Happy New Year

From the Brockton Public Library staff
LIBRARY OF THINGS

Over 90 Things, Binoculars, Hotspots, Computers and more...

Library of Things Check it Out!

Check out your favorite item out today!

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Ask a Law Librarian Weekly Zoom Sessions on Thursdays

Are you seeking legal information or assistance in navigating state, local and federal laws? Every Thursday at 1PM join the Head Law Librarian at Brockton Law Library, Alexandra Bernson, for a virtual Zoom Q&A session: [https://bit.ly/lawlib22](https://bit.ly/lawlib22)


Chess Club

All skill levels and ages welcome!

January 23, 3PM: East Branch
January 24, 7PM: Main Branch
January 25, 3PM: West Branch
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.

Zoom Class
Mondays, 1:00PM-2:00 PM
Main Branch

Learn all about how to use Zoom! Classes are being held every Monday in the Computer Lab. Call or email Jonathan to register: jstroud@cobma.us or 508-894-1423.

Drop-in Tech Help on Thursdays from 3-4PM

Need some one -on- one help with your devices? If so drop by on Thursdays at 3pm and ask for Jonathan.
Step Up to the Mic  
Saturday, January 6, 2 PM  
Main Branch

This event offers a chance for local poets to express themselves through the art of poetry. No level of experience is required. Tom Daley’s poetry has appeared in North American Review, Harvard Review, Massachusetts Review, 32 Poems, Fence, Denver Quarterly, Crazyhorse, Prairie Schooner, Witness, and elsewhere. He is a recipient of the Dana Award in Poetry. FutureCycle Press published his collection of poetry, House You Cannot Reach—Poems in the Voice of My Mother and Other Poems. He is the author of a play, Every Broom and Bridget—Emily Dickinson and Her Irish Servants, which he performs as a one-man show. He leads writing workshops in the Boston area and online for poets and writers working in creative prose.

Seascapes Quartet Concert  
Saturday, January 20, 2 PM  
Main Branch

Seascapes, the flute and strings quartet, was established by violist Patricia Chane in the fall of 2023. The quartet consists of four Brockton Symphony musicians with Susan Caplan on flute, Lily Apollini on violin, Patricia Chane on viola and Macaulley Whitlock on cello. They will be playing classical pieces by Mozart, Puccini, Bizet and Offenbach.
Everyone Has A Voice
Saturday, January 20, 2 PM
Main Library

Literary performer, Regie Gibson, has lectured & performed widely in the U.S., Cuba & Europe. Representing the U.S. in Italy, Regie competed for & received both the Absolute Poetry Award in Monfalcone & The Europa in Versi Award in LaGuardia di Como. He's an actor & creator of The Shakespeare Time-Traveling Speakeasy— a theatrical, literary-concert focusing on the life & works of William Shakespeare. He has served as consultant for the NEA's “How Art Works” commission & the “Mere Distinction of Color”: a permanent exhibit focusing on American slavery & the U.S. constitution at James Madison’s Montpelier home. He’s a Brother Thomas Fellow & has received two Live Arts Boston Grants to develop his first play, The Juke: A Blues Bacchae. He serves on the boards of the New England Poetry Club & Grub Street Writers & teaches at Clark University.

Myles Taylor (they/he) is a transmasculine writer, organizer, award-winning poetry slam competitor, food service worker, Capricorn-Aquarius cusp, and glitter enthusiast. They are the current Producer of the historic Boston Poetry Slam at the Cantab Lounge. Their first full-length collection, Masculinity Parable, is out with Game Over Books. Their list of publications can be found at myles-taylor.com, and their neuroses can be found on social media @mylesdoespoems.
Step Up to the Mic

Saturday January 6th, 2023
2:00 PM
Brockton Public Library
Driscoll Art Gallery

**Featured Poet: Tom Daley**

- Open Mic, We Welcome All -

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**Book Discussions**

**Book Club**
Saturday, January 20, 10 AM
Main Branch & Via Zoom

![TRUST](image)

Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City.

**Council on Aging Book Club**
Monday, January 8, 1 PM
Council on Aging

![The Double Bind](image)

Working at a homeless shelter, student Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos, but when Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos.

**Virtual Author Talk**
Amanda Barratt
Friday, January 19, 3 PM
Via Zoom

The presentation will be about the Polish resistance movement during WWII. And, “Barratt presents a stunning novel of sisterhood, the multifaceted force of fear, and the bravery of two women who do right in the face of evil.”

**Additional Information**

**Drop-In Informational Sessions**
5PM
Main Branch

Become A Foster Parent
Today!

January 2
February 6
March 5
Free Citizenship Resource Packet

Come by and pickup 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.

Free Help Filing Out Immigration Paperwork or have Questions

The library has collaborated with Jonathan Semedo Foundation to provide assistance with filling out immigration paperwork and help answer any questions pertaining to this topic. If you have questions please contact Malice Veiga.

USA Learns is a free website that teaches English skills to immigrants. It consists of three levels: First English Course (NRS Levels 2 and 3), Second English Course (NRS Levels 4 and 5) and Practice English and Reading skills (intermediate level).

