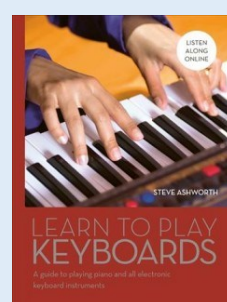
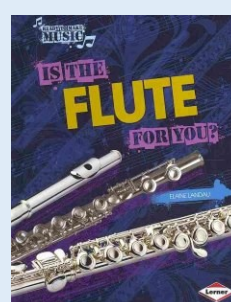
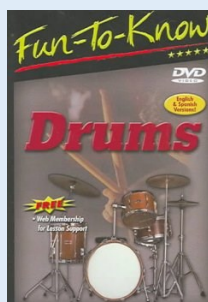
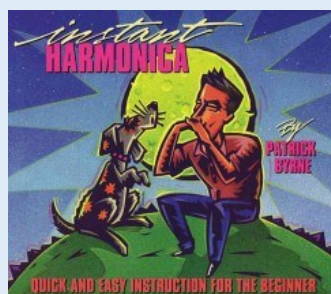
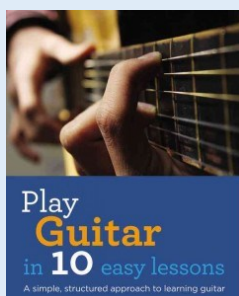


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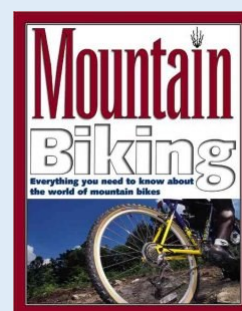
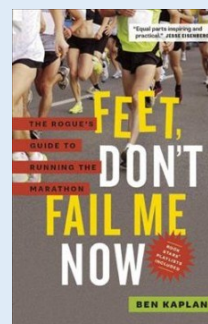
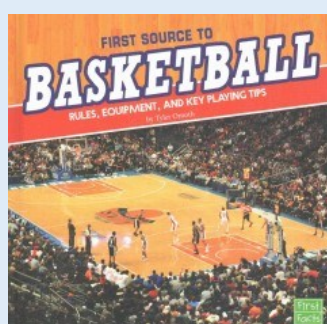
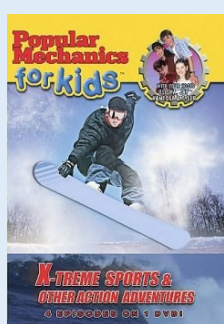
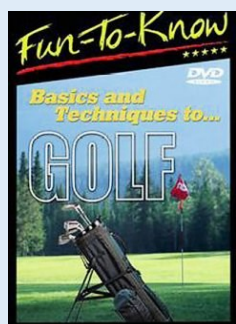
MPL wishes you a happy, healthy new year!

Looking to **try something new in 2020**? The library is your source for getting started!

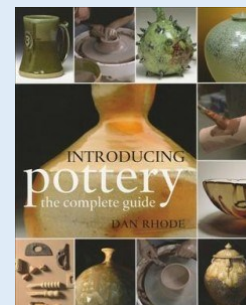
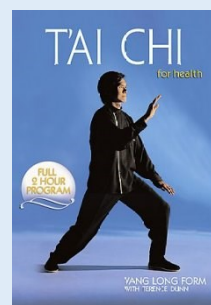
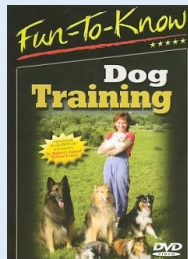
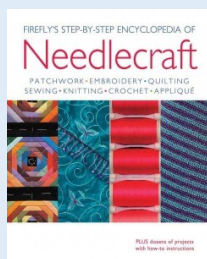
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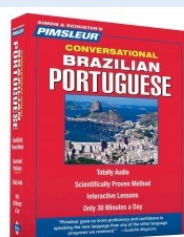
Learn a new sport



Take up a new hobby



Learn a new language



MPL Holiday Hours

New Year's Day

Wednesday, Jan. 1

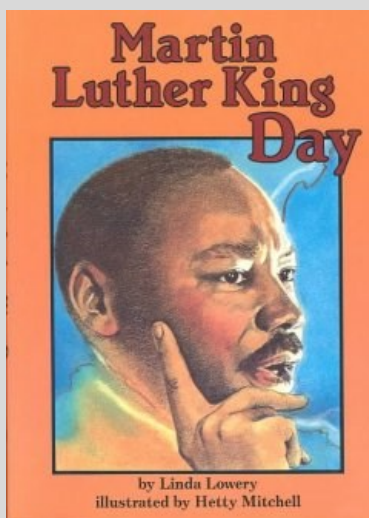
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 20

