



MORE THAN A LIBRARY

Built in 1904 and expanded in 2005, the Ashland Public Library offers a variety of free programming, events, materials for all ages, study rooms, and community meeting spaces.

Your free library card grants you access to museum passes and materials throughout the Minuteman Library Network, including, books, DVDs, and digital materials!

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10-8
 Friday: 10-6
 Saturday*: 10-5

*Farmers Market Season
 Saturdays: 9-4
 Closed Sundays & Legal Holidays

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ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
 AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY HOURS:

Remember: Our Saturday hours change with the Farmers Market season.

The Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. from June 8th until mid-October, to accommodate people who visit the Farmer’s Market, located just across the street at 125 Front Street. If you haven’t yet visited the Ashland Farmers Market you are in for a treat – we have one of the best Farmers Markets in the area!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

The 2019 Ashland Summer Reading Program will **end on Saturday, August 10th**. Be sure to log all your minutes – let’s see if we can beat last year’s total of 1,147,544 minutes! August 10th is the last day you can count your reading minutes, but you have until Saturday, August 24th to catch up on your logging and until Saturday, August 31st to pick up your prizes.

No prizes will be given out after Labor Day.



KIDS -- Earn a BONUS book by completing all 8 weeks of reading and at least 5 of the Activity Badges!



FAMILY JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE:

Thursday, August 1st 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Each team of 2-12 people will work against the clock to complete a jigsaw puzzle. You choose your starting time – please allow at least 60 minutes for your team to finish. Puzzles will have between 200 – 500 pieces. Please contact Miss Lois to register at lmcauliffe@ashlandmass.com or 508-881-0134 ext. 5

CHILDREN:

ALIEN UNDERPANTS STORY TIME:

Tuesday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 7 Come listen to some seriously silly stories about underpants and make an alien underpants craft.

TEACHER TALES:

Assorted evenings in August at 6:30 p.m. Come listen to your favorite teachers read stories.

- Aug. 5 Rachel Kriegsman
- Aug. 13 Meghan Robshaw
- Aug. 15 Megan Brown
- Aug. 20 Joanne Forrest
- Aug. 21 Kristi Corbin
- Aug. 27 6:00 Trisha Callahan & CJ Wolfram
- 6:30 Meghan Clark
- Aug. 28 Jennifer Temple
- Aug. 29 Leigh Tripp



LEGO CLUB:

Thursday, August 8th & 22nd at 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.

FAIRY HOUSES:

Saturdays during July and August from 9:30 am- 1:30 pm. Weather permitting All ages Build a fairy house or gnome home in the Library's sculpture garden, using natural materials, such as bark, sticks and pebbles.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

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. **Saturday Lap Sit: August 24th at 10:15 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. August topics include "Turtles", "Teeth", "Our Bodies", "Cactuses", and "Man-Made Wonders".



READ-TO-A-DOG:

Read to Knives or Machete on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12th & 26th

Read to Bear on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8th & 22nd

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:

No Playgroup at the library during summer months. Instead, the YMCA's Project ABC will offer activities at Kidspot, The Corner Spot, Holliston's Good Will Park, and Hopkinton's EMC Park. Please email LAbolfazli@metrowestymca.org with any questions or to get on their email list.

LITTLE CRAFTERS:

No Little Crafters during the summer months. Instead, the Mom's Club will be offering **Tot Spot** at the Corner Spot (on the corner of Main Street & Pleasant St.) on Monday mornings this summer.

TEENS:

TEEN DIY GALAXY SHOES:

Thursday, August 1st for Grades 7-12 5:00 -6:00 p.m.

Bring your own white pair of cloth shoes to decorate in a galaxy theme using Sharpies. White shirt, hat, or pillowcase are OK alternatives.

TEEN DIY PLANET JEWELRY:

Wednesday, August 7th for Grades 7-12 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Create your own felt planet to hang from a necklace, bracelet, or keychain.

ADULTS:

BOOK CHAT:

New Time! New Location Wednesday, August 7th 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Spot

Come chat about books! What have you read lately? Whether you loved it, hated it, we want to know. After the meeting, you'll have a nice list of recommendations for you 'To Be Read' pile! If weather is undesirable, we will meet at the library. Check Facebook for updates.

GREAT DECISIONS:

2nd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland Library The next session will be on **August 12th**

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. 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 is open to ALL ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and Ashland Senior Center.



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.

ADULT PAINT NIGHT:

Tuesday, August 20 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Artist Nancy Atkinson will instruct painters to create an evening sky votive.

FRONT STREET READERS:

The Front Street readers will reconvene on August 27th with *My Dear Hamilton*. The Front Street Readers book discussion group meets (usually) on the **4th Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

Readers will reconvene in September. This group generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday **of the month at the Library at 6:30 p.m.**

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.

There will be no Documentary Film in August.

ART IN THE LIBRARY:

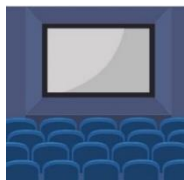
DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY and UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE

Ashland High School Middle School Annual Summer Art Exhibit June 20 -August 24, 2019

On exhibit for the summer is the annual summer exhibition of art work done this past school year by the talented students in Ashland High School and the Ashland Middle School. On exhibit will be creative art projects from AHS studio art classes and the middle school art program. Included will be drawings, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, multi-media and digital graphic design. This is always a popular exhibit and not to be missed.

Anthony Antonellis is exhibiting 5 of his unique wood creations in one of the fireplace lounge areas adjacent to the main circulation desk and one adjacent to the main computer area. They are intricate patterned wood assemblages, carefully crafted and finished. Unusual and visually dynamic in appearance. Enjoy.

On extended loan, in the downstairs conference room are photographs by Bill Horsman, a commercial and fine art photographer who has exhibited in the library and currently has his studio in downtown Ashland. A very fine exhibit featuring Bill's creative photographic imagery of water and window reflections.



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.