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Gerry Johnston: The American Songbook on Guitar

Sunday, February 25 at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall

Combining his love of classical and jazz, the talented local guitarist will perform a selection of jazz and popular standards that are widely known and loved across generational lines. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.



Andover Seed Library 2018 Kickoff

Native Plants for Suburban Gardens

Saturday, February 3 at 10:00am in Memorial Hall

Today's gardeners are increasingly interested in incorporating native plants in their landscapes. What plants are best suited to our region and to the particular conditions of our modern gardens? How can they be effectively combined with introduced species and cultivars? Join Joann Vieira, Director of Horticulture at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, for a look at some outstanding native plants which can be cultivated using sustainable techniques and provide benefits for pollinators, birds and other wildlife. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Pick up seeds and seed catalogs! Door prizes! Sponsored by Friends of MHL.

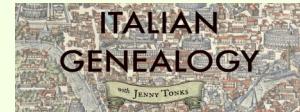


John Henry Twachtman, Country House in Winter, Cos Cob, c. 1901, oil on canvas mounted on panel, gift of anonymous donor, 1931.14

Snow: American Impressionism

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00pm at Addison Gallery

Addison Gallery's Assistant Curator, Stephanie Sparling Williams, will lead a session focused on two of artist John Twachtman's winter scenes. Both Hemlock Pool (1900) and Country House in Winter (1901) are jewels in the Addison's permanent collection. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Meet in the museum lobby.



Italian Genealogy with Jenny Tonks

Saturday, February 10 at 2:00pm

Learn practical and proven Italian family history research strategies from professional genealogist, Jenny Tonks. Italian civil jurisdictions and vital records practices will be discussed. The program will focus on Italian emigration to the US and the relevant demographic patterns that help break through brick walls. She'll cover strategies for corresponding directly with Italian jurisdictions and records repositories to find records not available online. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

February 2018 Courageous Conversations

Courageous Conversations continue at Memorial Hall Library

Memorial Hall Library is partnering with Courageous Conversations and Showing Up for Racial Justice to present a series of programs about the issue of race in America. The public is invited to come and learn about and discuss these often uncomfortable and difficult topics.

Examining Whiteness Workshop

Thursday, February 1 from 6:30-8:30pm in Memorial Hall

Recent events from Charlottesville to the NFL to the White House have raised awareness about white supremacy and how it operates in today's society. This workshop will explore the history and construction of whiteness, what it means to be white in today's world and how people who are white can disrupt racism and whiteness personally, interpersonally, and systemically. Facilitated by Rev. Julie A Mavity Maddalena, a PhD candidate in Religious Studies and Director of Spiritual Life at Brooks School, where she has facilitated Examining Whiteness workshops. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.



Alice's Ordinary People Film Screening & Discussion

Thursday, February 8 at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall

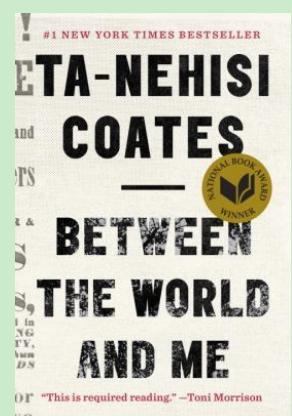
Alice Tregay was a civil rights activist who worked with the Chicago Freedom Movement to fight discrimination. She and her husband James marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1966. Under the leadership of Reverend Jesse Jackson and others, Alice and her 'ordinary people,' who picketed and marched against racism and systemic injustice, laid the groundwork for many historic changes to come. Filmmaker, Craig Dudnick, will be on hand to lead a discussion and answer questions after the film. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.



Between the World and Me Panel Discussion

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00pm

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? Panelists will discuss their experience of reading Coates' book, the significance of his message, the lived experience of black men and boys in America, and how we as a community can support them. The facilitator is Shaunielle McDonald, Director of Diversity Initiatives at Brooks School, and panelists include Michael Eatman, Director of Community Life at Pike School, Martin Henson of Black Lives Matter, Boston, and Linda Carter Griffith, Assistant Head of School for Equity, Inclusion and Wellness at Phillips Academy. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.



Fish On! Andover 2018 - Tuesdays in February

Fish On! Andover 2018 is celebrating its 20th year!

The popular fishing series began in 1999, thanks to late Andover resident, John Lewis, and MHL community services librarian, Norma Gammon. A big shout out to our loyal Fish On! seminar goers, our generous prize donors, (especially *On the Water* magazine), and all of our speakers. And a special thank you to Captain Skip Montello, who accepted the torch from John Lewis, and has kept the series going.



