

September 2019

Museum in the Streets

Marlborough's history will come to life as the **Museum in the Streets** launches this month. The Museum project is a free walking tour that will showcase the city's historical identity through 24 informational panels at downtown landmarks. The tour has been curated by the Marlborough Historical Society.

The first stop will be the Marlborough Public Library! The tour will then loop around to East Main Street and Maple Street. Stops include the Old Common Cemetery, the Princess Theatre, the John Brown Bell, the former Marlborough Trolley Station and Ward Park. Two maps, one in front of City Hall and the other at the library, will guide people through the panel locations. Maps are available at the library and other city locations.



September Hours

The MPL will be

CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 2
in observance of Labor Day.



Sunday **OPEN** hours (1-5 p.m.)
begin Sept. 8



Shhhhh!

According to a little birdy, a new activity at the MPL is due to hatch.

Coming this October:*

TASTY BOOKS: CALLING ALL COOKS!

Now that the weather is getting cooler, how about curling up with a cookbook and getting some new culinary inspiration? Join us for a new MPL adult book club focusing on popular cookbooks and food memoirs. If you feel inspired, you can sign up to make a recipe from the title of the month and bring it to share with your fellow food lovers while we discuss the book. Get out your mixing bowls and fire up the stove!

* Check our online calendar later this month for the October meeting date and time.

From the Director

Book Groups and Community

The first book group I ever joined was when I was working at the John Hancock Company Library in Copley Square, and each month I went over to the Boston Public Library to take part in their group.

Even though it was a few decades ago, I still remember it well. The thing I loved most about it was that it was not part of any class; it was simply a group of people from all walks of life who loved to read. One meeting we were discussing a collection of Raymond Chandler's short stories, and a woman whose day job was being a secretary in a Boston office made comments about the story that amazed me and helped me see the story in a whole different way. She read constantly and shared many insights into what we were reading and connected it to other things she had read. She was a wonderful part of that group. Another man, who I called "Santa Claus," was someone I might quickly walk past on the streets of Boston. He was another person who simply loved to read and clearly got great satisfaction from being in a community with other readers at the library.

At MPL we have book groups for children, teens, and, the one that I help lead, for adults. We meet monthly and discuss the book of the month. In August, it was *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood which generated lots of discussion. In September, we will be reading *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. "This fast-paced story offers courageous heroines, villains you love to hate, and dramatic life-or-death stakes. A compelling blend of historical fiction, mystery, and women's fiction, Quinn's complex story and engaging characters have something to offer just about everyone." Our evening group will meet *Monday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.* and our morning group will discuss the book *Thursday, Sept. 19, at 10:30*. Please feel free to join us and start making your own book group memories.



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



September English Conversation Circles

Tuesdays: 10 a.m.

Thursdays: 6 p.m.

Sundays: 2 p.m.

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

Wanted!



English Conversation Circle Leaders

If you enjoy meeting people from other cultures and countries, please consider leading an English Conversation Circle.

No teaching experience is required; all you need to do is direct the conversation and make sure everyone speaks.

If you are interested, please contact Miriam Achenbach, Outreach Librarian, at 508-624-6900 or machenbach@cwmars.org.

Teen Summer Grand Prize Winners!

Thanks to all the teens who participated in
the Summer Reading Program!
Here are two of the lucky winners:



Hadley



Dong

Adult Summer Readers

Hats off to all Adult Summer Readers!
Here are two of the lucky grand prize
winners!



Carol happily collects her Farmer's Market
Basket, while Stephen is all aglow with his
Science Lover's Gift Basket!

Kids Summer Reading Fun

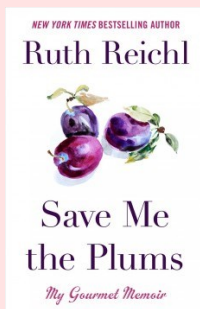
SUMMER READING 2019



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!!



