MEET-UPS

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 that are written 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*

Teen Meet Up: Pride Club

Thursday, June 16, 30, 5:15-6:15 pm Teen Room

Join the Teen Services Librarian as she talks about some of her favorite LGBTQIA+ books and authors. Teens will be able to join in on the discussion and talk about their favorite books and make a bookmark to take home. Grades 6-12

DIY Bracelets for Teens!

Thursday, July 7, 3:00-4:00 pm Teen Room

Summer + Camp = Friendship Bracelets! Teens are welcome to stop by the Teen Room to make friendship bracelets. We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity. Grades 6-12

Photo Walk for Teens!*

Wednesday, July 13, 10:00-11:30 am Mattera Cabin

We will meet at the Mattera Cabin for a leisurely nature walk. During the walk teens will take photos of what inspires them. After we've completed the trail, the group will discuss and show what they observed. Participants are recommended to bring: water, sunscreen, a hat, and a snack. Grades 6-12



Teen Talks: SpeakOUT* Monday, June 6, 4:00-5:00 pm

Community Room

Join us for an evening of open discusson with speakers from SpeakOut Boston. "SpeakOUT is a community of speakers working to create a world free of homo-bi-transphobia and other forms of prejudice by telling the truths of our lives. [They] engage audiences in honest dialogue, and in keeping with [their] motto "Ask Us Anything," invite any guestions that may challenge harmful stereotypes and misconceptions." Grades 6-12

Tuesday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



TBW: Creative Writing for Teens!* Wednesday, June 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

Studio

Join Our Creative Writing Group for Teens! Attendees will participate in creative writing exercises and hands on activities. This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Proaram. Grades 6-12

Learn Ukulele for Teens!* Library Front Lawn

Monday, July 18, Noon-1:00 pm

Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You'll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play songs! No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers! Grades 6-12

S'mores for Teens!* **Community Room**

Saturday, July 23, 1:00-2:00 pm

Can you build the best marshmallow structure? Calling all teen engineers to attend this fun, competitive, STEAM program. May the best team win! While there will be no eating of s'mores, everyone will leave with a treat that they can eat at home. Grades 6-12

Eat Dirt: Stories & Snacks for Teens!* Thursday, July 28, 7:00-8:30 pm Mattera Cabin

Calling all creative writers and storytellers! Meet us at Mattera Cabin for an evening of creative writing, storytelling, and a delicious treat! We'll be making dirt. Not real dirt, but the delicious dessert that consists of pudding, Oreos, and gummy worms! Allergy Alert: Food will be used or consumed at this event Grades 6-12

Tie-Dye for Teens!* Library Front Lawn Thursday, August 4, 4:00-5:30 pm

Teens will get to tie-dye on the library lawn. Bring any items you'd like to add some extra color to! Each teen will get a bag with one dye color, care instructions, gloves, and rubber bands. We provide the dye, you bring the creativity! Grades 6-12

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



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SUMMER 2022 PROGRAMS

Summer Reading: Tuesday, June 21 to Saturday, August 13

SUMMER KICK OFF CONCERT & PICNIC

Friday, June 24, 5:00-7:00 pm

- **Reading Public Library Lawn**
- Celebrate the arrival of summer with an all-ages party on the library lawn!
- We'll provide games, grown-up, and kid-friendly musicians, and community
- groups to help you enjoy the great outdoors this summer. Bring a picnic,
- blanket, friends, and family. All ages.
- This event is generously funded by the Friends of the Reading Public Library.

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Wednesday, August 3, 10:00-11:00 am Community Room

Kids of all ages can join Otha Day at this magical, musical drum circle. Otha shows kids that rhythm has the power to build community, promote well-being and create joy! Free tickets will be distributed the morning of the program starting at 9:00 am. This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program.

DIET FOR A SMALL PLANET WITH FRANCES MOORE LAPPE*

Thursday, June 30, 6:00-7:30 pm, Food Tasting: 5:15-5:45 pm **Community Room**

Can a recipe book change the world? Yes! Find out how from world-renowned food expert Frances Moore Lappé. The 50th anniversary edition of *Diet for a* Small Planet shows us how plant-centered eating can help restore our ecology, address the climate crisis, and move us toward real democracy. Book sale and signing will follow. Arrive between 5:15-5:45 to sample recipes from the book made by Reading's favorite dietician Lori Lambert-Osburn!



