Of Special Interest:

- **Suffrage 1920-2020**

In light of COVID–19 and the protests for equity, the discussion following the presentation on August 6 will focus on how the strategies, planning, and persistent efforts of suffragists to gain the right to vote can be replicated today to address equity and obstacles to voting, while ensuring science-based decision-making is key in developing public policy about public health. Join the Zoom Meeting at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89805520227](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89805520227)

- **Reclaiming Their Voice**

On August 19 at 6 PM, the film *Reclaiming Their Voice: The Native American Vote in New Mexico and Beyond* will be screened online. The movie follows Native Americans in New Mexico taking a stand against injustice in the political process. Their efforts lead to significant positive changes in New Mexico state election law. A chat session will follow the film. The Zoom link will be provided a few days before the event.

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**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 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 btirc@ocl.n.org. Interested in a museum pass? Call or stop by to find out which museum passes are currently available.

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. Be sure to check out the Summer Reading: brockton.beanstack.org.

Call to schedule a 30 min appointment to use a computer or visit the Children’s Department at the East and West Branches. You may also call to arrange a curbside pickup.

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.

**VISITING THE LIBRARY**

Time spent in the library is currently limited due to capacity restrictions. Computer sessions will be limited to 30 minutes. Limited browsing is available in the main lobby, staff can assist patrons in finding additional titles. 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.

**LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

The summer reading program will be held online: brockton.beanstack.org Virtual programming will continue including: Suffrage Conversation Series the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm, Storytime with Ms. Sam every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am, Storytime with Mayor Sullivan, Fridays at 11 am and more!

**RETURNING MATERIALS**

Please return all materials to the book drop located outside of the White Ave entrance. Please refrain from handing materials directly to staff. Returned library materials will be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in. As a result items will show on your account for an additional three days after you return them. No fines will accrue during quarantine time.

**BROCKTON LIBRARY FOUNDATION SUMMER BOOK SALE**

Books, DVDs and CDs will be on sale from 10 to 12 on Saturday, August 15 at the Main Library and from 9 to 3 on Saturday, August 22 at the West Branch Library on 540 Forest Ave. Patrons can pay by cash or card. Masks are required The rain date is Sunday, August 23.
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 11am via Facebook Live! Storytime will last 15-25 minutes with multiple family fun stories for all ages! Please email swestgate@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 play group as we gather together with parent/caregivers and their children for story times, crafts, conversations!
This is a Zoom playgroup, please contact Debbie Gabriell 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.!

SUMMER READING
The Beanstack Reading Challenge runs from July 1 to August 31 for adults, teens, and children (0-5 or 6-13). Participants can track their reading, write reviews, and more to earn badges. Children and teens will also earn tickets to enter raffle drawings. Prizes include gift cards and Altitude Trampoline Park passes.

"Imagine Your Story" is sponsored by your local library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Brockton Library Foundation and St. George’s Lodge of Brockton provided funds for our raffle prizes.

Imagine Your Story
To register, please visit: https://brockton.beanstack.org/reader365.

IMAGINE THAT! A SONG & STORY CELEBRATION!

Imagine That! A Song & Story Celebration! A lively participatory program for families by Davis Bates, Parents’ Choice Award-winning Singer & Storyteller
Celebrate the "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Club Finale on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 pm on the Children’s Room Facebook page!

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Brockton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

ACTIVATE
ACTIVATE is a brand new, fully virtual fan convention for teens in Massachusetts. On Friday, August 21 from 10 to 5, you can celebrate what you love while learning to use your passion for anime, comics, writing and gaming to boost social justice. It’s a celebration of fandom with a twist of activism!

Brought to you in collaboration with the Turner Free Library in Randolph, Springfield City Library, and LITT, The Library Initiative for Teens and Tweens. Completely free for teens.

To register, please visit: https://ocln.overdrive.com/. For movies and music, we have Hoopla: https://www.hoopladigital.com/my/hoopla and Freegal: https://brockton.freegalmusic.com/home. Magazines can be found on RBdigital: https://www.rbdigital.com/oclnny/service/magazines/. There is also Kanopy, a streaming service that gives you access to documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos: https://brocktonpl.kanopy.com/.


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