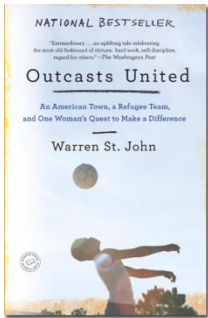


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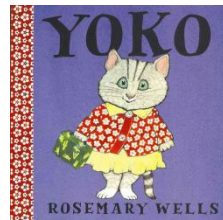
Outcasts United by Warren St. John

(For Adults & High School Teens)

This is a true story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable woman coach and a small southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement. It is about resilience, the power of one person to make a difference, and the daunting challenge of building a community in a place where people seem to have little in common.

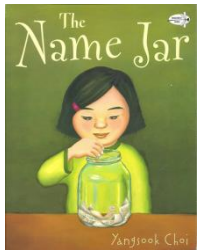
Yoko by Rosemary Wells

(Pre-K - Grade 2) A picture book by an iconic children's author featuring Yoko, a Japanese-American cat who is, at first, teased by her peers for her traditional Japanese lunch—that is, until the teacher hosts an International Foods Day for her class.



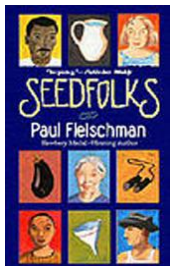
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

(Pre-K - Grade 2) A powerful story about a young Korean girl who is afraid her American classmates will not be able to pronounce her name, so she creates a Name Jar for them to place suggestions in for her new name. Will she adopt a new name, or will she decide to keep her own?



Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

(Grades 3-8) This novel-in-verse is about an African teen who adjusts to life in a cold Minnesota winter after conflict tears apart his homeland.



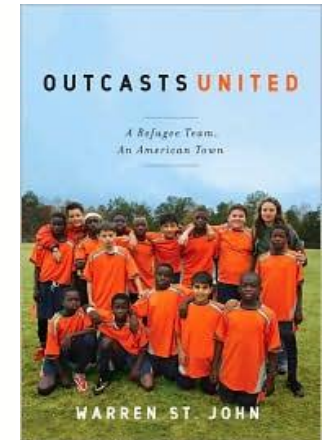
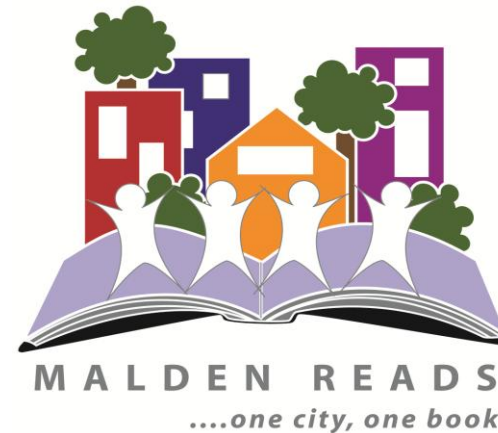
Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman

(Grades 3-8) An empty lot is transformed into a community garden, tended to by many different people, each with their own story to tell.

MALDEN READS OUTCASTS UNITED By Warren St. John

Plus selections for Grades K-8

2012 Calendar of Events



Now in our second year, Malden Reads is a community reading program for the city of Malden, Massachusetts.

Organized by community groups, city leaders, school representatives, and residents in collaboration with:

The Malden Public Library

36 Salem St.

Malden, MA 02148

781-324-0218

EVENTS SCHEDULED
JANUARY - JUNE 2012

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MALDEN READS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPENING CELEBRATION:

“Culture, Conversation, and Community”

Thursday, February 23, 6:30 - 9:00 pm,

Malden Public Library—Ryder & Carr Galleries

Food sampling, cultural exhibits, music & performance, information, and community conversation

Kids & Family Events

Movie Night: Friday, February 10, 6:00 pm,

Emerson School: “Cars 2” & activities

Co-sponsored by Malden’s Parent Teacher Organizations

Teen Writers’ Club: Malden Reads Edition,

Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 pm, Malden Public Library

This new club meets monthly and gives teen writers the opportunity to meet more of their ilk. This meeting will feature exercises inspired by selections from “Home of the Brave” by Katherine Applegate. No advance registration is necessary and refreshments will be served.

Story Hour: Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 am,

Malden Public Library: “The Name Jar” & activities

Stone Soup: Saturday, March 24, 12:30 pm,

Temple Tifereth Israel

Work with a local chef and help make soups that will be served at two Bread of Life dinners. Interactive storytelling with Big Joe the Storyteller featuring the “Stone Soup” folk tale. This free event is organized by the Oak Grove Improvement Association (OGIA).

“Virtual” Author Visit With Yangsook Choi

Saturday, April 14, 3:00pm, Malden Public Library

Children see and talk with author/illustrator of The Name Jar via Skype. Choi will talk about her writing, her immigrant experiences and how the The Name Jar came to be. She will also talk about her illustrating process and give a drawing demonstration. Children are encouraged to ask questions. Most appropriate for ages 6-10.

