

June 2023



Bellingham Public Library Bellingham, Massachusetts

"The hub of the community...where people and ideas come together"

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday : 9:30 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:30 am - 3 pm

Closed Monday, June 19th for the Juneteenth Holiday

Closed on Saturdays starting June 24th. Saturday hours resume on September 9th!

Contact us:

Call 508-966-1660

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Bellingham is Open for Business Programs

Click on the graphic for details about the programs.

Monday, June 12th at 6:30 pm



**Bellingham is Open
for Business!**

This program is made possible by a federal Institute of Museum & Library Services grant through the Library Services and Technology Act. The grant is administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Click on photo to register!

Up to 12 people can register for in person participation, all others



Diverse and Small Business Certification Workshop with MA Supplier Diversity Office

Monday, June 12th
6:30 pm - 8 pm

in-person/virtual event
registration required

Across the state of Massachusetts, government entities and private companies are looking to do business with certified diverse businesses. But what does it mean to be a certified business and how does one obtain that certification? In this workshop, business owners will learn about the different types of diversity certifications available, how having a diversity certification may be a useful tool to help market their business, and what the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) does to encourage the participation of diverse businesses in the State procurement process.

Please note that this is an informational session and not a Pre-Certification Webinar, which is a requirement of applying for diversity certification through the SDO. Attendees will receive information about upcoming Pre-Certification Webinars during the presentation.

Thursday, June 15th at 6 pm

will be on Zoom.



Using Video for Advertising

Thursday, June 15th
6 - 8 pm
in-person/virtual event
registration required

Why do you need to think about video for your business? Statistics show that videos get more views and engagement than any other form of media so it's a great way to build that brand recognition you desire for your business. However, most people think it's too much work or they aren't good at it. In this session, we'll debunk the myths about video, demonstrate some of the tools that can help you create great video content in your own office and give some basic advice on video editing. Bring your device and we'll give it a try. Any device with a camera and microphone will work!

June Programs

[Click here](#) for information or to register!



Teddy Bear Picnic on the Town Common with a Concert by Elijah T. Grasshopper
Thursday, June 15th at 12 noon

Join us on the Town Common for this event. Bring a blanket and lunch and let's have some fun kicking off the summer with the Bellingham Library! This is a Bellingham Library program brought to you by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Summer Reading - Find Your Voice

Registration begins on June 1st

The program starts June 26th and ends on August 18th.

Stop by the children's room for information and registration forms!

8-week program featuring Read & Bead, concerts, storytelling, a ukulele class, bubble parties, weekly prizes to win, and a weekly passport stamp along with lots of reading fun as we explore continents and cultures that make up our world!

New this summer! Stallbrook and DiPietro students can turn in your summer reading Time Tracking Sheet to your school in September as proof of your summer reading time!





School Skills with Miss Melissa
 Mondays at 10 am starting June 26th.
 For ages 2-5! Please register.



Mr. Vinny's Bubble Show
 Summer Reading Kickoff
 Monday, June 26th at 6 pm
 For all ages!



Krafty Kids with Miss Diane
 Wednesdays at noon, starting June 28th
 Please register for each session!



Tweens & Teens: Intro to Yoga
 Thursday June 29th at 9 am
 Please register!



Learn about COKO,
 an orphanage in
 Tanzania, Africa
 Thursday, June 29th
 at 11 am

Bellingham resident Jay Rowe, founder of COKO (Children of Kilimanjaro Orphanage), will be at the library to share information about the work his nonprofit orphanage, COKO, is doing in Tanzania.

If all goes well with the technology, we hope to livestream a meeting between the children of Bellingham and the residents of the orphanage. Although this program is part of our Summer Reading Program's weekly focus on Africa, people of all ages are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

This group, formed by the Tewksbury Public Library, is open to all! June meeting dates and topics:

Thinking Outside the Box

Wednesdays, June 7th at 9:30 am and June 14th at 6 pm

Networking 2.0- Give to Get!

Wednesdays, June 21st at 9:30 am and June 28th at 6 pm

Register on the [library calendar](#) to get the Zoom link!

Bellingham Skein Artists Adult Knitting Group

Wednesdays from 6-8 pm in the Teen Room

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or any of the other fiber arts? Come and join us! All skill levels are welcome, including beginners. Please bring your own materials. No registration.

Children's Ongoing Programs

See the [library calendar](#) for details!

Mondays

10:30 am - Sensory Story Time with Miss Melissa - Registration Required. Through June 12th

Tuesdays

12 noon - Picnic Stories on the Bellingham Town Common (weather permitting!)

Wednesdays

11:30 am - Baby Time. drop in! Through June 21st

Thursdays

11 am - Rhyme Time with Miss Laura. Drop in! Through June 22nd, no session on 6/15

Fridays

10 am - Ring a Ding, drop in! Through June 23rd

The above programs will continue in late June through mid-August, check the library calendar for new dates and times!

