



ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Hours:	Mon.	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Tues., Wed., Thurs.	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Fri.	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Sat. (til Oct. 6 th)	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Sun.	CLOSED

Phone: 508-881-0134 Wi-Fi access is available throughout the building
Library Website: www.ashlandmass.com/184/Ashland-Public-Library
Library Facebook: www.facebook.com/AshlandPublicLibraryMA/
Friends of the Library website: <http://www.friendsoftheapl.com/>
Friends Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheAshlandPublicLibrary/

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 3RD FOR LABOR DAY

The Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1st.

ASHLAND SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

Congratulations to all of our fabulous readers this summer! 962 people, ages 2 through adult, joined the program this year. Together we read over 1,000,000 minutes in just 7 ½ weeks! **If you haven't collected all your prizes yet you have until Tuesday, Sept. 4th to come in to claim them.** (Any prizes not picked up by Sept. 4th will be forfeited.)

CHILDREN:

NEW BLOG:

Coming sometime in September – The Children's Room is introducing a blog called “**Lessons from Miss Lois**” which will be live sometime this month. The blog will be part of the Ashland Public Library's web page at <https://www.ashlandmass.com/184/Ashland-Public-Library>

LAP SIT:

Wednesdays mornings from 10:15-10:45 a.m. For Infants and Toddlers through age 3 ½. Join us for stories, songs & fingerplays. This is a very large group and space is limited. Free tickets are handed out as people arrive.

New Saturday Lap Sit! Once a month this autumn the Library will be offering Lap Sit on a Saturday morning, in addition to the Wednesday time slot, to accommodate working parents. The first session will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 10:15 a.m. Space is limited and free tickets will be handed out starting at 10:00 a.m.

S.T.E.A.M. STORY TIMES:

Friday mornings from 11:00-11:45 a.m. For kids age 3 ½ - 6 Space is limited – free tickets are handed out as people arrive. Each week we read stories and non-fiction books about one topic and do a related activity. September topics include: “The 5 Senses”, “Sand”, “Pink Creatures”, and “What Is It Made Of?”

READ-TO-A-DOG:

Read to Knives or Machete on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10th & 24th

Read to Cosmo on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4th & 18th

Read to Bear on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6th & 20th

Kids can improve their oral reading skills by reading to one of our certified therapy dogs. Space is limited. Each child has a 10 minute turn - time slots are assigned upon arrival.

LEGOS CLUB:

Thursdays Sept. 13th & 20th 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Kids of all ages build using the Library's huge stash of Legos, then their creations are put on display for a few weeks. Kids younger than Grade 3 must be with an adult

YMCA PLAY, LEARN & GROW:

FALL SESSION STARTS THURSDAY, SEPT. 6TH

Tuesdays 11:00 – 12:00 or Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 Infants through age 5. You may attend one program per week. Sensory play, music, stories, crafts, socialization and more. This is a large group and **space is limited.** Free tickets are handed out as people arrive. Please email LAbolfazli@metrowestymca.org with any questions or to get on their email list.

TEENS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Teens (grade 9 & up) looking for community service hours are welcome to contact the Library.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:

Thursday, Sept. 27th at 6:30 p.m. Open to any high school student.

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to plan programs, pick books, and generally make the Library a place you want to visit. Each meeting counts as one hour of community service.

ADULTS:

DOCUMENTARY FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES:

The Documentary Film & Discussion Series meets from **7:00-9:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of the month.** The moderated discussions are often lively and thought provoking. All points of view are welcome. The films are sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Library. For more information visit www.friendsoftheapl.com.

“Killing Gaza” Thursday, Sept. 13th (rescheduled)

In “Killing Gaza,” Independent journalists Max Blumenthal and Dan Cohen documented Israel’s 2014 assault on Gaza during the war, and chronicled its horrific aftermath. As they waded through the rubble of Gaza’s destroyed border regions, they turned a camera onto the survivors of the slaughter and let them speak for themselves. This film is much more than a documentary about Palestinian resilience and suffering. It is a chilling visual document of war crimes committed by the Israeli military, featuring direct testimony and evidence from the survivors

An alternate point of view will be shown in “The Gatekeepers” on Thursday, Oct. 11th

For the first time ever, six former heads of Israel’s domestic secret service agency, the Shin Bet, share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions. Since the Six Day War in 1967, Israel has failed to transform its crushing military victory into a lasting peace. Throughout that entire period, these heads of the Shin Bet stood at the center of Israel’s decision-making process in all matters pertaining to security. They worked closely with every Israeli prime minister, and their assessments and insights had—and continue to have—a profound impact on Israeli policy. THE GATEKEEPERS offers an exclusive account of the sum of their successes and failures. In the process it sheds light on the controversy surrounding the Occupation in the aftermath of the Six Day War.

ART IN THE LIBRARY:

DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY

“Reconfigured” Sculptures by Michael Alfano August 29 - September 29, 2018

This is Michael Alfano’s second exhibition in the library, but he has a constant presence through his sculptures that are permanently there: Ferdinand the Bull and a eight piece sculptural head in the Children’s section. This current exhibit, “Reconfigured”, features Michael’s surrealistic portraits and figures that reassemble bodily features in a way that goes beyond the literal, adapting the figure to convey philosophical ideas and abstract concepts. He creates art that relates to the everyday, yet causes people to experience, think, and understand life more fully.

UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE

“The Art of Quilling” Quilling Card Company August 30 - October 20, 2018

Quilling is the ancient Egyptian art of rolled, shaped, and glued paper that results in creating a unified, decorative design. The art of quilling has been around for centuries, with a remarkably varied historical background spanning across the continents. Quilling Card Company has embraced this beautiful art form and is proud to have become the premier source of preserving and sharing this lovely lost art.

FRONT STREET READERS:

The Front Street Readers book discussion group meets (usually) on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7:00 p.m. On September 25th they will be discussing Lilac Girls, by Martha Hall Kelly. *Based on the real life story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors. Told by the three ladies who interacted: Caroline Ferriday, the socialite; Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager working for the resistance; and Herta Oberheuser, a young Nazi doctor who accepts a job without realizing she has been hired to do experiments on women.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

The Wednesday Night Readers meets to discuss a book (usually) every other month. On September 12th they will be discussing The 13th Hour: a thriller, by Richard Doetsch. *A man is given the chance to go back in time in one hour increments to prevent the murder of his wife, a crime that the police think he committed.*

FRIENDS' FRIDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES:

Feature films are shown every **Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.** The movie schedule is available in the entrance lobby of the Library.