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**Davis Bates' Songs and Stories for Everyone Library Event**

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Part of "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" Library Summer Reading Challenge*

ADAMS MA – Adams Free Library is hosting “The Places You’ll Go” A Summer Reading Celebration by Davis Bates during their 2022 Summer Reading Challenge “Read Beyond the Beaten Path.

Join the library in a participatory program with a healthy bit of singing along and movement. Davis Bates’ performances are a mixture of family, Native American, international and regional songs and stories. They speak of empowerment, history, spirit and the environment.

Davis' traditional style of telling empowers and encourages audiences of all ages to join in the fun, and to take the stories home with them to share with others. He also encourages listeners to find stories in books, and to remember and tell stories from their own family and cultural tradition.

About Davis: Davis Bates has been telling stories for over thirty-eight years, in schools, libraries, and community settings around New York & New England and across the country. His recording Family Stories won a prestigious Parents Choice Magazine Gold Award, and received a starred review by the American Library Association’s Booklist magazine. Davis lives in a small hilltown village in western Massachusetts, and when he isn't performing or collecting and learning songs and stories he spends his time gardening and working on various pollinator preservation projects.

“Read Beyond the Beaten Path” is sponsored by the Adams Free Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Funding is provided by the Friends of the Adams Free Library.

Families and children of all ages are invited to join the Adams Free Library for this presentation. An adult must accompany children under 8 years of age. Library events are free and open to the public. Attendance at library programs constitutes consent to be photographed; photos may be used in print or electronic publicity for the Adams Free Library. Questions? Call the Adams Free Library at (413)743-8345 or visit the library’s website [www.adamslibraryma.org](http://www.adamslibraryma.org) for more information.