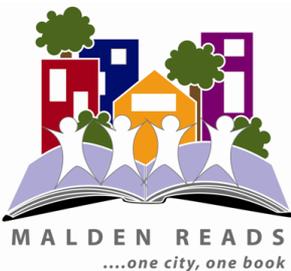


Malden Reads 2017

What if, as a community, we all read the same book— then gather together to discuss, share ideas and insights, and learn about and from each other? That was the thought behind Malden Reads and we are happy to continue in our 7th year, with the help of community groups, city leaders, school representatives, and residents, in collaboration with Malden Access TV and the Malden Public Library.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MALDEN READS OPENING CELEBRATION

Thursday, February 23, 6:30–8:30 pm

Malden Public Library—Converse Library and 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Malden Reads Night at Boda Borg



EXPERIENCE THE QUEST!

Wednesday, March 22, 5:00–9:00 pm, 90 Pleasant St.

Join with other Malden Reads participants ages 7 and up for two hours of questing with free admission to Boda Borg! There will be family-friendly activities available in the main gathering room from 4–8 pm. Details on how to get tickets and register for a time slot will be available soon at www.maldenreads.org.

Enter Ove's World

Thursday, March 30, 7:00–8:00 pm Malden Public Library

Join us for snacks and a discussion from a Lahey Hospital expert on what it really feels like to become older. We're looking to have a good discussion together with adults of all ages—and we encourage you to bring your kids and grandkids, ages 15 and up.

Worship Service at First Parish

Sunday, April 2, 10:30–11:30am, First Parish Church, 2 Elm St.

Join Revered Wendy Bell and the members of First Parish of Malden, a Unitarian Universalist church, for an interfaith worship service that is centered around the themes of this year's Malden Reads book selection, "A Man Called Ove."

Intergenerational Ping-Pong Tournament

Thursday, April 27, 3:00–4:00 pm, Malden High School Cafeteria

An event co-sponsored by the Chinese Culture Connection (CCC) Students from Malden High School will participate in a ping pong tournament crossing different age groups. Contact maldenreads@gmail.com for more information. An oral history project will be showcased at the event: the main office at Malden High School and the Malden Public Library circulation desk have more information.

Sunset, Storytelling & Stargazing on Waitt's Mount

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 pm, Leonard St.

Join us at Waitt's Mount Park in Malden for family storytelling at sunset with professional storyteller Sharon Kennedy, followed by stargazing at twilight with members of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston. For more details, visit the "Events" page at www.maldenreads.org closer to the event date. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Malden Cultural Council, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Art Workshop for Kids with Greg Cook

Saturday, March 25, 2:00–3:00 pm, Malden Public Library

Malden artists Kari Percival and Greg Cook lead a free craft workshop for kids inspired by this year's Malden Reads book selections.

Elementary School Book Discussion, Saturday, April 1, 2:00–3:00 pm,

Linden STEAM Academy Library (29 Westcott St.)

Students in grades K to 8 are invited to participate in a discussion on the companion books. Read the books before, or just come for the discussion and treats! A classroom of 4th graders will be leading discussions and activities.

Bubbles & Books, Saturday, June 3, 2:30–5:30 pm

Miller Park (Harvard St.) A Malden Kiwanis event

Join us at Miller Park for the magic of James Dichter's bubbles, free gently used children's books (for 0–18 years old), face painting, a storyteller, puppeteer, and slush. This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Malden Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Rain date for this event is Sunday, June 4th.*

*Book donations can be dropped off at MATV, 145 Pleasant St. or brought to any of the Malden Reads events.

Discussion with Companion Book Author Cammie McGovern

The author of Just My Luck will join us in person for a discussion with children.

Summer Story Times for School Success, July 12 and 26 (10:00–11:00 a.m.)

Raising a Reader MA and Malden Reads storytellers will read the companion books to young children, and will have activities related to themes of the books. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Malden Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

"MALDEN EATS" COMMUNITY DINNERS

Malden Eats, in collaboration with **Malden Reads**, invites you to join us at these fine local restaurants to enjoy great food, mingle with local Maldonians, and support local businesses. We also encourage conversation about the themes from this year's book and will provide some "Table Talk" topics for diners to discuss if they wish. Dinners are fixed price (\$20 per person) and feature either a buffet or an à la carte menu. Beverages, tax and tip are **not** included.

