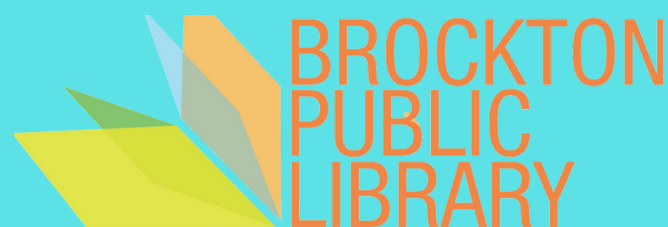


Women's History Month

Honors the role of women in American history



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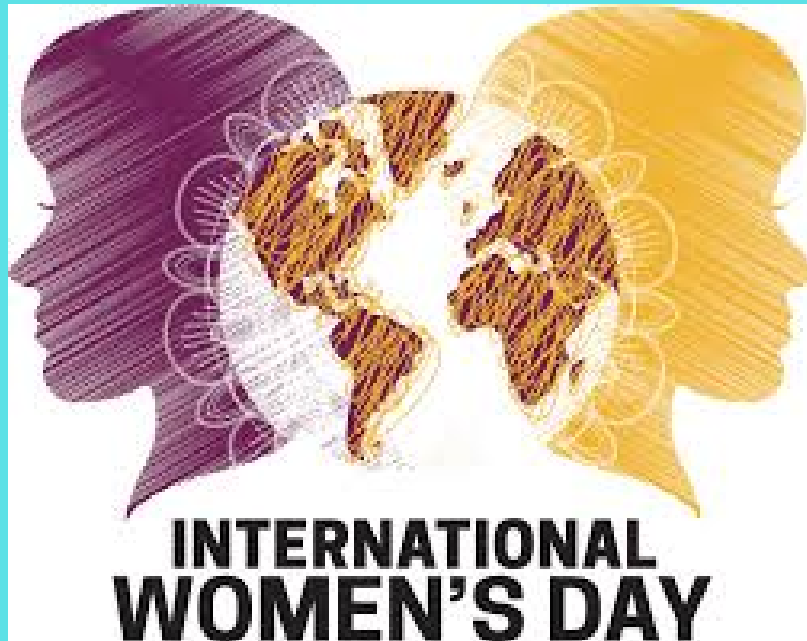


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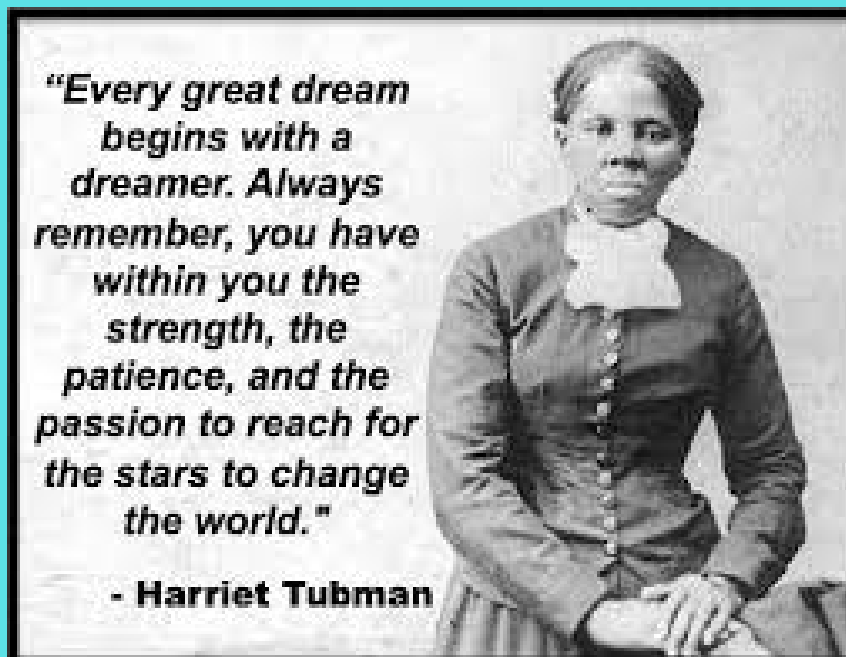
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Women's History Month

March 8 – International Women's Day: A day highlighting the political, social, cultural, and economic achievements of women



March 10 – Harriet Tubman's birthday: American abolitionist who is well-known for her key role in the Underground Railroad



**WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**

**Saturday, March 4, 1 PM
Main Branch**



Celebrating Dr. Khalilah Comacho-Ali

Please join the Brockton Public Library and the Brockton Area Branch NAACP as we present an Afternoon with Dr. Khalilah Comacho-Ali former wife of late and great boxing champion Muhammad Ali on Saturday March 4th.

