



ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hours:	Monday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Friday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	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/
Library Goodreads Account: www.goodreads.com/AshlandPublicLibraryMA/
Friends of the Library website: <http://www.friendsoftheapl.com/>
Friends Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheAshlandPublicLibrary/



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 15th FOR PATRIOT’S DAY. Enjoy watching the Boston Marathon.

KANOPY STREAMING VIDEOS:

Kanopy is an on-demand streaming video service providing access to more than 26,000 films and documentaries from a variety of independent filmmakers and distributors, including the BBC, PBS and the Criterion Collection. Ashland residents with valid Minuteman Library cards will have a monthly credit of 4 films per month. Download the Kanopy App on any of your devices, including your smart TV, to begin watching.

CHILDREN:

EARLY RELEASE DAY:

Friday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m. Party Elements for Kind. – Gr. 5 Hands-on Science Experiments Everyone gets to participate in doing the experiments, including making elephant toothpaste and soda explosions!!

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK:



Tuesday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. “SCIENCE MAGIC” Museum Of Science for Kindergarten and Up Come explore how magic tricks really work. This program investigates the science behind the “magic” of several classic magic tricks. You might learn how to snatch a tablecloth without disturbing the items on top, make a balloon fireproof, and use electromagnetism to defy gravity. For the grand finale, our educator demonstrates how science can make it safe to lie down on a real bed of nails. The Museum of Science and the Boston Athletic Association provide this program free of charge to libraries on the Marathon Route.

Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. for Families with the Ashland High School Choral Group Join High School teens for a fun Sing-Along session.

Thursday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. RUBBER DUCK HUNT A flotilla of rubber duckies will be hidden around the Library. After listening to some duck stories the kids will search the Library until all the ducks are rounded up. **Kids of all ages are welcome with a participating adult.**



Saturday, April 20th at 3:00 p.m. THROCKMORTON’S WIZARDS WORKSHOP for ages 7 through Teen

Help Throckmorton the Wizard earn a teaching position at Hogwarts. If he can teach Muggles to do magic he will prove his worth. Muggles attending the program will learn how to perform real magic tricks. All tricks will be easily learned mastered. Each student receives a wand and any other required supplies.

PAJAMA STORY TIME:

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. for ages 3 – 6 Come in your pajamas to listen to Miss Lucie read some bedtime stories. Don't forget to bring a stuffie to keep you company!

YOUNG FAMILIES:

Saturday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. "Reptiles" with New England Reptiles & Raptors

Come see an outstanding assortment of live animals and learn fun facts about them!

SPACE IS LIMITED: This program will fill up, so be sure to get here early. Tickets are usually gone by 10:15 a.m. (This program was rescheduled from February.)



Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. "If I Ran The Rain Forest" with The Creature Teachers Come meet some live animals that live in the rain forest. **SPACE IS LIMITED: This program will fill up, so be sure to get here early. Tickets are usually gone by 10:15 a.m.**

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.

Special Pajama Lap Sit on Wednesday, April 3rd By special request we will be having a PJ Lap Sit! (The older siblings do it at Warren School) You are invited to bring your little ones in their pjs for bedtime themed stories.

No Lap Sit on April 24th due to special character visit – see next listing.

Saturday Lap Sit: Once a month the Library will be offering Lap Sit on a Saturday morning. The next session will be held on **Saturday, April 6th at 10:15 a.m.** **Space is limited** and free tickets will be handed out starting at 10:00 a.m.

BUZZ LIGHTYEAR CHARACTER VISIT:



Buzz Lightyear will be coming to the Library on **Wednesday, April 24th at 10:30 a.m. For ages infant – preschool.** Be sure to bring a camera so you can take a photo of your child with Buzz. This program will take place instead of Lap Sit this week.

The U.Fund Start U. Reading Series is a youth literacy initiative that travels with popular costume characters throughout the state of Massachusetts. This program is underwritten by the state's not for profit educational arm, MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority). This makes the program 100% FREE for all participating libraries. Created 13 years ago, The Ufund Start U Reading series helps educate parents on different literacy activities designed to engage their toddler's passion for learning.

LEGOS CLUB:

Thursdays April 11th & 25th 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

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. April topics include "Rainforests", "Spiders", "Octopuses", and "Trees".

READ-TO-A-DOG:

Read to Knives or Machete on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Apr. 8th & 22nd

Read to Bear on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Apr. 4th & 18th

Read to Cosmo on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Apr. 2nd, 16th & 30th

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.



YMCA PLAY, LEARN & GROW:

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.

LITTLE CRAFTERS:

The Mom's Club of Ashland and the Friends of the Library are offering a story & craft program for **infants–age 5** one Monday each month. Adult caregivers are asked to participate with the children **10:15–11:15 a.m. on Monday, April 22nd**.

ART & ECOLOGY:

Fridays at 4:00 p.m. April 5th & April 26th Kids in Grades 2 – 5 can come learn about conservation and taking care of the planet and make related craft project. **Space is limited.** April topics will be Taking Care of the Planet & Recycling on April 5th with a recycled tote bag project and Bumblebees on April 26th.