Community dinners will be held on a series of Tuesdays, each beginning at 7 pm: March 14, April 4, and April 25. Specifics will be sent by email as the dates get closer.

Henry's Patio, Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 pm, 80 Broadway,

Family-friendly Irish pub with delicious grilled meat and seafood.

District Kitchen, 2 Florence St.

American contemporary and pan-Asian cuisine

Sichuan Taste, 290 Main St.

Outstanding Chinese cuisine

FILM SCREENINGS

All are invited to attend these screenings that examine themes related to this year's book selections. Enjoy the film and take part in the discussion following the movie. Light refreshments will be served.

Zootopia, Thursday, March 2 6:00 pm



Ferryway School, 150 Cross St.

Craft activity followed by the movie. Zootopia tells the story of the first rabbit to join the police force and a cynical con artist fox that must work together to uncover a conspiracy.

The Visitor, Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 pm



Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

The Visitor is a simmering drama about a college professor and recent widower, Walter Vale, who discovers a pair of homeless, illegal aliens living in his New York apartment.

Tyrus, Friday, March 17, 7:00 pm



Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St.

Tyrus examines the life and work of pioneering Chinese American artist Tyrus Wong. Starting with his arrival to the immigration detention center at Angel Island in 1919, nine year old Tyrus would overcome a life of poverty, racism, and discrimination to become a renowned painter and sketch artist.

*This event is co-sponsored by the Chinese Culture Connection as part of their East Meets West cultural dialogue program. A tribute is planned for this event for Tyrus, who was the original illustrator for Bambi.

A Man Called Ove, Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm



Jenkins Auditorium, Malden High School, 77 Salem St.

The Academy Award-nominated adaptation of this year's Malden Reads book is a story of the power of community, in which Ove, who has given up on life, develops unlikely friendships in his neighborhood.

Young @ Heart, Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 pm



Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

This uplifting documentary highlights a chorus of senior citizens from Massachusetts who cover songs by Jimi Hendrix, Coldplay, Sonic Youth, and other unexpected musicians.

Up, Thursday, April 20, 2:30 pm Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.



78-year-old Carl Fredrickson travels to Paradise Falls in his house, floated by hundreds of balloons, inadvertently taking a young and unwanted stowaway.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Share your thoughts and opinions about this year's book selection, A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, and discuss its themes in a friendly, guided book discussion.

Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm, Malden Public Library, 36 Salem St.

The Malden Public Library will host a book discussion in the Ryder Art Gallery. Mayor Christenson will be our special guest. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 pm, Docksider Riverview, 270 Medford St.

Join us for pizza at 7:00 pm followed by a discussion of A Man Called Ove and the companion selections led by two Malden Reads committee members. All who read the books are welcome. Please RSVP to maldenreads@gmail.com so we may plan for pizza and seating.

Goodreads, Ongoing Online Book Discussion

Malden Reads has created an online book discussion forum on Goodreads. To join, go to goodreads.com, become a member (if not already), search for "Malden Reads," and join the group.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Below is a guide to finding other materials that address themes similar to A Man Called Ove. All of these items are available at the Malden Public Library or the Metro Boston Library Network.

BOOKS, FICTION

The One in a Million Boy by Monica Wood—*After his eleven-year-old son dies, guitarist Quinn Porter does yard work for an aged Lithuanian immigrant, Ona Vitkus, whom his son had often visited and comes to a resolution about his son's death as Ona discusses his son's capacity to listen and learn.*

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson—*Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But will their relationship survive in a society that considers Ali a foreigner?*

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick—*69-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. But on the one-year anniversary of this wife's death, something changes. Sorting through her possessions, Arthur finds a gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur around the world in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met—a journey that leads him to find hope, healing, and self-discovery in the most unexpected places.*

