

Summer Reading 2020

The 2020 summer reading slogan and theme is “Imagine Your Story,” a celebration of fairy tales, folklore, mythology, and sharing your own unique story and voice.



Contact Bentley Memorial Library to support your summer reading adventure!

Grab and Go for Children and Adults

The library will provide a bag of books with any subject material you might be interested in, such as gardening, dinosaurs, planets, history, mysteries, science fiction, etc. Just give us a call (860-646-7349) and we will surprise you with books on your favorite subject. (You'll need a library card for this service.)

Free Dr. Seuss Book with Craft Kit

The first 25 children who contact the library for summer reading material will receive a free copy of the Dr. Seuss book “*Gerald McBoing-Boing*” with a fun craft kit.

Connecticut Summer Governor's Reading List

The Summer Governor's Reading Challenge (SGRC) was created and is run primarily by members from the Department of Education, but the five individual reading lists are made on behalf of the Connecticut State Library. The SGRC materials (including the list) can be found on the website <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/CTRead/Connecticut-Reads>. You can also access the list on <https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/dld/children/summerreading>. Enjoy!

Check These Items Out!

Outside Pickup: We continue our outside pickup service, which we have offered since March 30. If you haven't used this service yet, please do so! Reserve your items through our online catalog (Bentley.biblio.org) or contact us at 860-646-7349 or bentley@biblio.org. We'll place your items outside for you to pick up during the hours we are working in the building.

Returns: Our book drop is open; returned items are removed to an off-site location to quarantine for one week before being checked in here.

New (Old) Hours: The staff has returned to working normal hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The building remains closed to the public at this time, but a member of the staff will be available to assist you by telephone or email, and outside pickup will be available.

NEW Program from OverDrive -- Black Lives Matter: Community Read

The titles are focused on #ownvoices and are intended to help patrons read, listen, learn and grow as they expand their knowledge of race relations. Donated by OverDrive, titles will be made **available to United States and Canada libraries at no cost** and patrons will be able to check these books out without a waitlist or holds.

Monday, June 15 – July 15 (Audiobook simultaneous use)

“The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness,” by Michelle Alexander

Named one of the Most Influential Books of the Last 20 Years by the Chronicle of Higher Education and winner of the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction, Alexander’s critically acclaimed book examines racial disparities through the lens of mass incarceration.

Monday, June 22 – July 12 (Ebook and audiobook simultaneous use)

“The Hate U Give,” by Angie Thomas

This bestselling young adult novel follows Starr, a Black teenager caught between the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these two worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

Monday, June 22 – July 19 (Ebook simultaneous use)

“Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor,” by Layla F. Saad

This New York Times bestseller published in January 2020 is based on the viral #meandwhitesupremacy Instagram challenge and provides a framework for readers to dismantle the privilege within themselves.



hoopla Collections Focused on Anti-Racism

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Kids:<https://go.midwesttape.com/e/279222/collection9786/g12tq/705315907?h=q1RLyqMEm5PhGIN1XungvC-fskWTnn4Q-FZhJucUYKw>

Ebooks:<https://go.midwesttape.com/e/279222/collection9789/g12tv/705315907?h=q1RLyqMEm5PhGIN1XungvC-fskWTnn4Q-FZhJucUYKw>

Audiobooks: <https://go.midwesttape.com/e/279222/collection-9832/g12tz/705315907?h=q1RLyqMEm5PhGIN1XungvC-fskWTnn4Q-FZhJucUYKw>

In addition, follow this link to the hoopla resources page with messaging and social media assets. As with all hoopla content, there are no holds on these titles and they are instantly available to the community.

<https://go.midwesttape.com/e/279222/nter-conversations-about-race-/g12v4/705315907?h=q1RLyqMEm5PhGIN1XungvC-fskWTnn4Q-FZhJucUYKw>



MARS 2020: Follow Perseverance to Mars

Live Webcast: Tuesday, June 30, 4 p.m.

The [Perseverance Rover](#) will launch this summer (July 17 – Aug. 5) and head to [Jezero Crater](#), where it will land at the foot of a river delta that was clearly a lake at the time microbial life was flourishing on Earth.

The American Museum of Natural History’s Director of Astrovisualization, Carter Emmart, will lead us on an exploration of this exciting landing site as we fly over it together using OpenSpace, NASA-supported software. We will see why Jezero Crater was chosen and the features it has to offer for this latest in NASA’s series of Mars rovers to investigate past conditions that could have supported life.

During the live webcast, library patrons will be able to interact with NASA scientists by asking questions (using the chat feature) that relate to NASA’s 2020 Mars Mission.

This live OpenSpace webcast is brought to you by the STAR Library Network’s NASA@ My Library program in partnership with the Lunar and Planetary Institute, the American Library Association, and the American Museum of Natural History.