Adult Book Suggestion



Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir

By Ruth Reichl

I am a disaster in the kitchen—I can burn water and somehow my jar of spaghetti sauce tastes funny, but I love books about food. And one of the greatest writers is Ruth Reichl, a past restaurant critic for the *New York Times* and the editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine. She is also the author of many memoirs and one delightful fiction book. *Save Me the Plums* is the story of her ten years at *Gourmet* magazine—her experiences and the story of the magazine's demise. She can describe food so that reading the book you can taste the food at the party, and her depictions of the people she worked with and of her family make them real to the reader. Whether you are a “foodie” or interested in the magazine publishing business, this book is a joy to read. My only complaint is that we have to wait so long between books—I guess we can forgive her as she has to live her life to write about it (but another fiction book would be appreciated!).

-Diane, Reference Librarian

Adult Services

To sign up for any event that requires registration, go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterSEPT2019 or call (508) 624-6900

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adult Summer Reading Program!

We hope everyone had a stellar summer! We had **over 1,200 participants** in our summer reading raffle this year and had a blast with our space-themed programs. Adults painted the night sky, crafted wonderful space themed art, celebrated the anniversary of the moon landing, discussed scientific theories in a new book club and enjoyed science fiction movies. We hope you have an out-of-this-world fall.



Adult Events

Board Game Night

Monday, Sept. 9, from 6-8 p.m.



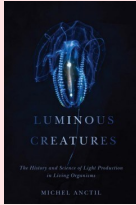
Come play a game from the library's selection of board games! Revisit classics like *Catan* or *Carcassonne*, or try something new like *Terraforming Mars*, *Unstable Unicorns*, or *5-Minute Dungeon*! This event is for ages 16 and over. No registration required.

Adult Book Club

Join us Monday, Sept. 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday, Sept 19, from 10:30 a.m.- noon for Book Club. This month we will discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Extra copies are available at the circulation desk. Learn more about the Book Club on our website at bit.ly/MPLAdultBookClub.

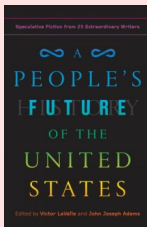


More Adult Book Suggestions



**Luminous Creatures:
The History and Science of Light
Production in Living Organisms**
By Michel Ancill

How a striking phenomenon people have observed for millennia became a field of scientific inquiry and revolutionized molecular biology and medical research.



**A People's Future of the United
States: Speculative Fiction from
25 Extraordinary Writers**

Edited by Victor LaValle and
John Joseph Adams

Presents twenty stories by a diverse group of writers. These stories imagine their characters fighting everything from government surveillance, to corporate cities, to climate change disasters, to nuclear wars. It also invites readers into visionary futures in which the country is shaped by justice, equity, and joy. It provides a glittering landscape of moving, visionary stories written from the perspective of people of color, indigenous writers, women, queer and trans people, Muslims and other people whose lives are often at risk.

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More Adult Events

Book Repair 101

Monday, Sept. 23, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Get started learning the basics of book repair. See some of the most common types of damage to books and learn simple ways to help repair them. There will be a discussion about what books can be repaired at home and what books should be taken to professional binderies. *Please pre-register.*



Forever Young Adult

Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Join our book club for adults who read YA books. Teens are welcome, too! September's book is the graphic novel, *Space Boy Vol. 1* by Stephen McCranie.

Copies of this month's book are available at the Circulation Desk.

**Another Adult
Book Suggestion**



***Our Shoes, Our Selves:
40 Women, 40 Stories,
40 Pairs of Shoes***

By Bridget Moynahan and
Amanda Benchley
(Photos by Melanie Dunea)

Actress Bridget Moynahan and journalist Amanda Benchley ask 40 accomplished women to recount the memories behind their most meaningful pair of shoes. This collection features stories from icons like Bobbi Brown, Danica Patrick and Misty Copeland, to intrepid reporters like Christiane Amanpour and Katie Couric, to creative forces like Rupī Kaur, Maya Lin, and Gretchen Rubin. Beautifully illustrated with a portrait of each woman and her chosen shoes, the stories explore what most women already know: that what we wear can have power and significance beyond merely clothing our bodies. *Our Shoes, Our Selves* reveals these remarkable journeys, and the steps these inspiring women have taken to get there, with the hopes of encouraging all women to forge their own paths.

