



## • • • Summer Events & Classes: Adults

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### Hatha Yoga

**Tuesdays @ 4 pm, beginning June 2**

Join Kripalu-certified yoga instructor Joanne DeVito for our weekly virtual yoga class! All experience levels welcome. Yoga mat required; yoga strap, block, and a light throw recommended.

### Feeding the Dragon: Author Talk with Chris Fenton

**Saturday, June 6 @ 2:30 pm**

Chris Fenton will discuss his new memoir, *Feeding the Dragon: Inside the Trillion Dollar Dilemma Facing Hollywood, the NBA, and American Business*. He'll share the story of his time caught in the middle of the trillion dollar soft power struggle pitting China against Hollywood, the NBA, and American business.

### Second Tuesday Book Group

**Tuesdays @ 6:15 pm**

**June 9, July 14, August 11**

New members welcomed. June's title is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn; future titles are TBD.

Email [ckondziela@blackstonelibrary.org](mailto:ckondziela@blackstonelibrary.org) to join.

### DIY Workshops:

#### Sugar Scrub & Face Mask

**Friday, June 12 @ 1 pm**

#### Ginger Ale & Vanilla Extract

**Saturday, August 15 @ 1 pm**

Join the mother/daughter duo, Grounded Goodwife, for these hands-on workshops using ingredients from your kitchen! Check our website for a [list of necessary ingredients](#). Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

### Books & Brews

**Wednesdays @ 6-8 pm**

**June 24, July 29, August 26**

Titles TBD. Find us on Meetup.com and register there to receive meeting link.

### Artistic Expressions of Transgender Youth

**Saturday, June 27 @ 2:30 pm**

Take a journey into the lives of transgender youth through their artwork. Advocate, certified coach, and author Tony Ferraiolo will bring you along for an exploration of his work with trans youth, told through the eyes of the youth themselves.



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### Imagine Your Story: 3-Part Fiction Writing Workshop

**Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, July 14 @ 10:30 am**

Award-winning novelist Susan Strecker will cover tips and tricks for writing a novel, essential elements of successful books, and hooking the reader. Writers of all experience and ability levels are welcome. **Note: you are registering for all three sessions.**

### Spy Island: Author Talk with Greg Gilmartin

**Saturday, July 11 @ 2:30 pm**

Greg Gilmartin will discuss his latest novel: an unexpected story of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

### Drum Away the Blues

**Friday, July 17 @ 2 pm**

Master percussionist, storyteller, author, and radio host Craig Harris leads this exciting, multimedia celebration of international rhythm! Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

### Understanding Eating Disorders

**Thursday, July 23 @ 5 pm**

Eating disorders can be difficult to understand and cope with. If you or someone you love has been affected by an eating disorder, join us for a talk by Gina MacDonald, MA, LPC, CEDS. She'll give an overview of various disorders, and discuss evidence-based treatments.

### Re-Imagining Your Story: Keys to a Life of Resilience

**Thursday, August 6 @ 6 pm**

Local author Lorri Danzig shares tools so you get a clear understanding of how to put resilience skills into action. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

### Preserving Family History Treasures

**Tuesday, August 11 @ 2 pm**

Lizette Pelletier, State Archivist at the Connecticut State Library, discusses issues related to paper and electronic documents and offers some basic preservation steps to care for your family records.

### Tech Help

#### How to Access Ebooks: OverDrive, SimplyE, and More

**Thursday, June 18 @ 2 pm**

Learn about OverDrive and Libby, two reading apps made by OverDrive. We'll also take a quick look at another ebook lending resource, RBDigital, and then head over to our newest app, SimplyE.

#### How to Access Ebooks, Movies and More: Hoopla & Kanopy

**Thursday, July 16 @ 2 pm**

Learn about two fun resources you can access exclusively with your Blackstone Library card. Hoopla has ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and music! Kanopy is our on-demand movie streaming service, and includes collections like PBS, The Great Courses, and the Criterion Collection.

#### How to Use Your iPad

**Thursday, August 13 @ 2 pm**

This class is geared towards beginners, covering the basic functions and features of the iPad and apps. iPads must already be registered with an Apple ID and running the most current operating system.

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### Babies & Kids

**Live Storytime** (ages 5 and under)

**Mondays @ 10:30-11 am, Starting June 15**

**Wednesdays @ 10:30-11 am, Starting June 17**

Join Miss Mary and Miss Carly for a virtual storytime with songs, hand rhymes, and stories.

