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Sisters in Crime: The Modern Heroine in Mysteries
Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm in Memorial Hall
Mystery writers, J.A. (Julie) Hennrikus/Julianne Holmes (Clock Shop Mysteries), Frances McNamara (Emily Cabot Mysteries), and Clea Simon (Blackie and Care Series & other pet mysteries) will discuss how women are revamping the genre by creating strong women characters who balance relationships and careers, leap over sexist obstacles, and rescue themselves from danger. Copies of their books will be available for purchase. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Michael Arnowitt: Chopin Preludes
Sunday, March 12 at 2:30pm
Pianist Michael Arnowitt will play a program of Chopin’s 24 Preludes. He has been a soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Kiev Chamber Orchestra, and many others. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. www.mapiano.com

Taking Shape: Sculpture at the Addison
Thursday, March 2 at 11am
Curator Susan Faxon will lead a special tour of this exhibit. Limited to 25 participants. Sign up online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Meet in the lobby of the Addison Gallery of American Art.

The David Zoffer Differential
Sunday, March 26 at 2:30pm
David Zoffer will be featured on keyboard, guitar, vocals, and bass on his original pop, jazz, blues, and fusion tunes. He’ll be joined by other talented Boston area musicians: Caio Afiune on guitar, Dan Nadeau on drums and Michael Morrissette on bass, in what is sure to be a memorable, musical journey. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. www.davidzoffer.com

Meet Andover’s Poet Laureate
Tuesday, March 28 from 7 to 8pm in Memorial Hall
The community is invited to a reception to welcome our new poet laureate, Linda Flaherty Haltmaier. Light refreshments and poetry.
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Journey into German Genealogy
Wednesday, March 22 at 7pm
What does it mean to have German ancestry? Katherine Schober, a professional German-English translator, will discuss the history and variety of German states over time. You’ll learn how to locate vital records and how to use surnames as clues for fleshing out rich stories in your family tree. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

Film Screening & Discussion
March 1 at 7pm in Memorial Hall
Screen episode 7, Revolt, Rebuild, Renew, of Years of Living Dangerously, the acclaimed television documentary series about climate change and its impact on people. Dr. Kate Swanger and Lori Weeden, from the Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Department at UMass Lowell will lead a discussion after the film. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Annual Genealogy Lock-In
Friday, March 31, from 5:30 to 9pm
An evening of after-hours genealogy research, with exclusive access to databases, computers, microfilm, and the Andover Room. A light dinner will be served. $10 fee. Space is limited. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

“The Witches of Foster’s Pond”
Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm
Jane Cairns, of the Andover Historical Society, will shed light on Andover’s history and role in the famous witch accusations and trials of 1692-1693, where 41 townspeople were accused of witchcraft. The focus will be the South Parish/modern Andover families, the Fosters and the Carriers. (Ann Foster was dragged off the shores of Foster’s Pond and imprisoned). A brief Annual Meeting will precede her talk. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library and the Foster’s Pond Corporation.

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club
Thursday, March 9 from 10-11am
Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

Northern Essex Registry of Deeds
Office Hours & Information Session
Monday, March 13 from 10 to 11:30am
Register Iannuccillo and Registry staff will be on hand to answer questions about the Massachusetts Homestead Act, verify if a Declaration of Homestead has been recorded on your property, and provide or order a copy of your current deed, discharge of your mortgage, or other Registry documents. Registry booklets and other information will be available. No appointment necessary. In the Activity Room.

Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail
A Video Journey
Monday, March 27 at 7pm
Discover and get inspired to hike this 230 mile trail with 16 miles in Andover. Dan and Marilyn Brielmann will share their documentary videos and Alan French will give a history of this project, an ‘outer Emerald Necklace’ which runs through 37 eastern Massachusetts communities. Sign up online at mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by MHL, e-Awakening.com & the Andover Trails Committee.

Andover Historical Society “Behind the Scenes” Tours
Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm & Wednesday, March 29 at 10am
Did you know you could peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes of the Blanchard House? Special free one-hour tours are offered twice a month. Sign up online at http://andoverhistorical.org/behind-the-scenes or call 978-475-2236.

Sign up for events online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430
March 2017 Andover Seed Library Programs

The Andover Seed Library, now in its second year, opened on January 21st, and seeds continue to arrive. We thank the following companies for their generous donations: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, High Mowing Seed Company, Renee’s Garden, John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange, and Select Seeds. Visit www.mhl.org/greenthumb for information about upcoming programs and tips for seed starting, seed saving, and growing microgreens. And be sure to like the Andover Seed Library at Memorial Hall Library on Facebook. Happy planting!

