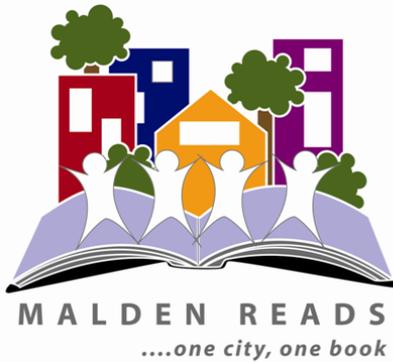


MALDEN READS

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore By Robin Sloan

Plus Selections for Grades K-8



Mr. Penumbra's
24-Hour
Bookstore
A Novel
Robin Sloan

Now in our fifth 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 and Malden Access TV.



EVENTS SCHEDULED
FEBRUARY-APRIL 2015



Check out our redesigned website at
www.maldenreads.org
for updates, details, and more events!

MALDEN READS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MALDEN READS OPENING CELEBRATION “BITS AND BITES”

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm,

Malden Public Library—Ryder, Carr, & Lower Galleries

Enjoy refreshments, cultural exhibits, and community conversation. Learn more about this year’s book selections, take a guided tour of the library’s historic building, and participate in a special presentation in the Ryder Gallery.

Children, Teen, & Family Events

“Big Hero 6”: Thursday, March 26th, 6:30 pm

Ferryway School, 150 Cross Street

Co-sponsored by District PTO

From Walt Disney Studios, an action-packed, comedy-adventure about robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada, who learns to harness his genius, thanks to his brother Tadashi and their like-minded friends. When a devastating turn of events catapults them into the midst of a dangerous plot, Hiro turns to his closest companion—a robot named Baymax—and transforms the group into a band of high-tech heroes determined to solve the mystery. [There will also be an arts & crafts activity that evening.]

“Malden High School in the Digital Age”

Thursday, April 9, 7 pm, Malden High School

Co-sponsored by the Malden High School

Come see the cutting edge technologies that Malden High is achieving and using. Join us for a presentation on the Google chromebooks initiative, the Tufts MakerSpace Lab, the Robotics Club, and the Blue & Gold Archive project. This will be a talk-then-walk so participants can see the school’s 3D printer and other exciting new developments!

Where’s the ?: Thursday, April 23, 11 am, Malden Public Library

Students expand their powers of observation by finding “hidden” items in the Library’s art collection through a fun and interactive scavenger hunt, and then create something entirely new! This is part of “STEAM in the Gallery,” a program funded by an LSTA Grant, exploring the intersection of art and education. Ages 10-14. Limited to 20. Call the Malden Public Library at 781.324.0218 to pre-register.

Fairy House Event: Saturday, August 29, (Rain Date: Sunday, August 30)

Pine Banks Park, Sponsored by Councillor Barbara Murphy

Join us and build a house at the event or plan ahead and design and pre-build your structure. Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome to enter houses into a contest that will take place that day.

Inspired by Tracy Kane’s award winning Fairy House Series. Visit fairyhouses.com to see beautiful images of fairy houses.

* Additional youth-related events are starred throughout this brochure.

Book Discussions

Share your thoughts and opinions about this year's book selection, "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" by Robin Sloan, and discuss its themes in a friendly, guided book discussion, most lasting an hour to 90 minutes. Some discussions will have a special focus, as listed below, but all discussions will also be general in nature. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, February 17, 11 am

Malden Senior Community Center, 7 Washington St.

Led by Carmen Arnone

Wednesday, March 11, 7 pm, Temple Tifereth Israel, 539 Salem St.

Led by Anne D'Urso-Rose with special guest CD Collins, local author/poet/spoken word performer

Thursday, March 19, 7 pm, Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

Led by Dora St. Martin with special guest Mayor Gary Christenson

Sunday, March 22, 6-8 pm, Web Print Labs, 21 Cross St.

Multi-Lingual Book Discussion led by Nekita Lamour

Malden Reads and Web Print Labs are pleased to offer these multi-lingual discussions (see also April 26) at a time convenient for working adults. In addition to English, participants can converse in French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish, led by a facilitator who speaks all four languages.

