

Beaman Browser



Young Booksale Browsers

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

People don't necessarily think "library" when thinking about ways to "Go Green".

Libraries, however, are good stewards of the public tax dollar as well as good stewards of the Earth's limited resources. We recycle office paper, cardboard, toner cartridges, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Our annual Book Sale is a great way to "recycle" donated and no longer needed library materials and, by our very nature, libraries give a "pink slip" to single use items by loaning a single book or DVD to dozens of individuals.

The Beaman Memorial Public Library also has a collection of books and information which reflects the *green initiative* sweeping the country. This important movement encourages communities to develop a new consciousness of how to build homes, communities, and family and personal lives while conserving the earth and its resources. This initiative promotes ways to become more effective in the use of our environment's renewable and non-renewable resources. Throughout the summer, the library will be brimming with ideas, suggestions, and programs to encourage all of us

to think more sustainably and to rid our lives of clutter.



Stop in and see for yourself all that your community's library has to offer.

Louise Howland, Director

Upcoming Public Meetings

Board of Library Trustees 6/1 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy the library's Museum Pass Program! Museum Passes are available to residents and non-resident Friends. Call the library to reserve one! See beamanlibrary.org/Services for more details.

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Library Hours:

Closed Sundays & Mondays; Tues: 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Wed: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Thurs: 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Fri: 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Closed Saturdays from May 29 - Sept. 4

Events at a glance

	June	July	August
Adults	6/17 12:30 p.m. Book Discussion: <i>Sarah's Key</i> 6/17 6:30 p.m. Adult Evening Book Group	7/13 6-8 p.m. Plastic Bag Pouch Craft Class 7/15 12:30 p.m. Book Discussion: <i>The Camel Bookmobile</i> 7/15 6:30 p.m. Adult Evening Book Group	8/19 12:30 p.m. Book Discussion: <i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> 8/19 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Reading & Ice Cream Social 8/19 6:30 p.m. Adult Evening Book Group
Teens	6/22 6:30-7:30 p.m. iScream Teen Summer Reading Kick-off	7/1, 15 & 29 12-3 p.m. DIY July for Teens	8/12 7 - 9 p.m. Unplugged Coffeehouse 8/19 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Reading Night & Ice Cream Social
Children	6/23 6:30 p.m. "Alex the Jester" 6/29 1-2 p.m. French for grades 3-5	7/8, 7/15, 7/22 & 7/29 Story Time 11-11:30 a.m. 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 French for grades 3-5 1-2 p.m. 7/14 6:30 p.m. 19 th Annual Children's Pet Show 7/20 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sue's Super Summer "GO GREEN" Drop-in Craft 7/29 Freebie Thursday	8/3, 8/10, 8/17 1-2 p.m. French for grades 3-5 8/5 2-4 p.m. Children's Toy Yard Sale 8/19 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Reading Night & Ice Cream Social

Adult Programs


Adult Summer Reading Program

Join our annual Summer Reading Program. Adults may read or listen to any books from our library and then submit chances for gift certificates donated by local restaurants. Just sign up and start reading! The adult program will start on June 22 and end on August 27.

"Go Green" at Your Library


Visit the library's "Go Green" book display or find out what you can do in our "Make a Difference" brochure. Visit the library's recycling webpage to learn how you can help create a cleaner, greener world and then share how you have made a difference by adding to the library's "Going Green" display.

Plastic Bag Pouch Craft Class

Tuesday, July 13 from 6-8 p.m. 
Crochet a practical, earth-friendly plastic tote bag or small pouch from

recycled plastic bags. Crochet experience is recommended but not required. Please bring a size J crochet hook, 5 plastic shopping bags (in colors if possible), scissors and a 1/2 - 3/4 inch button. Samples are available at the library.

Family Reading & Ice Cream Social

Thurs. Aug. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 
Join us for our Annual Family Reading Night. Just pledge to read together on this evening and join families across West Boylston as they discover the pleasure of reading. After you have enjoyed your books, join us at the front steps of the Library for an old-fashioned ice cream social. If you prefer, bring your blankets or lawn chairs and read together on our front lawn. Please be sure to register for this evening of community fun.

Watch for information about Author Visits beginning in the fall.

Adult Book Group

BDG is held on the third Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. June 17, the book will be [Sarah's Key](#); on July 15, [The Camel Bookmobile](#); and on August 19, [The Art of Racing in the Rain](#). Join us for one book, the books that interest you, or every month. Book titles may change based on availability. Please call the library to confirm the title.

Evening Book Discussion

There is now an evening book discussion group for anyone free in the evening. All are welcome. Meetings are at 6:30 at the library on the following dates: June 17, July 15 and August 19. Copies of the chosen titles will be available in advance at the circulation desk.

Teen Programs

Win Gift Certificate in the Teen Summer Reading Raffle!

From June 22 to August 20, each book you read qualifies you for a **\$25.00 gift certificate to Best Buy, Barnes & Noble or Borders** in the end of the Summer Raffle! A "green gift bag" will also be awarded weekly to one reader. Open to all students entering grades 6 through 12. Students entering grade 6 may sign up for the Children's Program or the Teen Program. Sign up online at www.readsinma.org or at the main desk.

Free!

iScream Teen Summer Kick-off June 22 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Make your own sundae while hearing about this year's Summer Reading program for teens. The library will **GO GREEN** this summer! Please call ahead to sign up!

