



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

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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!

ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



HOLIDAY CLOSING:

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st for New Year's Day
 The Library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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, January 3rd at 7 pm

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, January 12th at 11 am to 1:30 pm

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, January 10th at 7 pm

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, Jan. 14th 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!



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 January 25th at 10:15 a.m.**

YOUNG FAMILIES:

Saturday, Jan. 11th 10:30 a.m. "Fossils & Dinosaurs" Fun with Science

Dressed for digging, intrepid fossil hunter Paulette Morin introduces children to the wonders of dinosaurs and our prehistoric past. This presentation touches on the Who, What, Where and When of the dinosaurs. With more than 100 fossil specimens and our enthusiastic storytelling, your children will be sure to learn and have fun.



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	Jan. 13 & 27
Read to Bear on Thursdays	Jan. 9 & 23



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. January topics include “New Year’s”, “The Letter X”, “Hearing”, “Snow”, and “The Magic of 3”.



ART & ECOLOGY:

Kids in Kindergarten – Grade 5 can come learn about conservation and taking care of the planet and make a related craft project. **Two Friday afternoons per month 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. January 10th & 31st Space is limited.**

LEGOS CLUB:

Thursdays, Jan. 9th & 23rd 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 Thursday, January 2nd.**

MOM’S CLUB LITTLE CRAFTERS:

Monday, Jan. 27th 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, Jan. 29th for grades 9-12 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Each meeting counts as an hour of community service. 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.

MAGAZINE ART:

Wednesday, Jan. 8th for Grades 6 -12 at 4:30 p.m.

Use old magazine pages to make colorful new artwork. Your choice: make a picture, a coiled bowl or a frame.



MID-TERM STUDY SESSION:

January 21st through 27th for Grades 9-12

Do you need a place to study where you won't be distracted by your family? All Ashland High students are invited to study for mid-terms at the Library. Snacks, drinks and stress relief materials will be provided.

Tuesday, Jan. 21st 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22nd 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23rd 2:00 -7:00 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 27th 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ADULTS:



FRIENDS' FRIDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES:

Feature films are shown on our large HD screen **every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.**

Comfortable, padded chairs! For upcoming titles please see the movie schedule available in the entrance lobby of the Library.

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS:

DROP IN CARD MAKING with Jan

January 15th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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!



INTRO TO KNITTING with Samantha

January 18th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Maximum of 15 new knitters

Come in from the cold and to learn to knit in one afternoon. Samantha will teach our group the basics, from holding the yarn and needles to using the basic stitch. In just one class everyone will be knitting their own scarf. Open to anyone from absolute beginners to those who just need a refresher. We also welcome experienced knitters. Please join us for an afternoon of stitching

and socializing. All supplies included.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, all classes are free, include all supplies and are open to everyone 18 and over living in Ashland and 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.



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!

The group will be discussing *The Beantown Girls*, by Jean Healey on Tuesday, January 14th.

BOOK CHAT:

Wednesday, January 8th 7:00 p.m. Cheever Conference 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. On **January 28th the group will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. *Pachinko* tells the story of Korean immigrants living in Japan between 1910 and today, a family saga that explores the effects of poverty, abuse, war, suicide, and the accumulation of wealth on multiple generations.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

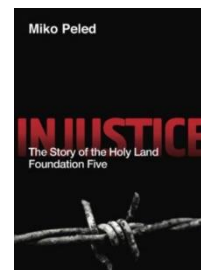
This group generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Library at 6:30 p.m. The next book will be Educated, by Tara Westover, which will be discussed on January 22nd. *An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a 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 <https://www.friendsoftheapl.org/>. This program is free and open to the public.

Injustice: The Holy Land Foundation Five (60 min) Thursday, Jan. 9th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Is it possible that five decent men served 15-65 year sentences in the harshest, most dangerous U.S. prisons for charitable work largely directed at alleviating the suffering of Palestinian children? In July 2004, federal agents raided the homes of five Palestinian-American families, arresting the five dads. The first trial of the “Holy Land Foundation Five” ended in a hung jury. The second, marked by highly questionable procedures, resulted in very lengthy sentences—for “supporting terrorism” by donating to charities that the U.S. government itself and other respected international agencies had long worked with.



In 2013, Israeli-American activist and author Miko Peled started investigating this case. Peled discussed the miscarriages of justice with the men’s lawyers and heard from the families about the devastating effects the case had on their lives. He also traveled to the remote federal prison complexes where the men were held to conduct unprecedentedly deep interviews with them.

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.

Watercolor Landscape Paintings by Kerry G Evans Jan. 16 – Feb. 28

Medfield artist Kerry Evans has been painting and teaching for many years. Her focus is the natural world around us and the intersection between reality and abstraction: shapes, colors, sensations, & emotions. An exhibit of vibrant and flowing paintings. There will be an **Artist’s Reception on Saturday, Jan. 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. All are invited.**

UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE

Thematic Playing Cards Continues until January 15th

An exhibit of various types of illustrated playing cards 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.