Millbury Public Library Newsletter
February 2021

Month-long Programs:

**Sing & Swing Music Videos for Pre-School, online:** Deb Hudgins has created 15-20 minute videos for little ones that will encourage them to get up, sing, and move! Two videos will be available on our website. Register online to receive link, watch any time; ages 2-5.

**Kids' Club, online/at home:** Take part in monthly activities from the comfort of your home. In February, do a crossword, do a Valentine’s Day craft, do something kind for someone else, and read about Black History. Links and info on our website! www.millburylibrary.org/kids-club; birth-grade six.

Vacation Week Programs (register online):

**Cartooning Class with LJ-Baptiste, Tuesday, February 16, 4:00pm, online:** LJ-Baptiste is a Boston-based cartoonist who specializes in the art of storytelling via comics and animation. He will show you how to use your creativity to make your own comics and designs! **Tweens-teens.**

**PJ Storytime, Tuesday, February 16, 7:00pm, online:** Grab your stuffed animals and put on your pajamas--we're reading bedtime stories! Hear tales and sing quiet songs that are perfect for winding down before bedtime. **Ages 3-6 and their guardians.**

**At-Home Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, February 17, 10:00am, online:** In this program, we'll run through a list of items for you to search for in your home--how many can you find? Show off your treasures in this interactive hunt! **Ages 3-8 and their caregivers.**

**Mistakes New Drivers Make, Wednesday, February 17, 4:00pm, online:** Whether you're a new driver or just want a refresher, learn the common mistakes drivers make--so that you know how to avoid them. Ask questions and get answers from the experts of AAA Northeast! **Teens, new drivers, and parents/adults.**

**Cooking Class, Thursday, February 18, 4:00pm, online:** Julie Manning of Simply Focused Coaching will lead a session on how to make a chocolate chip cookie in a mug--perfect for one! **Tweens & teens (kids age 6+ welcome with adult helper).**

**Young Scientists STEM Program, Friday, February 19, 10:00am, online:** Kids will build knowledge in the STEM disciplines, all while having hands-on fun! **Ages 3-6 and their caregivers.**

**Roots of Black Music in America, Friday, February 19, 6:30pm, online:** Karlus Trapp combines music performance with history in a fun, engaging, and educational presentation. Hear him perform live; learn how Black music was born and has influenced all kinds of styles! **All ages.**
Children's Programs

**Preschool Storytime, Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, available at 9:00am** Start your week with storytime! Each Monday Miss Tracey, our Children's Librarian, posts a recorded video of educational fun on YouTube: songs, short stories, and a craft! Practice counting, drawing letters, and recognizing sight words. Watch all week at your leisure; link on library website. Stories geared to preschool-kindergarteners.

**Early Literacy Craft Bags, Mondays, February 1, 8, 22 and Tuesday, February 16, available at 1:00pm** Your children can do a simple craft to be creative and practice the skills they'll need for Kindergarten! We will have a limited number of bags available at the library to accompany our Monday Preschool Storytime. Sign up for a curbside pickup appointment, then complete the craft at home. Set available throughout the week until all have been claimed. Ages preschool-kindergarteners.

**Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, available at 9:00am** Each Wednesday, Miss Tracey posts a new story to our YouTube channel, along with a craft related to the tale! Watch all week at your leisure; link on library website. Stories geared to preschool-first graders.

**Young Scientists STEM Program, Fridays, Feb 5, 12, 19, 10:00am** It's never too early to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)! STEM Beginnings will lead a 45-minute weekly online program for young children; kids will build confidence and knowledge in the STEM disciplines, all while having hands-on fun! Registration required to receive link to program; class materials will be emailed to registrants. Class limited to 14 families; ages 3-6 and their caregivers.

*The “Young Scientists” series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), which is a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.*

We are now circulating a variety of Playaways (digital audiobook players) and video games! Call the Circulation Desk for more info!
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*The library will be closed Monday, February 15 for President’s Day

Tween & Teen Programs

**Treat Yourself Bag, available starting Monday, February 1 at 1:00pm:** This month, treat yourself to a little pampering! Make a curbside appointment to pick up a bag with items to indulge and relax at home. Get a pack of tea and hot chocolate, materials to make a soothing scented pouch, a pad and pencil to write down relaxing thoughts, and more! Bags available until Feb 19 or they run out.

**Financial Literacy Series: Budgeting for Youth, Monday, February 22, 4:00pm, online:** Join an expert from the nonprofit American Consumer Credit Counseling for the second in a series to help teens learn about setting smart financial goals. This month, learn to make and stick to a realistic budget. Registration on website required to receive Zoom link; geared to teens-adults.

**Cooking Class, Thursday, February 25, 5:00pm, online:** Looking for a more advanced cooking class? Julie Manning of Simply Focused Coaching will lead a session on how to make Spinach and Cheese Ravioli. Registration on website required to receive Zoom link and ingredient list.

Adult Programs

**Strategic Planning Focus Group, Tuesday, February 2, 6:00pm, online:** Our library is in the process of planning our goals and objectives for the next five years. We would love to hear from you. Your feedback is important. Registration on website required to receive Zoom link.

**All Ages**

**Grab & Go Crafts, Mondays, February 8 & 22, available at 1:00pm** We will have a limited number of crafting sets available at the library—materials and instructions provided. Sign up for a curbside pickup appointment, then pick them up to complete at home. Set available throughout the week until all have been claimed. Crafts are for varying age levels, elementary school to adult.

**Backyard Birds in Winter, Tuesday, February 23, 6:30pm, online:** Learn about the local bird species that stay here all winter long! Learn which ones are easiest to identify and which are most common in Massachusetts. This program is being provided by a grant from the Rosemary Davis Memorial Fund.

Register for programs at our website or by phone; call us for a curbside pickup appointment:
www.millburylibrary.org
508-865-1181
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See our website for more details!