



MORE THAN A LIBRARY

Library Hours

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

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

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!

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ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



HOLIDAY CLOSING:

The Library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and remain closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25th. The Library will also close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31st and remained closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK & CUPCAKE SALE:

MEMBER PREVIEW SALE Friday, Dec. 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Not yet a member of the Friends of the Ashland Public Library? Join that night or join online!

BOOK & CUPCAKE SALE Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Books make fabulous holiday gifts and stocking stuffers, and at these prices you can give even more? There will also be a scrumptious assortment of cupcakes to satisfy your sweet tooth!



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.

Friday, December 7th, (7:00 pm sign up) 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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!

Sunday, December 8th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m

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.

Friday, December 13th, (7:00 pm sign up) 7:30-9:30 p.m

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.

Sunday, January 12: Toe Jam Puppet Band Winter Show, 3 p.m.

KANOPY STREAMING VIDEOS:

Kanopy, with Kanopy Kids, 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. Expand your knowledge with The Great Courses without using any credits!

Download the Kanopy App on any of your devices, including your smart TV, to begin watching.

CHILDREN:

PAJAMA STORY TIME:

Tuesday, Dec. 10th 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:

Thursday, Nov. 19th at 6:30 p.m. For ages 3 – 6
Come listen to Miss Celina read picture books in Portuguese.



EARLY RELEASE DAY:

Friday, Dec. 20th 1:00 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. **Space is limited.** Kids under age 10 must be with an adult.

2:00 p.m. S.T.E.A.M. Story Time for age 4 – Grade 1 “Creativity” Listen to books about creativity and make a craft project. **Space is limited.**

SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS:

Monday, Dec. 23rd FAMILY MOVIE 4:00 p.m. A popular new release! Please call the Children's Room for the title. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn will be provided – bring your own drink.

Thursday, Dec. 26th LEGOS CLUB 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

Thursday, Dec. 26th MEET THE AUTHORS 6:00 p.m. Self-published Shrewsbury teens, David T. Lee and Laura T. Lee, will talk about how they wrote and self-published their books. They will be reading aloud from their books and will finish with a Q & A session with the audience. If you have ever dreamed about writing your own book come meet the Lees and get some first-hand tips! The Lees books are currently available to check out in the Children's Room.

Thursday, Dec. 26th READ-TO-A-DOG with Bear 6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Each child has a 10 minute turn and time slots are assigned upon arrival. Choose your own book to read.

Friday, Dec. 27th S.T.E.A.M. Story Time 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 ½ - 6 “Speed” 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.

Friday, Dec. 27th Art & Ecology 4:00 p.m. for Kind. – Gr. 5 Come learn about taking care of endangered animals and our environment and make a related craft project. Topic to be announced. **Space is limited.**

Saturday, Dec. 28th CUPCAKE WARS! Kidz Cooking with Miss Debbie 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. for age 6 and Up. Space is limited. To register call us 508-881-0134 or email LMcAuliffe@ashlandmass.com

Monday, Dec. 30th BACKSTAGE DANCE NUTCRACKER PROGRAM

11:00 a.m. for ages 3-5 1:00 p.m. for ages 6-8 Space is limited. To register call us 508-881-0134 or email LMcAuliffe@ashlandmass.com

Monday, Dec. 30th READ-TO-A-DOG with Knives or Machete 6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Each child has a 10 minute turn and time slots are assigned upon arrival. Choose your own book to read.

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 December 28th at 10:15 a.m.**

YOUNG FAMILIES:

Saturday, Dec. 14th 10:30 a.m. “Baby Sign Language” with Sheryl White. This program is for **age 2 months to pre-verbal. Space is limited.** Free tickets will be passed out in the lower lobby starting at 10:00 a.m. the day of the program.



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.

Read to Knives or Machete Mondays	Dec. 2, 16, & 30
Read to Cosmo on Wednesdays	Dec. 4 & 18
Read to Bear on Thursdays	Dec. 12 & 26



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. December topics include “Alpacas & Llamas”, “Fossils”, “Creativity” and “Speed”. **On December 20th STEAM meets at 2:00 p.m.**



ART & ECOLOGY:

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

LEGOS CLUB:

Thursdays, Dec. 12th & 26th 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 with any questions or to get on their email list. **We will NOT meet on Tuesday 12/24, 12/30 nor Thursday, 12/26, 1/1/20!**

MOM’S CLUB LITTLE CRAFTERS:

Monday, Dec. 16th 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, Dec. 11th 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.**

STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP:

Wednesday, December 18th for Grades 6-12 at 4:30pm Make a colorful faux stained glass to take home. Choose a pattern from movies, comics, video games, or make your own!

ADULTS:



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.

