Virtual Adult Classes and Programs

Author Events

Local Author Series

Author Talk with Grace Talusan: The Body Papers*
Saturday, Dec. 19
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Grace Talusan, winner of the 2020 Massachusetts Book Award in nonfiction, will give a brief reading of her memoir, The Body Papers.

Author Talk with Jennifer Acker
Saturday, Jan. 16
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Join us as author Jennifer Acker discusses how she came to write her debut novel, The Limits of the World, a family saga that spans across continents.

Virtual Panel Discussion Featuring New England Poets*
Saturday, Feb. 20
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Poets will read aloud their work and offer advice for aspiring poets.

Pathways to Publication: A Virtual Workshop with Sisters in Crime*
Saturday, Jan. 16
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Today’s authors have multiple options to bring their book to life. Hear how authors decided upon their unique publication path.

Community Book Discussion: The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here by Hope Jahren*
Saturday, Feb. 20
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Join us for a community book discussion moderated by Ellis Jones, associate professor at College of the Holy Cross. Jahren, an award-winning geobiologist, illuminates the link between human consumption habits and our imperiled planet.

Poetry Writing Workshops

Poetry Writing 101 with Susan Roney-O’Brien*
Metaphors Be with You
Saturday, Dec. 5
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Metaphors, similes, personification, apostrophe, irony...all these handy tools build fresh images through the use of our senses.

Sound, Resound
Saturday, Jan. 2
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Poetry begins in the body and sings in the ear. We'll use a few poems as examples and some prompts to get us moving, initiate a beat, syncopate the rhythm and integrate rhyme.

In Form, Conform, Reform
Saturday, Feb. 6
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Zoom
Traditional or "received" forms give poets the opportunity to practice technique, to work within an established scaffolding.

Writing Workshops

Writing Workshop with Tilia Klebenov Jacobs*
Saturday, Dec. 19
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Author Tilia Klebenov Jacobs will offer a presentation on how to find inspiration through a reimagining of a well-known story.

Community

The Art of New England: A Virtual Tour with the Worcester Art Museum
Saturday, Jan. 30
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Join us for this fun artistic voyage of artwork capturing the region! For ages 16+.

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Learn Something NEW at WPL: Free Adult Classes

Book Clubs

American History Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 1: *The Radium Girls*
by Kate Moore
Jan. 5: *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents*
by Isabel Wilkerson
Feb. 2: *You’ll Never Forget Your First*
by Alexis Coe

Romance Readers Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 8: *Bringing Down the Duke*
by Evie Dunmore
Jan. 12: *Something to Talk About*
by Meryl Wilsner
Feb. 9: *Get a Life, Chloe Brown*
by Talia Hibbert

Science Fiction Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Ages 16+.
Dec. 15: *Non-Stop*
by Brian Aldiss

Great American Read Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 22, Jan. 26, Feb. 23
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 22: *The Outsiders*
by S.E. Hinton
Jan. 26: *Frankenstein*
by Mary Shelley
Feb. 23: *Beloved*
by Toni Morrison

Introduction to Coding: Python for Beginners
Tuesdays, Jan. 5 - Feb. 9 (six weeks)
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Zoom
Introduction to the world of computer programming, using Python. Register for 1st week only.

WordPress Basics
Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Learn to create a website with WordPress.

Science Fiction Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16
12 - 1 p.m.
Zoom
Gayle E. Wilson
Dec. 15: *Non-Stop*
by Brian Aldiss

Citizenship

Citizenship Classes
Wednesdays
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Zoom
Covers U.S. Citizenship test material. Participants must be 18+ and able to speak and understand English.

Computer & Online Resources

Math Tutoring for Adult Learners
By appointment
Virtual
Free virtual math tutoring is available by appointment. Fill out the form found on our Virtual Services for Adults page to sign up.

Introduction to CSS
Fridays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom
Learn to create a simple web page using CSS. Each class will highlight different features of CSS.

Learning to Zoom
Fridays, Dec. 4, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 26
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom
Learn how to use the software platform Zoom, a video conferencing app.
An Introduction to Finding Military Records for Genealogists
Saturday, Feb. 27
4 - 5 p.m.
Zoom
Explore records that document your ancestors’ service in wars.

