Welcome To Our Summer Reading Issue!

Get ready for Summer and get ready for our annual Summer Reading series for children, teens and adults! This year’s theme is **Build A Better World**! We have an exciting lineup for kids, including an After Hours Summer Shindig on June 22nd, programs for Young Scientists, and ways to recycle things and care for the environment! The fun continues right through August 9th when the Toe Jam Puppet Band comes to the pavilion at Dean Park for music, face painting, bubbles and more!

For teens, there are all kinds of ways to participate in building a better world, including taking part in the Minecraft Club, finding out about the Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) and collecting toiletries to donate to the Northborough Food Pantry.

Adults can join the party too, with a 3-part series on ways to build a better world, including learning tips on how to control your clutter, finding out about ways to change your corner of the world by volunteering your time and energy for a good cause, and celebrating the spirit of Christmas in July by knitting or crocheting a chemo cap for those experiencing traumatic hair loss due to chemotherapy treatments. As always, we are deeply grateful to the Friends of the Northborough Library for their support of our annual Summer Reading series. Speaking of building a better world, you can help the Library thrive by becoming a member of the Friends and supporting their upcoming Summer Reading Book Sale on June 2nd and 3rd! Welcome, Summer!

*Christopher Lindquist, Library Director*

**Friends Summer Reading Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a special Summer Reading Book Sale on June 2nd and 3rd in the Children’s Program Room! The sale will feature books, audios, DVDs and CDs, for kids, adults and teens! Prices will range from 50 cents - $2. See you at the Sale!
Adult Programs

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

2017 Adult Summer Reading Program
June 19th – August 12th

Summer reading is not just for kids! In this year’s program we encourage you to volunteer your time, talent or treasure in your neighborhood and with community organizations, and to take a stand against illiteracy across Massachusetts and the nation.

It’s easy to participate! Simply fill out our raffle tickets each time you helped to Build a Better World. Here are a few examples:

- Read a book from our suggested Reading List or read any book that you think supports the idea of “building a better world.”

- Donate toiletries and paper goods to the ongoing, library-wide toiletries drive to benefit the Northborough Food Pantry, or donate goods to any non-profit organization.

- Volunteer your time in the library, or with any local non-profit of your choice. Tell us about any volunteer activity you participate in this summer.

- Give a donation to an organization that supports improving literacy.

For those who join us in our mission to Build a Better World, your raffle tickets will be entered into drawings throughout the summer for some great prizes, including gift cards to local businesses and our grand prize of a Kindle e-reader.

We’ve also included three events to invite and inspire you to Build a Better World with us this summer.

**Clutter Control: Downsizing Your STUFF**
Tuesday, June 20th, 7 – 8 PM

Educator and entertainer Dave Downs suggests when, where, and how to begin the process of decluttering in this upbeat and unique presentation, and suggests a variety of methods and helpful tips on managing the STUFF filling our drawers, closets and garages.

**How I Changed My Corner of the World**
Tuesday, June 27th, 7 – 8 PM

Find out how a few Northborough residents saw a local need and came together to develop grassroots projects that made a positive impact in our community. Through informal panel discussion, you’ll learn how these activists were inspired, about organizational strategies and lessons learned, and about other local volunteer opportunities. Panelists include representatives from Northborough Moms, Friends of Families in Transition, and the Northborough Town Common initiative.

**Knit or Crochet a Chemo Cap**
Tuesday, July 18th, 7 – 8 PM ★ $ AND Tuesday, July 25th, 7 – 8 PM ★ $

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas this July by making and donating a chemo cap to charity. Instructors from Craftworks will show you how to crochet or knit this special cap for people experiencing traumatic hair loss. All materials – needles, yarn and patterns – will be provided. Beginner’s welcome! All skill levels encouraged. Donation fee to participate is $10.00.
English Conversation Circles

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2017  |  7 – 8 PM
Internet Cafe
Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2017  |  10 – 11 AM
Conference Room

English Conversation Circles are one-hour informal group meetings run by library volunteers for adults who want to improve their conversational English. In the meeting we practice listening, speaking and pronunciation in English through normal, everyday conversations with people from all over the world. Join us for lively conversation in a friendly environment with other adults who are also learning.