Watch fishing videos from 6:00-7:00pm. Weekly door prizes! Seminars begin at 7:00pm.



American Shad Fishing in Merrimack River with Eric Roach

Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm

Come learn about the incredible world-class fishery right here in eastern MA. Eric Roach will discuss fishing the exciting spring run of American Shad in the Merrimack River. His focus will be on fishing the lower Merrimack, from Essex Dam in Lawrence to the mouth of the river. He'll cover specific locations, best times, rod/reel/line choices, lures, presentation techniques and other important shad-fishing nuances.



Sweetwater Fishing Opportunities with Tim Moore

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm

Full-time NH fishing guide, outdoor writer and video producer, Tim Moore, will discuss a few of his favorite northeast freshwater fishing opportunities: northern pike, black crappie, and white perch. He'll share the techniques, tools, and tactics he uses to locate and catch pike in the spring and fall, as well as crappie and white perch through open water and ice fishing. "These three fish alone could keep an angler busy all year. I hope to spark some of the same interest that I have in them with other anglers," says Moore. timmooreoutdoors.com



Nevada
Alaska
Arctic
Patagonia



Far Far Away Fishing with Captains Skip & Al Montello

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm

Captains Skip and Al Montello will share their fishing adventures from one end of the planet to the other. They've chased arctic char above the Arctic Circle, super silver salmon in Alaska, huge Lahonton cutthroat trout in Nevada, and monster rainbow trout in southern Patagonia. Both are expert fly and light tackle professional fishermen with North Coast Angler. northcoastangler.com



Striped Bass, Boston Harbor & Beyond with Brian Coombs

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm

Captain Brian Coombs will discuss patterning striped bass throughout the New England season. Brian is an insured, USCG-licensed captain and has been fishing the local waters since he was a young boy. He has vast experience fishing from Boston Harbor to Cape Cod and the Islands. Captain Brian is dedicated to sharing his knowledge of fishing and all the excitement of the sport. He is constantly employing new techniques and tinkering with the latest gear available. If Brian is not out on the water fishing, he is thinking about fishing! Find him on the web at Get Tight Sport Fishing and on Facebook. gettightsportfishing.com

February 2018 Adult Programs & Library Resources

Death Cafe

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30pm

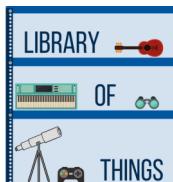
Join other adults for Andover's ninth

Death Cafe - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. Please join us at 6:30pm for socializing and refreshments, followed by a prompt event start at 7:00pm. Hosted by Andover resident, Richard Davis. Seating is limited. Please pre-register at <https://mhl.org/calendar>. Contact Stefani Traina at straina@mhl.org or 978-623-8451 for further information and/or visit deathcafe.com. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.



Discover Your Past Genealogy Club

Thursday, February 8, 10:00-11:00am, Memorial Hall



MHL Library of Things

Besides books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, Playaways, and other things that you can read, watch, or listen to, the library circulates a whole

bunch of non-traditional items that you might be interested in. Some of the 'things' you can check out include a bicycle pump, a bike lock, binoculars, musical keyboard, projector and screen, slide viewer, ukulele, XBOX One game console, graphing calculator, VHS/DVD digitizer, Roku 2, Optelec electronic magnifier, telescope, and Kill-a-Watt meter. Visit the <https://mhl.org/library-of-things> page for details.

Pub Trivia at Andolini's

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm

Bring a team and test your knowledge!

\$50 cash prize to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.



Adult Board Games in Activity Room

Sunday, February 4 from 1:30-4:45pm

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Birds of North America

Birds of North America Online provides comprehensive life histories for over 760 species of birds that breed in the US and Canada. Accounts are written by ornithologists and other experts and are now accompanied by new sounds, images and video and distributional maps and model output generated by eBird. Available to Andover library cardholders at home by visiting

www.mhl.org/bna.

ConsumerReports.org
BOSTON CONSUMERS' CHECKBOOK

Drop by Teen Room for Online Resource Help

Thursday, February 22, 10:00-10:45am

Learn how you can find reliable reviews and ratings for products and services from the comfort of your own computer. Reference librarian Dean Baumeister will walk you through how to access and use two of our most popular online resources for researching consumer products and services. Both are available to Andover cardholders at home.

Career Networking Group

Thursdays, February 1 & 15 from 10-11:30am

Conversational English Group

Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 10:00am-noon

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

MHL Movie: *The Glass Castle*

Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm, Activity Room