Introductory Genealogy and Local History Assistance
By appointment
Virtual
Meet virtually with WPL’s Genealogy & Local History librarian. Fill out the form found on our Virtual Services for Adults page to sign up. Provide at least one week’s lead time for specific topics to allow the librarian sufficient time to prepare.

Resumé Help
Online Resume Service
Submit a resume and/or cover letter for review and editing on our Ask a Librarian page. Please limit each submission to one resume and/or one cover letter, and allow up to ten business days for completion of request.

Small Business/Personal Finance
Introduction to Finding Grants
Mondays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom
An overview of the grant seeking process for non-profits using the Foundation Directory database.

Personal Investing with Morningstar Investment Research Center
Mondays, Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom
An overview of the tools and features of this database to help you make informed investment choices.

Generating Sales Lists Using Reference Solutions
Tuesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9
3 - 4 p.m.
Zoom
Identify new targets to market your product or services to.

SCORE Small Business Counseling
Dec. - Feb.
By Appointment
Schedule a session with a SCORE counselor. Contact Dan Ekberg at daniel.ekberg@scorevolunteer.org or 508-648-1251 to arrange a virtual meeting or phone consultation.

Small Business, Non-Profit Grant Research, and Personal Investment Resources Assistance (one-on-one)
By appointment
Virtual
To schedule an appointment with the Business and Non-Profit Grant Resources Librarian to learn about available resources, please email jdzugan@mywpl.org.

Register at mywpl.org or call 508-799-1655 ext. 3.
§ Basic knowledge of computers and a valid email address is required.
**Arts & Crafts**

**DIY Crafts for Adults**
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Facebook Live
Join us on Facebook for a live demo on DIY crafts.

**Knitting Circle**
Thursdays, Dec. - Feb.
3 - 4 p.m.
Zoom
Our Knitting Circle has gone virtual! Knitters of all levels welcome.
December: Holiday Gifts
January: Toys
February: Blankets and Afghan Squares

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**Type II Diabetes Series with Judy Palken, Registered Dietitian**

**Thursdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18**
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Join us for guidance on what to eat, physical activity, and sleep suggestions to improve your blood sugar control and overall health.
Dec. 17: Great Food Choices for Preventing and Treating Diabetes
Jan. 21: Controlling Carbs and Portions
Feb. 18: Sugary Topics

**Cooking Classes**

**Saturdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 23, Feb. 27**
Zoom
Dec. 12 from 4 - 5 p.m.: Healthier Holiday Sides & Snacks with Chef Kim
Jan. 23 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: More Fresh, Whole-Food Soups with Colin McCullough
Feb. 27 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Smoothies that Taste Like Girl Scout Cookies with Colin McCullough

**Healthy Living**

**Nutrition Class with Judy Palken, Registered Dietitian**
Saturday, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 12: Eat Like the French
Jan. 9: Healthy Planet Eating
Feb. 13: The Case for Coffee

**Peace of Mind Meditation Series with Soni Sayana**

**Saturdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 6**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom
Jan. 9: Inner Peace
Jan. 23: Inner Power
Feb. 6: Inner Resilience

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**Language Learning**

**English Conversation Circle**

**Wednesdays, Dec. - Feb.**
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Zoom
Practice speaking English in a relaxed, comfortable place, and meet new friends as we learn by talking together.

**Virtual Circolo Italiano**

**Saturdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 13**
2 - 3:30 p.m.
Zoom
Parliamo italiano insieme! Una collaborazione fra il Circolo Italiano di West Boylston, Worcester Public Library e Holy Cross.

**American Sign Language (ASL) Basics**

**Wednesdays, Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30**
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Zoom
Register for all four sessions to learn ASL with a live instructor.

**Winter Reading List**

Selected by WPL librarians
Grab a copy or see the full list at mywpl.org.

*The Travelers* by Regina Porter

*Zero Zone* by Scott O’Connor

*The Power of Ritual* by Casper ter Kuile

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