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From the Director



As we begin a new year I asked the members of our adult book group for some of their highlights of 2019 that I could pass along to you. Their suggestions are based both on titles we read in book group and those they read on their own:

- Two historical fiction books that most everyone enjoyed in 2019 are *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn and *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.
- Anything by Erik Larson, but particularly *The Devil in White City*.
- A title we read in 2018, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, was suggested for its lasting effect on several of our readers.
- One reader highly recommends *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich. Another thought that *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou read like a suspense thriller, a real page turner.
- Another recommended several titles, including *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri, *Carnegie's Maid* and *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict, *Calypso* by David Sedaris, *Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan and *Caveat Emptor: The Secret Life of an American Art Forger* by Ken Perenyi.
- Several readers loved *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.
- *Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919* by Stephen Puleo, while first published in 2003, remains a readers' favorite.

If reading is on your list of new year's resolutions, consider checking out the adult book group's 2020 list bit.ly/MPLAdultBookClub2020. In the meantime, Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

Special Announcement

No public computer access Monday, Jan. 13

Due to software updates, the public computers will not be available for use until late afternoon *Monday, Jan. 13*

Please feel free to call the library at 508-624-6900 to check on the status of the machines that day.



Need a Hand?

Access the MPL Social Service/
Community Resource Directory at
bit.ly/MPLResourceDirectory2019



English Conversation Circles

English Conversation Circles offer an opportunity for English Language Learners to speak in a relaxed atmosphere.

No Registration Required



English Conversation Circles Schedule

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. **(no meeting Dec. 31)**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

(no meeting Wednesday, Jan.1)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Please check our calendar of events at
bit.ly/EnglishCircles
for meeting cancellations.

**Would you like to receive our
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Sign up at bit.ly/MPLeNEWS

When you sign up you can also opt to receive additional alert reminders about kids, teen or adult events, holiday hours and special announcements.

Change to OverDrive login process coming soon!

What is Overdrive?

The C/W MARS library network offers all library card holders access to a large catalog of e-book and e-audiobooks through OverDrive.



Regular users will notice a change to the login process **starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020**. Presently, you only need to enter your library card number to request and download e-titles. As of *January 21*, **you will also need to enter your PIN/Password** to access your account. By adding a PIN to the login process the network is increasing the security of your account.

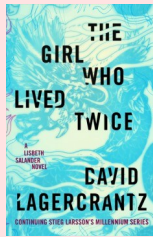
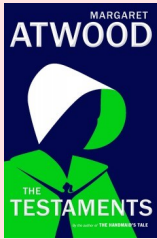
By default, your PIN is set to the last four digits of your phone number. You can update your PIN at **catalog.cwmars.org** by clicking the "Log Into My Account" button at the top. You can also call the library at 508-624-6900 and we will be happy to help you reset your PIN. In other OverDrive news, the **checkout limit was raised to 10 items** at a time. Now you can enjoy even more e-books and e-audiobooks!

Preserving Books



Kathy and Mike pick up new tricks for mending books during the **Book Repair 201** class with reference librarian, Danielle, in the library's Bigelow Auditorium.

Adult Book Suggestions



ENDINGS:

The Testaments

By Margaret Atwood

The Girl Who Lived Twice

By David Lagercrantz

Recently, one series and one "sequel" brought an end to two stories I had been following.

The first was *The Testaments* —not exactly a sequel as it was written over 30 years after the first story and takes place 15 years later.

However, by reading or streaming *The Handmaid's Tale*, you can blend the books and TV series together. (I think the book would still be wonderful, even without watching the TV program).

The other ending was for the six-book Millennium series, that started with *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson and finished, after his death, with the last three books by David Lagercrantz.

I will miss *Offred*, but since the TV series was renewed for another season, maybe I'll get to see what happened in those 15 years between the books.

Both series came to a fitting conclusion. I can't say anything else or the finales will be ruined for you, but like these protagonists, I will also move on and find other characters to anxiously await their outcomes.

