



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 MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK & CUPCAKE SALE:

Saturday, March 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Schiesske Meeting Room on the lower level. Shop a wide range of used books, including best sellers, cookbooks, business, health and wellness, crafts, history & politics, memoirs, reference, children’s, teens, parenting, and more. And don’t forget to try at least one of the scrumptious cupcakes we’ll have for sale!

NEW – LIBRARY OF THINGS:

Introducing our Library of Things! Our new collection will give the community the opportunity to borrow a wide variety of objects for educational, practical and recreational use. This collection, purchased with funds from the Robert J Schiesske Memorial will include new and emerging technologies, games, things you may need only once, and some “try before you buy” items. Most will be available to borrow for two weeks. Ask about borrowing them at the circulation desk.

Available for borrowing now: Verilux Happy Light, Mahjong Set, Calligraphy Set- Brush Pens, Blu- Ray Player, Nintendo Switch & accessories, Oculus Go 64GB.

Coming this Spring . . . Elphas Mini Projector, CanaKit Raspberry Pi 4, Bike Pump, Bike Locks, Activity Backpacks, Shredder, Film Converter, and SD Card Converter.

NEW – MUSEUM PASS: Introducing a new museum pass, sponsored by Middlesex Saving's Bank.

Trustees of Reservation GO Pass

Valid at Trustees' properties throughout the state. Admission varies per location. Visit their website for locations and price information: Thetrustees.org/ or call 978-921-1944. *This pass admits discounted or free admission.*

Visit our website, ashlandmass.com, to see our complete list of museum passes and to reserve a museum pass today!

CHILDREN:

EARLY RELEASE DAYS:

Wednesday, March 11th De(con)struction at 2:00 p.m. for Grades 2 – 5 Come take apart a variety of appliances, mostly using screwdrivers. It’s always fun to see what the inside looks like! If you have a small out-of-order appliance you would like to donate, please contact Miss Lois lmcauliffe@ashlandmass.com Space in this program is limited. No registration required.

Wednesday, March 18th Always Be Dancing: Yoga & Flamenco for EveryBody with Eve Costarelli at 2: 00 p.m. for Gr. K - 5

Everyone coming to this program will have a body stretching, hand clapping, foot stomping good time. In this upbeat program, infused with the music and dance of flamenco, participants will absorb the dramatic postures and colorful flavor of flamenco while exploring yoga poses, mindfulness and then participating in the reading of the wonderful picture book, Lola’s Fandango by Anne Witte, which is the perfect accompaniment to this program.

Wednesday, March 25th “A Musical Day in Africa” with Julie Najjumba at 2:00 p.m. for Grades K – 4

A highly interactive program which introduces children to another culture. Storytelling, music making, singing, dancing and drumming. The kids will learn a little about Uganda, hear a traditional story told in the Ugandan manner and even learn a few words in Luganda, the local Ugandan language.

Friday, March 27th Eggs, Chickens, and More! with Adventures in Learning at 2:00 p.m. for Grades K – 3

Listen to a funny egg story, learn a chicken song, do an experiment and meet a live chicken!

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 March 7th at 10:15 a.m.**

PORTUGUESE STORY TIME:

NEW TIME: Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m. Ages 3 – 6 Join Miss Celina for some stories read in Portuguese.

PJ STORY TIME:

Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. 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!



YOUNG FAMILIES:

Saturday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m. Lindsay's Puppet Pals. for all ages Returning this year after rave reviews from last year's performance. Lindsay uses large life-sized puppets to tell her stories. Very entertaining and loved by all.

Space in this program is limited. Free tickets will be handed out near the Children's Room 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	March 9th & 23rd
Read to Bear on Thursdays	March 5th & 19th



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. March topics include “Pink Creatures”, “St. Patrick's Day”, “Wind”, and “Chickens”.

Please note that the program on March 27 on Chickens will be at 2:00 p.m. – see Early Release Day info above.



ART & ECOLOGY:

Kids in Kind – 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, March 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.

MOM'S CLUB LITTLE CRAFTERS:

Monday, March 16th 10:15–11:15 a.m. for Infants–age 5 The Mom's Club of Ashland and the Friends of the Library offer a story & craft program, generally 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.

DISCOVERY MUSEUM FREE FRIDAYS:

The first Friday night of every month the Discovery Museum has **free admission from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.**! (October – June) Food donations for the Acton Food Pantry and Open Table of Concord and Maynard will be gratefully accepted. Visit their website for details on hours, programs and more <https://www.discoveryacton.org/>

TEENS:

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):

Wednesday, March 25th 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.

MINUTE TO WIN IT:

Wednesday, March 4th for Grades 6-12 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Test your skill against your friends! Earn points as you play different games - the player with the most points at the end of the program wins a prize.

ADULTS:

ARTS & MUSIC EVENTS:

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES:

Sunday, March 29th from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. The Friends of the Ashland Public Library presents a Sunday Concert Series program featuring the Indian classical ensemble **Sawaari**, led by table player Amit Kavthekar. Admission is free, and the concert is open to all ages. The concert will be followed by a reception. Find out more about the ensemble at www.amitkavthekar.com To receive the latest concert series updates, please email the SCS Committee Chair, Marina Krickler at: music@friendsoftheapl.org

HOPKINTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS!

We have tickets for one free admission to any of the following events at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts!

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, March 6th at 7:00 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, March 8th 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! 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.

Ed the Wizard presents "Reading is Magic" Sunday, March 1st at 3:00 p.m.

SYMPHONY PRO MUSICA:

We have tickets for Symphony Pro Musica's concert on 3/28 or 3/29.

