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Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library. Look for hidden poems, Shakespeare displays, lectures, workshops and film screenings.

Celebrate 30 Years of Sisters in Crime
Friday, April 7 from 10-11am in Teen Room
Join us for tea and treats to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this 3,600 member organization of women crime writers, publishers, agents, booksellers and librarians. Meet our special guest, mystery author Kate Flora, creator of the Joe Burgess and Thea Kozak mysteries. Her books will be available for purchase. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Celebrate National Library Week @ MHL
April 9-15: Libraries Transform
What book transformed your life? Fill out a slip at any service desk during National Library Week for a chance to win a prize. Enter our Book Face Friday contest. A better world (& you) begins at the library.

Celebrating Shakespeare’s Words?
Sunday, April 23 at 2pm in Memorial Hall
Why is there no writing in Shakespeare’s hand? How is it that we have so many plays said to be written by a man named Shakespeare? Did Shakespeare even write his plays? Find out about this and more as we celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday with educator and Shakespeare scholar, Julia Perlowski. Her lecture will delve into Shakespeare’s first compilation of plays known as the First Folio. Through the printing history of this collection, age old questions about Shakespeare are considered. Her light and fun lecture will be sure to whet your appetite for more involvement with the Bard. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.
April 2017 Films, Lectures, Workshops

“A Quiet Revolution” Documentary Screening
Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm
A feature-length documentary by Tom and Charles Dey, about the founding of the national organization, A Better Chance. The film is about a group of people who came together fifty years ago to create change and help a deeply divided nation heal itself. At the height of the Civil Rights movement, struggling for answers to burgeoning problems of racial inequality, Dartmouth College and a group of preparatory schools established a groundbreaking program to identify young students of color from low-income backgrounds for admission to the nation’s leading boarding schools, with full scholarships. They believed, contrary to popular opinion, that if given the necessary tools, these students could succeed in the private schools and eventually compete in all sectors of our society, and that the only thing standing in their way was a lack of access and opportunity. Charles F. Dey served as the Director of A Better Chance from 1964-65, and Board Chairman from 1970-74. A discussion with the filmmakers will follow the screening. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library and A Better Chance of Andover’s 50th Anniversary.

Shakespeare’s Othello
Sunday, April 9 at 3pm
Friends' board member and retired educator, Kathleen Dolan, will lead a discussion of Shakespeare's Othello, using clips from the 1965 film version, starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Maggie Smith. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Poetry Writing Workshop
Wednesday, April 19
7-8:15pm in Memorial Hall
In celebration of National Poetry Month, Andover’s Poet Laureate, Linda Flaherty Haltmaier will lead a poetry writing workshop for adults. Come and write a poem or two! Space is limited. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

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MHL Movie in Memorial Hall
Thursday, April 20 at 6:30pm
Much Ado About Nothing
A modern retelling of Shakespeare's classic comedy about two pairs of lovers with different takes on romance and a way with words. Written and directed by Joss Whedon. Stars Alexis Denisof, Amy Acker, Fran Kranz. Rated PG-13; 109 minutes.

The Art of Pastel Workshop
Monday, April 24 from 6:30-8:30pm in Activity Room
Become inspired to create beautiful pastel paintings by exploring America’s foremost modernist pastel painter of flowers, Georgia O’Keeffe. Participants will work in tandem with artist, Gregory Maichack, to learn the techniques she used to create her pastel art. Limited to 16 participants. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

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Creating Herb Gardens
Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm
Gardening instructor, Suzanne Crooker, will discuss optimum site and soil composition for growing herbs. She’ll share tips for drying and freezing, as well as recipes. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by MHL and Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Gardening Books & More
Memorial Hall Library has an extensive collection of books and magazines to help you plan your garden. Browse the gardening books on the Ground Level (begin with call numbers 635). Browse our magazines in the main Circulation area. Our reference librarians are always happy to help locate materials for you.