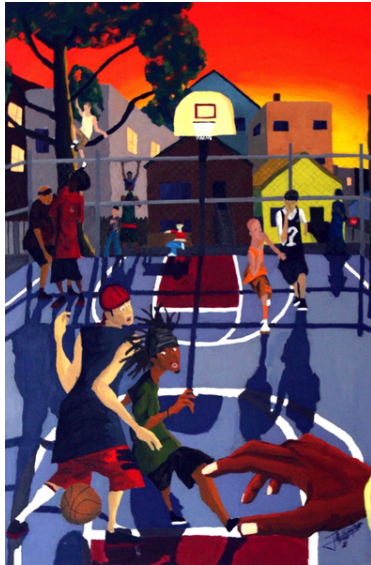
GENERAL PROGRAMS



Art Smart Reception

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 PM

Main Branch



Art Smart

Spring Art Exhibit and Contest

For High School Students Living in Brockton

Paul Kemprecos Author Talk and Book Signing

Monday, March 6, 6 PM

Main Branch & Via Zoom

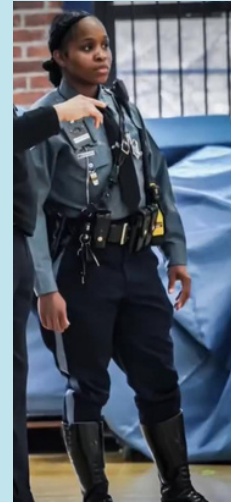


Best-selling author and Brockton-native, **Paul Kemprecos**, whose literary career had its roots in the Brockton Public Library children's and young adult rooms, will discuss his writing and his experiences growing up in Brockton. Books will be available for purchase and signature. This event will take place both in-person and virtually, through Zoom. Sign up for the Zoom link [here](#).

Being A Police Officer While Black and Female

Saturday, March 25, 2 PM

Main Branch



Trooper Melinda Brown

Trooper Melinda Brown will talk about her time twice at the police academy. As a woman, she was one of 23 even though as a woman of color, it was even smaller. Yet as a black and woman, she was treated good. She wants to talk about the balance between seeing yourself as capable and worthy and those that see you there as an affirmative action. She wants to talk about the myths surrounding both the woman and black and how all people, all groups, contain some of these stereotypes. She will speak about the community and policing, and the violence that is our gripping communities.

Chess Club



All skill levels and ages welcome!

March 21, 2 PM: East Branch

March 22, 7 PM: Main Branch

March 23, 3 PM: West Branch

GENERAL PROGRAMS



The Power of the Protest Song: Our Shared History and Present Day

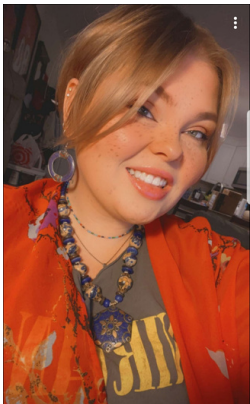
Tuesday, March 14, 7 PM

Via Zoom



Singer and songwriter **Pamela Means** joins us for a program about protest songs. Part-performance and part-presentation, this family-friendly public event explores the origin stories and lineages of protest songs, how their meanings and effects continue to transform through time and space, and how they have inspired--and continue to inspire--movements and cultural shifts within the realms of racial and social justice. In addition, Pamela also shares her own experiences with becoming an artist and using her voice. Register at

bit.ly/pamelameans.



Not Just a Mom

Saturday, March 11, 11 AM
Main Branch

Courtney Pretorius joins us for a special Women's History Month program about self-care and self-love. There are roughly 82.5 million mothers in the United States and more than 2 billion worldwide. Motherhood can be overwhelming, and mothers need to take care of themselves too. This program can help you find your way back to yourself after becoming a mom.