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES:



The Friends of the Ashland Public Library presents their second Sunday Concert Series program, *Sounds of the Season*, on **Sunday December 22nd from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.** The concert will feature the Ariel Quintet, a locally-based woodwind chamber group. Come enjoy an assortment of holiday favorites which promise to be festive fun for all ages! Admission is free and the concert will be followed by a reception. To receive the latest concert series updates, please email the SCS Committee Chair, Marina Krickler at: music@friendsoftheapl.org

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS:

December 10th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tag Stravaganza with Christine Poirier

Registration required. Sign up at: <https://www.friendsoftheapl.com/event/adult-art>

Come get crafty and make a multitude of gift tags for the winter holidays or special gift giving. We will pull out all the art supplies, roll up our sleeves and get creative making three types of gift tags that can be adapted for any occasion. Registration required. Limited to 14 participants.

December 13th 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Tag Stravaganza with Lisa Spindler

Registration required. Sign up at: <https://www.friendsoftheapl.com/event/adult-art>

Come get crafty and make a multitude of gift tags for the winter holidays or special gift giving. We will pull out all the art supplies, roll up our sleeves and get creative making three types of gift tags that can be adapted for any occasion. Registration required. Limited to 12 participants.



INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB:

Tuesday, January 14th 2:00 p.m. Schiesske Meeting Room

The Ashland Public Library and the Ashland Senior Center want to provide the opportunity for adults to bond through a shared love of books. We will choose books that are available through standard print, and other alternative formats, allowing different voices to participate in this discussion. All adults are welcome! Bring your parent, your child, your friend, your neighbor, while we will enjoy light refreshments and have great conversations!

Pick up your books the week of December 2nd, and join us for a discussion on Tuesday, January 14th.

BOOK CHAT:

Wednesday, November 6th 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 4th Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7:00 p.m. **No meeting in December. On January 7th the group will discuss *Imagine That*, by Mark Fins. *Big-hearted 8 year old Mark Leonard lives on the brink of two worlds: one steeped in the hardship of post WW II America; the other where he's buoyed by his exceptionally vivid imagination.***

WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

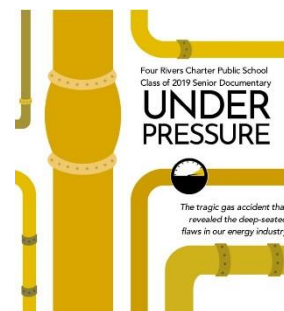
This group generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday **of the month at the Library at 6:30 p.m.** The next book will be *Educated*, by Tara Westover, which will be discussed on January 22nd. *An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.*

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. This program is free and open to the public. (description of program continued on next page)

Under Pressure (45 min.) Thursday, Dec. 12

Under Pressure was made by 30 students from the Four Rivers Charter Public School class of 2019. Born in this century, the students are the generation Noam Chomsky says “will have to make a decision of cosmic significance . . . will organized human society survive?” The film deals with the first of the two enormous threats – environmental catastrophe. Students examined the Merrimack Valley disaster and, over a semester, discovered how corporate profits gain control over and corrupt government, spin narratives and disinformation that confuse and mislead, and seek to retain short-term profit at any cost – including the cost of human survival itself. In the film, the students present their discovery of how corporate capitalism works and their answer to it: rise up now, organize now, resist now, and vote for change now. Regain control of the political and economic system and place it in the service of a humane future. The film has particular relevance for Ashland and Hopkinton where Eversource Energy proposes doubling the width in nearly four miles of natural gas pipeline.



ART IN THE LIBRARY:

DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY

The 14th Annual Senior Watercolor Exhibition” Dec. 3 – Jan. 11

The Senior Citizen watercolor classes, under the direction of Suzie Meeker, are once again presenting their best work of the year in this annual exhibit. Come down and view these wonderful paintings. . . .always a treat to see the talent that Ashland seniors display in their watercolor paintings.

UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE

Thematic Playing Cards Nov. 1 – Jan. 15

An exhibit of various types of illustrated playing cards, on loan from a local library patron. The card games included are in various themes: fortune telling, transportation, & wildlife. This patron has been collecting for some time and enjoys sharing parts of the collection with the public. An interesting collection of cards rich in visual images.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

ILLUMINATE DOWNTOWN ASHLAND

Saturday, December 14th from 4:30 - 7:30p.m. Annemarie's Dance Centre has partnered with Arts! Ashland Alliance and the Town of Ashland to shine a light on our thriving arts community Saturday, December 14th from 4:30 - 7:30PM. Event begins at 111 Cherry Street (dance studio) at 4:30PM. Event is kid-friendly, free and open to the public. The Corner Spot, WAITT, Bagel Table, Historical Society, Town Hall, Blush Bouquets, Ashland Reiki and Wellness, Needham Bank, Library, Erica's and Stone's are the stops along the way that will feature dance, art, music crafts and more. Leave your car behind while you experience the magic of the season, the beauty of the luminaries and the importance of the arts in Ashland. The Friends of the Ashland Public Library will host a performance by Ashland’s High School Chorus, student art, luminaries. The student art will feature pieces by children of all ages from toddlers to high school students.