

# NOVEMBER 2021

## SERVICES & EVENTS



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All ages.

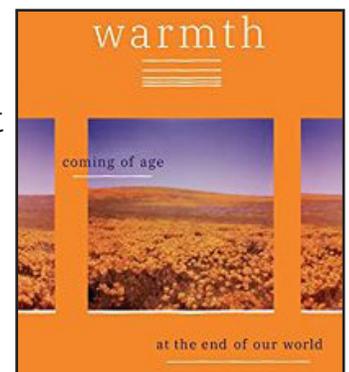


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Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:30 pm

Join Claudia Fox Tree and Debby Irving for an conversation as they explore how U.S. narratives have shaped their understanding of themselves, one another, and the complex world we live in. Audience engagement and participation will be facilitated by a moderated question and answer session following their talk. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program*



### **TAG: Teen Advisory Group\***

Thursday, November 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

#### **Conference Room**

Are you interested in making an impact on Teen Services at the library and sharing your thoughts and ideas about programming, book selection, and community engagement? Join us to brainstorm ideas in our pilot program for future activities. The ideas and plans students have designed will be implemented throughout the school year.





## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Pints+Pages\*****Thursday, November 4, 7:00-9:00 pm**

Featured Book: *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia available on Libby as an ebook/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! November location TBA.

**RPL Book Group\*****Tuesday, November 9, 7:00-8:30 pm****Conference Room**

Featured Book: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. With its message of empathy and self-care, artist Charlie Mackesy's quiet picture book has captured the shared longing of our troubled times. This book is a collection of loosely linked illustrations about a lonely boy who ambles through the countryside on a spring day, finding companionship. As they walk, the new friends talk, wonder, share their hopes and fears and pose some big questions. Discussion Leader: Susanne Sullivan

**Word of Mouth Book Discussion\*****Tuesday, November 30, 10:30 am-Noon****Community Room**

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.



## CLASSES &amp; WORKSHOPS

**Virtual Poetry Share\*****Wednesdays, November 3, 17, 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.

**Reclaiming Your Story Collage Workshop\*****Mondays, November 8, 15, 29, 11:00-12:30 pm****Studio**

Join Artist Librarians Eileen and Melissa to tell your story through the art of collage in this three-week series! Artists of all experience levels are welcome and will be given a brief overview of some art basics during the first session. After the masterpieces are finished, they will be displayed in The Studio. Supplies will be provided. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program.*



## PERFORMANCES &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS

**Virtual: Beyond the Mayflower: Native Americans of New England\*****Thursday, November 4, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Professor Christoph Strobel will present an interpretive history of the indigenous peoples of New England. This talk will focus on a few select case studies, historic sketches, and biographies from throughout New England and it will emphasize Native American resistance, adaptation, and survival under often harsh and unfavorable circumstances.

*This program is brought to you through our partner library, Chelmsford.*

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## MEET-UPS

**Virtual Writers' Group\*****Wednesday, November 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.

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

## Babies & Toddlers

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays, November 2-16, 9:30-10 am or 10:15-10:45 am  
Community Room

Join us for a fun half-hour of stories, songs and other learning activities. This 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, November 2-16, 6:30-7:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

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, November 5-19, 9:30-10 am or 10:15-10:45 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, November 17, 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*

## School Age

### Roots, Shoots and Branches: Storytelling Workshop\*

Wednesday, November 3, 3:30-5:00 pm  
Community Room

Come join our special guest, Andrea Lovett, and learn to tell and enjoy family stories. Hear some family tales from Andrea, such as the time her family thought they lost their dog and the whole neighborhood turned out to search-- only to find him taking an afternoon nap under the back porch. Kids will workshop their own stories and share them with others! *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program. Grades 3-5*

### PAWS to Read\*

Thursday, November 4, 18 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. Kids can sign up for a 15-minute time slot to practice their reading in a stress-free way. Bring your favorite book from home or pick a library book for your appointment. To sign up for one 15-minute time slot, call the Children's Room at 781-942-6705. *Grades K-5*

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### Literary Magazine Meeting\*

Wednesday, November 17, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Children's Program Room

Join RPL Children's Librarians for our second meeting about a new literary magazine we are starting here at the library! Kids in grades 3-5 stop in for a snacking & writing workshop and to learn all about the makings of a literary magazine. Kids in grades 6-8 stop in to help our young writers work on their masterpieces! Register in advance or stop in! *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program. Grades 3-8*

### Reading Rockets\*

Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 pm  
Children's Program Room

This discussion group is designed for students and their caregiver. Together we'll talk about characters, setting, language, art and much more. When you register, you are signing up for the entire school year, 8 discussion dates. November's title: *Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland. Copies of the book will be provided to participants. *Grades 5-6*

### \*Registration required.

Register online or call 781-944-0840.



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### Library Hours

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Wednesday	9am-9pm
Thursday	1pm-9pm
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

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