Computer Basics

Mondays, 10-11:30 AM
Main Branch



Are you just starting out, or in need of a refresher on the basics of computing? Computer classes are being held every Monday in the Computer Lab. **Call or email Jonathan to register: jstroud@cobma.us or 508-894-1423.**

Intermediate Computer Class

Mondays, 11:30 AM-1:00PM
Main Branch



Intermediate level classes are being offered after computer basic classes at 10am on Monday mornings weekly. **Please call or email Jonathan to register: jstroud@cobma.us or 508-894-1423.**



Need some one-on-one help? We have Drop-in Tech Help on Thursdays from 3-4PM

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Exciting Discoveries in Art History

Wednesday, March 15, 7 PM

Via Zoom



Art historian and educator **Mallory Mortillaro** joins us for another program. Who doesn't love learning about a priceless painting found in an attic? Or a sculpture sitting for decades in a public garden, only to be found out as a Renaissance treasure? After finding herself in the middle of her own art history discovery when she uncovered the provenance of a Rodin sculpture sitting in New Jersey town hall, Mallory learned just how many times this has happened before. This lecture explores the stories of ten different important and valuable works of art that had been rediscovered in unexpected places. Register at bit.ly/excitingdiscoveries.

New Leaves Folk Concert

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom



Brockton Public Library is pleased to welcome back **New Leaves**, an Americana duo consisting of **Cameron Sutphin & Mary Hastings**. They met in high school, became friends and started the band Wing & A Prayer with two other classmates, before venturing out on their own and becoming a duo. Register at bit.ly/newleavesconcert.

Everyone Has a Voice

Saturday, March 18, 2 PM

Main Branch



Jean Dany Joachim is a poet, fiction writer and playwright. He created the Many Voices Project and is the director of City Night Readings, a series featuring diverse poetic talents. He is an adjunct professor at Bunker Hill Community College and serves on the board of the New England Poetry Club.

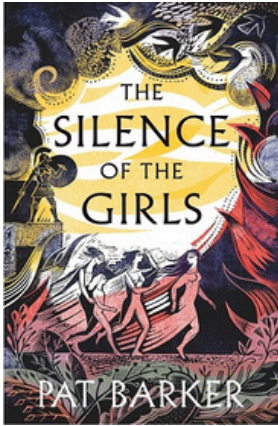


Toni Bee is a poet, photographer, event host and teaching artist raised in Boston. She is a Poet Populist Emeritus of Cambridge and the Inaugural Cambridge Poetry Ambassador. She weaves story and song, call and response into her performances and was a Boston Music Awards nominee for Best Spoken Word Artist last year. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of the New England Poetry Club.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Club

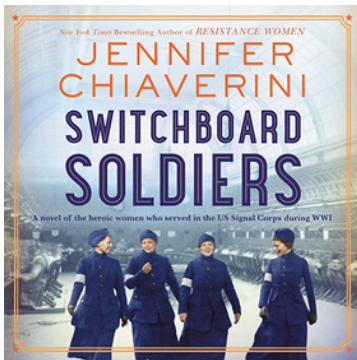
Saturday, March 18, 10 AM
Main Branch & Via Zoom



The novel reimagines The Iliad from the perspectives of the captured women living in the Greek camp in the final weeks of the Trojan War. To join virtually, register [here](#).

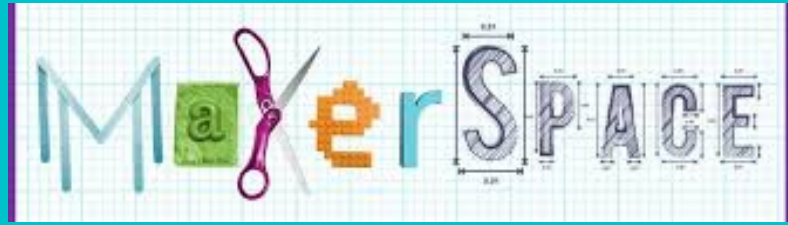
Council on Aging Book Club

Monday, March 13, 1 PM
Council on Aging



In 1917, Grace Banker from N.J., Marie Moissec from France, and Valerie DeSmedt, originally from Belgium, are recruited as a telephone operators, aka switchboard soldiers, to help American forces communicate between troops as bombs fell around them.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Need information please contact
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brocktonlibrarymaker@gmail.com



Hello March



ELL & CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Free Citizenship Resource Packet



The Library is now offering a FREE Citizenship Resource Packet full of helpful information! It includes a list of online tools and resources, study aids, checklists, and more. Contact Malice Veiga for a paper copy.

