



**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 NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

**HOLIDAY CLOSING:** The library will close on Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day.



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The Library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> so that our staff may enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

The Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PASSES TO HOPKINTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS!**

**We have tickets for one free admission to any of the following events:**

**First Friday Open Mic:** Singers, musicians, songwriters, poets, and storytellers of all ages are invited to perform. Come bring your guitar, your comedy, and your enthusiasm to perform to the HCA.

**Jazz Jam:** Come enjoy the music of the monthly jazz band and bring your instrument to jump into the jam in the second half of the performance!

**Cabaret Open Mic:** If you love musical theater, the American songbook, or just belting out your favorite song of the week then join us for our NEW Cabaret Open Mic! Our Cabaret Open Mic includes a host for each evening and piano accompanist.

**Children’s Entertainment Series:** Come to the HCA for magic and music! Our Children’s Entertainment Series are great ways to spend an afternoon watching incredible performers from around the state share their talent with little ones.

**First Friday Open Mic: Friday, November 1st at 7 PM**

**Cabaret Open Mic: Friday, November 8th at 7:30 PM**

**Sunday Jazz Jam: Sunday, November 10th, 11 AM-2 PM**

**STAR WARS READS DAY:**

**Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Drop-in for photo ops and activities all day long.** The Jedi Council requests the presence of all padawans ages 5 to 105 to join us to celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Star Wars Reads Day. **Star Wars Symposium with Peter Struzziero at 11:30 a.m. This program is suitable for the whole family – age 5 and up.** Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character! Adult and teen cosplayers encouraged to attend as well.

**FAMILY JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE:**

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Our Puzzle Challenge this summer was so much fun that we decided to repeat it. Bring your out-of-town guests along and come see how fast your group can put together a puzzle. The puzzles have between 200-500 pieces. You choose your start time – last start time will be at 2:00 p.m. Please allow a minimum of one hour for this program – your group might take longer to complete your puzzle.

**CHILDREN:**

**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 Saturday Lap Sit will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**

### **PAJAMA STORY TIME:**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **PORTUGUESE STORY TIME:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. For ages 3 – 6** Come listen to Miss Celina read picture books in Portuguese.



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

Kids can improve their oral reading skills by reading to one of our certified therapy dogs. **Space is limited.** The dogs are here between 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Each child has a 10 minute turn and time slots are assigned upon arrival. Choose your own book to read.

<b>Read to Knives or Machete on Mondays</b>	<b>Nov. 4 &amp; 18</b>
<b>Read to Cosmo on Wednesdays</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>
<b>Read to Bear on Thursdays</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>



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

**Friday mornings from 10:30-11:15 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. November topics include “Shapes”, “Fireflies”, “Farms”, and “Giraffes”. **IMPORTANT: Because Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day the STEAM Story Time will be held at 2:00 p.m. – open to Pre-K through Grade 1. Space will be limited to 20 kids.**

### **EARLY RELEASE DAYS:**

**Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. S.T.E.A.M. Story Time for Pre-K – Grade 1 “Fireflies”** Listen to books about fireflies and make a firefly craft that really lights up!  
**3:00 p.m. S.T.E.M. Stations for Gr. 2 – 5** Come play with an assortment of STEM toys, including Hex Bugs, K’Nex, Snap Circuits and more.



### **ART & ECOLOGY:**

**Kids in Grades 2 – 5** can come learn about conservation and taking care of the planet and make related craft project. **Friday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
*Topic to be announced Space is limited.*

### **YOUNG FAMILIES:**



**Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. “Wild About Turtles”** What do turtles eat? Where do turtles live? Why do turtles have hard shells? How do you tell the difference between a boy turtle and a girl turtle? Find out the answers to these questions and more. Meet some live turtles. **This program is for age 3 – up. Space is limited. Free tickets will be passed out in the lower lobby starting at 10:00 a.m. the day of the program.**

### **LEGOS CLUB:**

**Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</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

### **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 – this program often fills before 11:00. Please email [LABolfazli@metrowestymca.org](mailto:LABolfazli@metrowestymca.org) with any questions or to get on their email list.

### **MOM’S CLUB LITTLE CRAFTERS:**

**Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 10:15–11:15 a.m.** The Mom’s Club of Ashland and the Friends of the Library offer a story & craft program for **infants–age 5** on the third Monday of each month. Adult caregivers are asked to participate with the children.