*Tuesday, March 31, 3 pm, Malden High School

Teen Book Discussion Led by Lucia Musilli, MHS Librarian

Open to all Malden High School students.

Tuesday, March 31, 7 pm, MATV, 145 Pleasant St.

Led by Janis VanHeukelom with special guest Jennifer Leonard, software developer. *Join the discussion of "Science and Technology in Mr. Penumbra's World."*

*Tuesday, April 7, 3 pm, Malden Teen Enrichment Center, 1 Salem St.

Teen Book Discussion. Led by Lucia Musilli, MHS Librarian

Open to all Malden teens.

Monday, April 13, 7 pm, Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

Led by Martha Bezzat

Monday, April 20, 7 pm, First Lutheran Church of Malden, 62 Church St.

Led by Rachael Manke, Minister, *discussing "Pondering Immortality in Mr. Penumbra's World."*

Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm, Web Print Labs, 21 Cross St.

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***Teen events**

Reading Circles

*Reading circles are designed for parents who are English language learners (ELL) to follow along with the Malden Reads themes and book selections. Circles will meet weekly at schools, churches, public buildings, and local organizations. Facilitators will teach parents how to read the Malden Reads companion books to their children, who are reading them in school, so they can have connections and conversations on the books together. Arts & crafts and other activities will be included. **This program is funded in part by a grant from the Malden Cultural Council, a local agency, which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.***



Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ferryway School, 8-9:30 am & 10-11:30am
(for ELL parents enrolled in this school's program)

Mondays and Wednesdays, Beebe School, 8:30-10 am and 10-11:30 am
(for ELL parents enrolled in this school's program)

Saturdays, Chinese Culture Connection at the YMCA, 99 Dartmouth St
(time TBA)

Thursdays, Haitian Outreach Center at Malden Senior Community Center, 7 Washington St. (time TBA)

In Your Own Book Groups:

*Throughout the community, regular book groups meet to discuss books of their own choosing. We hope that some of them will choose to read *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* and join the conversation—in our book discussions, or just on your own! Malden Reads has prepared a sheet of discussion questions with additional recommended resources to facilitate individual book groups' selections. The library will have 2 book group bags to check out; each will include copies of the book and the discussion guide. Call the library to reserve your book group kit!*

Other Special Events:

“Secrets in the Stacks”: Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 pm

Join us at the Malden Public Library for a special opportunity to glimpse a part of the library that is normally hidden from public view: the building's central stacks and rare book room and the treasures to be found there. Library Director Dora St. Martin and Assistant Director Caron Guigli will lead the fun. This is an adult program and limited to 20. Attendees must be in good physical condition and be able to climb ladders!

***Author Talk:** Wednesday, June 17, Time TBA

Join us for a Skype Chat with “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library” author Chris Grabenstein for children who have read the selection. Details will be forthcoming!

***Children's event**

“Malden Eats” Community Dinners

*One of the best ways to connect with people is over a good meal! **Malden Eats**, in collaboration with **Malden Reads**, invite you to join us at these fine local restaurants to enjoy great food, mingle with local Maldonians, and support local businesses. We also encourage you to converse about the themes from this year’s book and will provide some “Table Talk” topics for diners to discuss if they wish. (You do not need to have read the book yet to participate.) Dinners are fixed price and feature either a buffet or an à la carte menu. Beverages, tax and tip are **not** included. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your seats in advance. You must specify “Malden Reads event” when you call. If you cannot make your reservation, please cancel so that the next party on the waiting list may attend.*

Ferry Street Food & Drink, 118 Ferry St., Malden

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm, \$20 per person

Fine food and drink with a neighborhood tavern feel.

781.321.0265 for reservations

Oppa’s Korean Restaurant, 157 Pleasant St., Malden

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm, \$20 per person

This exciting new restaurant opened last fall featuring the fresh, complex flavors of Korean cuisine. 781.605.3071 for reservations

Mystic Station, 139 Pleasant St., Malden

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm, \$20 per person

Fresh American comfort food in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

781.480.3166 for reservations

J.R. Restaurant & Bakery, 188 Salem St., Malden

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm, \$15 person

Caribbean/Cajun/Creole restaurant. 781.397.7557 for reservations

A “Pop-up” Restaurant!