The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey by Walter Mosley—*Marooned in an apartment that overflows with mementos from the past, 91-year-old Ptolemy Grey is all but forgotten by his family and the world. But when an unexpected opportunity arrives, everything changes for Ptolemy in ways as shocking and unanticipated as they are poignant and profound.*

BOOKS, NON-FICTION

The Bridge Ladies: a Memoir by Betsy Lerner— *A fifty-year-old Bridge game provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between a daughter and her mother. Betsy Lerner takes us on a powerfully personal literary journey, where we learn a little about Bridge and a lot about life.*

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion— *From one of America’s iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion. Joan Didion explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage—and a life, in good times and bad—that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.*

On Grief and Grieving by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross — *Just as On Death and Dying taught us the five stages of death, On Grief and Grieving applies these stages to the grieving process and weaves together theory, inspiration, and practical advice, including sections on sadness, hauntings, dreams, isolation, and healing.*

FILMS

Gran Torino (2008)—*Disgruntled Korean War veteran Walt Kowalski sets out to reform his neighbor, a Hmong teenager who tried to steal Kowalski’s prized possession: a 1972 Gran Torino.*

Cinema Paradiso (1988)—*A filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with the movies at his village’s theater and formed a deep friendship with the theater’s projectionist.*

Cocoon (1985)—*When a group of trespassing seniors swim in a pool containing alien cocoons, they find themselves energized with youthful vigor.*

Harold and Maude (1971)—*Young, rich, and obsessed with death, Harold finds himself changed forever when he meets lively septuagenarian Maude at a funeral.*

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Malden Reads provides books, resources, curriculum, and support to the Malden Public Schools (and other schools in Malden upon request). Aligning with themes from this year’s selections, Malden Reads is coordinating activities to be implemented by classroom teachers in relation to the grade-level standards.

READING CIRCLES

Malden Reads volunteers participate with English language learners at the programs at the Beebe and Ferryway Schools and at the Malden Public Library. Volunteers share the themes from the books, and hold discussions. The adults ultimately share them with their children who are reading the books in school. To volunteer, email maldenreads@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These resources and more can be found on the Malden Reads website (www.maldenreads.org). You can like Malden Reads on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter or Flickr. To be notified about updates on our program, email us at maldenreads@gmail.com.

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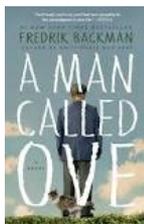
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ABOUT THE BOOKS

Books are available at the Malden Public Library to check out to Malden Library card holders, and copies of *A Man Called Ove* are available in English and Chinese, as well as audio and electronic formats. Books are also available for sale from Malden Reads (contact maldenreads@gmail.com to make arrangements to purchase your copies).

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman



Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars outside his bedroom window. Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (Booklist, starred review).

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Grades 5-8

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read.



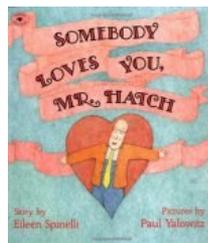
Just My Luck by Cammie McGovern. Grade 4



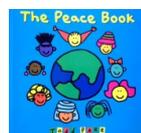
Fourth grade is not going at all how Benny Barrows hoped. He hasn't found a new best friend at school. Just My Luck is a deeply moving and rewarding novel about a down-on-his-luck boy whose caring heart ultimately helps him find the strength to cope with tragedy and realize how much he truly has to offer his friends and family.

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli. Grades K-3

This warmhearted tale examines the effect that love and tender regard can have on a lackluster existence. One Valentine's Day a giant candy-filled heart is delivered to Mr. Hatch with a note that reads, "Somebody loves you." Just the thought of someone taking an interest in him completely changes the way Mr. Hatch interacts with his neighbors and co-workers. The newly adorable gentleman becomes so much a part of people's lives that when it is disclosed that the heart was delivered by mistake, his friends and neighbors rally around him in a loving demonstration.



The Peace Book by Todd Parr. Pre-K



Todd Parr relates the notion of peace to the making new friends, listening to different kinds of music, and helping your neighbor.