**TEENS:**

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> for grades 9-12 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** This is a special date because of Halloween

This is your library as much as it is anyone else’s. Why not have a say in what happens here? Join the Teen Advisory Board to plan programs, pick books, and generally make this library a place you want to visit. Open to any high school student. **Each meeting counts as an hour of community service.**



**NOT-YOUR-AVERAGE PAINT NIGHT:**

**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for grades 6-12 4:30 -5:30 p.m.**

Create your own Fall Tree masterpiece, using anything but a paintbrush!

**ADULTS:**

**ADULT ART WORKSHOPS:**



**November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Simple Bookbinding Techniques and Journal Making with Jane O’Leary**

Join us for a night of creative bookmaking. Jane will teach us to create an easy handmade journal using decorated papers, embellishments and a simple stitching technique. Everyone will go home with a unique journal to gift or keep. Limited to 12 participants. Registration required. **Sign up at:** <https://www.friendsoftheapl.com/event/adult-art>

**November 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Drop-In Card making with Jan Poppendieck**

Come join us for an evening of card making with Jan. We will learn stamping and card making techniques using our huge stash of supplies. Everyone will be free to select their papers and card styles in this open format workshop. Jan will teach embossing, die cutting, proper stamping, and use of equipment individually and group techniques of creating unique cards. There is no registration required, just come on by for a creative evening.

**BOOK CHAT:**

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Schiesske Meeting Room**

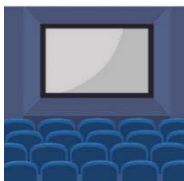
Join Book Chat, the NOT Book Club, where you're encouraged to read whatever you want! Tell us what you've read and hear recommendations from others! Come chat about books! What have you read lately? Whether you loved it, hated it, we want to know. After the meeting, you'll have a nice list of recommendations for you ‘*To Be Read*’ pile!

**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 **November 26<sup>th</sup> the group will discuss Cascade, by Maryanne O’Hara**, an Ashland resident. *A young artist sacrifices her dreams so that she can care for her elderly father and save his theater. Add a romantic interest and a setting that is facing extinction due to the flooding of Massachusetts towns to create the Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies water to the city of Boston.*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:**

This group generally meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday **of the month at the Library at 6:30 p.m.** **No meeting in November.**



**FRIENDS' FRIDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES:**

Feature films are shown on our large HD screen every Friday evening.

**During November and December films will begin at 6:30 pm.** Comfortable, padded chairs!

For upcoming titles please see the movie schedule available in the entrance lobby of the Library.

**DOCUMENTARY FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES:**

The Ashland Documentary Film & Discussion Series has been running continuously since 2005, taking an in-depth look at important topics of our day. Discussions are often lively and thought-provoking. All points of view are welcomed. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Library. For more information, call the library, 508-881-0134, or visit [www.friendsoftheapl.com](http://www.friendsoftheapl.com). This program is free and open to the public.

**“Dark Money” Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** *A political thriller, Dark Money examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials, according to the film’s website, [www.darkmoneyfilm.com](http://www.darkmoneyfilm.com). The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow an intrepid local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision. Through this gripping story, Dark Money uncovers the shocking and vital truth of how American elections are bought and sold. This Sundance award-winning documentary is directed/produced by Kimberly Reed (PRODIGAL SONS) and produced by Katy Chevigny (E-TEAM).*

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

#### **DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY**

#### **“AQUA TERRA” Paintings by Pamela DeJong Oct. 31 - Nov. 30**

Ashland resident Pamela DeJong presents a series of paintings which has been a focus of conceptual study for the past several years, including protecting the oceans, the Gulf of Maine, and Buzzards Bay environmental awareness. Treating and managing the human assault on our earth’s natural resources will heal ourselves. Images can promote healing by creating a calm or energetic visual experience. We can be reminded of the beauty we inherited. We can heal, protect and preserve our environment, thereby healing, protecting and preserving ourselves.

**There will be an Artist’s reception in the gallery on Saturday, Nov 23, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.**

#### **UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE**

#### **Book Illustration: 19<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This exhibit is a sampling of some of the leading book illustrators who worked during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the United States. The examples in this exhibit will change approximately every 2 weeks.

Anthony Antonellis is exhibiting five of his unique wood creations in the fireplace lounge area, adjacent to the main circulation desk, and another one is exhibited near the public computers. The pieces are intricately patterned wood assemblages, carefully crafted and finished. Enjoy this visually dynamic exhibit.

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.