**Storytime kits (one per child) are available for pickup once you register.**

**Fridays are for Sharing**

(ages 5 and under)

**Fridays @ 11-11:30 am,**

**Starting June 19**

Miss Mary and Miss Carly are saving Fridays for "show and tell." Join us and share your favorite story, stuffed animal, artwork or toy. We

will be sharing our favorites as well.



**ScienceTellers: Where Science and Stories Join Forces** (for families)

**Friday, June 19 @ 3-4 pm**

Kick off summer reading with a fantasy-filled interactive adventure and discover just how 'cool' matter can be! See what happens when dragons and an ice sorceress meet!

**Rick Riordan Presents: Book Club**

(Grades 3 thru 6)

**Tuesdays @ 3:30-4:30 pm**

**June 23, July 28, August 25**

Featuring books from Rick Riordan Presents, which share cultures and backgrounds through stories inspired by their mythology, folklore, and heritage. Register to gain access to the first title.

**Animal Senses: Virtual Meet and Greet**

(for families)

**Thursday, June 25 @ 3-4 pm**

Investigate the keen senses of various animals and how they use them to survive with the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center.

**Music with Mr. Drew** (ages 5 and under)

**Thursday, July 9 & 23 @ 10-11 am**

Get your little one moving and grooving with an interactive performance with Mr. Drew!

Registration is required for each session.



**Live-Streaming 'Frozen' Sing Along** (for families)

**Tuesday, July 14 @ 4-6 pm**

Join us and sing your hearts out with a live-streaming viewing of *Frozen* (the sing along edition). Costumes are encouraged!

**Three Billy Goats Gruff: Drama**

**Workshop (Grades K thru 4)**

**Wednesday, July 22 @ 1-2 pm**

Ingrid Schaeffer leads this workshop, using theater games and exercises, leading up to an interactive telling of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

**BreakOut of This: Four Week**

**Challenge (for families)**

**Starting Friday, July 31**

Register to receive a challenge video and link to different digital breakout games each week!

Questions will test reading, mathematics, sciences, and logic. Send in your challenge answers before the next video and link are released to enter for a prize drawing.

**Wizards Workshop**

**Tuesday, August 11 @ 1-2 pm (Grades K thru 2)**

**Tuesday, August 11 @ 2-3 pm (Grades 3 thru 5)**

Join this hands-on workshop to learn about concocting potions, making wands, and caring for magical creatures! **You will need to pick up all the necessary materials at the library the week before.** Make sure to choose the proper grade level when registering.



### Teens

**Makeup by Bella**

**Friday, June 5 @ 3-4 pm**

Makeup is an art form you can use to express your inner style in new ways. Join Isabella Poirier for a live tutorial on cat's-eye, contouring, and other dramatic looks. Open to middle, high school, and college-aged teens.

**TAG: Teen Advisory Group**

**Thursdays @ 3-4 pm**

**June 18, July 16, August 20**

Join us to discuss books, library programs and more! You'll earn an hour of community service for your time. Open to high school teens. Space is limited: to see if there's room, email Miss Sarah @ [teens@blackstonelibrary.org](mailto:teens@blackstonelibrary.org).

**Imagine Your Story: Creative Writing**

**Mondays @ 3:30 - 5 pm**

**June 29, July 13 & 27, August 3 & 17**

Join writing workshop hosts Shari Arnold & Amy Bowers to explore character, setting, plot, and revisions in order to create your own retold myth, twisted fairy tale, or dark fantasy. Open to middle, high school, and college-aged teens.

**Escape Reads: Dark Side Coffee & Chat**

**Thursdays @ 3-4 pm, July 2 & August 6**

We'll talk about the darker side of fantasy, dystopia, & horror, all over a cup of coffee\*. Pick any book from our Reading List and come ready to talk about it. Open to middle, high school, and college-aged teens. \*Books are available for free through Hoopla Digital. Coffee is optional.

**Take the Stage: Improv & Acting**

**Wednesday, July 22 @ 2:30-3:30 pm**

Try your hand at theater games, improvisations, and acting exercises with Ingrid Schaeffer. Previous acting experience is not necessary. Open to middle & high school teens.



**Live-Streaming Movie Watch Party (for all ages) | Friday, August 21 @ 6 pm**

Join us for an ALL AGES end-of-summer-reading celebration: a live-streaming movie watch party. We'll be streaming **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** right to you, and we'll all watch together! Register to receive the meeting link, grab your snacks, and get ready for a virtual group movie experience!

