

May 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, May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday

Contact us:

Call 508-966-1660

[Email us](#)

[Message us](#) through our website!

Bellingham is Open for Business Programs

Click on the graphic for details about the programs.

Saturday, May 6th at 9:30 am



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 will be on Zoom.



Wednesday, May 17th at 6 pm

BUSINESS RESOURCES

**Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00pm.
In Person/Virtual. Registration Required.**

April 29th Programs

We know it's not May but we want to remind you about these great programs this weekend!

Business Expo

Saturday, 4/29/23
9 am to 12 noon

Bellingham Library

- Meet local businesses
- Learn about their products and services
- Giveaways, food, music, prizes and more!

This program is made possible by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Small Business and Technology Alternatives Act of 1994 (STATA).

Business Expo

Stop by all of the vendor tables at the Expo and you'll be entered to win a \$100 VISA gift card!

Saturday, 4/29/23
9 am to 12 noon

StoryWalk® Ribbon Cutting
Saturday, 4/29
1:00pm at the Town Common

Reminder!
Bellingham Story Walk Ribbon Cutting on the Town Common!

Saturday
April 29th, 1 pm
Rain or Shine
If it's raining we'll cut the ribbon under the Gazebo!

May Programs

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

Thursday, May 11, 2023

KMA Arts Night
6-7:30 pm

KMA (Keough Memorial Academy) student art will be on display in the Community Room through the



end of the school year.
Drop by tonight for their Open House.



Picnic Stories is BACK!

Join Miss Laura on the Bellingham Town Common for a story and outdoor fun on Tuesdays at noon, weather permitting!

Pack a picnic!

Click on the picture to register!



Please note: In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Bellingham Public Library. If in doubt, check the library's website and Facebook page!

This program is hosted by the Bellingham Public Library and is supported by a grant from the Bellingham Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

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

Interview Preparation/Strategy

Wednesdays, May 3 at 9:30 am and May 10th at 6 pm

Interview Practice

Wednesdays, May 17th at 9:30 am and May 24th 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 - *note new day and time!*

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

9:30 am - Rhyme Time with Miss Laura. Drop in! No class on May 8th.

10:30 am - Sensory Story Time with Miss Melissa - Registration Required

Tuesdays

10 am - Ring a Ding. Drop in!

11 am - Rhyme Time with Miss Laura. Drop in!

12 noon - Picnic Stories on the Bellingham Town Common

Wednesdays

10:30 am - Sensory Story Time with Miss Melissa - Registration Required! No class on May 24th.

11:30 am - Baby Time. drop in! No class on May 24th

Thursdays

10 am - Ring a Ding, drop in!

11 am - Rhyme Time with Miss Laura. Drop in!

Fridays

10 am - Ring a Ding, drop in!

11:30 am - Baby Time, drop in!

Children's One Time Programs in April

Thursday, May 4th at 4 pm. Monster Squad - Please register!

Saturday, May 6th from 10 am to 12 Noon - Saturday Family Fun - Comic Book Day, Draw your own comic book and more!

Thursday, May 11th at 6 pm, Homeschool Meet Up - For parents and kids. Drop In!

Thursday, May 18th at 4 pm, Building & Engineering Fun. Drop in!

Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 pm, Adult Child Book Club - Email [Diane Nelson](#) for info or to join!

Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 pm, Starlight Story Time. Drop in!

After School Programs

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!

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th at 7 pm

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

Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 1st at 6:30 pm

Email [Cecily Christensen](#) for details.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 11th at 7 pm

in the Conference Room at the library

Writing Group for Adults

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm

Meets at the library, please note location change

Contact [Marjorie Turner Hollman](#) for details

Yoga

See the library calendar for details and to register!

Library Resource of the Month

Universal Class



Choose from over 500
online courses.

The library has been awarded a federal grant to assist Bellingham area businesses with meeting the challenges of the 21st century by offering resources and workshops on a number of business-related topics. This grant has enabled the library to purchase the database *Universal Class*, which offers over 500 continuing education online courses on a wide-range of subjects, many of them business-related. The courses are free-of-charge for Bellingham Library cardholders.

Because of the extensive variety of subjects, there is something for everyone, and to support businesses there are courses on the following topics:

- Accounting and Financial Management
- General Management
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Starting & Growing a Business
- Software & Computer Training

Just to give you an idea of the variety of subject matter, some of the more popular courses are Cake Decorating, How to Start and Run a Small Business, Salem Witch Trials, PowerPoint 2021, Reiki First Degree, Nutrition, Chakras 101, Film Appreciation, Accounting & Bookkeeping, Retirement Planning, ESL Grammar Skills, Watercolor Painting, Wedding Planning, Investing, Business Etiquette, Microsoft Word 2021, and Floral Arrangement.

This is just a very short list of all of the subjects offered. Although they are designed for adults, many of the courses are appropriate for a variety of ages and there is a category of courses just for homeschoolers!

The courses are not just tutorials; they are real courses which include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards, and actual assessments of your progress. They are self-paced and instructor-led. You can learn when you want on your own time. You do not need to be online at a specific date or time. An instructor is available to monitor and assess your performance as well as help you locate additional resources if you need more help, and you will receive actual grades. Most of the courses can be completed within 10-20 hours.

The majority of courses offer International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) continuing education units (CEUs). Universal Class, Inc. has been accredited as an Authorized Provider by the IACET. You will earn a certificate documenting the CEUs, contact hours, and course completion. According to the IACET website, the following Massachusetts organizations accept IACET CEUs: State of Massachusetts Board of Professional Engineers, State of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, and the State of Massachusetts Department of Education.

Universal Class works with the most recent versions of major web browsers that support HTML5, including Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, and Firefox.

To access Universal Class, go to the Bellingham Public Library's website at www.bellinghamlibrary.org. Click on the Business Resources tab, and then click Online Courses. You will need to create an account using your Bellingham Library card number. Create your account today and start learning something new!

The grant that has made the purchase of this resource possible is from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act. The grant is administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Library Museum & Attraction Pass of the Month

Old Sturbridge Village



This pass admits up to 4 people at a 50% discount off of standard daytime admission per person.

The pass is valid for standard daytime admission only. Special events, programs, or performances that require a separate ticket are not eligible. This discount cannot be combined with other offers.

Regular prices are: Adults \$28, Seniors (55+) \$26, College Students (with valid college ID) \$14, Youth (4-17) \$14, Children (3 and under) Free.

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

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