

June Newsletter

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Program Highlights of the Month

Armchair Travelers Book Discussion Breakfast – Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00am
Take part on Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00am as we discuss the book choices for the 2025/2026 Armchair Travelers Book group. A light breakfast will be served. Don't forget to bring your book recommendations. Registration is required.

Summer Reading Kickoff Events

For Adults – Book Bites – Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30pm



Library staff and members of the community will be presenting some of their favorite titles to help get your summer reading kickstarted. Light refreshments will be served.

For Kids – Foam Party – Wednesday, June 25 at 2:00pm on the Town Common
KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM: LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY WITH A FOAMTASTIC GOOD TIME! Join the JHPL and Legendary Parties for a bubbly and fun foam party on the town common. Summer reading info and registration will be available during this event. This program is weather-dependent and does not require registration. In the case of inclement weather, updates will be posted on the library's social media pages regarding postponements or rescheduling.



WORLD BUILDING BOOK
GROUP

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm

Come with a favorite book to
discuss.



Library Quote of the Month

‘The library is the temple of learning, and learning has
liberated more people than all the wars in history.’

– Carl T. Rowan

June Programs



Wednesdays at 10:45am
through June 11.

Join Ms. Meredith for songs,
rhymes, fingerplays and
stories. For children 2 years
and younger with an adult
caregiver.



DROP IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Bring your device and get your
most basic smartphone, tablet or
computer questions answered.



Drop-in
Spring Story Times

Tuesdays and Fridays
10:45am to 11:30am
through June 13

Saturday, June 7 - 10:30am to 11:30am - FOR KIDS FAIRY TERRARIUMS

Join us at the JHPL for a hands-on, magical terrarium
craft! Kids ages 5-12 and their caregivers will create their
own fairy-themed moss terrariums to keep and care for.
Supplies will be provided; registration is required as
space is limited.

Monday, June 9 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm - FOR EVERYONE CELEBRATE YOU! A PRIDE MONTH KICKOFF PARTY

Help the JHPL kick off this year's Pride month and
celebrate the amazing wonderfulness of YOU! Kids and
adults of all ages are invited to join us for Pride-themed
crafts and activities as we embrace, recognize, and
celebrate all the ways each of us are uniquely and
perfectly special. No registration is required. Friends and
allies are welcome.

Monday, June 9 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

A PRIDE ZOOM EVENT - Edward Underhill, Author

Transgender YA and now adult author Edward Underhill
will be joining the Boyden Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston
to discuss his two newest 2025 books: The In-Between
Bookstore and In Case You Read This. Registration is
required. sturbridgelibrary.org.

Tuesday, June 10 - 7:30pm to 8:00pm - VIRTUAL THRILLER/HORROR BOOK RECS WITH BOOKSTAGRAMMER JODY BLANCHETTE AKA @REDREADREVIEWS

Not sure what to read next? Join Jody monthly for 30
minutes of pure book recommendations - the best of
horror and thrillers out there! We're sure you'll find
something to like from Jody's many enthusiastic reviews.
Please register for this event. This program is sponsored
by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and is in
collaboration with a multitude of MA and NH libraries.

Monday, June 16 through Saturday, June 21 - ALL DAY - FOR KIDS

PRIDE: RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple - so many colors!
What can you find in our Children's Room? Complete the
scavenger hunt and win a fun prize to help celebrate
Pride month! This is a drop in program and no
registration is required.

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. VIRTUAL A PRIDE ZOOM EVENT - Russ Lopez, author of The Hub of the Gay Universe: an LGBTQ History of Boston, Provincetown, and Beyond.

Russ Lopez will discuss the torrid romances of the 19th
century, the glamorous nightlife of 1950s Boston, the wild
times of 1970s Provincetown - and the tragic murders of
trans women and gay men, the terrible waves of
repression of the 1920s, and the devastation of the AIDS
years.

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. FOR TEENS & ADULTS

WORLD BUILDING BOOK GROUP

Come to our monthly science fiction / fantasy book group
with a favorite book to discuss. There is no required
reading this month.

Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00am to 11:00am. FOR ADULTS ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK DISCUSSION BREAKFAST

See other side for details.

Thursday, June 19 - All Day

The Library is CLOSED in observation of Juneteenth.

Wednesday, June 25 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON

A PRIDE EVENT - Fighting for our Kids - Navigating the Anti-LGBTQ+ Landscape

An educational forum presented by MassEquality for
people fighting back against anti-LGBTQ policies in their
local communities and on the federal level. Registration is
required for the zoom event. No registration is required for
in-person.

Thursday, June 26 - All DAY - FOR EVERYONE PRIDE: COLOR THE WALK

Help us fill our walkway with chalk and love!

Thursday, June 26 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm All DAY - FOR EVERYONE FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Come to the library with your family for a casual and fun
family game night. There will be a selection of card &
board games perfect for players aged 4 and older. No
registration is needed but table space is limited.