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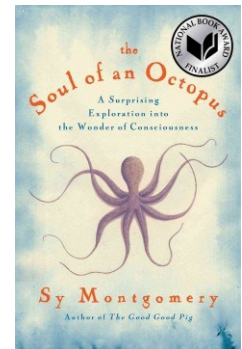
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NEW!

Science Book Club

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

Read a book about a topic in science! No previous experience in the subject necessary; come to learn something new or to share your expertise!



This month we are reading *The Soul of An Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery, which touches on animal consciousness and intelligence. This club is open to ages 18 and over. *No registration required.*

YA Book Suggestions

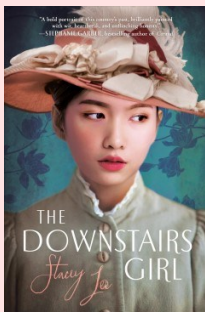


Nichijou

by Keiichi Arawi

In this manga series, a group of friends (which includes a robot built by a child professor) grapple with all sorts of unexpected situations in their daily lives as high schoolers.

This series is highly recommended by members of our Reading at the Table teen book group.



The Downstairs Girl

by Stacey Lee

1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for "the genteel Southern lady."

Young Adult

To sign up for any event that requires registration or to view all events, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterSEPT2019> or call 508-624-6903.

Starry Summer Success

This summer, **over 500** tweens and teens participated in MPL's Teen Summer Reading program by using their library cards, attending events, and writing book reviews. The teen librarian especially loved reading your creative reviews **(nearly 100 were submitted!)**.



Thank you to everyone who participated, and congratulations to the lucky grand prize winners!

We wrapped up "A Universe of Stories" with a special movie screening "under the stars." We made s'mores over a crackling (fake) campfire and watched a movie on the big screen. Lanterns, lights, and glowsticks created a cozy campfire atmosphere. We hope you enjoyed MPL's summer events as much as we did!

September Teen Events

Open to Grades 6-12 unless otherwise stated

Back-to-School Creativity

Summer is over, but there are creative opportunities at the library all year long. Give a plain binder a makeover using the library's art supplies at **Lazy Crafternoon** Thursday, Sept. 5, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We'll provide a binder for everyone who registers, but please bring any other school supplies you'd like to decorate.

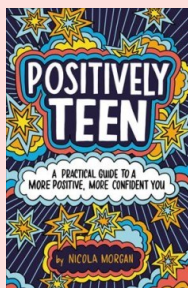
More YA Book Suggestions



Ghost and Bone

By Andrew Prentice

Twelve-year-old Oscar Grimstone is cursed with killing things at a touch and can also transform into a ghost, but a journey to the city of ghosts may lead him to discover his true identity.



Positively Teen: A Practical Guide to a More Positive, More Confident You

By Nicola Morgan

Tackle the new school year with positivity! Breezy and compassionate, *Positively Teen* teaches teens how to approach their adolescent years with optimism and understanding, giving them the skills they need to develop long-term well-being. Teens will learn to weather any storm and thrive on the challenges of this time in their lives.

Young Adult

Back-to-School Creativity Continued

Bummed about heading back to school? Join other teen authors for a **Teen Write-In** Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. and write a story about a never-ending summer or anything else you like! We'll have soothing music, cocoa, and snacks, as well as writing prompts in case you get stuck. *Registration appreciated, but not required.*

Do you know about the First Annual Trashion Show at MHS Friday, Nov. 8? Artists and fashionistas ages 12- 17 are invited to create one garment suitable for all audiences to be modeled and judged on the date of show. What makes it trashion? You have to use trash (any safe materials that would otherwise end up in a landfill). Spend a **Lazy Crafternoon** at the library brainstorming or working on your design, by yourself or in a group Monday, Sept. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Beat back-to-school stress at **ArtLab** Thursday, Sept. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.

