May/June 2016

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Adult Events @ MHL

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  - May 5, 15 & June 11
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  - June 23

**Andover Reads**

Memorial Hall Library invites you to rediscover the 1936 Olympics and the world of rowing with Andover’s third community reading program, **Andover Reads 2016. Join the discussion.**

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**Stephen Collins: Theater of the 1930s, ‘40s, ‘50s**
**Thursday, May 12 at 7pm**

The 1930s, ‘40s and ‘50s were rich decades for American theater. The Great Depression’s influence is evident in the work of William Saroyan. The 1940s saw the emergence of Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, and Eugene O’Neill. In 1954, N. Richard Nash’s play *The Rainmaker*, set in Depression-era America, opened at the Cort Theater in New York City, where the character Starbuck charmed audiences with his brand of con and hucksterism. Actor Stephen Collins will perform monologues from these and other playwrights. The Friends’ annual meeting is at 6:30pm, with the performance at 7pm. All are welcome. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

**An Evening with Olympic Runner Rúben Sança**
**Monday, May 16 at 7pm**

Distance runner, Rúben Sança, represented Cape Verde at the 2012 London Olympic Games, and is currently training for the 2016 Olympics. He holds a national record of 2:18:47 in the marathon, and will share his experience of what it means to compete at the Olympic level. He graduated from UMass Lowell and serves as the Associate Director for Student Affairs Financial Administration. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31.

**An Evening with Rower Ellen Minzner**
**Monday, June 27 at 7pm**

World Champion rower, US Paralympic coach, and Lawrence native, Ellen Minzner, will share her experience breaking through to the elite level of the sport, and about her current role coaching athletes with disabilities to the Paralympics in Rio in September 2016. She is the outreach director for Community Rowing Boston (CRI), a non-profit organization with a mission of "Rowing for All." RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Visit [www.mhl.org/andover-reads-2016](http://www.mhl.org/andover-reads-2016) for events and online discussions.
Andover Reads 2016 Community Events

**Book Discussions @ MHL**
**Thursday, May 5 at 7pm**
Join MHL staff members for a discussion that includes videos and information about the sport of rowing, and the 1936 Olympics. RSVP at mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. All are welcome, even if you’ve not read the book.

**Book Discussion @ The Center at Punchard**
**Thursday, May 26 at 1:30pm**
Hosted by their monthly book club. Space is limited. Please RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31.

**Andover High School Jazz Bands & “The Jazz Punishers”**
**Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm**
Enjoy an evening of jazz music performed by Andover High students and “The Jazz Punishers,” professional jazz musicians and educators from the Merrimack Valley and beyond. They’ve toured and performed all over the world. They’ll play a special set of jazz tunes enjoyed by the rowers in *The Boys in the Boat*. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by the Andover Public Schools, and the Friends of MHL.

**Monday Movie @ MHL**
**Race**
**June 20 at 6:30pm**
Jesse Owens’ quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler’s vision of Aryan supremacy. Starring Stephan James, Eli Goree, Jason Sudeikis, Jeremy Irons, and directed by Stephen Hopkins; Rated PG-13; Running time is 134 minutes. Shown with captions. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

**Andover High School Rowers @ MHL**
**Wednesday, June 1, 7pm**
Andover High students on the rowing teams from middle school through varsity will talk about their connection to rowing, and their experiences on the team. The athletes row out of the Essex Rowing Club, Inc. and are coached by Hallie Woods, Travis Gardner and Patrick Scott. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

**Rowing Workshops at Essex Rowing Club**
**Saturday, June 11**
$10 per person* (ages 13 & up) per session

**Essex Rowing Clubhouse**
**656 Lowell St., Methuen**
Learn how to crew like the “Boys in the Boat”! Get a feel for rowing on the rowing machines, then head outside and learn about the boats. The day will end on the river where you will experience the team work and coordination it takes to win an Olympic medal. *Participants ages 13-18 must be accompanied by an adult.* A non-refundable $10 fee is required for each registrant. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Drop off payment to the library or mail to Attn: Stefani Traina, 2 N. Main Street, Andover, MA 01810. Please register by June 1st. Visit www.essexrowing.org for information about their program offerings.

Andover High School Rowers @ MHL

Molly Eberth and Meg Gibson, both juniors at Andover High School, celebrate their win in the Women’s Double at the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia, PA. Photo credit—Row2k

Andover brothers Liam and Peter Rex, along with teammates Dan Levine (Chelmsford), James Hawthorne (Swampscott) and coxswain Megan Quint (North Andover), race in the Men’s Four at the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia, PA. Photo credit—Row2k

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Andover Reads 2016 Addison Gallery Events

Memorial Hall Library and the Addison Gallery of American Art are partnering to offer two lectures in June inspired by *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Curatorial Assistant Kelley Tialiou will share her extensive knowledge and images from the collection. Visit www.addisongallery.org for more information.

The Addison Gallery of American Art presents
All hands on deck!
Images of Boating Culture in American Art
Wednesday, June 1 at 11am
@ Addison Gallery Museum Learning Center
Explore the role of boating in American culture through paintings, watercolors, photographs, and sketches by such artists as Mary Cassatt, Stuart Davis, Winslow Homer, John La Farge, Charles Sheeler, and Stuart Travis from the Addison’s collection and beyond. Space limited to 50 registrants. Call 978-623-8401, x31 or RSVP online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. Sponsored by the Addison Gallery and Memorial Hall Library.

The Addison Gallery presents
The Athlete in Art Through the Ages: From Myron’s Discobolus to Eakins’ Rowers
Thursday, June 16 at 7pm
@ Memorial Hall Library
In ancient Greek civilization, Olympians embodied the ideals of physical strength and moral virtue, and therefore served as the perfect subject for sculptors to capture, both in marble and in bronze. We’ll explore artists’ fascination with the subject of sport from antiquity up to the present day, focusing on key examples in American art, including Thomas Eakins’s rowing and boxing series and Eadweard Muybridge’s photographic studies of the body in motion. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and the Addison Gallery.

For Educators: The Great Depression Curriculum Guide
Curriculum guides are available online at http://www.andover.edu/Museums/Addison/Education/MLC/Documents/GreatDepressionPortfolioGuide.pdf

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May & June 2016 Events & Groups

Death Cafe
Wednesday, May 25 at 7pm
Join other adults for the second 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. Led by Andover resident, Richard Davis. RSVP at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

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