

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 FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



HOLIDAY CLOSING:

The Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17th for President's Day

PASSES TO HOPKINTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS!

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

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, February 7th 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, February 9th 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.

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.

Saturday, February 8: Bending Gravity at 3 pm



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:

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK:

SILLY STORY TIME:

Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 2:00 p.m. For ages 3-up Listen to some very silly stories with Miss Lois.

PAJAMA STORY TIME:

Tuesday, Feb. 18th 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!



FAMILY MOVIE:

Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 3:00 p.m. Popcorn will be served. Please bring your own drink in a covered container. Children under age 10 must be with an adult.



PIRATE PARTY:

Thursday, Feb. 20th at 2:00 p.m. All Ages.

AHOY, MATEYS!

Calling all pirates to join us for a pirate adventure! Come dressed as a pirate for some stories, refreshments and treasure seeking.

SILLY SATURDAY:

Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Anyone who come dressed in something silly will receive a silly prize. Photo ops, “Dress a Yeti” game, “I Spy” game and a drop-in craft project you can make any time from 10:30 – 2:00.



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 February 22nd at 10:15 a.m.

PORTUGUESE STORY TIME:

NEW TIME: Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 5:30 p.m. Ages 3 – 6 Join Miss Celina for some stories read in Portuguese.

YOUNG FAMILIES:

Saturday, Feb. 8th 10:30 a.m. Mr. Vinny’s Puppets Ages 3 – 9 In this interactive story program kids will help Mr. Vinny tell the story of “The 12 Lil’ Pigs and the Big Bad Pineapple” and play fun games like “What’s that Shadow?”

Space in this program is limited. Free tickets will be handed out near the Children’s Room starting at 10:00 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	Feb. 10 & 24
Read to Bear on Thursdays	Feb. 6 & 20



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. February topics include “Colors”, “Valentine’s Day”, “Porcupines & Hedgehogs”, and “Carnivores, Omnivores & Herbivores”.

ART & ECOLOGY

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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 Feb. 7th & 28th 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Space is limited.**

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.

LEGOS CLUB:

Thursdays, Feb. 13 & 27 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.

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.

GUIDED READER BOOK KITS:

Does your child's teacher use Guided Reading in the classroom? Guided Reading has reading levels ranging from A – Z, with level A representing the lowest level. The Children's Room now has Guided Reader kits ranging from level A to level L. Each kit has 5 books or a boxed set of mini books, and may be checked out for 3 weeks. The kits may not be reserved ahead of time.

TEENS:

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):

Wednesday, Feb. 26th 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.

PAPERCRAFT:

For Grades 6-12 Choose to create a cut paper snowflake, a 3D paper snowflake, a 3D paper flower. Or make all three!

Three chances to attend!

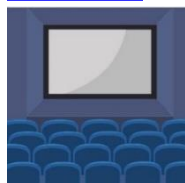
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20th at 3:00 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:

Classes often fill to capacity, but please add your name to the waiting lists as we frequently have multiple last minute cancellations. Please include the best phone number to reach you on the day/evening of the event.

VALENTINE MAKING WITH LISA SPINDLER

Friday, February 7th 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Max 14 Love is in the air! Come create and take Valentine themed cards, candy toppers, and paper ornaments for the loves in your life. We'll provide all the supplies but feel free to bring your apron, and any small decor (like a photo) to enhance your creation! **Registration required:** <https://friendsoftheapl.org/event/adult-art-valentine-making/>

Max: 14 participants

SEWING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS WITH TOBI HOFFMAN

Saturday, February 15th 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join us to create your own fabric re-usable shopping bag or tote bag in this simple sewing class. All fabric and patterns provided, please bring a working sewing machine with you. Tobi Hoffman is a terrific teacher who will help everyone construct these lovely bags. **Registration required:**

<https://friendsoftheapl.org/event/adult-art-sewing-reusable-shopping-bags/> **Max: 12**

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ZENTANGLE BOOKMARKS WITH TERRI DELAUNE, CZT

Saturday, February 22nd 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Come learn some new patterns and tangle a bookmark with Terri. No experience needed for this short lesson and foray into the art world of Zentangle. If you own a Zentangle kit, please bring it along, if not all supplies will be provided.

Registration required: <https://friendsoftheapl.org/event/adult-art-zentangle-bookmarks/> Max: 18 participants

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, February 11th 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 Before & After, by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate on Tuesday, January 14th.

BOOK CHAT:

Wednesday, February 5th 7:00 p.m. Cheever Conference Room

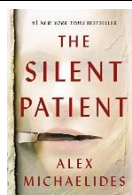
Join Book Chat, the NOT Book Club, where you're encouraged to read whatever you want! Tell us what you've read and hear recommendations from others! Come chat about books! What have you read lately? Whether you loved it, hated it, we want to know. After the meeting, you'll have a nice list of recommendations 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. *Please note that we will not be meeting on January 28th to discuss Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. It was decided at our last meeting that we will combine the January 28th meeting with the February 25th meeting where we will discuss both Before We Were Yours and Pachinko. Please plan to return Before We Were Yours at the end of January to the library if you have borrowed it. Pachinko should then be available. Thanks for being part of our reading group. See you on February 25th.*



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 The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides, which will be discussed on March 4th. *The Silent Patient is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.*

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. All points of view are welcome.

“Gaza Fights for Freedom,” February 13th (84 min.) Thursday, Feb. 13th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This collaboration between American journalist and TV presenter Abby Martin and a team of Gaza journalists shows Gaza and the ongoing Great March of Return protests, 2018-19. The film includes exclusive interviews with civilians shot at during the Great March, as well as with the lead organizer of the Great March of Return, Ahmed Abu Artema, and the family and colleagues of the slain medic Razan Al-Najjar. The film shows the untold history that is essential to understanding the situation today and includes rare archival footage dating back to mass expulsion of Palestinians in 1948 known as the Nakba.



ART IN THE LIBRARY:

DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY

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

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

Turn of the Century Book Illustrators Jan. 16th – Feb. 29th

A sampling of book illustrators and their illustrations by some of the leading artists in the field from the late 19th to early 20th century in the United States.

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.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP:

1st Monday of each month: March thru October 7:00 p.m.

If you are curious, have passionate opinions about politics, social and cultural norms, historical precedents and national and foreign policy, this in-depth discussion group is for you. 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. Great Decisions is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and Ashland Senior Center. 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. The March 2nd topic is Climate Change.**