We'll provide a canvas and acrylic paints, and you can do the rest. Relax, listen to music, and get creative! *Please pre-register.*



To register for events or to view regularly scheduled monthly teen programs, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterSEPT2019> or call 508-624-6903.

Another YA Book Suggestion



Pumpkinheads

By Rainbow Rowell and
Faith Erin Hicks

Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. (Not many people know that the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world is in Omaha, Nebraska, but it definitely is.) They say good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different—Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye. What if their last shift was an adventure?

Young Adult

Fall into Reading

Attention, otaku! **Manga & Anime Club** continues into the fall with a meeting *Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.* Watch and talk about anime, make recs for the library's manga collection, hang out with fellow fans, and eat Pocky. *Registration appreciated but not required.*

What have you been reading lately? Share your book reviews, get recommendations for what to read next,



and enjoy some pizza at **Reading at the Table** *Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 7 p.m.* The Teen Librarian will also share some brand new YA titles before they hit the library shelves. *Please pre-register to help us plan for food.*

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Volunteer as a Window Artist

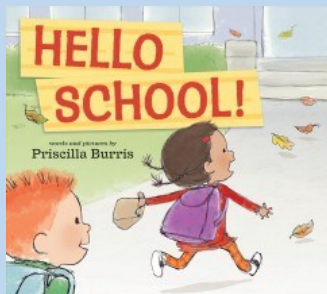
Every month, you can volunteer to cheer up the Children's Room with your artistic talent. *On Monday, Sept. 9, from 3 to 5pm* join us for **Window Artists** and paint back-to-school designs on the windows in the play area. It's a fun way to earn a couple of volunteer hours for school. *Please pre-register to reserve a window.*



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Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

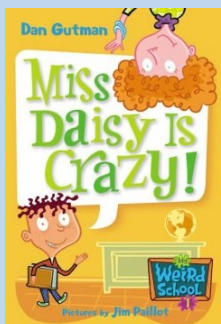


Hello, School!

By Priscilla Burris

Children have fun at school experiencing familiar classroom activities for the first time.

Beginner Reader



Miss Daisy is Crazy

By Dan Gutman

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Children's



To view all children's activities or to sign up online for any event that requires registration, go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterSEPT2019 or call 508-624-6902.

Summer was a very busy season in the Children's Room.



We had **400 kids** participate in our **Summer Reading Program** and **over 200,000** minutes of reading time was accomplished. The staff of MPL are extremely proud of the kids in Marlborough!

This fall we will have many programs that will be starting up again, such as:

Dance Me a Story

Mother Goose on the Loose



Mother Goose on the Loose

An Early Literacy Program for Children

Preschool Yoga with Mandy, Hooked on Books, Portuguese Storytime, and the Young Scientist series!



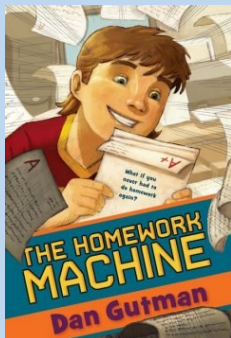
Preschool Yoga With Mandy



Check the time and dates of each program on our calendar of events at bit.ly/MPLRegisterSEPT2019.

Another Children's Book Suggestion

Chapter Book



The Homework Machine By Dan Gutman

Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Children's



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More Children's Events

This month we will be introducing a new program called **Creation Station**. It will be held *Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 25, at 3:30 p.m.* Kids can stop by and use our craft supplies to create their own piece of unique artwork. This program is for children ages 5 and up. *No registration is required.*



The **Young Scientists STEM Series** sessions are starting. 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 ideal for little hands.

This free program is sponsored by the **YMCA Family & 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**.

This six-week series will meet *Thursdays at 10 a.m., Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and Oct. 3, 10 and 17.* Registration for the entire six-weeks is required.