Growing Future Gardeners
How School Gardens Teach Kids
Thursday, March 9 at 7pm
A panel of educators will share their experiences establishing and sustaining successful school garden projects. Panelists are Linda Shottes-Bouchard, Exec. Dir. SHED Children’s Campus, Melanie Cutler, Andover High School Science Teacher, Leigh Hartwell, AHS Sustainable Garden Manager, and Hannah Traggis, Seed to Table Coordinator at Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Bring your questions and ideas. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Feed Me, I’m Hungry!
Creating a Garden for Honey Bees
Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm
Learn how you can help save the honey bees in your own home garden by including plants that provide nectar and pollen for them. Presenter, Barbara MacPhee is a Master Gardener and has been a beekeeper for 36 years. She was named 2009 Beekeeper of the Year. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Co-sponsored by the Friends of MHL and Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Backyard Chickens
How to Get Started
Saturday, March 11 at 9:30am
Learn the wonders of raising both regular and heritage poultry in your backyard, including rearing chicks, flock management, coop design, and basic medical issues. You’ll have a chance to meet some real heritage hens. Presented by Jen Valentine of Valentine & Sons Seed Co., based in Mont Vernon, NH. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Seed Starting Seminar
Monday, March 13 at 7pm
The seminar has been rescheduled with Hannah Traggis, Plant Education Specialist and Seed to Table Program Coordinator at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She will share the best ways to start seeds for your garden. Meets in the Activity Room. Space is limited. Registration required at mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

The Adventurous Gardener
Gardens in the Northeast
Thursday, March 23 at 7pm
Tour visually and learn about the best public gardens, nursery display gardens, and private gardens open to the public in the Northeast. Jana Milbocker and Joan Butler are avid gardeners, plant collectors, designers and writers with Enchanted Gardens. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Co-sponsored by the Friends of MHL & Village Garden Club of Andover.

The Family that Grows Together
Organic Gardening 101
Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30pm
Rita Wollmering of the HERB FARMacy in Salisbury, will cover the basics of organic gardening, as well as practical steps to build your soil, fight diseases and manage pests, all while having fun as a family. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Families encouraged.

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March 2017 Adult Programs & Groups

A MacBook Primer
Monday, March 6 from 10-11:30am
Learn all about MacOS, MacBooks, and included software like Safari. Systems librarian, Theo Kontos, will go over the basics of navigating on a Mac and cover need-to-know topics like iCloud, Apple IDs, and updating your computer. Feel free to bring a MacBook with you to follow along. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Space is limited. Meets in the Activity Room.

iPads & Tablets Drop-in Session
Tuesday, March 14 from 7-8pm
Own a tablet but don’t know how to best utilize it? Want to learn more about accessing library resources from your tablet? Drop in (with your tablet) for assistance and to learn a few new skills. Space is limited. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Meets in Friends Alcove 2 on the Ground Level.

Free & Open Source Software
Monday, March 27, 10-11:30am
Tired of paying for yearly software updates? Looking to try something new with your computer? We’ll discuss what it means to be open source and demo some of the most popular free, open source software available. You might be surprised to find you’re already using some open source software. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Space is limited. In Activity Room.

eBook How-To Sessions
Wednesday, March 8 at 10am
Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm
Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar and email gdeyermond@mhl.org the device you use. Bring charged device, logins, and meet at Circulation.

Attention Book Lovers!
How would you like the latest book news delivered straight to your inbox every week? Memorial Hall Library is launching a bookish newsletter with a fabulous array of book recommendations, book reviews, and more. Personalize this service by choosing your favorite genres and formats. These newsletters make it easy to keep up on all the latest books with very little effort. Interested? Go to www.mhl.org/book-recommendation-newsletters to subscribe.

Did you know that you can access Consumer Reports online from home with your Andover library card? Go to www.mhl.org/online-resources/databases and click on ConsumerReports.org to login.

MHL Movie in Memorial Hall
Thursday, March 16 at 6:30pm
The Light Between Oceans

Conversational English Group
—Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 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.

Sai Maa Meditation Group
Monday, March 6 at 7pm
New members welcome. Meets in Activity Room.

Board Game Night @ MHL
Thursday, March 23 at 5:30pm
Meets in the Activity Room. Limit 20. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or 978-623-8430.

Adult Coloring Group
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30-8:30pm in Reference Room

Career Networking Group
Thursdays, March 2, 16, & 30 from 10-11:30am
Meets in Friends Alcove 1 on Ground Level