Most events require registration. Please register at wilmlibrary.org/events or call 978-658-2967.

**“Beyond The Beaten Path” Summer Reading Program**

- Read all summer long to earn prizes!
  - **Read for 15 days:** earn a Book Store Next Door gift certificate!
  - **Read for 30 days:** earn a free ice cream or a handheld fan!

Enter into raffles for fun adventures like:
- $150 Nashoba Valley Gift Card
- New England Aquarium Membership for 4
- $100 REI Gift Card
- Drive-in Movie Gift Certificate + Gift Basket

If digital logging isn’t your thing, we’ve got you covered with a printable log sheet. Check our website or come into the library to get started!

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**OUTDOOR @ Swain Green:**

**End of Summer Bash**

Thursday, August 11, 5:30pm

Celebrate the end of summer with an all-ages party on the Swain Green. Bring blankets or lawn chairs but be ready to stand up and dance! Rolie Polie Guacamole, a touring “kindie” band from Brooklyn, NY, will play a variety of songs for all ages. Dinner is available to purchase from food trucks. Children’s games, crafts, prizes, and more!

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**INDOOR Waterfalls of the White Mountains**

Thursday, July 28, 7pm

Come along for an armchair tour of the beautiful Waterfalls of the White Mountains with author Bruce Bolnick. The presentation includes a sampling of favorite waterfalls, roadside gems, backcountry treasures, great swimming holes, and other scenic treasures of the north country.

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**INDOOR Mountain Watercolor Painting**

Thursday, August 18, 2:30pm

Follow along step-by-step with Pop Up Art School as we paint a serene mountain landscape using watercolor paint. You’ll create 2 to 3 smaller watercolor paintings so you can practice and become confident when painting wet on wet and wet on dry.

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**INDOOR Sliding Around the World Concert**

Thursday, August 25, 7pm

Take a vacation for a day while the Solstice Sackbuts take you on an international tour with a program of folk and pop music from around the world. No passports are required while your toes tap to sambas, tangos, tarantellas, polkas, horahs, waltzes, jigs, calypsos and reggae as well as rock, jazz and some of the world’s most famous and popular music.

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**IN PERSON**

**Virtual Six Walks in the Footsteps of Henry David Thoreau**

Thursday, July 14, 7pm

On an autumn morning in 1849, Henry David Thoreau stepped out his front door to walk the beaches of Cape Cod. Over a century and a half later, Ben Shattuck does the same. With little more than a loaf of bread, brick of cheese and a notebook, Shattuck sets out to retrace Thoreau’s path through the Cape’s outer beaches, from the elbow to Provincetown’s fingertip. This is the first of six journeys taken by Shattuck, each one inspired by a walk once taken by Henry David Thoreau.

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**IN PERSON**

**Our Three Month RV Journey**

Monday, August 15, 2:30pm

In May of 2020, Amherst, NH residents Brian and Dawn Massa purchased a truck and a travel trailer, and on April 10, 2021, they departed New England and headed west. During their travels, they drove 11,000 miles driving through 19 states visiting 12 National Parks. Join us as they share their travel experiences and photos from their three month cross-country RV trip.
**CRAFTS**

**INDOOR Needleworkers**
Friday, July 15, 10 am - 12 pm
Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie — drop in.

**INDOOR Craft & Chat**
Wednesday, July 13, 7 pm
Wednesday, August 8, 7 pm
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! All craft supplies provided.

**INdOOR Kite Making Workshop**
Saturday, July 23, 10 am
In this hour-long workshop, build your own kite and then take it outside for a spin! All materials will be provided. This is a limited to 30 groups, one kite per group.

**INDOOR Monogrammed Etched Glass**
Thursday, August 4, 7 pm
Never lose your drink at a party again! Learn how to etch your initials into a glass and can be found on our website under their site.

**GARDENING**

**VIRTUAL Good Bugs & Bad Bugs in Your Gardens**
Thursday, July 14, 11 am
Not all insects are bad for the garden. In fact, we rely on many to rid us of other unwanted invaders. This presentation describes some of the common beneficial and pest insects that gardeners encounter in New England. Led by Bonnie Power, who has been a Massachusetts Master Gardener since 2016.