Free Immigration Court Proceedings

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.

Get Talking with Mango

Learn a new language with Mango and the Brockton Public Library. Go to the Brockton Public Library website and click on the tab books and more then click world languages and then click on Mango Languages and create an account or use as a guest and start learning with Mango.

Download Your Mango App Today

Learn A New Language Today!

Contact Malice Veiga
508-894-1425 or mveiga@cobma.us
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.

Available in 4 Languages
- Arabic
- English
- Somali
- Spanish

English Classes
Email Malice Veiga for an appointment to discuss our English resources

Contact Malice Veiga
508-894-1425 or mveiga@cobma.us
Haitian Entrant Case Management Program Prescreening

New hours and days for the program
See if you are qualify for the program

Days and Times
Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays
Mon. 1pm to 5pm
Tues. 1pm to 5pm
Sat. 10am to 5pm

Haitian Entrant Case Management Program

Reception and welcoming of new American in our communities. Resettlement includes an intensive 90 day support period to help connect families with food, financial assistance, and cultural supports. Need additional information contact Malice Veiga.

We collaborated with the International Institute of New England to serve our community!! Scan code to read the article.

Haitian Creole Worker Permit Workshop

Upcoming
Do you need help on how to apply for a worker permit? If you do this workshop will help you do just that. This workshop will be in Haitian creole so come to one of our FREE drop in workshop.

HAITIAN CREOLE HELP
FILLING OUT PAPERWORK

Saturdays
9AM to 1PM

Do you need help filling out medical, school, housing and RMV paperwork? If you do help will be availabe every Saturdays from 9am to 1pm at the lower level of the library. Please email or call Malice Veiga for additional information.
Asociacion Latina collaborated with The Brockton Public Library to resume its sessions back up again. This support group will be for our Latina women. We will discuss topics that can help us as women. Topics such as education, immigration, domestic violence, sexual abuse, justice (court) related problems, translation, public notary, housing issues and other important issues.

The Group Is Free And Confidential
304 Main Street
Every Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm
Starting January 9, 2024

Contact Ines Figueroa at 774-294-9412
or
Malice Veiga at 508-894-1425 or mveiga@cobma.us
BILINGUAL DEBATE CLUB
IN
FRENCH AND HAITIAN CREOLE

Every Second Saturday of the Month
First Session
Saturday, January 13, 2024

2pm to 4pm
Bring your topic and if its chosen we will debate it.

Moderated by Samuel Duclosel
in the Art Gallery

Marie Robert VS Jean Pierre
WORLD LANGUAGES, LEARNING MATERIALS & PROGRAMS

World Language Books

Do you want to read a fiction or a nonfiction book in your native language?

If you do, come and check out our world language collection at the reference department.

Languages are
- French
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Haitian Creole
- Cape Verdean Creole

Learn a New Language Today

The library has many resources to help you learn a new language. And, be able to converse with a new friend today!

- Books
- CDs
- Recorded Books: Language Course
- Mango Language database
- and more

Portuguese, French, Spanish, German and more

English Language Learners & Become a Volunteer!

We are expanding our community of English Language Learners! Both adults and young adults are welcome: no experience necessary.

We're looking for:
- Languages: 1, 2, 3 or more!
- Committed
- Friendly
- Patient
- Career-oriented
- Parents, grandparents, students

Contact Malice Veiga
508-894-1425 or mveiga@cobma.us
Paint Night

DO MORE OF WHAT YOU LOVE

Every Second Wednesday Of The Month
1/10
6:30PM
Tattoo Thursdays
Every Thursday, 3:30 PM
Main Branch

Tattoo Thursdays will include library/seasonal themed temporary tattoos. This event will take place in the Children's Room.

My name is Robin Mont and I am a lifelong resident of Brockton Ma. I am currently employed as a Probation Manager Quincy District Court and in the process of starting a children’s craft & rhythm business. I’m also a member of the West African Rhythm group Dupkah Drum and Dance of Brockton. In my spare time I enjoy designing crafts from recycled items, party planning and gardening.

Robin Mont programs will be on Saturday January 13 and 27. See flyers below

Visit our Facebook page for all of our events and updates!
facebook.com/ChildrensRoomBrocktonPL
Crafts N Rhythm with Miss Robin

Date: January 13th, 2024
Time: 11am - 11:45am
Where: Brockton Public Library
Children’s Room
304 Main Street, Brockton, MA

Ages 2-5

Crafts N Rhythm with Miss Robin
Storytelling thru funny interactive action songs for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Songs such as
Row Row Row Your Boat
Going on a Monster Hunt

Snacks provided

Contact Miss Robin
Rmont6011@icloud.com
508.830.1499

Contact Tammy Campbell
Brockton Public Library
304 Main Street
508.894.1431
tcampbell@cobma.us
Story, Craft & Sing Along with Miss Robin

Benefits:
Better emotional development
Improved memory
Enhanced creativity
Improves manual dexterity

Registration is required!!
For more information contact 508-894-1431

Date: Saturday, January 27th, 2024
Time: 11AM -11:45 AM
Where: Brockton Public Library, Children’s Room
304 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301
Children’s Book Reading
Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm
Lingos Auditorium
Brockton Public Library
304 Main St., Brockton, MA 02301

Sponsored by Brave Books and North Baptist Church of Brockton
Books to be read by Pastor Richard Reid or a special guest.
Activity sheets for every child.
For additional information: nbcofbrockton@gmail.com
Join us on Monday evenings for a Storytime that features stories and songs for ages 2–6. Older or younger children are more than welcome. For more information contact 508-894-1431.

