30 pm

#### Children's Program Room, Outside Patio

Join us for an afternoon of prepping the garden for winter! Any additional veggies will be harvested (and taken home!), the soil will be turned over with fall harvest and winter plants planted, AND we'll be making fall/winter seed bombs with local seeds that you can take home and use. *Ages 6-11*

### Who Lives in Your Backyard?\*

Tuesday, September 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

#### Children's Program Room

Hey kids! Learn more about the creatures that live in YOUR backyard with the volunteer naturalist from Baypath Humane Society of Hopkinton. Please register each child individually. Caregivers are required to stay in the library building, but will not be in the program room during the event. *Ages 6-9*

*The Reading Public Library asks that unvaccinated patrons continue to wear masks during indoor and outdoor library events when they can't socially distance.*

*For now, masks are required during Children's programming for the safety of our youngest patrons who are ineligible for vaccination.*

*Children 2 and under are exempt from face covering requirements. Please stay home if you've been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive or been diagnosed with COVID 19 in the past 14 days or are experiencing any of the following new symptoms as listed on the state's website.*

**\*Registration required.**

**Register online or call 781-944-0840.**



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### Library Hours

Monday	9am-9pm
Tuesday	9am-9pm
Wednesday	9am-9pm
Thursday	1pm-9pm
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-5pm

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