Download or view:

bit.ly/bt_citizenshippacket

Free Help Filing Out Immigration Paperwork or have Questions



The library is now offering free virtual consultation with bilingual immigration attorneys to anyone who needs legal assistance. Need assistance with filling out immigration paperwork or have questions. Contact Malice Veiga if you have any questions.

Welcome!



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Free Immigration Court Proceedings

The Library is now offering a FREE handout in Portuguese, Haitian Creole and Spanish that has information about the immigration court process in the different states. Contact Malice Veiga for a handout.



Download or view: Information on

[Immigration Court Proceedings](#)

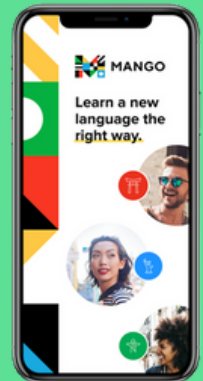
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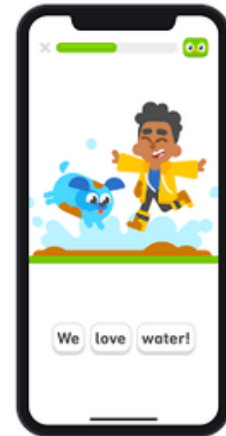
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Duolingo is a language learning tool that can be used by students and teachers as a gamified way to grasp new languages. From Spanish and French to Korean and Japanese, there are many language options to pick from, and the process of getting started is very simple. Plus, it's all free.

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ELL & CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

STARTING SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES

A Guide for Newcomer Students' Families



Starting a new school can be difficult especially for newcomer immigrant and refugee students, whose families may not be familiar with the U.S. education system. The guide offers research-based guidance on the registration process, how families can get involved in their children's education, the rights every student has under U.S. law, and more. Contact Malice Veiga for a free copy.

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Arabic
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Public Benefit Eligibility Requirements Packet



Income Eligibility as of 2022, requirements are always changing. Make sure to check in with the Program you are interested in or a Resource Specialist about Income Eligibility and Immigration Status. Contact Malice Veiga for your free packet.

Grief & Support Group in Cape Verdean Creole

Every fourth Saturday of the month
2 PM
Main Branch



The Brockton Public Library and Jonathan Semedo Foundation partnered to offer a grievance and support group for Cape Verdean Creole speakers which meet every fourth Saturday of every month.

Contact Malice Veiga
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FREE COURSE ONLINE



A New Adult Education Program, MassLINKS. MassLINKS is a Fully Online Adult Education Program that provides

Free ESOL/ESL courses for second language learners

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GET STARTED

<https://mwcc.edu/mass-links/>

After filling an inquiry form out, a member of our MassLINKS teams will reach out to the prospective student with more information and the next steps to enroll in the program. Options to help students with technology and/or wifi should there be a need.



**If you have any questions
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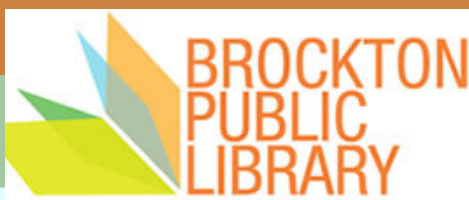
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OCNL World Languages Room:

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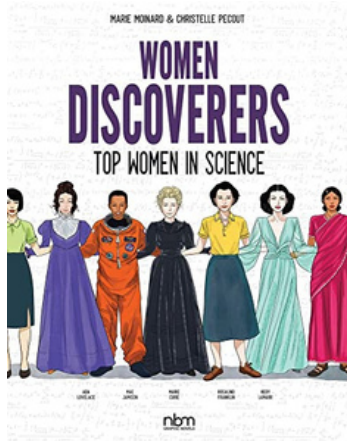


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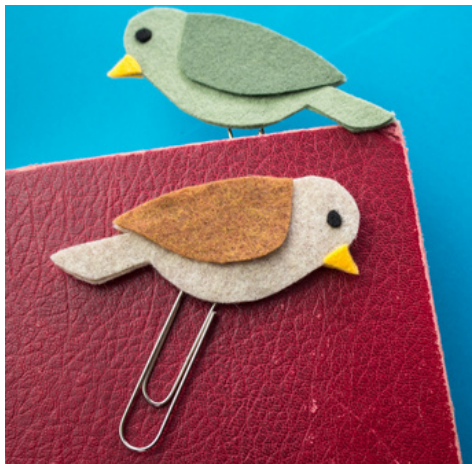
TEEN'S PROGRAMS

Teen Comic Book Club Wednesday, March 8, 4 PM Main Branch



From Ada Lovelace to Marie Curie, these exceptional women enabled the world to advance in all fields of science, including space exploration, telecommunications and biology.