Monday, January 8th, 2024
Monday, January 22nd, 2024
Monday, January 29th, 2024
Children’s Story Hour Room
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Rudolph must find Happy, the baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Generation after generation, immortal Guardians like Santa Claus (Peter Ramsey), the Easter Bunny (Nancy Bernstein) and the Tooth Fairy (Christina Steinberg) protect the world's children from darkness and despair.

Hardworking and ambitious, Tiana (Anika Noni Rose) dreams of one day opening the finest restaurant in New Orleans. Her dream takes a slight detour when she meets Prince Naveen (Bruno Campos), who has been turned into an amphibian by evil Dr. Facilier. Mistaking her for a princess and hoping to break the spell, Naveen plants a kiss on poor Tiana -- thereby turning her into a frog as well. The pair hop along on an adventure through the bayous to seek the help of a powerful voodoo priestess.
After discovering a Yeti on the roof of her apartment building, teenage Yi and her two friends embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family. But to do so, they must stay one step ahead of a wealthy financier and a determined zoologist who want to capture the beast for their own gain.

Showtime: Abominable
Tuesday, January 23, 5 PM
Main Branch

Elsa the Snow Queen has an extraordinary gift - the power to create ice and snow. But no matter how happy she is to be surrounded by the people of Arendelle, Elsa finds herself strangely unsettled. After hearing a mysterious voice call out to her, Elsa travels to the enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her kingdom - an adventure that soon turns into a journey of self-discovery.

Showtime: Frozen II
Tuesday, January 30, 5 PM
Main Branch
Preview of February Events

February 5- The Museum of Bad Art
February 17- Aleksandra Labinska Concert

Monday, January 15, 2024 library closed

Martin Luther King Day, often abbreviated as MLK Day, is a federal holiday in the United States that honors the civil rights leader and activist, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Partnerships
Local, State, National

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the ground. It moves up through your foundation and gets trapped inside your home. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends all homes be tested for radon.

**WHY TEST?**

- Nearly 1 of every 15 homes in the U.S. is estimated to have elevated radon levels that exceed the EPA action guideline of 4 pCi/L.
- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in people who never smoke, and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall.
- The US EPA estimates that 21,000 radon-related deaths occur annually in the United States.

**HOW DO I TEST?**

Testing your AIR is the only way to know if your home has radon. For more information on how to get your home tested and understanding your results, contact the Indoor Air Quality Program at:
(800) 723-6695 (MA only) or (413) 784-9352
DPHAQ.radon@mass.gov

January is National Radon Action Month

Test your Home for Radon

**FREE TEST KITS AVAILABLE**

Contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Indoor Air Quality Program - Radon Information Line
(800) 723-6695 or (413) 784-9352
(Toll-free in MA)
DPHAQ.radon@mass.gov

need health insurance?

MA Health Connector Community Specialists are onsite at the Main library branch to help you access health insurance.
List of Programs
For The Month Of January

General Programs

January 4, 11, 18, and 25 - Ask a Law Librarian
January 4, 11, 18, and 25 - Drop-in Tech Help
January 6 - Step Up to the Mic
January 20 - Everyone Has a Voice
January 20 - Seascapes Quartet Concert
January 23 - East Branch Chess Club
January 24 - Main Branch Chess Club
January 25 - West Branch Chess Club

Mondays- Zoom Classes
Mondays- Computer Basics Class
Mondays- Intermediate Computer Class

Book Discussions

January 8- The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
January 19- Virtual Author Talk- The Warsaw Sisters by Amanda Barratt
January 20- Trust by Hernan Diaz
World Languages, Learning Materials & Programs

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays - Haitian Entrant Case Management Program Prescreening

Twice a Month - Haitian Entrant Case Management Program

Every Saturday - Haitian Creole Help Filling Out Paperwork

Upcoming - Haitian Creole Worker Permit Workshop

Every Tuesday - Asociacion Latina (Latin Association) Women’s Support Group

Every Second Saturday - Bilingual Debate Club in French and Haitian Creole

Teen’s Programs

January 10 - Paint Night

Children’s Programs

January 2 - Rudolph’s Shiny New Year Screening

January 9 - Rise of the Guardians Screening

January 13 - Crafts n Rhythm with Miss Robin

January 16 - The Princess and the Frog Screening

January 23 - Abominable Screening

January 27 - Story, Craft & Sing Along with Miss Robin

January 30 - Frozen II Screening

Every Thursday - Tattoo Thursdays