All-Ages Drum Circle with Otha Day: Saturday, March 31,
3:00 pm, Malden Public Library, Maccario Room

Around the world, rhythm has the power to build community and promote well-being. Participate in this multi-generational program and experience the joy of drumming. If you have a heartbeat, you have rhvthm. and you can drum!

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Donations in any amount are appreciated and will be used to buy books and fund programs. To donate, please send a check to the Malden Public Library and write “Malden Reads” in the memo.



Malden Public Library, built in 1885



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Book Discussions— *“Outcasts United”*

Join your fellow community members for a thoughtful and lively discussion of “Outcasts United”. (Led by various facilitators)

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm, Malden Public Library
Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Malden YMCA
Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm, First Parish of Malden, Universalist
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm, Malden Public Library
Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm, Temple Tifereth Israel
Monday, April 9, 12:30 pm, First Church in Malden, Congregational

Presentations & Forums

Living in a Culturally Diverse Community: A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 pm, Malden High School -
Jenkins Auditorium

Using “Outcasts United” as a jumping off point, panelists and attendees will explore the challenges and benefits of living in a culturally diverse community.

Seed Folks of Malden: April 11 & 12, 10:00 am

Malden Senior Community Center: *The Immigrant Theater Group from the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden will perform a one-act play based on “Seedfolks” by Paul Fleischman.*

Malden Arts Salon, Malden Reads Edition: Thursday, June 14

7:00 pm, First Parish of Malden, Universalist
As part of its ongoing salon series, Malden Arts hosts a multicultural-themed musical presentation. The evening includes discussion and networking in support of the arts in Malden. Sponsored by Malden Arts in collaboration with Soukore Productions.

MATV Gallery Exhibit: June - August 2012

Malden Access Television
Celebrating diversity in all its forms, an exhibit featuring local artists and representative cultures in Malden. Curated by Susan Burke (Malden Arts) in collaboration with MATV and Malden Reads.

Library Tour: Saturday, April 21, 11:00 am

Malden Public Library: *Walk in the footsteps of H.H. Richardson, America's foremost 19th century architect. Discover the historical, architectural, and fine art treasures of the Malden Public Library. Led by Dina Malgeri, Library Executive Director*

Film Screenings

We invite you to join us for a series of thoughtfully selected films in a variety of styles. Each movie will be followed by a discussion.

Gran Torino: Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm

Malden Senior Community Center

Clint Eastwood's film about the clashes that arise when Hmong immigrants move into a white working-class neighborhood, shown from both perspectives.

Co-sponsored by the City of Malden and Malden Reads

Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars, a film by Zach Niles and Banker White: Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm
Malden Public Library



This film is about a reggae-inflected band born in the camps of West Africa and represents a real-life story of survival and hope.

This event is in collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV (www.pbs.org/pov).

Sponsored by the Friends of the Malden Public Library in association with Malden Reads

Rain in a Dry Land: Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm

Malden Senior Community Center

This documentary chronicles the fortunes of two Somali Bantu families, transported by relief agencies from years of civil war and refugee life to Springfield, MA and Atlanta, GA.

Co-sponsored by the City of Malden and Malden Reads

Stranger No More: Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 pm

Malden Public Library

In an extraordinary Tel Aviv school, children from 48 countries and diverse backgrounds, fleeing poverty, political adversity and genocide, come together and learn to acclimate to a new land while slowly opening up to share their stories of hardship and tragedy.

Co-sponsored by the Malden Public Library and Malden Reads

Desert Flower: Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm, Emerson School

The inspiring true-life story of a woman who crosses the desert and changes the world.

Co-sponsored by the Chinese Cultural Connection "East Meets West" program and Malden Reads

"Malden Eats" Community Dinners

One of the best ways to learn about other cultures is through food! Malden boasts a number of small ethnic restaurants, owned and operated by immigrants. We invite you to sample and enjoy these new cuisines, mingle with fellow Maldonians, and support local businesses. Dinners are fixed price, and feature either buffet or à la carte menu. Beverages are not included. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your seats in advance. Mention "Malden Reads event" when you call. If you cannot make your reservation, please cancel so that the next party on the waiting list can attend.

Sun Kong (Chinese dim sum); \$10

Saturday, March 3, 1:30 pm, 275 Eastern Ave, 339-224-0834

Bossa Nova (Brazilian); \$15

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm, 290 Main St, 781-605-3343

Moroccan Hospitality Restaurant (Moroccan); \$15

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm, 188 Salem St, 781-605-0520

Habesha (Ethiopian); \$10

Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm, 535 Main St, 781-399-0868

Valle Restaurant (Central American); \$13

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm, 115 Exchange St, 781-324-3239

Biryani Park (Indian & Sri Lankan); \$15

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 pm, 105 Broadway, 781-397-1307

Dinners are sponsored by "Malden Eats" in association with Malden Reads.

Culminating Event:

"Soccer Extravaganza"- a Malden Reads event for all ages

Sunday, April 29, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Salemwood School

Soccer games for ages 8 - adult throughout the afternoon, food, music, performances, and more.

Sponsored by Malden Youth Soccer in association with Malden Reads.

This year's program focuses on celebrating diversity and community.

For up-to-date information and more details, please visit www.maldenreads.org