TEMPORARY HOURS OF OPERATION

The Main Library is open for limited browsing, computer usage, printing, faxing and copying for 30 min. M-F 9 am-4:30 pm (closed 12 pm-1 pm daily for cleaning). Curbside pickup is available M-F 9 am -12pm and 1-4:30 pm. To place a hold, call 508-894-1400 (select 1 for circulation) or email btcirc@ocln.org.

The Children’s Department is open M-F 9:30 am-4:30 pm by appointment only. To schedule a 15 min appointment call 508-894-1430.

The West Branch hours are Mon. 2 pm -4 pm Wed. 12 pm-4 pm Call: 508 -894-1470. The East Branch hours are Tuesday 2 pm-4 pm Thurs. 12 pm-4 pm Call 508-894-1460.

Library staff and patrons are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. No public restrooms are available. If you would like to do research in our historical room or access our microfilm collection, call our reference staff at 508-894-1421 for an appointment.

HALLOWEEN: A HAUNTED HISTORY

Ah, Halloween. Autumnal breezes, crisp leaves, and pumpkin flavored everything! What is it about this time of year that is so enchanting, so mystifying? In this lecture Dustin Pari sheds some light on the spooky shadows of Halloween history and lore. Ghost stories? Oh yeah, he has some of those too. This lecture will be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM. Contact Thomas Ahearn at tahearn@cobma.us for the Meeting ID and passcode.

FALL BOOK SALE

The Brockton Library Foundation is holding their annual meeting outside on Saturday, October 10, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon. This event will include a small sale with books for Fifty cents, lots of other bargains and raffle prizes too. The Lions’ Club of Brockton will be our guests and will gladly take your old eye glasses. Come learn more about these two great organizations at the Brockton Main Library parking lot located on White Avenue. There is no rain date since we will have some tent set-ups. For any questions call Anne at 774-297-4939.

COVER & THANK YOU LETTER REVIEW

Career coach Gary Gekow will conduct a Zoom meeting where participants will analyze and discuss various letter writing samples. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 2 PM. Contact Thomas Ahearn at tahearn@cobma.us for the Meeting ID and passcode.

Of Special Interest:

WE DID IT FOR YOU! THE SUFFRAGE STORY AND VOTING TODAY

We Did It For You! Women’s Journey Through History tells the story of how women got their rights in the United States. With catchy musical numbers and a dash of comic relief, this highly entertaining and educational musical is a must see for teens and adults. This Zoom webinar is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 PM.

VOTING MATTERS, FIGHTING FOR VOTERS RIGHTS

More than 50 years after the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most extensive pieces of civil rights legislation, people of color across the United States still engaged in a battle to protect their right to vote. Voting Matters follows one dynamic woman working tirelessly on the ground and in the courts to ensure that they are not denied this right. This Zoom webinar is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 PM.

THE PARTICIPATION OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN IN THE 20TH CENTURY U.S. SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Professor Shoshanna Ehrlich will lead a discussion about women’s history and immigration on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM.
Children’s Activities

VIRTUAL STORY TIME

Please join Ms Sam for a Live Virtual Storytime! Send us your child’s first name in the comments field and Ms Sam will give you a shout out and a wave!

Virtual Storytime will occur twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am via Facebook Live! Storytime will last 15-25 minutes with multiple family fun stories for all ages! Please email suestgate@cobma.us if you have any questions, also if you wish to join the Storytime Email Blast for reminders, upcoming Storytime programs and more!

Picture books published by Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, and Mo Willems will be read via Livestream. We thank the publishing companies and authors for granting permission for their work to be read via Livestream media for our patrons. Videos will remain available until August 31 before being taken down at the request of the publishing houses and authors.

VIRTUAL LET’S MAKE FRIENDS

Join us every Wednesday for a fun virtual playgroup as we gather together with parent/caregivers and their children for story times, crafts, conversations!

This is a Zoom playgroup, please contact Debbie Gabriel for instructions on how to join the group at deborahgabriel77@gmail.com.

VIRTUAL STORY TIME WITH MAYOR ROBERT SULLIVAN

Join us for a live virtual storytime on the Children’s Room at Brockton Public Library Facebook page, every Friday at 11:00 a.m.!

Wednesday, October 21, 5 PM: Talk with scientist Jean Pennycook about her book Waiting for Joey, and about her research on Adelie Penguins which only exist in Antarctica.

6 PM: The Case of the Disappearing Habitat: The Candy Culprit. Educator Laura Bahr will guide you in becoming environmental detectives through this project developed with the New England Primate Conservancy.

Thursday, October 22, 6 PM: Talk with scientists and researchers about classes you should take, internships and career options if you want a career in STEM. Learn about the NAACP ACT-SO Program for African-American high school students and talk with students who participated this year. For Zoom links, contact Pat at actso.brockton@gmail.com.

FAMILY STEM WEEK & CAREER SHOWCASE

Monday, October 19, 6 PM:

Participate in our live virtual Maker-space activity-center with high school students and see what science experiments and engineering projects you can do or create using materials at home!

Tuesday, October 20, 6 PM: Today, NASA will use a spacecraft to touchdown on an asteroid and bring back samples of dirt. NASA Ambassador Pat Monteith will explain all about the OSIRIS-Rex Mission to Asteroid Bennu!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS READ ALOUD CLUB ON ZOOM

Please call or email Malice Veiga for the Zoom ID and password when you register. Open to those 16 years or older. Please note: basic English conversational ability is required. Weekly nights starting on Monday, October 12 at 6 PM.

ESL CONVERSATION CLUB ON ZOOM

Please call or email Malice Veiga for the Zoom ID and password when you register. Open to those 16 years or older. Please note: basic English conversational ability is required. Weekly nights starting on Tuesday, October 13 at 6 PM. Contact Malice Veiga at 508-894-1425 or mveiga@cobma.us.

THE PUFFIN PLAN

Please join us for a live Zoom event on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm. Derrick Z. Jackson, a Pulitzer Prize finalist for commentary and an accomplished photographer, will be presenting an inspiring story of a young ornithologist who reintroduced puffins where none had been seen for a century.

This program will be made available on the Brockton Public Library Facebook page and also on the Children’s Room at Brockton Public Library Facebook page. If you would like to participate and meet the author, please contact Sue McCormick for the Zoom link at smccormick@cobma.us.

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