

Kingston Public Library

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Summer 2015

Children, and Teens, and Grown-ups, oh my! With so many new services and programs, it's hard to fit all of it into one newsletter. We'll do our best, but do stop in or visit our website, and see for yourself.

Thanks to your support and a state grant, we're fully immersed in a **building study**. We have talked and listened to the community, written a building program, and now we're about to hire an architect to turn the program into a design. For the next ten months, we'll be working on a proposal for what Kingston's library building should feature in order to provide the level of service the community has asked for. We'll be presenting this proposal to Town Meeting next spring. You can follow our progress on our [website](#). Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions at any time. It's your library.

Also thanks to your support, we will soon embark on a **redesign of our website**. We'd love to hear your suggestions and comments.

If you haven't visited us for a while, this is a great time to stop in to the Kingston Public Library.

You can always contact us by [email](#), phone (781-585-0517), mail (6 Green St. Kingston MA 02364) or in person; we'd love to hear from you!



Borrower's Services

The last day of school has come and gone and it's definitely summer now. This is a good time to take advantage of the **Massachusetts Parks Pass**. We now have passes for you to visit these parks for each day of the week. We have a variety of passes available. From the Museum of Science, Zoo New England, U.S.S. Constitution, South Shore Natural Science Center and more. It's never to

soon to reserve the discounted **museum passes** brought to you courtesy of the Friends of the Library. You can reserve passes [online](#) or by calling 781-585-0517 ext. 111.

The Highland Street Foundation's **Free Fun Fridays** began on June 26. This includes 70 museums and cultural venues for 10 weeks this summer. For each Friday, seven sites are open. The next time you come to the Library, pick up a calendar.

This is also the season to take a moment or two to enjoy our Courtyard. With the sun shining, take your books or magazines out and relax. Take out your laptop and enjoy the sun and our wifi at the same time.

You can reach the Circulation Desk at 781-585-0517 x112 or by [email](#).

P.S. When you call the Library, you can dial any extension as soon as the message starts. No need to listen to all the options if you know the extension!



Children's Services

This summer promises to be an eventful time here in the Children's Room. We have been busy planning some exciting new events for our summer season.



Every Hero Has a Story this summer! What's your story? If you're entering grades K-6 in the fall, sign-up for the **Kingston Public Library's Summer Reading Program**. When you sign-up you'll receive a reading log and book mark. For every five books you read (don't forget to write the titles down in the reading log), we'll give you a choice of a free book or a \$5 gift certificate good to use at the Kingston Recreation Department! You'll also have a chance to receive a giveaway and will automatically be invited to our fun **Cupcake Extravaganza End-of-Summer Reading Program Party** on August 10. Please sign-up using the [online form](#) or call us in the Children's Room at **781-585-0517x111**.

Disclaimer -- we're sorry, but some programs may already be full. Please call to find out.

Our drop-in **STEAM Story and Craft** happen at **10:30** on **Fridays on July 10, 17, 24 and 31**. Join us in the Children's Room for a fun storytime -- Each weekly storytime science and art. Please check Mrs. Legg's [blog](#) for weekly themes. All drop-in programs require caregiver participation and crafts are best suited for all ages. This program is funded through a federal grant awarded to the Kingston Public Library by the IMLS and MBLC as a Full STEAM Ahead grant.



On **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.** join the **Museum of Science of Boston** will be here to teach us about "**Super Cold Science**". This terrific program is best suited for children ages 6 and up. Children under the age of 9 will need an adult caregiver in the room with them. Registration is now open. You can register [online](#) or call the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.

This July, **Learn to Play the Piano with Shu-Hui Chen.**

Children ages 5-7 can sign up for a free, three-day piano keyboard instruction program. Participants will meet **from 10:15 to 11 on July 15, 16 and 17 or July 29, 30 and 31** in the Library Meeting Room. Please bring your own headphones. Registration and headphones are required. You can register [online](#) or call the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.

Children ages 8 and older can sign up for a free, three-day piano keyboard instruction program. Participants will meet **from 11:15 to 12 on July 15, 16 and 17 or July 29, 30 and 31** in the Library Meeting Room. Please bring your own headphones. Registration and headphones are required. You can register [online](#) or call the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.



On **Saturday, July 18 at 1:00** the **South Shore Natural Science Center** will host **Return to Titanic!** Learn about sinking and floating as we investigate why the *Titanic* sank back in 1912. Through simple experiments we'll figure out why things sink and why things float. Children ages 4 to 7 years old with a caregiver are invited to sign-up for this fun STEM program. **Registration is required for this program and adult participation is required.** This program has been made possible through a Full STEAM Ahead Grant funded by the IMLS and administrated by the MBLC.