-Diane, Reference Librarian

Adult Services

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Adult Events

Crafter Dark - Bird Coasters

Monday, Jan. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Make a bird-themed coaster with illustrations from John James Audubon's classic book, *Birds of America*! This class has been rescheduled from November. Ages 18 and over.

Registration required.



What better time than the start of a new year to join a book club! The Marlborough Public Library offers several different book club options for adults!

Come read with us!

Adult Book Club

Join us Monday, Jan. 13, from 6:30-8 p.m.

or Thursday, Jan. 16, from 10:30 a.m.-

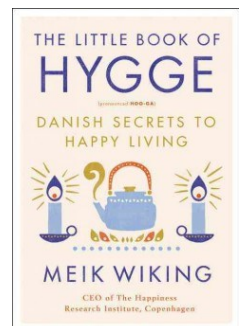
noon for Adult Book Club. This month the club is reading, *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking. Copies of the book are available

at the circulation desk. To view the

complete list of the 2020 monthly book

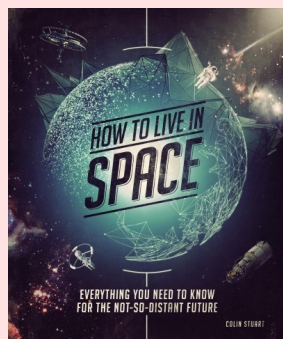
selections or to learn more about the Adult Book Club, go to our website at bit.ly/MPLAdultBookClub2020.

No registration required.



Find out about more MPL adult book clubs on the next page!

Another Adult Book Suggestion



How to Live in Space : Everything You Need to Know for the Not-so- distant Future

By Colin Stuart

An amusing and informative illustrated guide to life beyond our own planet that covers everything from training for and living in space to the future of space travel and tourism. Now that suborbital space tourism is predicted to become a billion-dollar industry in the next ten years and NASA has announced its plans for landing humans on Mars in the 2030s, the dream of traveling and living in space is taking on new reality. But given that life on Earth can be complicated enough, how can we survive and thrive in the zero-gravity, absolute-zero far reaches of space? Look no further: *How to Live in Space* is chock-full of all the essential information you need to equip yourself for life beyond our blue planet.

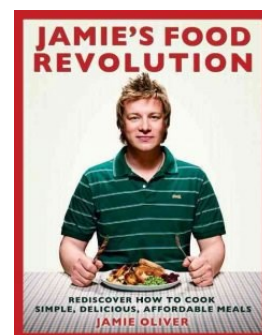
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More Adult Book Clubs

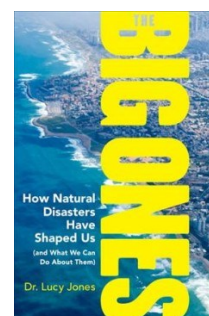
Cookbook Club

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for a book club focusing on popular cookbooks. This month's selection is *Jamie's Food Revolution: Rediscover How to Cook Simple, Delicious, Affordable Meals* by Jamie Oliver. Copies are available at the circulation desk. If you register for the event, you can also sign up to make a recipe from the cookbook of the month. Last month we had a fresh ginger and molasses cake, two ways! For more information about the Cookbook Club visit bit.ly/MPLCookbookClub.



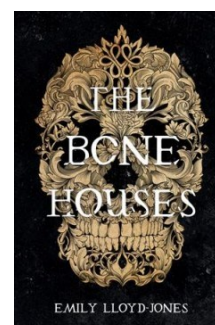
Science Book Club

Monday, Jan. 27 from 6:30-8 p.m.
Read a book about a topic in science! No previous experience in the subject is necessary; come to learn something new or to share your expertise! This month we are reading *The Big Ones: How Natural Disasters Have Shaped Us (And What We Can Do About Them)* by Lucy Jones. Copies are available at the circulation desk. This club is for ages 18 and over. No registration required.

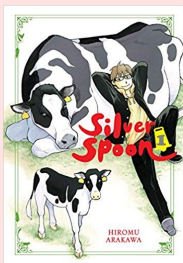


Forever Young Adult

Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us for FYA, our book club for adults who read YA. Teens are welcome, too! This month, the club is reading *The Bone Houses* by Emily Lloyd-Jones. Get a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk. No registration required.