Conservation Commission
Annual Overseers Meeting
Thursday, April 6 at 7pm
The meeting will open with a discussion of land management issues for Town-owned conservation properties, followed by keynote speaker, Dr. Kathleen Blanchard, founder and president of Intervale Associates Inc., a Canadian nonprofit conservation organization, working to conserve biodiversity while protecting the integrity of rural livelihoods. She has forty years of experience in seabird conservation in Newfoundland/Labrador and along the Gulf of St. Lawrence’s North Shore. Her talk, Seabird Conservation in Audubon’s Labrador: Lessons Learned, Current Applications for Species Recovery, will appeal to anyone interested in community-based conservation. All are welcome.

Controlling Stormwater: Why It Matters
Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm
The Department of Municipal Services and Greenscapes North Shore will present a free public workshop to educate the community about the importance of controlling stormwater runoff. Learn how and why stormwater is polluted, its direct impacts on our water resources, and what can be done locally to treat and eliminate stormwater, including landscaping and gardening techniques, rainwater harvesting, and low impact development. The presentation will also include a brief explanation of how stormwater is regulated. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by Greenscapes North Shore in collaboration with the Department of Municipal Services and MHL.

Who are the Friends of MHL?
The Friends are library patrons like you, who value and support what the library does for the entire community. They raise money for the library through their books sales and dues, to fund free or reduced admission to museums, state parks, and other cultural attractions. They provide the funding for all of the free programs for kids, teens and adults. And they fund special projects like the free public scanners in Reference, the Essex Street gardens, patio furniture and the new roof deck. If you’re not already a member, please join today - in person at any service desk, or online at www.mhl.org/friends.

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of MHL
April 2017 Tech Classes & Monthly Groups

iPads & Tablets Drop-in Session
Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8pm
in Friends Alcove 2
Do you have a new (or old) iPad or tablet that you don’t really know how to use? Come to our drop-in program to get help with general navigation and use of the touch screen, downloading apps, and using library resources on your tablet.

Shopping for a computer?
Tuesday, April 25, 10-11:30am
Looking to purchase a new computer or upgrade the one you have? You’ll learn what to look for in a new computer, go over some of the parts, and touch briefly on upgrading or repairing the machine you have. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Meets in Teen Room.

Facebook for Beginners
Wednesday, April 26 from 10-11:30am
Learn to make an account, develop a profile and connect with friends by posting photos and messages. Bring a laptop or mobile device, or practice on one of ours. Limited to 5 people. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Meets in Teen Room.

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club
Thursday, April 13 from 10-11am
Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430. Meets in Teen Room.

Car Repair Questions?
ChiltonLibrary provides quick access to repair, maintenance and service information on the most popular cars, trucks, vans and SUVs on the road today. Coverage includes vehicles from 1940 to current models. Other features include Technical Service Bulletins, a labor estimator tool, and ASE Technician sample tests. Available to all when accessed from within the library and from home to Andover library cardholders at http://mhl.org/chiltonlibrary.

Friends’ Spring Book Sale
Preview Night Thursday, April 27
6:30-8:30 pm, $20 per person
Friends’ members attend Preview Night for free!
Join online at www.mhl.org/friends.

No charge for the regular book sale.
April 28 9am-4:30pm
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April 30 1-4:30pm*
*Sunday Pricing
Fill a bag for $5-$7. CDs & DVDs are 4/$1. All teachers welcome after 3pm to collect unsold books for their classrooms. Shop for bargains and support the library.

Board Game Night @ MHL
Thursday, April 6 from 5-8:45pm

Conversational English Group
—Mondays, April 3, 10 & 24 from 10am-noon
For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their skills.
To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

Drop-in Adult Coloring
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30pm in Circulation Area

Sai Maa Meditation Group
Monday, April 3 at 7pm
New members welcome. Meets in Activity Room.

Career Networking Group
Thursdays, April 13 & 27 from 10-11:30am
Meets in Friends Alcove 1 on Ground Level.