Adult Book Groups

Monday Evening Group
June 19, 2017  |  7 – 8:30 PM
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Mystery Book Group
June 21, 2017  |  7 – 8:30 PM
Claire DeWitt & the City of the Dead by Sara Gran
July 19, 2017  |  7 – 8:30 PM
The Lady from Zagreb by Phillip Kerr

Marie's Book Buddies
June 9, 2017  |  10 – 11:30 AM
Walden by Henry David Thoreau (Beacon Press edition)
July 14, 2017  |  10 – 11:30 AM
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating our Volunteers

The library is my comfort zone. I got my first library job at The Boston Public Library after college. For four years I worked there and on the Bookmobile, where my first library card was issued at the age of six.

In 2012, I retired after 33 years as the Acquisition Supervisor at the Brookline Public Library. Following our retirement, my husband and I moved to Northborough. I have been volunteering with the Friends for 3 years scanning the donated items to estimate their value for the book sale. I have also worked the basket raffle. I enjoy what I am doing and look forward to doing it for many more years!

Thanks, Jeannette, for all that you do for the Northborough Free Library!

Jeannette Marco
Teen/Tween Programs

**Legend**

🌟 Registration Required

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**Build a Better World**

**Teen Summer Reading 2017**

**June 19th – August 12th**

Earn a prize for every book you read this summer! This year we are also collecting toiletries to donate to the Northborough Food Pantry. Open to all students entering grades 6–12 in the fall. Visit the Teen Desk for full details.

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**Minecraft Club**

**Monday, June 5th | 6–8 PM**  
**Thursday, June 15th | 3:30–4:30 PM**  
**Friday, June 23rd | 2–4 PM**  
**Wednesday, June 28th | 6–8 PM**

**Computer Lab 🟢**

This club is for Teens in grades 6–12.

**Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)**

**Wednesday, June 14th | 7–8 PM**

**Meeting Room**

T.A.G. plans Teen events and helps the Teen Librarian choose new materials for the Teen Room. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

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**T.A.G. Ice Cream Party**

**Monday, June 19th | 7–8 PM**

**Meeting Room 🟢**

Come make your own ice cream sundaes and learn what T.A.G. is all about. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

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**Teen Movie Night**

**Wednesday, June 21st | 6–8 PM**

**Meeting Room**

For Teens entering grades 6–12. Contact the Teen Librarian for the movie title.

**Minute to Win It**

**Monday, June 26th | 6–8 PM**

**Meeting Room 🟢**

Test out your skills in our Minute to Win It challenges. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

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**Candy Sushi**

**Thursday, June 29th | 2–3 PM**

**Meeting Room 🟢**

Learn how to make delicious candy sushi. All materials will be provided. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

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**Minecraft Club**

**Wednesday, July 5th | 6–8 PM**  
**Thursday, July 13th | 2–4 PM**  
**Monday, July 17th | 6–8 PM**  
**Friday, July 28th | 2–4 PM**

**Computer Lab 🟢**

This club is for Teens in grades 6–12.
## Teen/Tween Programs

### Ice Cream Making
**Friday, July 7th | 2–3 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
Learn how to make ice cream from scratch. All materials will be provided. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Marshmallow Shooters
**Tuesday, July 25th | 2–3 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
Learn how to make your own marshmallow shooter. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Teen Movie Night
**Monday, July 10th | 5:30–8 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
For Teens entering grades 6–12. Contact the Teen Librarian for the movie title.

### Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)
**Wednesday, July 26th | 7–8 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Teen Wii Night
**Wednesday, July 12th | 6–8 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
We will be playing Mario Kart 8. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Fort Building
**Thursday, July 27th | 2–4 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
We will be working in teams to build and defend cardboard forts. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Cake Pops
**Wednesday, July 19th | 6–8 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
We will be making some sweet and colorful cake pops. For Teens entering grades 6–12.

### Minecraft Club
**Wednesday, August 2nd | 6–8 PM**
**Tuesday, August 8th | 2–4 PM**
**Monday, August 21st | 6–8 PM**
**Friday, August 31st | 3:30–4:30 PM**
**Computer Lab**  
This club is for Teens in grades 6–12.

### Teen Summer Reading Party
**Wednesday, August 9th | 7–8 PM**
**Meeting Room**  
Come play games, win some prizes and decorate some cupcakes. This is our summer reading finale. For Teens entering grades 6–12.
Kid Programs

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

Special Summer Reading Events

**After Hours Summer Shindig**
**Thursday, June 22nd, 5:30 – 7:30**
**Library Meeting Room & Outdoors**
We are opening our doors for some after-hours fun, including face painting & henna, giant board games, a scavenger hunt, crafts, music and pony rides! Sign up for Summer Reading too!

