

December 2015

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Holiday closings:

- 12/24 close at noon
- 12/25 & 12/26 closed
- 12/31 close at 5pm
- 1/1 closed

Programs are subject to change. Please call 978-623-8401 x31, or visit www.mhl.org in advance with any questions.



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Friends' Holiday Book Sale & Silhouettes

Saturday, December 5 from 9am-3pm

Shop for the holidays and support the Library. This sale features gift quality books for all ages, including fiction, nonfiction, children's and oversized books, all at bargain prices. We'll also have a larger than usual selection of hard-cover and softcover fiction so you can stock up on winter reading.

Silhouette Portraits by Jean Comerford

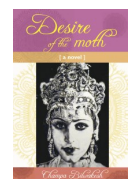
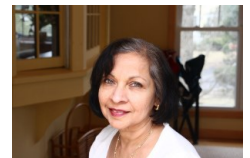
To schedule silhouette appointments with Jean, contact Stefani at 978-623-8401 x49 or straina@mhl.org. A non-refundable prepayment of \$35 confirms your appointment. Prices are \$35 per silhouette, \$15 per copy, and \$35 to \$45 per frame. Friends of MHL fundraiser.



Authors Among Us: Champa Bilwakesh

Wednesday, December 2 at 7pm

Local resident, Champa Bilwakesh will share her new novel, *Desire of the Moth*, the story of a fifteen-year-old widow running away to make sense of events that ripped apart her world. Bilwakesh was born in India, and earned her MFA from the Warren Wilson Program for Writers. Her work has been published in *Kenyon Review*, *Monsoon Magazine*, *Sugar Mule*, and *India Current*, where it won prizes in the Katha contest. Her story "The Boston Globe Personal Line" was nominated for the Ploughshares Emerging



Writers Contest, received honorable mention in the 2007 edition of Pushcart Prize, and has been translated into Italian for the online magazine *El-Ghibli*. Her talk is in Friends Alcove 2 on the Ground Floor. Copies of her book will be available for purchase. Call 978-623-8401, x31 or RSVP online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Create @ MHL: Coloring Mandalas Workshop

Thursday, December 3 at 7pm in Memorial Hall

Get in on the adult coloring craze with this workshop led by trained art therapist, Liza Fernanda Lopez. You'll learn about Mandala (Sanskrit word that means circle), and its use as an effective tool for self-care, meditation and creative practice. An introduction to color theory will be followed by plenty of time to color your own work. All supplies included. Limit 20. Please register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

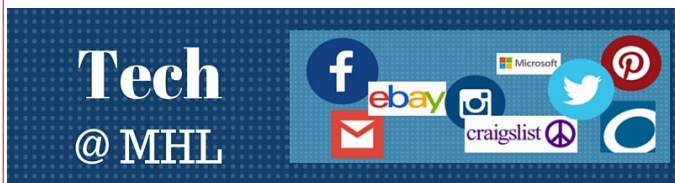


The December art exhibit features textile creations by MHL staff members.

December 2015 Adult Programs

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club Thursday, December 10, 10-11am

There are usually predetermined topics, plus participants learn from each other. All are welcome. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or 978-623-8401, x31.



eBook How-To Session

Tuesday, December 1 at 7pm

Learn how to download books and more. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar and email gdeyermond@mhl.org the device you'll bring.



Creative Café: monthly craft night

Monday, December 7 at 7pm

Conversational English Group

Mondays, December 7, 14 10am-12 noon

To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

Career Networking Group

Thursday, December 10, 10-11:30am

Friends Alcove 1, Ground Floor

- *Tips & Tricks You Need to Know*

Book Discussion Groups

Nonfiction Group - Wednesdays at 7pm

- December 2 - *Griftopia*

Great Books - Tuesdays at 7:30pm

- December 8 - *Anthem*

Morning Group - Mondays at 10:30am

- December 21 - *Factory Man*

MHL Monday Movie in Memorial Hall

The Age of Adaline

- December 14 at 7pm

Sai Maa Meditation Group

Mondays, December 21, 28, 7pm, Activity Room

Shawsheen River Greenway A Community Workshop Thursday, December 10 at 7pm



A community workshop to explore the possibility of creating a Shawsheen River Greenway. Heather McMann, of Groundwork Lawrence, will describe their experience with the Spicket River Greenway project, a three plus mile ribbon of paths along the Spicket River. Sponsored by MHL, LWV of Andover/North Andover, Andover Historical Society, Andover Green Advisory Board, Andover High School ESIC program, Andover Tomorrow, and the Shawsheen River Greenway Task Force.

MVMTA Piano Showcase Sunday, December 6 at 2pm

Enjoy an afternoon of piano music performed by piano students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association. Please register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, x31.



Print Passes from Home

Now you can print passes from home for the Merrimack Repertory Theatre and the USS Constitution Museum. Look for this icon when you go to www.mhl.org/museum-passes. Once you have made your reservation, the PRINT PASS button will appear. Just print your pass and you are ready to go! More passes will have this option starting January 1st.

Andover Seed Library @ MHL

In late January, you'll be able to pick up flower and vegetable seeds to plant in your garden. The seeds and programs offered are designed to nurture a community of organic gardeners through the time-honored tradition of saving and sharing bio-diverse, locally-adapted seeds, increasing our ability to feed ourselves nutritious food. Stay tuned.