**VIRTUAL Hydrangeas – Which One is Right for Me?**
Thursday, August 11, 11 am
This lecture focuses on the key points that gardeners should consider before they invest in a hydrangea. With over 600 cultivars to select from, it’s not always easy to pick the right one for your space. Led by Kathie Skinner, a Senior Principal Master Gardener.

**THIS ‘N’ THAT**

**INDOOR How to: Decorate Outdoor Spaces**
Tuesday, July 5, 7 pm
Jordan Pitzen, interior designer and owner of At Home With Jordan, will take us through budget-friendly style tips that will elevate your outdoor space, no matter the size or function.

**INdOOR Alternatives to Cable**
Wednesday, August 3, 7 pm
Are you tired of having hundreds of channels but not finding anything to watch? Come join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix and the library. While not all free, the alternatives will save you quite a bit of money every month.

**VIRTUAL Good Grief: How to Grieve the Loss of a Pet**
Wednesday, August 11, 7 pm
Author E.B. Bartels will discuss her new book, Good Grief! On Loving Pets, Here and Hereafter, in this Zoom webinar. Good Grief! On Loving Pets, Here and Hereafter is an unexpurgated, poignant, and personal account of loving and losing pets.

**AUTHOR TALKS**

**VIRTUAL My Summers with a Serial Killer - A Massachusetts True Crime Story**
Wednesday, July 13, 7 pm
Authors Liza Rodman and Jennifer Jordan will discuss their latest book, The Baby-sitter: My Summers with a Serial Killer, in this Zoom webinar. Though Tony Costa’s gruesome case made headlines in 1969 and beyond, Liza Rodman never made the connection between her friendly babysitter and the infamous killer of numerous women, including four in Massachusetts, until decades later. Haunted by nightmares and horrified by what she learned, Liza became obsessed with the case. Now, she and co-writer Jennifer Jordan reveal “a suspenseful portrayal of murderous madness in tandem with a child’s growing loneliness, neglect, and despair, a narrative collision that will haunt you long after you finish it.”

**VIRtual An Evening with Bestselling Author B.A. Shapiro**
Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm
Bestselling author B.A. Shapiro will discuss her new book, Metropolis: A Novel, in this Zoom webinar. The New York Times bestselling author of The Art Forger delivers a spellbinding and moving novel about what we hang on to, what we might need to let go, and how unexpected events can lead us to deeper truths.

**BOOK GROUPS**

**OUTDOOR Pints + Pages**
Thursday, July 7, 7 pm
Location: Hophere/ Ales, North Reading
Library Librarians from Wilmington and Reading host this social book group for readers in their 20’s and 30’s. Featuring Book: Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson

**HYBRID Diversity Equity and Inclusion Book Group**
Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm
Thursday, August 24, 7 pm
This book group continues the work started with the library’s antiracism series. Led by Technology Librarian Brad McKenna.

**INdOOR Novel Ideas**
July - No meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 7 pm
This book group focuses on contemporary fiction. Led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll.

**INdOOR Novel Read Wednesday**
Wednesday, July 27, 10 am
Wednesday, August 24, 10 am
This book group, led by Library Director Tina Stewart, discusses both fiction and non-fiction.

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**WRITING GROUPS**

**Virtual Creative Writing Skills Group**
Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm
Tuesday, August 23, 7 pm
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published.

**INdOOR Game On!**
Tuesday, July 26 & August 23, 7 pm
Play games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. Pizza served. Ages 12+

**Library of Things**
If you find yourself off the beaten path this summer, we have some items in our library of things that might be helpful on your journey including a tent, telescope, trail camera, lawn games, and more!

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**Books**

**Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library**
Thank you to the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library! Funding for many library programs comes from the Friends book store sales, membership drives, and annual appeal funds. When you support the Friends, you support the library.

**Book Store Next Door**
Open Saturdays & Wednesdays 10AM - 4PM
Shop gently used books! Paperback $1, Hardcover $2. Good condition donations of up to 2 boxes accepted during open hours.

**Museum and Park Passes**
Adventure awaits at park locations across the state! Reserve a discounted pass from our website before you head out. Currently, we provide discounted passes to the Boston Harbor Island Ferry, Massachusetts State Parks, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon (Drumlin Farm), Zoo New England, and more! For a full list, go to wilmlibrary.org/services.

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