The concert details are in this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/symphony-pro-musica-7545248593>

Symphony Pro Musica is a regional, non-profit orchestra whose mission is:

- To bring outstanding affordable orchestral, choral and operatic music to the towns in the Metro West /east central Massachusetts area
- To provide an opportunity for musicians to work cooperatively to develop their playing and performing skills

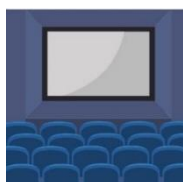
- To provide music education enrichment opportunities to children in the communities served
- To recognize and support the arts' contribution to build vibrant, creative, and connected communities on the local, state and national level.



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.



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. 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.

SEWING SNAP CLOSURE PURSES:

Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with Pat

Join us to create these easy to sew Snap Purses. We will provide fabric and other supplies but request you bring a working sewing machine with you. If you bring a friend only one machine is necessary. This class is limited to 10 participants. Registration required: <https://friendsoftheapl.org/event/adult-art-sewing-purses/>



STAMPING WITH JAN:

Wednesday, March 25th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Drop-in

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! If you have questions, please email Christine

at: art.programs@friendsoftheapl.org

ART IN THE LIBRARY:

DOWNSTAIRS GALLERY

Back and Forth between New England and the Loire Valley Paintings By Marion Buricatu March 3rd – 31st

Shrewsbury artist Marion Buricatu grew up in France and came to the US twenty years ago with her husband and two children. Shortly thereafter, Marion took up painting and the rest is history. “Behind every painting there is a conversation. My conversation is about my 2 cultures, my 2 countriesand this exhibition is about the constant back and forth between New England, where I live, and the Loire valley, where I am from.” More info about Marion’s paintings is at:

www.marionsworkshop.com

UPSTAIRS DISPLAY CASE

Evolving Force Ceramic creations by Adrienne Ghilani March 3rd – June 13th

Ashland artist Adrienne Ghilani has been working in clay for several decades. Her work is inspired by “big forces in nature, such as the sky, the ocean and its waves, the wind....forces that are constantly in motion, changing, yet they follow similar patterns and cycles within their eternal differences.” Adrienne creates most of her work on the potter’s wheel using layers of different colored clay, creating forms in which the colors swirl together suggesting an element of motion. Very unique clay forms by one of Ashland’s creative artists.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS:



COOKBOOK CLUB:

Introducing an all **new** Adult Cookbook club at the Ashland Public Library in the month of April. If you are someone who likes to cook, enjoys trying out new recipes and loves to share food related tips & techniques, then this is the club for you. The Cookbook club will meet once a month and each participant will make and bring a recipe from the chosen cookbook to the potluck style event. Participants will get to taste everybody's dishes, discuss the cookbook and exchange ideas.



The date, time and title for April's Cookbook Club will be announced mid-March, at which point copies of the chosen cookbook will be made available at the Main Circulation Desk. Please note that there shall be no use of any alcoholic beverages, even if a recipe calls for one. As per the Massachusetts State Law regarding Potluck Events, participants must know that "neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local public health agency." **Allergy statement:** Menu items may contain or come into contact with common food allergens.

Questions, thoughts or comments regarding the Cookbook club? Please email nvuppala@ashlandmass.com



INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB:

Tuesday, March 10th at 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!

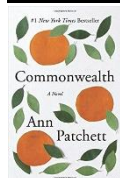
We will discuss The Day The World Came To Town: 9/11 In Gander, Newfoundland, by Jim DeFede, Fall And Rise: The Story Of 9/11, by Mitchell Zuckoff, or Towers Falling, by Jewell Parker Rhodes. You may pick which story you wish to explore.

BOOK CHAT:

Wednesday, March 11th at 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 March 31st the group will be discussing Commonwealth, by Ann Patchett.** *50 years in a blended family. A married man and a married woman each divorce, then marry each other and the children are together for the summer months due to the custody arrangements. The parents go on to additional divorces and remarriages, but the children remain close.*

UPSIDEDOWN BOOK READ:

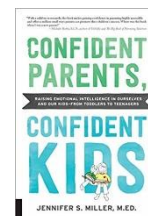
Confident Kids, Confident Kids: Raising Emotional Intelligence in Ourselves and Our Kids – From Toddlers to Teenagers, by Jennifer S. Miller, M.Ed. Join us to discuss the themes **BEFORE** reading the book! (It's O.K. to participate even if you have already read the book.)

Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. for caring adults of kids ages 12 - 18

Monday, March 30th at 5:30 p.m. for caring adults of kids birth – age 11 There will be a kids' activity during this session, including dinner, so that parents may attend without the need of a babysitter.

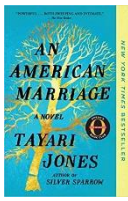
Preregistration will be required for this session.

Stay tuned for more info.



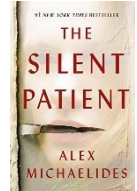
WEDNESDAY NIGHT READERS:

This group generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Library at 6:30 p.m.



On March 4th the group will discuss An American Marriage, by Tayari Jones.

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined



The next book will be The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides, which will be discussed on April 8th.

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.



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.**

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.

Injustice: The Holy Land Foundation Five (60 min.) Thursday, March 12th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Journalist Chris Hedges and TV presenter Abby Martin interview Miko Peled, author of the book, Injustice: The Holy Land Foundation Five, (justworldbooks.com/books/injustice). Peled traces the labyrinthine course of the case of five men serving 15-65 year sentences for work to alleviate the suffering of Palestinian children, presenting a terrifying picture of governmental over-reach in post-9/11 America.

Miko Peled is Israeli-American activist, author, and international speaker.