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MEET-UPS

Virtual Writers' Group*

Wednesdays, June 1, July 7, August 3, 10:00-11:30 am Join this drop-in community of writers to share ideas, drafts, and encouragement.

Enthusiast's Bird Walk with Dave Williams*

Thursdays, June 9, August 4, 7:00-8:30 am Reading Town Forest

Join Dave Williams for an Enthusiast's Bird Walk!

Casual Bird Walk with Dave Williams*

Thursdays, June 23, August 18, 9:00-10:30 am Reading Town Forest Join Dave Williams for a Casual Bird Walk!

Bird Meet-up with Dave Williams*

Monday, July 25, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room

You've learned all about birds, but do you want to learn more about birds? And share some of your knowledge too? Novice birders and experts alike are welcome to attend meet-ups every other month. These will be informal gatherings where bird-loving folk can gather to learn from each other and share their knowledge.



KidLit Fan Club!*

Mondays, June 13, July 11, August 15, 7:30-8:30 pm Children's Program Room

Adult fans of children's and young adult books sign up for a book discussion about all things KidLit! June titles: *Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta and *Pumpkin* by Julie Murphy. July titles: *Different Kinds of Fruit* by Kyle Lukoff and *The Only Black Girls in Town* by Brandy Colbert. August titles: *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha, and a choice of *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram or *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo. Copies of the books will be provided to participants.

RPL Book Group*

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00-8:30 pm Community Room

Featured Book: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts and secrets that are ready to boil over. Discussion Leader: Susanne Sullivan.

Word of Mouth Book Discussion*

Tuesdays, June 28, July 26, August 30, 10:30 am-Noon Conference 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.

Pints+Pages Book Group*

Thursday, July 7, 7:00-9:00 pm Location: TBD

Pints+Pages is a social book group designed for 20 & 30 somethings. Meet up to talk about this month's book (TBD) with host librarians from Reading and Wilmington!



Planning for Medicare - Countdown to 65* Thursday June 2, 7:00-8:30 pm Community Room

If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this seminar is for you. Whether you are planning to retire or will continue to work, it's important to know your Medicare options. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts will answer all your questions.

Create! with Melissa: Postcards From Home* Mondays, June 6, 13, 27, 10:00-11:30 am Studio

Make postcards and greeting cards with rubber stamps, different papers, magazine pictures and other easy to use materials. Whether you want to make one postcard of your dream vacation, or a whole stack of greeting cards to mail out to friends and family, you are welcome to come to this casual program and create. Register to attend one or all. Materials are provided.

Virtual: Russia's War in Ukraine: The Human Cost * Monday, June 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused unprecedented destruction in Ukraine. With no anticipated end in sight, conversations to encourage continued interest in the war in Ukraine are vital to understanding how we got to where we are. Facilitated by Director of the Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program at the Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University, Emily Channell-Justice. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program.*

Retirement Checklist: A Financial Planning Program* Tuesday, June 28, 7:00-8:00 pm

Community Room

Join John Foley from New England Investment & Retirement Group in this presentation highlighting risks posed to retirees, pertaining to six areas of financial planning: retirement & income planning, investing, medical insurance, taxation, college education planning, and estate planning.

Create! Camp Crafts for Adults* Mondays, July 11-August 22, 10:00-11:30 am Studio

Revisit craft time at summer camp and join librarian and artist Melissa and create some camp crafts. Each week will feature a different craft. Check the website or our library events calendar for more details. All materials provided.

This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Reading Library.

Virtual: Summer Michaud-Skog, author of Fat Girls Hiking: An Inclusive Guide to Getting Outdoors at Any Size or Ability*

Thursday, August 11, 7:00-8:00 pm

From the founder of the Fat Girls Hiking community comes an inclusive, inspiring call to the outdoors for people of all body types, sizes, and backgrounds. Through heartfelt stories, practical advice, personal profiles of Fat Girls Hiking community members, and helpful trail reviews, get inspired to get outside. *This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program.*



O'Shea Chaplin Irish Dancers

Saturday, June 4, 10:00-11:00 am Community Room A performance of traditional Irish step dancing for all ages!

