The Great Barrington Libraries are proud to present a 2018 Big Read:

GB READS RBG

NOTORIOUS RBG by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik, available in Adult and Young Adult versions


In keeping with Justice Ginsburg’s life-long fight for social justice, civil rights, women’s equality, and the importance of education, the libraries and partnering organizations are presenting the following programs:

March/April 2018 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Book Display, The Bookloft, Mason & Ramsdell Libraries

March 21, Wed Educational Evening with Dining For Women
Mason Community Room 6:30pm (adults, register). Women share a pot luck meal & learn about a Guatemalan Women's Justice Initiative.

March 24, Sat Supreme Court Talk with Monica Wagner
Mason Community Room 1:30-2:30pm. Ms. Wagner clerked for RBG when she was on the US Court of Appeals and will discuss the Supreme Court process through the lens of one of RBG’s famous dissents.

March 31, Sat Legal-Feminist Movie Marathon, Mason Community Room
10:15am Philadelphia (1993, PG-13, 2h 5m) When a man with HIV is fired by his law firm because of his condition, he hires a homophobic small time lawyer as the only willing advocate for a wrongful dismissal suit.
12:30pm Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, R, 2h) A woman rebels against a tyrannical ruler in postapocalyptic Australia in search for her home-land with the help of a group of female prisoners, a psychotic worshipper, and a drifter named Max.

April 7, Sat Adult Book Discussion with Lucy Prashker & Susan Smith
Mason Community Room, 1:15-2:30pm

April 14, Sat Ride the third-wave: Teen Celebration of Feminism
Mason Community Room, 1:45-4:15 (discussion; film: “She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry” w/pizza & popcorn, please register)

April 18, Wed Film: My Cousin Vinny (1992, R, 2h)
Ramsdell Art Room, 5:45-7:45pm, Two New Yorkers are accused of murder in rural Alabama while on their way back to college, and one of their cousins—an inexperienced, loudmouth lawyer not accustomed to Southern rules and manners—comes in to defend them.

April 19, Thu RBG Craft: Make Your Own Dissent Collar
Mason Craft Room 2:30-3:30pm (ages 7 & up, register)

April 19, Thu Film: Erin Brockovich (2000, R, 2h)
The Mahaiwe, 7:00pm An unemployed single mother becomes a legal assistant and almost single-handedly brings down a California power company accused of polluting a city’s water supply.

April 20, Fri Henna Tattoos, Mason Community Room, 2-4pm (ages 11 & up, register)

April 21, Sat Film: The Breadwinner (2017, PG-13, 1hr34m)
Mason Community Room, 1:30-3:00pm A headstrong young girl in Afghanistan disguises herself as a boy in order to provide for her family.