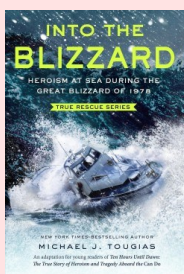


YA Book Suggestions



Silver Spoon
By Hiromu Arakawa

Time for a change of pace. Yuugo Hachiken flees the hustle and bustle of city life to enroll at Oezo Agricultural High School. At first he's just trying to outrun his problems, but instead he finds a place for himself in this quaint rural community. Between the classrooms and cowpatties, the boy becomes a man.



Into the Blizzard:
Heroism at Sea During the
Great Blizzard of 1978
(Young Readers Edition)
By Michael J. Tougias

In the midst of the Blizzard of 1978, the tanker Global Hope floundered on the shoals in Salem Sound off the Massachusetts coast. When the Coast Guard heard the Mayday calls, they immediately dispatched a patrol rescue boat. But within an hour, the Coast Guard rescue boat was in as much trouble as the tanker--both paralyzed in unrelenting seas. Enter Captain Frank Quirk who was compelled to act. Gathering his crew of four, Quirk plunged his forty-nine-foot steel boat, the Can Do, into the blizzard.

Young Adult

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Teen Events (For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

Back to School

Start off the second half of the school year by banking some volunteer hours. Be a **Window Artist** Monday, Jan. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. Paint festive New Year designs on the Children's Room windows. Registration is required to reserve a window.



It's always tough going back to school after December break. Ease back into



HOT COCOA
Café IN THE
TEEN ROOM

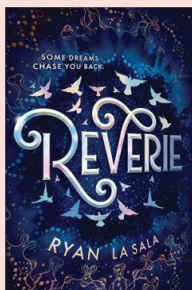
your school routine at **Hot Cocoa Café** Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. It's a fun, social environment where you can do some homework, enjoy cozy cocoa, and take breaks to make DIY pins on our button maker. No registration required.

More YA Book Suggestions



Watch Over Me By Mila Gray

Told in two voices, eighteen-year-old Zoey Ward struggles to protect her mother and siblings from her violent father, and her brother's best friend, Tristan, a member of the Coast Guard, tries to make her feel safe.



Reverie By Ryan La Sala

While recovering from an attack that leaves him without his memory, gay teenager Kane Montgomery stumbles into a world where dreams known as reveries take on a life of their own, and it is up to Kane and a few unlikely allies to stop them before they spillover into the waking world.

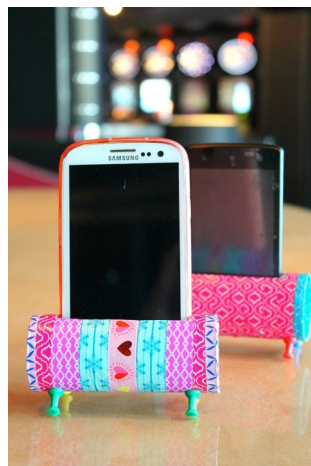
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More Teen Events (For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

2020 Resolution: Be Creative!

Whether you aspire to be a writer or you're just curious, **Teen Write-In** is a great place to start.

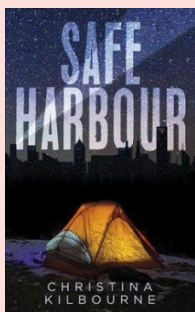
Join us *Thursday, Jan. 9* from 6 to 7 p.m. for our first meeting of 2020! It's a supportive, no-pressure environment where you can share ideas with other teen writers and use writing prompts if you get stuck. Of course, snacks and hot cocoa will be served. *Registration appreciated, but not required.*



Tired of your phone falling over when you're trying to record a TikTok? Get crafty and make a cute DIY phone stand to solve your problem. Come to **Lazy Crafternoon** *Thursday, Jan. 23* from 4 to 5:30 p.m. *Please pre-register.*

To register for events or to view regularly scheduled monthly teen programs, go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterJAN2020 or call 508-624-6903.

Another YA Book Suggestion



Safe Harbour

By Christina Kilbourne

Fourteen-year-old Harbour is living in a tent in a Toronto ravine with her dog, a two-month supply of canned tuna, and an eccentric reading list. She's not homeless, she tells herself. She's merely waiting for her home -- a thirty-six-foot sailboat -- to arrive with her father at the helm. Why would she worry when the clouds give her sign that assure her that she's safe and protected? When her credit card gets declined, phone contact from her father stops, and summer slips into a frosty fall, Harbour is forced to face reality and accept the help of a homeless girl named Lise to survive on the streets. Lise shows Harbour how to panhandle and navigate the shelter system while trying to unravel Harbour's mysterious past. But if Harbour tells her anything, the consequences could be catastrophic.

