

April Newsletter

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Program Highlight of the Month

Unlock Your Memory: Memoir Writing.

Have you ever wanted to record your memories or write your life story? Now's your chance. Bring your notebook and pen on **Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00pm** for a workshop on Memoir Writing. Gabrielle Esposito will lead you through a series of engaging exercises and prompts that will help attendees delve into their memories, uncovering the stories that shape their lives. This workshop will provide practical techniques for capturing vivid details, crafting compelling narratives, and preserving personal legacies.

Gabrielle Esposito holds a degree in Creative Writing from SUNY Geneseo. Her short stories have appeared in esteemed publications such as The Manhattanville Review, 34TH Parallel, and Gandy Dancer, among others. Notably, her story "The Way Home" earned second place in the 2023 Doro Boehme Fiction Editors' Prize and was nominated for the 2024 Best American Short Stories anthology.



Registration is required.



This program is funded in part by a grant from the Sturbridge cultural council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, April 8 at 1pm
 This month's book is
 "Finding Margaret Fuller"
 by Allison Pataki.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS
Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30pm
 This month's book is
 "James" by Percival
 Everett.

WORLD BUILDING BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30pm
 This month's book is "The Long Earth" by Terry
 Pratchett.



Library Quote of the Month

"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world."
Lauren Ward (b. 1970. American singer and actress)

April Programs



Wednesdays at 10:45am
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
(Except April 11th)

Tuesday, April 8

7:30pm - VIRTUAL - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

THRILLER/HORROR BOOK RECS WITH BOOKSTAGRAMMER

JODY BLANCHETTE AKA @REDREADREVIEWS

This program is virtual and registration is required.

Friday, April 11

1:00pm to 4:30pm - FOR FRIENDS OF THE JHPL

MEMBERS ONLY EXCLUSIVE BOOK PRE-SALE

Saturday, April 12

10:00am to 3:00pm - FOR EVERYONE

FRIENDS OF THE JHPL BOOK SALE

Come support the Friends of the JHPL. ALL proceeds help
support library programming including museum passes.

Tuesday, April 15

3:00pm - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

UNLOCK YOUR MEMORY: MEMOIR WRITING.

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vivid details, crafting compelling narratives, and preserving
personal legacies. Registration is required.

Thursday, April 17

6:00pm - FOR KIDS

LEGO CLUB

Come build with Legos. Registration is required.

Thursday, April 17

6:30pm - VIRTUAL - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

**WOMEN'S FICTION BOOK RECS WITH BESTSELLING
AUTHOR KRISTAN HIGGINS.**

This is a virtual program and registration is required.

Saturday, April 19

10:45am - FOR KIDS

**"DONNY LOVES CATS" LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT WITH
TERILYN HENSEL**

Join Ms. Hensel as she reads her book "Donny Loves Cats"
along with her therapy dog Bailey who will be in attendance. For
children of all ages. Registration is required.

Tuesday, April 22

10:45am - FOR KIDS

EARTH DAY SPECIAL STORYTIME

Join special guest reader Lauren Vivier, Conservation Agent for
the Town of Sturbridge, for an Earth Day Story Time.

Tuesday, April 22

3:00pm - FOR KIDS

**PLANT SLIME! WITH NEW ENGLAND BOTANIC GARDEN AT
TOWER HILL**

Learn about the sticky, slimy adaptations of plants and mix up
your own slime recipe to bring home. For children ages 5 to 12
with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

Wednesday, April 23

All day - FOR KIDS

DROP IN CRAFT: ROZ THE ROBOT

Stop by the children's room to make your very own Roz the
Robot. Supplies and instructions will be available while supplies
last.

Thursday, April 24

11:00am - FOR KIDS

DEB'S SING AND SWING

Join Deb Hudgins for a musical story time where there will be a
lot of movement and audience participation. For children ages
infant to 6 years. Registration is required.

Thursday, April 24

6:00pm - FOR FAMILIES

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.

Friday, April 25

12:30pm - FOR KIDS

SEED TO FEED - KIDS COOKING CLASS SERIES

Join Ascentria Care Alliance for a fun and educational program
for kids where they will engage with food, gardening, physical
activity and reading to learn about where food comes from and
how to prepare delicious snacks and meals. For kids ages 7 to
12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

Friday, April 25

2:30pm - FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY FLICK!

Children and their caretakers are invited to enjoy the movie
"The Wild Robot," a story about a robot lost in the wild who,
with the help of the local woodland animals, learns what it
means to be a family and part of a community. Registration is
required.

Monday, April 28

7:00pm - VIRTUAL - FOR EVERYONE

NO MORE CURSE!

A history of the Red Sox with author and Historian David Kruh.
This program is virtual and registration is required.

Wednesday, April 30

6:30pm - FOR ADULTS

THAI COOKING DEMO WITH BAANMAE MARKET

Join Zonya Dawson as she prepares two Thai dishes that you
can sample. She will be making spring rolls and Pad See Ew.
Registration is required.