**Young Scientists**
**Mon. June 5th, Wed. June 14th & Thurs. July 20th (call for times)**
**Kids Room**
In this workshop children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, storytime, challenges and simple experiments. For children ages 3-5 with their caregiver. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Get Ready for Kindergarten**
**Tuesday, June 27th @ 10:30 a.m.**
**Library Meeting Room**
YMCA Family & Community Partnership invites your family to a free "Get Ready for Kindergarten" event for children entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2017. See a "D.W. Countdown to Kindergarten" play performed by City Stage Co. followed by a musical performance by Mr. Kim from Appletree Arts.

**Songs & Stories to Build a Better World with Davis Bates**
**Tuesday, July 18th @ 10:30 a.m.**
**Library Meeting Room**
Hear how the bear missed the train, how coyote got his howl, and about the bravery of a rainbow-colored parrot. Be prepared to sing, move and dance! For families.

**UFUND’s Start U Reading Program with Winnie the Pooh**
**Thursday, July 27th @ 10:30 a.m.**
**Library Meeting Room**
Join us for UFUND’s Start U Reading program with Winnie the Pooh! There will be stories and a photo op with Winnie. Come meet the most loveable bear this summer! For families.

**Museum of Science: Blizzards!**
**Monday, July 31st @ 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
**Library Meeting Room**
Engineer a tree house to withstand high winds, and save skiers from a wild mountain avalanche. With two exciting activities, this hands-on workshop gives kids a chance to plan, build and test their designs against the forces of nature. For kids ages 6 – 12.

Starting June 19th: Visit the library or our website to register your child for Summer Reading!
Yes...Even More Summer Events!

Friday, June 23rd @ 3pm: **Upcycle It!** We can care for our environment and have fun by turning trash into treasure! We’ll share a couple of inspiring stories, play recycled bowling, and make an upcycled puzzle-piece monogram to take home. For kids ages 6—12.

Monday, July 10th @ 6pm: **STEM Towers** Explore engineering as we complete building challenges: build the tallest newspaper tower, try your hand at giant Jenga, and more! For kids ages 8—12.

Thursday, July 20th @ 1pm: **Fantastic Beasts** Explore the Wizarding World and its fantastic beasts through the lens of an American muggle (aka No-Maj). For kids ages 8—12.

Tuesday, July 25th @ 630pm: **Mini-Golf in the Stacks** is not your typical golfing experience! Wind your way through a 9-hole mini-golf course in the children’s room! For all families.

Tuesday, August 8th @ 630pm: **Blankets for Animals** Build a better world for our animals with us. Measure, cut and tie several blankets for animals at our local shelter. Materials provided, we just need you! For kids ages 8—12.

Wednesday, August 9th @ 6pm: **Toe Jam Puppet Band @ Dean Park** The Northborough Free Library and the Shrewsbury Public Library are teaming up to bring you the Toe Jam Puppet Band at the pavilion in Dean Park. Music, face painting, bubbles and more! For all families.

**Kindness Rocks!** We are creating our very own rock garden, and we need your help. Paint rocks, write inspiring or uplifting words when they have dried, and arrange them outside in the garden. People are encouraged to take a rock and leave a rock to share the kind words! We’ll have two sessions to keep our stock of rocks going. For kids ages 6—12. Check online calendar for dates.

**Brown-Bag-It Storytimes** are a chance to share a picnic lunch at the library! We’ll tell the stories, you bring your lunch. With good weather, we’ll read outside on the lawn, so bring a picnic blanket if you have one. For all families. Check online calendar for dates.

Visit [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org) for a complete list of events and registration information.
Friends Summer Vacation

Our Friends book donation sorters are taking a well-deserved vacation! The Friends love getting donations of books and materials for their Book Sales throughout the year, and we know that many people look forward to finding some great books, DVDs, CDs and other treasures at bargain prices!

If you are planning to donate some well-loved books, *we would appreciate it if you would not donate them during the month of June*. The Friends will resume accepting books in July. Thank you for your cooperation and your support of the Friends!

See you at the next Friends Book Sale!

Summer Art Exhibits

June 1 - June 30  
Artwork by Janet Schwartz and Dave Kaphammer  
Westborough, MA

Parking Lot (Self-portrait)  

Birches and Blue Sky

July 1 - July 29  
Artwork by Sid Solomon  
Worcester MA

Elizabeth's Garden  

Farm on a Hill

*Hats designed by Sandra Merlini from Marlboro are also in the display case in the lobby during June.*