Location, date & time TBA

Pop-up restaurants are temporary restaurants that are open for just a short period, even one night! There’s a pop-up restaurant in this year’s book selection. Stay tuned for details about a pop-up restaurant here in Malden featuring a buffet dinner from the Heritage Food Truck from Stockpot Malden and the band “Soulshine” (with local chef AND musician David Stein) featuring classic rock, blues, funk, and R&B.

Events continue to be added to the Malden Reads program.

Please check our website at www.maldenreads.org and our social media pages for updates on these listed events and additional offerings.

Film Screenings

All are invited to attend these screenings of some wonderful films that also help us examine themes related to this year's book selections. Enjoy the film and take part in a discussion following the film. Light refreshments served.

Robot & Frank: Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

Set in the near future, an ex-jewel thief receives a gift from his son—a robot butler programmed to look after him.

Mao's Last Dancer: Sunday, March 22, 2:00 pm

Chinese Culture Connection at Malden YMCA, 99 Dartmouth St.

A drama based on the autobiography by Li Cunxin who, at the age of 11, was plucked from a poor Chinese village by Madame Mao's cultural delegates and taken to Beijing to study ballet. This event is co-sponsored by the Chinese Culture Connection

Google & the World Brain: Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 pm

Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

The most ambitious project ever conceived on the Internet: Google's master plan to scan every book in the world and the people trying to stop them.

TED Talks: Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm, Malden High School

Come enjoy a screening of selected TED Talks at Malden High School and a discussion afterward, as part of the larger event "Malden High School in the Digital Age" (see Children, Teen, & Family Events)

***Robot & Frank:** April (date/time TBA)

Malden Teen Enrichment Center

A special screening of this movie for Malden teens with a discussion following. Set in the near future, an ex-jewel thief receives a gift from his son—a robot butler programmed to look after him.

The Social Network: Friday, May 8, 7:00 pm

Salvation Army, 213 Main St.

Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg creates the social networking site that would become known as Facebook but is later sued by two brothers who claim he stole their idea.

***Teen event**

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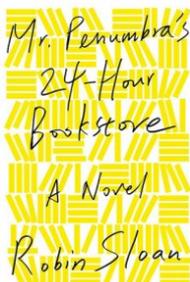
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ABOUT THE BOOKS



Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore

by Robin Sloan

(For Adults and High School Teens)

The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from life as a San Francisco web-design drone and into the aisles of Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. But after a few days on the job, Clay discovers that the store is more curious than either its name or its gnomic owner might suggest. The customers are few, and they never seem to buy anything—instead, they “check out” large obscure volumes from strange corners of the store. Suspicious, Clay engineers an analysis of the clientele's behavior, seeking help from his variously talented friends. The full force of Google, social media,

Hollywood movie design specialists, and a variety of other quirky characters band together to solve the mystery. With humor, cleverness, and insight, the book explores the power of books, technology, and knowledge, new and old. The book was named Best Book of the Year (2012) by NPR, the Los Angeles Times, and the San Francisco Chronicle. It was a winner of the Alex Award and a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize Award for First Fiction.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein (Grades 4-7)

This is the story of 12 kids, including a class clown and gamer extraordinaire, who are invited to spend the night in a new library, which was built by gaming genius Luigi Lemoncello. When the night is over, however, the doors to the library remain locked and the kids must use all their gaming, puzzle-solving, and collaborative skills to figure out how to get themselves out.



The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

by William Joyce

(Grades K-3)

This is the story of a man who, after his life is uprooted by a hurricane, finds new purpose in caring for books and sharing them with others. Author William Joyce began this book as a tribute to the late Bill Morris (a dry-witted pioneer of library promotions) but then was interrupted by Hurricane Katrina and witnessed the devastation brought to his home state. He then added a focus to the book on the healing power of stories. “The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris

Lessmore” is the author's moving testimony to the power of books—to inspire us, to heal us, and to touch our souls and give us joy. This work also shows how books enable their creators to achieve a special kind of immortality.

Reading Makes You Feel Good

by Todd Parr

(for Pre-K children)

The title really says it all. With brightly colored pictures, this book helps develop early literacy skills as it passes on its important lessons: reading teaches, entertains, and brings people together (all of which happen to be important tenets of the Malden Reads philosophy).