Join us on **Monday, July 20 at 6:00** when **Trevor the Juggler** will be here to entertain kids of all ages. Registration is now open. You can register [online](#) or call the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.

On **Wednesday, July 22 at 10:00** join in the fun at our **Drop-in Craft**. Kingston children are invited to drop-in for a quick craft before they head out for the day. Children under the age of 9 need an adult in the room with them.



On **Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00** there will be a **Song and Story Celebration with Davis Bates**. Stop by the Library tonight after dinner for this wonderful program. This is delightful way to share an evening with children, parents and grandparents. Registration is requested, and you can register either [online](#) or by calling the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.

Create your own **HULK** adventure On **Wednesday, August 5 at 2:00** with **Big Ryan**. Children ages 7 and up will write their own HULK story. Registration is now open. You can register [online](#) or by calling the Children's Desk at **781-585-0517x111**.

On **Monday, August 10 at 6:00** join us at the **End Of Summer Reading Program Cupcake Extravaganza**. If you participated in the Summer Reading Program, stop by and decorate and eat a cupcake. Please [RSVP here](#).

Please check out the [Children's Room Blog](#) for book reviews, program information, book lists, and web site reviews.

Call Children's Services at 781-585-0517 x111, or check the [Library event calendar](#) and the [Kids' page](#) for further information.



Teen Services

Summer is here! Time to kick back and relax. Make sure to visit us regularly throughout the Summer for some exciting programs.

We have all the books you need for the Silver Lake Regional School District Summer reading assignments.



Create your own **Sea Glass and Shell Bracelet** on **Monday, August 17th at 6:00** with **Pamela Coviello**. In this workshop, you will enjoy a fun experience, and take home your own beautiful creation.

Upcoming Youth Advisory Council Meeting (YAC)

On **Monday, July 13th at 5:00** YAC will meet to discuss and plan teen programming for the upcoming year. Refreshments will be served, including fruit salad and chocolate fondue. Anyone age 11-18 that is interested in sharing their ideas and opinions is warmly invited to attend. There is no meeting scheduled for the month of August. See you in the Autumn -- the date of the next meeting will be announced on our website and calendar.

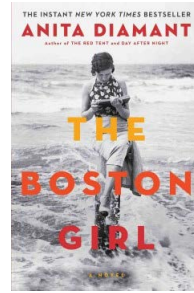
The **Youth Advisory Council** is a dynamic group that meets monthly. YAC members help choose books, movies and music for the Teen Space at the Library. They also plan and organize programs and fundraisers. Anyone age 11-18 is welcome to join. Non-members are welcome to attend a meeting to see what it's like.

The **Friends of the Library** generously support teen programming throughout the year, and we are so grateful for their help.

Have you seen the [KPL Youth Advisory Council Page](#) on **Facebook**? Take a peek! Don't forget to take a moment to "**like**" their page.

If you would like to learn more about the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), contact **Hannele Minsk** at 781-585-0517 x114 or by [email](#). Don't forget to check the [Teen](#) page on our website!

Reference and Adult Services



KPL is joining the Duxbury and Marshfield public libraries in planning a special summer author event! **Three Towns- One Boston Girl** features **Anita Diamant**, author of *The Boston Girl*. She will speak on **August 5 at 7:00** at the **Duxbury performing Arts Center**. **Marianne Leone**, author of *Jesse: A Mother's Story* will emcee the program. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00 each and can be purchased at each library and at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury. You can bring your ticket to Westwinds to get \$5.00 off the price of the book, or use the ticket to get a discount on the book at the event.

Tech Thursdays. From 10:30 -11:30 a.m. and from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. every Thursday, staff will be available to assist you with your questions about using our electronic resources: how to download ebooks and audiobooks from our digital catalog, how to search for books and place holds, how to access the many research databases offered through the Kingston Public Library and our partners the Massachusetts Library System and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. If your question is about using your mobile device or laptop, bring it with you.

If you need further assistance you can [Book-A-Librarian](#) for one-on-one 30 minute sessions designed to answer your questions about using any Library resource. To make an appointment, call 781-585-0517 ext. 121 or [email](#) us.



We are happy to announce that Finnish Folk Band, [Vellamo](#), will perform at the **Adams Center** on **Friday, August 28 at 7:00**. Pia Leinonen and Joni Tiala perform ethereal Finnish folk pop music with gorgeous vocals and memorable melodic hooks. Vellamo combines the rich tradition of Finnish folksong with an appealing "retro" sensibility (recalling the likes of Joan Collins or Richard and Mimi Farina), creating an exotic and magical acoustic experience. Pia and Joni have even been known to sneak in a "Vellamo-ized" Jethro Tull song now and then just to shake things up. A visit to the world of Vellamo is an enchanting, educational and unforgettable musical journey. This free program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Kingston Public Library**.