Children's One Time Programs in June

1st Saturday Family Fun - Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am to noon

Prepare for summer reading by making a personalized BOOKMARK. Stop in the library that morning, use what supplies you want, and make your own, personal bookmark to use this summer as you read! This program is open to all ages to drop in and have some bookmark fun!

Adult Child Book Club - Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 pm, - Email [Diane Nelson](#) for info or to join!

After School Programs - end on Thursday, June 15th

Monday - Thursday

After School Kids, for grades 4-6, 2:30-4:45 pm. One-time registration required.

Teen Room Activities, for grades 7-12, 2-4:45 pm. No registration necessary.

Fridays

Please note, Fun Fridays ended in March for this school year. The library closes at 3 pm on Fridays and there will be no After School Programs on Fridays at the library through the end of the school year.

Other Upcoming Programs

For details and to register for all programs, [click here](#) for the library calendar!

Book Discussion Group

Monday, June 5th at 6:30 pm

Email [Cecily Christensen](#) for details.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th at 7 pm

[Email](#) us for the Zoom Link!

Writing Group for Adults

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm

Meets at the library, please note location change

Contact [Marjorie Turner Hollman](#) for details

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 15th at 7 pm

in the Conference Room at the library

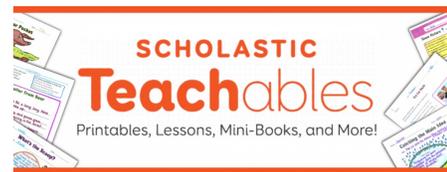
Yoga

See the library calendar for details and to register!

Library Resource of the Month

New Children's Online Resources!

Click on the image to access the resource!



The Bellingham Public Library now subscribes to three new online databases to help strengthen children's learning skills. They are: BookFlix, Educate Station, and Teachables. All you need is your Bellingham Library card to access them!

BookFlix is for children Pre-K through Grade 3. It is a digital literacy resource that pairs more than 120 animated stories with a bestselling nonfiction ebook from Scholastic on a similar subject. For example, children can watch the animated story "Scaredy Squirrel" by Melody Watt, and then read the nonfiction book "Squirrels" from the Backyard Wildlife series, to learn more about squirrels. These fiction and nonfiction pairings are designed to strengthen early literacy skills while exposing young learners to real world concepts. The animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

After reading the fiction and nonfiction pair, young learners can test their new knowledge with the Puzzlers. Puzzlers are more than just activities. They help build critical comprehension, vocabulary, and other important early literacy skills. There is also a section of over 1,100 curated websites for further exploration and additional reading practice.

Educate Station is an online database for Pre-K through Grade 2, providing ready-to-use, hands-on activities for children to do at home or school. Educate Station consists of learning plans and worksheets. Both are designed to engage children in meaningful, hands-on learning. The learning plans are organized in a recommended sequence, but you can also mix and match or choose which plans work best for the children you're supporting. There are plans in English language arts, math, science, social studies, and social-emotional learning, with more to come!

There are thousands of supplemental worksheets to help children practice core concepts. They are ready to print, and you can browse them by subject, topic, grade level, or standard.

Teachables offers teaching materials for students from Pre-K to Grade 8. It consists of tens of thousands of searchable and printable educational materials. You can filter the results by grade, subject, Common Core standards, material type, theme, or genre.

Aside from being user friendly, Teachables also has a wide variety of materials as well as mini-books. There are over 30,000 materials including worksheets, lesson plans, crafts, classroom management tools, flash cards, ebooks, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets.

Mini-books are specially adapted foldable books for children. When you print a mini-book, it will be one or two sheets of paper. Your children or students will be able to color the pictures and then cut and staple the paper together to put the pages in order. It's a great way to combine crafting and reading, leaving children feeling as if the mini-book is their own creation.

Help your child strengthen their skills by using these resources! To access them, go to the Bellingham Library's website at www.bellinghamlibrary.org. Click on the Online Resources tab, then the link for the alphabetical listing of all the library's online databases.

Library Museum & Attraction Pass of the Month

Explore Massachusetts with The Trustee Go Pass



The Trustees GO Pass is a one-time use pass that admits 2 adults and children under 18 with an admission fee equivalent to that of a family level membership to any of their properties that charge admission.

*Due to high demand, purchasing tickets in advance for their most popular properties is strongly encouraged. Our passes have a promo code on them that you will need to enter if you order tickets online. You will need to bring both our pass and the admission ticket you purchased online to the property. Click the following link for a list of the properties where purchasing tickets in advance is an option: <https://thetrustees.org/content/passes/>

Check their website for a full listing of the 100+ properties you can visit with this pass: <http://thetrustees.org/>
Please note: GO Passes are valid for admission only; not valid for discounts at parking kiosks, stores, cafes, inns, campgrounds, at special events or programs, on equipment rentals, or in place of any permits or passes.

[Click here](#) for details and to reserve the pass!

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