Message from Library Director Tina Stewart

Along with public libraries across the country, Wilmington Memorial Library is closed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In keeping with Governor Baker’s stay at home advisory, staff have been working remotely promoting and expanding our electronic services including eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, etc., as well as responding to patron requests for new library cards and assisting them with questions on using these resources.

Library staff are now offering a variety of virtual programs including storytimes, book discussions, lectures, and more. The Youth Services staff is in the process of developing a virtual summer reading program and look forward to keeping kids reading all summer long with creative and innovative events and incentives. Given the social distancing requirements that are expected to be in place for the foreseeable future, all in-house library programs have been cancelled as well as all outside summer events including the annual Town Wide Yard Sale, Big Trucks, and the Summer Bash.

The Library Administration is in the process of developing a phased reopening plan of library service based on guidelines from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Please know that the Wilmington Memorial Library will do its best to provide library services in the least restrictive way possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times.

Reading & Activities for Adults

E-Recommendations
Register for our virtual Summer Author Series events and dig into their eBooks on Hoopla!

Liv Constantine
"Liv" is the pen name of bestselling authors and sisters
Lynne and Valerie Constantine. Check out their twisty and addictive novels *The Last Mrs. Parrish* and *The Last Time I Saw You* on Hoopla and tune in to hear about their explosive new psychological thriller, *The Wife Stalker*. **Thursday, June 11 @ 7 pm Register**

**Sarah Prager**
Sarah Prager’s groundbreaking YA book *Queer, There, and Everywhere* profiles queer individuals throughout history -- emperors, artists, scientists, sports players, musicians, and activists -- that lived and loved on their own terms. She is also the creator of *Quist*, an interactive queer history mobile app. **Tuesday, June 16 @ 7 pm Register**

**Adrienne Brodeur**
At the age of fourteen, Adrienne Brodeur became her mother’s accomplice in a decade-spanning secret with disastrous consequences. *Wild Game* is a vivid and magnetic memoir and an ode to Cape Cod -- the perfect beach read. **Thursday, July 23 @ 7 pm Register**

**Wayne Miller**
Wayne Miller worked numerous high profile criminal cases as a Special Agent, Criminal Investigator, and Certified Fire Investigator. His book *Burn Boston Burn* tells the true story of nine men who set 264 buildings on fire in Boston in the early 1980s and the relentless investigation to uncover them. **Thursday, July 30 @ 7 pm Register**

**Beyond the Library**

**Tasty Tomatoes:** Want to grow beautiful tomatoes this summer? The Trustees of the Reservations and the Joe Ciampa Community Garden offer advice through their online workshop, **May 20 at 5 pm.**

**MFA’s virtual DJ-in-Residence:** Need a mid-week dance party? Check out the MFA's line-up of curated DJ sets celebrating the exhibit Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip Hop Generation on Instagram. **Wednesdays at 8 pm.**

**Virtual Adult Programs:**
Questions? Email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll.

**Cookin' the Books**
Monday, May 18 @ 12 PM

**Global Health Preventing Pandemic with Keith West**
Monday, May 18 @ 7 PM

**Novel Ideas Fiction Book Group**
Thursday, May 21 @ 7 PM

**Learn How to Use Zoom**
Friday, May 22 @ 10 AM

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**ChopChop Family:** A national non-profit dedicated to teaching families how to cook real food and eat together offers a free e-newsletter.
with family-friendly recipes you can make together.

**The Fable Cottage:** Bi-lingual fairy tales in English, French, Italian, Spanish, and German. Families can listen to the audio version or watch a video of 10 classic folk and fairy tales.

**Backyard Nature Explorers:** The Stevens-Coolidge Place offers a virtual 4 week nature-based toddler program to encourage outdoor play and exploration. *Tuesdays @ 9 am*

**Mornings with Matt Heaton and the Outside Toys:** Enjoy a morning concert on Facebook Live.  *Monday through Fridays at 10 am*

**Virtual Youth Programs:**
Questions? Email Youth Services Librarian Barbara Raab or Teen Librarian Brittany Tuttle!

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**More Virtual Storytimes from WML!**

We have four new storytime videos that you can watch anytime from home! There is a special Baby Laptime video that Miss Victoria recorded with a special guest and a Preschool Storytime by Miss Kristen. All prerecorded storytimes can be found on our [private YouTube Channel].

Please be sure to check out our weekly live Zoom storytimes for different age groups and our Facebook Live storytimes on Fridays at 10 am for kids ages 2 -5.

For questions about virtual storytime, please email Youth Services Librarian Barbara Raab at braab@wilmlibrary.org.