Databases:

These databases join the many already available to you with your library card. You can find these on our newly revised [Reference Page](#).



Lynda.com and IndieFlix are now available through the Library. **Lynda.com** lets you take online video classes in a range of topics, in the Library or from home. All you need is your library card. This service is funded by the Kingston Public Library Foundation.



With **IndieFlix** you can stream films from worldwide film festivals. This service is funded by the Kingston Public Library Foundation.

Looking for a good summer read? Checkout the [Readers Page](#) on our website for current bestsellers in the Library and for book suggestions.

What's the Big Idea? A partnership for lifelong learning.

We're very excited to announce that we will be collaborating with the Kingston Council on Aging to bring you a new series of **Author Talks** in the Fall. We'll keep you posted.

Our **South Shore Locavores** series is part of this new collaboration. Programs will be held at the Senior Center on the **Third Thursdays in September, November, January, March, and May.** *Edible South Shore & South Coast* magazine is our partner for this series.

We're talking with the Recreation Department and Adams Center about other collaborative projects, too. We're excited about planning bigger and better services for you.

Stay tuned for updates!

Book group and more:

Are you looking for a book group to join? **Kingston Public Library Book Group** meets at 5:30 on the second **Thursday of the month, September through June.** New members are always welcome! For more information email Anna Kelley at kplreader@hotmail.com.

This Fall the **Kingston Public Library Book Group** will be discussing *A Winter's Tale* by **Mark Helpern** on **September 10** and *The Boston Girl* by **Anita Diamant** at the **October 8** meeting. If you would like the Library to help you locate a copy, please call 781-585-0517x121

Join the **Knotty Knitters on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in the Children's Activities Room. In this congenial atmosphere we share our patterns, techniques, and experience. Everyone is welcome! To find out more contact Maryanne Driscoll at 781-585-0517 ext. 115 or by [email](#).

If you're interested in **showing your artwork at the Library**, here's [how to exhibit](#) -- or contact

Maryanne Driscoll at 781-585-0517 x115 or by [email](#).



Local History Room

As we noted last fall, the Local History Room contributed several "Notable Land Records" to the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. You can see the Registry's whole collection over at their [website](#) , or check out a few of the Kingston properties with photographs on the [LHR Online page](#) .

If you'd like to see a real-life display, our exhibit of Kingston artifacts will remain in the Registry's lobby case through the summer.

As always, [email](#) , call or stop by with your [local history](#) and genealogy questions.

Do you have a question? [Email](#), call 781-585-0517 x 116, or drop in ([hours here](#)).



Kingston Public Library Foundation

We have been working diligently with the Library Director and the Library Building Study Committee to support the current building study project, and we look forward to helping present the project to you in the coming months.

For more information and ways that you can help the Foundation please contact Ellen Cook, KPLF President, at: info@kplf.org or check out our website www.kplf.org.

To find out more about the KPL Foundation, please visit the [website](#) or get in touch with [Library Director Sia Stewart](#).



Friends of the Kingston Public Library

The Friends, a dedicated group of volunteers who fundraise year round to provide services to the Library and Community, meet the first Friday of every month at 1pm in the Meeting Room of the Library. Please consider joining us. New ideas and suggestions are most welcome and very important to us.

We continue to contribute to Library programs, this summer sponsoring in total, the well-received children's program "Puppet Story Time", and the very popular Museum Passes.

We also contribute to educational workshops for the Staff, the Youth Advisory Council, membership in the Massachusetts Library Association and some special events.....this **August 28**, **Vellamo** will perform at the Adams Library. We will also participate in the **Author's Night**, **August 5** at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center.



With the help of the Library and a generous private donation, we added another book sale cart in the Lobby. Come in and check out the bargains we have for the entire family. The spring book and

bake sale was quite successful. We thank all who came by to browse and buy!

We rely *HEAVILY* on these semi-annual sales as well as the dues and generous donations from YOU our supporters. We thank you.

Things YOU can do to support your library:

Come to the *Fall Book Sale, Saturday October 3, from 9 - 3PM, RAIN OR SHINE*. Mark your calendars and come for great values.

Start saving your gently used, unneeded books (no textbooks, encyclopedias or reference manuals please) and donate them soon.

Renew your membership or become a new member, only \$10.00 per family. Sign up to help at the semi-annual sales. Time, Talent and Treasure, all are equally important to us! Forms are available at the Library.

Summer is finally here. Reserve a pass to your favorite zoo or museum. Go to the [Events & Programs page of the Library website](#) or call 781-585-0517 x111 and save at the ticket booth!

Like the [Library](#) and the [Friends of the Library](#) on **Facebook** ... get all the latest news first!

Contact Friends President Sandra Underhill by [email](#), if you have any questions, or just come to one of our [meetings](#)!

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