Young Adult

More Teen Events

(For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

Calling All Readers!

The next meeting of the **Anime & Manga Club** is Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. In the Chinese Zodiac, 2020 is the Year of the Rat. Celebrate by watching the reboot of the classic anime/manga series *Fruits Basket*--about the Soma family who are possessed by spirits of the Chinese zodiac and turn into their zodiac animal when they are weak, under stress, or when hugged by someone of the opposite sex. We'll also work on a cute zodiac craft while we watch! *Registration appreciated, but not required.*

Join our informal book discussion group for teens, **Reading at the Table**, Thursday, Jan. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. There's no assigned book and no pressure to talk. You can share recommendations with fellow teen readers and get first dibs on brand new YA books before they hit the shelves. Best of all, we eat pizza and dessert while we chat. This month we'll make some 2020 Reading Resolutions.

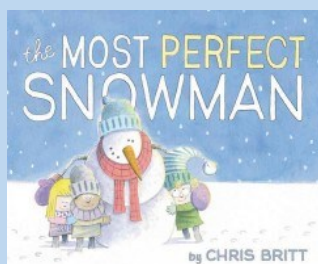
Kick off 2020 by joining our YA book club for adults and teens: **Forever Young Adult**. This year's first meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults and teens are both welcome. This month, the club is reading *The Bone Houses* by Emily Lloyd-Jones. Get a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk. *No registration required.*



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Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

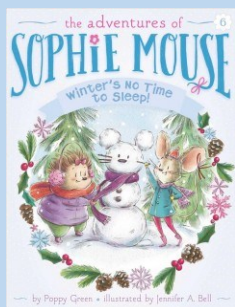


The Most Perfect Snowman

By Chris Britt

Drift was a plain snowman who dreamed of wearing a scarf, mittens, and stylish hat, and having a pointy orange carrot nose. When a blizzard begins to blow, Drift gives up the things he loves to help others.

Early Chapter Book



Winter's No Time to Sleep!

By Poppy Green

While Sophie Mouse and her forest friends are playing in the snow one day, they accidentally wake a hibernating hedgehog named Pippa, who is a little grumpy at first, but Sophie, Hattie, and Owen show her all the fun things to do in wintertime.

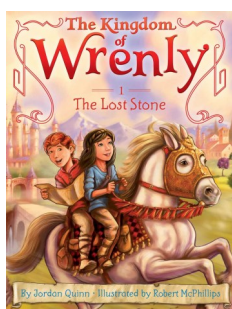
Children's



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Happy New Year from the Children's Room!

Welcome to 2020.



Start your New Year's resolution to read more by joining our **Hooked on Books** book club this year. If you want to meet and have fun with new friends then this club is for you!

Each month we will learn about a different genre or format. This month, it's fantasy, featuring *The Kingdom of Wrenly, Book 1: The Lost Stone*, by Jordan Quinn. If you read this month's selection, you can join us for a book talk, snack and fun activity **Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 4:30 p.m.** (intermediate readers, grades 2-5).

The Children's Room will continue with our regularly scheduled programming this month. We have all

sorts of programs for very young children, such as **Mother Goose on the Loose**, **STEAM Storytime**, **Young Scientist**, **Dance Me a Story**, **Preschool Yoga with Mandy**, **PJ Storytime** and **Kiddie Time Song and Dance**.

Older children, might want to join one of our clubs, such as our **Hooked on Books Book Club**, **Art** or **Mad Science Club**.



Mother Goose on the Loose
An Early Literacy Program for Children



Another Children's Book Suggestion

Chapter Book



The Long Winter

By Laura Ingalls Wilder

After an October blizzard, Laura's family moves from the claim shanty into town for the winter, a winter that an Indian has predicted will be seven months of bad weather.

Children's



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More Children's Events

Dublin will continue to visit us Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for our **Read to a Dog Program**. Stop by the library, and choose a book that you'd like to read to him. He's an attentive listener and happy to meet new friends!



Later on in the month, we'll have registration for our **Young Scientist STEM Series**. This program is for children ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver. Children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, challenges, and simple experiments that are ideal for little hands. This free program is sponsored by the **YMCA Family and Community Partnership (YFCP)** through a grant funded by the **MA Department of Early Education and Care**, and administered by the **YMCA of Central Massachusetts** in collaboration with **STEM Beginnings**. Stay tuned for more information!