DIY July Craft Workshops

Thurs, July 1, 15 & 29; 12-3 p.m.
"Drop in" to create a **recycled** craft. Crafts may include: a collapsible bowl from magazine pages, a birdfeeder crafted from CD cases, a pencil holder woven from newspapers, a paper bead bracelet or a book vault. Please sign up prior to the date. Samples of all crafts will be available at the library on or before June 15.

"Unplugged" Acoustic Coffeehouse August 12 from 7 - 9 p.m.

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share? Then sign up to be part of the "unplugged" acoustic coffeehouse at the library. **Entry forms are due by July 30.** A microphone will be available. **BYO amplifier.** Music selections must be acceptable to all audiences.

Family Reading Night & Ice Cream Social: August 19 at 6:30-7:30

Finish your summer reading on the front lawn of the library. (Bring a blanket!) Read for ½ hour and then at 7:00 we'll bring out ice cream and toppings to add a little sweetness to your summer. Please register at the main desk.

For Children



CLASSES COMING SOON...Next Newsletter... Watch for information on our *Preschool Story Times*, *Books and Blankies* toddler class and *Mother Goose* baby class! Registration starts Tuesday, August 24.

Summer Reading Program June 22 - August 10

It's that wonderful time of year again - fun programs and great prizes! This year's program, "Go Green @ Your Library", is sponsored by this library, the MA Regional Library System, and the MA Board of Library Commissioners. To participate, register anytime starting June 22 and start logging books that day! The Friends of the Library, local businesses and patrons provide financial support for the prizes, activities and programs. For details or to donate a prize, stop by or call 508-835-2980.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff "Alex the Jester"

Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Alex the Jester prefers action to words, from mind bending sight gags to amazing stunts. When he finally clears his throat to speak, his audience is captivated by his funny sounding gibberish tongue called "Grammlot". Take an inspiring journey to medieval times with Alex the Jester! Sign up now!

Learn French with Jessica Colorio Tuesdays, June 29-Aug. 17 from 1-2 p.m.

Learn some basic French this summer from a recent WBHS graduate. This fun and interactive course will cover greetings, time, weather, clothing, animals and more through games, songs and other activities. Limited to 12 participants in grades 3 to 5.

Drop-In Story Time Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 11:00-11:30 A.M.

Join volunteers Becky O'Brien or Tammy Bourque for an informal ½ hour of fun-filled stories. These will be held in the Children's Room every Thursday morning. There is no registration so come once, twice or as many times as your schedule permits.

19th Annual Children's Pet Show Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your pet, real or otherwise, to our Pet Show on the Town Common. Register between June 8-July 9 in the Children's Room or at the pet show. (Registration fee is \$0.50). Rain date: July 21 at 6:30.

"Freebie" Thursday - July 29

Stop in all day, check out 5 or more books and receive your "freebie"! You'll enjoy a surprise treat only while supplies last, so come in early!

Children's Toy Yard Sale Thursday, August 5 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Gather all those outgrown toys and set up your display on the front lawn of the Library. Sell your treasures and visit with other sellers who might have exactly what you need. You keep all your own profits!

Sue's Super "GO GREEN" Craft Tuesday, July 20 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All materials will be supplied!

Family Reading Night & Ice Cream Social: August 19 at 6:30-7:30

Join us on the front lawn (bring a blanket!) for some "family" reading time. At 7:00 we'll bring out the ice cream and toppings and have a sweet ending to a relaxing evening. Register at the adult or children's desk. Registration is encouraged



DON'T FORGET--LAST DAY TO LOG BOOKS IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 10!!
We will start to notify prizewinners by phone starting Thursday, August 13.

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New!
Paw Sox Passes for residents and non-resident Friends

Find out more about all of the Museum Passes the library.

Dear Friends,

My message is a simple one of thanks. The Friends Board has evolved into a vibrant, dynamic group of people who cheerfully and generously give of their time in so many ways to make our library successful. The Annual Book Sale is a perfect example of the power of a team with a cause they believe in. Thanks to Amy Corneliusen and Diane Riopel, the Queen Bees of this year's sale, who made sure that every book was accounted for and every task covered. Thanks to Marian Twining who stopped in regularly for months before the sale - an unsung hero who donated hundreds of hours of sorting time. Thanks to Jean Costello and Karen Dorman who made sure the world - or at least anyone who's in town or plugged in to local book sales - knew about the sale. Most of all, thanks to all who contributed their books and dropped in to buy more!

Kudos to a few other key Friends Board members: Jeanne Comstock, our Secretary and Fundraising Subcommittee Chair, who has breathed new life and ideas into the organization's efforts to raise money by promoting the sales of bookmarks, knitted items, and coffee, and she offers more ideas every day; Vice President Amy Bloom who has quietly taken over online book sales, boosting the profits for that important segment of the Friends' efforts; Kari Thomas who serves as our creative and capable Treasurer; and, Sue Gomes who provides the critical link between what happens daily in the library and what the Friends take on or are needed to do. A final thank you goes to Librarian Louise Howland, whose unfailing leadership, wisdom and innovative programs continue to mark the Beaman Library as a welcoming, progressive community center for all. There are so many other volunteers who contribute their time, all year long to this amazing place - thanks to each and everyone of you - we couldn't do it without you!



Sally Phelps
President, Friends of the Beaman Library