

# Summer Reading Newsletter

June 25 - August 9, 2025

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## Program Highlight of the Month

Tuesday, June 24 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

### BOOK BITES

Kick off the Teen & Adult Summer Reading Program with our annual Book Bites program. Several JHPL staff and patrons will present for a few minutes about their favorite 2 to 3 books, or something great they've read recently. Come join us for light refreshments and discussion. No registration is required.

We are thankful for the organizations and businesses that make the Summer Reading Program possible. This year's sponsors include: The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library, BT's Smokehouse, Alternatives for Health, Southbridge Credit Union, The Rotary Club of Sturbridge, Entertainment Luxury Cinemas, Yo!Boca!Taco!, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, Ascentria Health Alliance and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



WORLD BUILDING BOOK  
GROUP

**Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30pm**

This month's book is "A Short  
Walk Through a Wide World"  
by Douglas Westerbeke.



### Library Quote of the Month

"Everything you need for better future and success has already been written.  
And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library."

Henri Frederic Amiel  
(1821-1881. Swiss moral philosopher, poet, and critic)



# Teen & Adult Summer Reading Programs



## DROP IN TECH HELP

**Wednesdays**

**5:00pm to 7:00pm**

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

Weekly during Summer Reading.

### **TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS**

Beginning Monday mornings and while supplies last, pick up a Take and Make craft to do at home.

Week 1: Acrylic Bookmarks

Week 2: Upcycled Vases/Mason Jars

Week 3: Origami

Week 4: Photo Frames

Week 5: Shrink Art Keychains

Week 6: Cork Coasters

### **Wednesday, June 25 through Wednesday, July 2 - All day**

#### **PUZZLE WALL**

Bring your thinking caps to the library as you work to solve one of Co-Operatives Rooms themed puzzle walls! Stop by anytime we're open and give it a try!

### **Thursday, July 8 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

#### **INTRO TO MAGIC: THE GATHERING**

Kids ages 12-17 are invited to join the JHPL for a fun and casual introduction to the popular card game Magic: The Gathering! Space is limited and registration is required.

### **Tuesday, July 8 - 7:30pm to 8:00pm**

#### **VIRTUAL - THRILLER/HORROR BOOK RECS WITH BOOKSTAGRAMMER JODY BLANCHETTER AKA @REDREADREVIEWS**

Not sure what to read next? Join Bookstagrammer Jody Blanchette aka @redreadreviews each month for 30 minutes of pure book recommendations - the best of horror and thrillers out there! Registration is required.

### **Monday, July 14 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm**

#### **VIRTUAL - "CAPTAIN KIDD: A TRUE STORY OF TREASURE AND BETRAYAL" WITH AUTHOR SAMUEL MARQUIS**

This is a Zoom event and registration is required.

### **Tuesday, July 15 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

#### **SNAP-ED COOKING CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Join Lauren, the SNAP-ED Garden Educator from Ascentria Care Alliance, for a fun and educational class where you will learn how to prepare delicious snacks and meals using seasonal fruits and vegetables. Registration is required.

### **Thursday, July 17 - 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

#### **ONE UP GAMES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS**

One Up Games will be hosting their Open Gameplay with Virtual Reality headsets! Registration is required.

### **Thursday, July 17 - 6:30pm to 7:00pm**

#### **WOMEN'S FICTION BOOK RECS WITH KRISTAN HIGGINS**

Love women's fiction but not sure what to read next? Join bestselling author, Kristan Higgins, quarterly for 30 minutes of pure book recommendations. This is a Zoom event and registration is required.

### **Friday, July 18 - 5:30pm to 8:00pm**

#### **PIZZA & PUZZLES: PUZZLE RACE**

8 teams will be given the same puzzle to finish in the allotted 2 hours. The first team to complete the puzzle wins! There will be prizes for the first place and the runner up teams. Teams may have between 2 and 6 members. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm. The Puzzle Race starts promptly at 6:00pm! Registration is required.

### **Saturday, July 19 - 11:00am to 12:00pm**

#### **BRING THE BEACH HOME: SEA GLASS CRAFTING**

Create your own coastal-inspired art in this fun, hands-on workshop! Glue colorful sea glass pieces onto a wooden base to design a unique and beautiful piece of art. All materials provided, and no experience is needed. Join us to relax, get creative, and take home a piece of stunning sea glass art!

### **Tuesday, July 22 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm**

#### **WORLD BUILDING BOOK GROUP**

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### **Wednesday, July 23 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm**

#### **DISCOVERING HERBS: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP WITH SNAP-ED**

Join Lauren, The SNAP-ED Garden Educator from Ascentria Care Alliance, for an engaging workshop where you'll dive into the fascinating world of common herbs! After gaining insight into herb gardening, you'll pot your very own herbs to take home and nurture! Perfect for teens and adults, this hands-on event combines education with creativity. Registration is required.

### **Tuesday, July 29 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm**

#### **SNAP-ED COOKING CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Join Lauren, the SNAP-ED Garden Educator from Ascentria Care Alliance, for a fun and educational class where we will learn how to prepare delicious snacks and meals using seasonal fruits and vegetables. Registration is required.

### **Wednesday, July 30 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

#### **VIRTUAL - "V IS FOR VENOM: AGATHA CHRISTIE'S CHEMICALS OF DEATH WITH AUTHOR DR. KATHRYN HARKUP**

Dr. Kathryn Harkup, writer, science communicator and vampirologist, will be with us discussing her book "V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death". With a tagline of "Fourteen stories. Fourteen more poisons. Just because it's fiction doesn't mean it's all made-up...". This is a Zoom program and registration is required.

### **Wednesday, August 6 - 4:45pm to 7:45pm**

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS**

Ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons or other tabletop role playing games (also known as RPGs) but didn't know where to start? Join us for a night of adventure, comradery, and excitement for Adult D&D Night! Our Dungeon Masters will lead their groups on a fantastic adventure in one evening. Character sheets will be provided to save time and to get play started quickly. Previous experience is not required and newcomers are encouraged to attend. Registration is required.