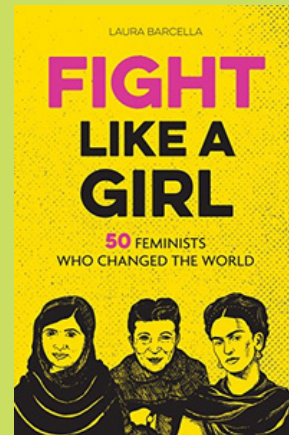
DIY Felt Bookmarks Wednesday, March 15, 4 PM Main Branch



Paint Night Friday, March 17, 3 PM Main Branch



Teen Book Club Tuesday, March 21, 6 PM Main Branch



Fight Like a Girl will familiarize readers with the history of feminist activism, in an effort to celebrate those who paved the way and draw attention to those who are working hard to further the cause of women's rights.

Drop-in Writing Help Weekly Tuesdays, 3 PM Main Branch



Drop in session if you need help with writing.

TEEN'S PROGRAMS

Make Your Own Cloud Lamp Monday, March 20, 3 PM Main Branch



Join us for Craft night in the Teen Zone as we make our very own Cloud Lamps! Supplies are LIMITED and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. We will be using hot glue guns, Ages 13+ only. Sign-up sheet is available on the 3rd floor in the Reference Department.

Make Your Own Aquarium Soap Tuesday, March 28, 3 PM Main Branch



Each participant will make their own soapy creations using glycerin based soap and adding colors and scents. Once the soap base has cooled slightly, we will add color, embed the goldfish and plants and add cosmetic grade glitter and essential oils. At the end of the workshop each participant will take home their handmade soap and can use it the next day.

Movie Night Saturday, March 4, 3 PM Main Branch



Movie Night Saturday, March 18, 11:30 & 2 PM Main Branch



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For more info. about teen programs contact:
Nicole at no'brien@cobma.us
or 508-894-1424

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Munchkin Tales Tuesday at 11 AM East Branch



Calling all kids ages 3 to 5! Come hear some fabulous tales from Ms. Sam with Munchkin Tales! Library for kids who want to have some fun with a story! Be ready to move your fingers, shout, dance, and play some games to the point where you'll have so much fun, you'll need a nap later.



Pages and Pajamas Tuesday at 5:30 PM Main Branch



Calling all kids ages 2 and up! Are you ready for a night time adventure? Dance, Sing, Play and hear a bed time tale before you escape to dream land.

Reading Hour Club Wednesday at 6 PM Main Branch



Children in grades 1-4 will be given a space to enhance their reading skills through group participation and solo reading weekly.

Toddler Time @ Thursday at 1 PM West Branch



Join **Ms. Sam** every Thursday at 1 pm at the West Branch for Toddler Time story hour! This Storytime is for kids ages 18 months to 3 years.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Diary of a Tween Bookworm

Thursday, March 30, 6 PM

East Branch

This Tween book club is for kids in grades 4-8 and meets monthly in person for a 1-hour discussion at the East Branch. Kids will discover new books, graphic novels, and new bookish friends. Books are available through Hoopla/in hard copy and available for pick up at all three Brockton Public Library locations.



Movie Time:

The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Saturday, March 4, 11 AM

Main Branch



A quirky, dysfunctional family's road trip is upended when they find themselves in the middle of the robot apocalypse and suddenly become humanity's unlikeliest last hope.

Movie Time:

Curious George Swings into Spring

Saturday, March 18, 11 AM

Main Branch



Out in the country, George tries to cheer up a homesick Hundley by giving him a case of spring fever.



Preview of April Events

April 10- The Railroad in Song

April 26- Candlestick in the Library



Daylight Saving March 12

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