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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

See reverse for Kids & Families

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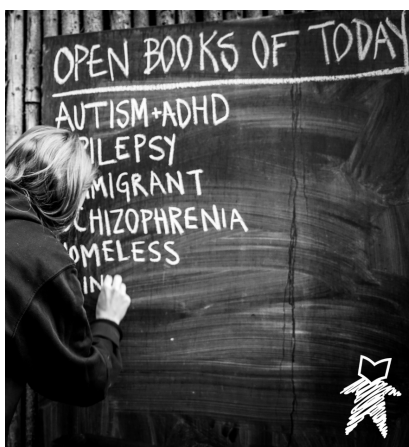
We are partnering with the Town's DEI Committee to offer a Human Library event this fall, at which people will have the opportunity to engage in one-on-one or small group conversations with a Human Book--someone who belongs to a group in society that has experienced stigma, stereotyping, or prejudices. The topics for our Human Books might be based on ethnicity, religious belief, gender, mental and physical health, lifestyle, disability, or traumatic experiences.

## Become a Human Book!

If you are at least 18 years old, have experienced some form of prejudice--or are a spouse or family member of someone who has-- please consider volunteering to become a Human Book. Currently, we have ten volunteers from our community and neighboring areas who have committed to be Human Books for our event, but we would love to have more!

If you've ever felt that world could use a little more understanding and empathy around issues of disability, addiction, economic status, gender identity, chronic illness, race, ethnicity, and any number of other identities and situations, this event offers you an opportunity to help make a difference.

Human Book volunteers will be trained through the Human book Organization, and well-cared for during our day-long event, scheduled for Saturday, October 14.



Visit our website to learn more!



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

If you not interested in being a Human Book but would like to help out at our event, please email Rachel Davis at [rdavis@thomas.lib.me.us](mailto:rdavis@thomas.lib.me.us)



## BOTANICAL PRINTING: ART FROM YOUR OWN BACKYARD

with Marie Ahearn & Rachel Davis

Saturday, August 26  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

in-person

Learn how to make beautiful prints from real plants and flowers, and color them with watercolor paints. No experience necessary! All materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to gather leaves and flowers from home to use for prints. We'll also have an opportunity to go outside to gather plants from the library grounds. Adults and motivated young people welcome!

Please register in advance on our website!



The library will be  
closed  
**Thursday, August 17**  
for the  
*Town's Annual  
Staff Appreciation Day*

## RECURRING EVENTS

### Fika (Coffee Break)

On hiatus this month

### Guerilla Poetry Whoop

On hiatus this month

### Eldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays, 1 - 2 pm (in-person & via Zoom)

### Songwriting Workshop, with Jud Caswell

1st Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm (in-person)

Next: 8/1, 9/5: please register in advance

### Afternoon Book Group

3rd Thursday, 3 - 4 pm (in-person & via Zoom)

Next: 8/10 (2nd Thursday this month!)

August book: *Down The Road A Piece*, by John McDonald

### Pod Complex: A Podcast Listening Club

On hiatus this month

### Big Little Lit: Children's Books for Grownups

On hiatus this month

For details and registration information for all of our programs, please visit our website:

[THOMASMEMORIALLIBRARY.ORG](http://THOMASMEMORIALLIBRARY.ORG)

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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

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## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### MESSY MINIS

Mondays, 10:30 am (Ages 2 - 5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's paint, color, cut, and paste together to make magic!

### DRESS UP AND DANCE

Tuesdays, 10:30 am (Ages 2 - 5)

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes, and everybody's favorite bubble song.

### PLAY DATE @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays 10:30 - noon (Ages 0 - 5)

Drop-in play session for children and their caregivers. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends!

### READY FOR READING CLUB

Wednesdays, 1:30-2:00 pm (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join Miss Martha to enjoy longer stories, fun with music, and a variety of simple early learning games and activities.

### TINY TUNES: JUST THE MUSIC, PLEASE!

Thursdays, 10:30 am (Ages 1-3)

Join us for a movement-based program that's a gentle introduction to the routines, songs, and props we use for story times, but without the books! Great for curious, wandering wigglers & their caregivers.

### BÉBÉS EN PLEIN AIR

Thursdays, 10:30 am (Ages 0-1)

Bring your baby and a blanket to join us in the children's garden (aka "Bébés en Plein Air,") weather permitting! The sunshade provides a nice cover and it's a perfect time to enjoy a snack, play, and let the littles interact while caregivers connect. Librarians will drop in from time to time to teach a fun rhyme or song. Stay for a just a few minutes or the entire hour!

### TRADITIONAL STORY TIME

Fridays, 10:30 am (Ages 3+)

Join us in the Community Room for songs and stories, bubbles, and Belinda the Bear! Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.



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## CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

### Jory John's Food Group



Stop by the children's room this month to celebrate the Good Egg, the Bad Seed, the Smart Cookie, and all of Jory John's other fun food characters!

### SUMMER SCOOPS: MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Ages 11 - 13

Wednesdays: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Bring your own book! We discuss whatever we are currently reading and enjoy popsicles with friends. Outdoors as weather permits in the children's garden!

### TWEEN CRAFTERNOON CLUB

Ages 11 - 13

Thursdays: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Drop-in for social time for tweens and a creative activity.

### OPEN CHESS CLUB

Wednesdays: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Drop-in playing time for elementary-age children. Chess sets will be provided, or bring your own. **There is no registration required, but children 10 and under must have an adult present.**



YOUNG WRITERS GROUP  
Ages 10 - 12

First Thursday of each month  
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Are you a young writer looking for a way to practice your craft? Our new groups will focus on exploring the imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Visit our website for more information!



TEEN WRITERS GROUP  
Ages 13+

Saturdays:  
2:00 - 3:00 pm



JUNE 20 - AUGUST 31

This summer, kids can create their own special summer reading necklace with cool beads and brag tags that they by spending time reading or listening to someone read aloud. Stop by the library to register and pick up a reading log, a necklace, and one of our special brag tags to get started!



Children in grades K - 6, especially struggling or less-than-confident readers, are invited to sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog. Check our website for appointment availability and to "meet" our dogs!

### LEGO CLUB

for ages 5 - 12

Children 10 and under must have an adult present

Usually meets first Tuesday of each month. This month:

Tuesday, August 1  
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Come free build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meeting! No registration necessary.

### SEWING ADVENTURE: ZIPPY POUCHES

for ages 8-12

Saturday, August 12  
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Sew your own monster mouth or a regular top-open zipper pouch for pencils or treasures. Beginning sewists welcome! No prior experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required, sign up on our website!

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