



# ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MAY 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*  
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Library Goodreads Account: [www.goodreads.com/AshlandPublicLibraryMA/](http://www.goodreads.com/AshlandPublicLibraryMA/)  
Friends of the Library website: <http://www.friendsoftheapl.com/>  
Friends Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheAshlandPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheAshlandPublicLibrary/)

### **HOLIDAY CLOSING:**

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.



### **FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Please join the Friends of the Library in celebrating the accomplishments of the past year. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

The Friends of the Library run programs for all ages by raising money through Book & Cupcake Sales, grants, contributions and annual memberships. This year the all-volunteer group:

- Increased its adult offerings with a wider variety of Adult Art workshops and piano recitals.
- Offered a variety of educational and cultural programs for all ages, such as continuing the award winning Courageous Conversations series and adding more museum passes.
- Collaborated with the Ashland Senior Center to develop and present a foreign policy discussion series called Great Decisions.

### **STAR WARS DAY – MAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> (BE WITH YOU!):**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Join us for Star Wars activities and photo ops! Come in costume if you want; play “I Spy” Star Wars; coloring pages, activity sheets; refreshments. **In the downstairs lobby and in the Children’s Room.**

### **CHILDREN:**

#### **FAMILY FUN FAIR:**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00** Join Project ABC for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Ashland Early Childhood Community Fair – activities for kids (ages 0-8) and supportive resources for parents. This Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) event will incorporate statewide initiatives such as Brain Building In Progress, STEAM, kindergarten readiness, and early literacy. Held in the lower level of the Library.



#### **KIDDING AROUND YOGA WITH PAMELA:**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 – 12:00 Caregivers and children ages 2 – 4** Kids and their caregivers are invited to experience the joy of yoga together! Meditate, dance, and learn poses. Best of all - relax together while having fun! Come dressed ready to move. Bring water and a yoga mat if you have one.

**12:00 – 1:00 Namaste & Play Kids Yoga for ages 5-7** Kids are invited to learn “tools” for handling stress and living in a mindful way. Experience different methods of breathing and meditating, along with poses and activities to increase focus. Yoga is good for every Body! Come dressed ready to move. Bring water and a yoga mat if you have one.

### **EARLY RELEASE DAY:**

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. for Gr. 2 - 5     **STEM Stations** Come play with a variety of STEM toys  
2:00 p.m. for age 4-Gr. 1     **STEM Story Time “Pennies”** Listen to stories & do a fun experiment to see what every day ingredients will clean dirty pennies.



### **YOUNG FAMILIES:**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. “Mystery Music Tour with Greg Cooney”

Join us for a fun morning with music and instruments.

**SPACE IS LIMITED: Free tickets are handed out as people arrive.**



### **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.

We also hold Lap Sit one Saturday each month. The next date will be **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-10:45 a.m.**

### **LEGOS CLUB:**

Thursdays May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. May topics include “Rainforests”, “Spiders”, “Octopuses”, and “Trees”.

### **READ-TO-A-DOG:**

Read to Knives or Machete on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Read to Bear on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**



### **ART & ECOLOGY:**

Fridays at 4:00 p.m. May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Kids in Grades 2 – 5 can come learn about conservation and taking care of the planet and make related craft project. **Space is limited.**

### **TEENS:**

#### **DIY BOARD GAME:**

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for Grades 6-12 Make up your board game to play with your friends. Use pieces of incomplete board games to help assemble your custom game.

#### **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, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

## ADULTS:

### COLLEGE . . . NEXT STOP!:

**Thursday, May 2 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** A unique, interactive program designed for parents of college bound students. In the rush and flurry of the college search process little to no time is spent focusing on how parents will handle the move to college and how this milestone will impact everyone in the family. This program will help parents think about how to cope with their student's growing maturity and the new relationship that lies ahead.

### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ASHLAND:

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Ashland Elder Services is committed to becoming a "Dementia Friendly Community". As a town we can all take part in creating a community where people with dementia feel safe, understood and supported. Join Tammy Pozerycki, owner and educator of Alternatives in Alzheimer's Care, for an informative and enlightening program about how to be supportive to those residents who either suffer from or care for someone with dementia. Tammy's trainings are based on the best practices in dementia care.

### GREAT DECISIONS:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland Library** The next session will be on **May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Every year, more and more people seek to educate themselves on what it means to be a global citizen. 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/>**

### CREATE A SUCCULENT GARDEN:

**Saturday, May 18 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** with Clay Elements and the Ashland Garden Club

A fun workshop where participants will create a succulent garden and sculpt polymer clay decorative mushroom accents. Chris Gatti of the AGC will also give a short presentation on succulent garden care. All necessary supplies will be provided.

**CLASS IS FULL – please register for the Wait List**

### COFFEE, COLORING, CREATIVITY & FANCY NAME TAG MAKING:

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Join our group of Creative Ashland Adults in a relaxed evening of working on any artistic or creative project you bring along or use our huge stash of art supplies to make greeting cards, create a unique name tag for future art events, use our adult coloring books, use our embossing folders, die cut shapes, or create a vision board --- You pick your project and we provide community and coffee or tea. **Limited to 25 participants.**



### STAR PARTIES:

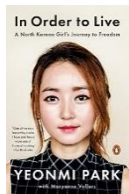
Keep your eyes on the Friends Facebook page and Twitter for info about the next Star Party date. Star Parties are weather dependent and we can only make plans a few days in advance.

### BOOK CHAT:

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7:00 p.m.** On **May 28<sup>th</sup>** the group will discuss Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. *In Shaker Heights, a placid progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned – from the layout of the roads to the colors of the houses. No one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson. Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenage daughter. Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.*



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:**

The Wednesday Night Readers meets from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. to discuss a book (usually) every other month. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> they will be discussing In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom, by Yeonmi Park. *Yeonmi Park has told the harrowing story of her escape from North Korea as a child many times, but never before has she revealed the most intimate and devastating details of the repressive society she was raised in and the enormous price she paid to escape.*

### **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](http://www.friendsoftheapl.com).

#### **“Black in Latin America: Cuba: The Next Revolution,” will be shown on May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores Cuban history with a focus on race history and race relations in Cuba. The Haitian revolution and the collapse of the Haitian sugar plantations opened the door for sugar production in Cuba. Hundreds of thousands of African slaves were brought to Cuba to work the sugar plantations that created wealth for the Spanish colonizers. Throughout the film, Professor Gates is focused on these questions: Did the revolution abolish racism? Is there racism in Cuba today? Does Cuba repress the history and culture of black Africans in Cuba?

### **ART IN THE LIBRARY:**

#### **DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY**

#### **May 2 -June 15 “Atmosphere” Pastels by Catherine Howe**

Hopkinton resident Catherine Howe is passionate about pastels because of their pure pigments and rich colors. She draws inspiration from nature, both water and sky,. In her pastel images, Catherine tries to capture moments of silence and movement in the sky; the calm before the storm, and the relationship between the shifting atmosphere and the constant changes in the sea.



#### **UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE**

#### **April 1<sup>st</sup>-June 15<sup>th</sup> “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 available in the entrance lobby of the Library.