TEENS:

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:

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. **Thursday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m.**

DIY TRAVEL TUMBLER:

Thursday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m. Teens in Grades 6 - 12 can design and decorate a reusable tumbler with Sharpie markers. Leave the lines sharp, or use rubbing alcohol to create a watercolor effect.

ADULTS:

GREAT DECISIONS:

2nd Monday of each month: March thru October 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland Library
April 8th “The Middle East: regional disorder”

Every year, more and more people seek to educate themselves on what it means to be a global citizen. If you are curious, have passionate opinions about politics, social and cultural norms, historical precedents and national and foreign policy, this in-depth discussion group is for you. The Great Decisions Discussion Program, created by the Foreign Policy Association of America in 1954, is America's largest grassroots discussion program that focuses on world affairs. The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. Before each meeting participants are asked to read an article from the Great Decisions briefing book, then meet as a group where they will watch a *DVD* of interviews and information relating to the article, and follow up with a thoughtful and engaging discussion. **This group will be open to ALL ages.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and Ashland Senior Center.

ART WORKSHOPS:

All classes and supplies are free, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. These classes are open to **everyone age 18 and over**, living in Ashland or any other community. Thank you to our wonderful teachers, who are not only volunteering their time and creativity, but also various supplies and lots of community spirit. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED and classes fill quickly. If you try to register, but the class is full, please put your name on the waiting list as we frequently have last minute cancellations. Register for these programs on the Friends website <http://www.friendsoftheapl.com/>**

Saturday, April 13 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. UPCYCLED-BOOK CARD-HOLDER

Join Terri Delaune, CZT, as we create unique upcycled books that become works of art and are useful as card holders for business cards, greeting cards, zentangle tiles, or other small works of art. We will be using old hardcover books and decorating them with washi tape and fancy papers. **Limit 16**



Saturday, April 27

1:00 -3:00 p.m.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Come join Jan Poppendieck to create a variety of seasonal greeting cards using stamps, embossing and die-cutting techniques to create very special and personal greetings. **Limit 12**

STAR PARTIES:

Keep your eyes on the Friends Facebook page and Twitter for info about the next Star Party date. Star Parties are weather dependent and we can only make plans a few days in advance.

BUILDING A PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP:

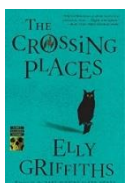
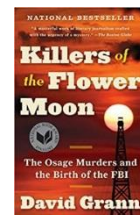
Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 a.m. Preschool Principal Sara Davidson and Warren Elementary Principal Pet Regan will be at the Library to meet with parents and answer questions you might have. Snacks, activities and supervision will be provided, so feel free to bring your children. Hosted by the Friends and the Ashland MOMS Club.

BOOK CHAT:

Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Meet with other avid readers in the community to discuss books. The book you choose to discuss could be something you've recently read, your absolute favorite book, or maybe a popular book you just don't understand. Enjoy book recommendations from your neighbors and from Library staff! Contact Ashley Place at the Library if you have questions. **We are looking forward to reconvening at the Corner Spot in May!**

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 **April 30th** the group will discuss Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann. *The fascinating true story about the mysterious killings of 24 Osage Native Americans in the early 1920s. The Osage fought to protect their resources on their land. The author has painstakingly researched this work of nonfiction. The book also cover the beginning of the FBI agency as the investigators, Rangers and law enforcement needed assistance in solving these horrific crimes.*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

The Wednesday Night Readers meets from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. to discuss a book (usually) every other month. On April 10th they will be discussing The Crossing Places, by Elly Griffiths. *Archaeologist Ruth Galloway investigates a child's bones found on a nearby beach, thought to be the remains of a little girl who went missing ten years before. This is the first book in a popular series.*

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.

APRIL TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

ART IN THE LIBRARY:

DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY



April 1st – 30th “Curious Characters” Pianista Paintings and Prints from the Veneto Collection created by Michael Frassinelli Holliston resident and artist Michael Frassinelli has created a mythological society/culture. In two past exhibits at the library he presented several aspects of the Pianista culture: a variety of objects used in everyday life, ceremonies and weapons. The focus for this exhibit will be the paintings & prints of figures wearing traditional Pianista masks and ceremonial regalia, along with notes from ‘experts’. A fascinating exhibit from a culture that exists only in the

imagination. A comprehensive and incredibly enthralling catalogue of the Pianista culture will be available for purchase. An exhibit NOT to be missed.

Upstairs Display Case

April 1st–June 15th “Close To My Heart” Clay works by students of Arti Bhola Goulatia at the Ceramics Garage Ashland resident Arti Goulatia is the owner of The Ceramics Garage studio, where she creates her wonderful ceramic objects and teaches clay classes to children and adults. This exhibit focuses on the work her students have created this past year. Another in a series of art exhibits at the library presenting the amazing work of students from different art studio classes, in a variety of media that take place in Ashland... a community embracing the arts.

There are 4 large paintings by Al Perry on exhibit in the upstairs Fireplace lounges. These are on extended viewing for the next several months. Photographer Bill Horseman has a group of photos on display in the Cheever's Conference room.

FRIENDS' FRIDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES:

Feature films are shown every **Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.** on our large HD screen. Comfortable, padded chairs! For upcoming titles please see the movie schedule is available in the entrance lobby of the Library.