Rainbow Run

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Thursday, June 16, 3:30-5:00 pm

Library Front Lawn It's Pride Month and we are celebrating! Start at the library sign and run, walk, or roll a half mile around the block. Come decked out in rainbow attire or wear white and we will shower you with color at different places along the route.

Green Time with Tower Botanical Garden*

Thursday, July 14, 2:00-3:15 pm

Community Room

Kids will create an upcycled press for preserving leaves and petals, learn about the lifecycle changes from flower to fruit, and dissect a tulip.

Camp Song Sing-along

Monday, July 18, 10:00-11:00 am Community Room Learn some new campfire songs with children's performer Julie Stepanek at this fun musical performance for all ages!

Wingmasters: Birds of Prey

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30-7:30 pm Community Room Meet licensed wildlife rehabilitators and some of the birds they care for at this special event. *All ages.*

Vehicle Day

Tuesday, August. 9, 7:30-9:00 am Library Parking Lot Come see all of the amazing vehicles that make Reading so exciting! Stop by the library parking lot to visit cool cars, tough trucks, and excellent emergency vehicles!

Storytimes

Adaptive Stories & Art* Saturday, June 11, 10:00-10:30 am Children's Program Room

This program is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, other intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers. *Ages 4-8*

Sunrise Storytime

Thursdays, June 30-August 11, 9:00-10:00 am Various Locations

Join Miss Megan for stories, songs, and outdoor fun at parks and greenspaces all over Reading! We will meet at a different place each week so watch the library's website and social media for all the details! *Ages 18 months to five years*

Stuffie Storytime and Sleepover!*

Wednesday, July 20, 7:30-8:15 pm Children's Room

Bring your stuffie to the library for a special nighttime storytime! After storytime is over, leave your stuffie for a sleepover at the library. *Ages Birth-6.*



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Nature Stories and Exploration Tuesdays, July 12-August 9, 10:00-11:00 am Locations: TBA

There is so much nature to explore right here in Reading! Each week, we'll meet at a local conservation land site, read a science story, then take a hike. Wear good shoes and clothing for a hike in the woods. *Grades 1-3*

The Plant Lab: Open Hours

Fridays, June 10, 17, July 8-29, August 5-26 Outdoor Patio

Whether you're a seasoned gardener, a plant ambassador, or new to gardening, pop by the Plant Lab to help maintain the garden and harvest vegetables or herbs to take home! *Grades 4-6*

School Age

Wear Your Resistance: Exploring Images of Protest with Wee the People*

Friday, June 10, 2:00-3:00 pm Community Room

This program will encourage kids to learn about different images of resistance and then choose one to make a T-shirt of your own. Led by Francie Latour, racial justice educator, children's book author and co-founder of Wee the People. *Grades 3-5. This program is part of the Reclaiming Your Story grant, graciously funded by the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program.*

Kids Can Series*

Kids Stratify! (Entering Grades 1-3)* Thursday, July 7, 2:00-2:30 pm Chlidren's Program Room

Kids Prank (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, July 21, 2:00-2:45 pm Children's Program Room

Kids Mix (Entering Grades 1-3)*

Thursday, August 11, 2:00-2:45 pm Children's Program Room

Camp RPL Series*

Marshmallow Camp (Entering Grades 1-4)* Wednesday, July 6, 2:00-3:00 pm Children's Program Room

Scribble Camp (Entering Grades 4-6)*

Wednesday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm Chlidren's Program Room

Camp Camp (Entering Grades 4-6)*

Wednesday, July 20, 2:00-3:00 pm Community Room, Conference Room

Camp Rock (Entering Grades 4-6)*

Wednesday, August 3, 2:00-3:00 pm Children's Program Room

Science Camp (Entering Grades 4-6)* Wednesday, August 10, 2:00-3:00 pm Library Front Lawn

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