Adult Events

at Memorial Hall Library

January / February / March 2020
**Winter Reading Club**
Dec. 20 - Feb. 24

**Friday Films**
Jan. 3 • Feb. 7 • Mar. 6

**Maker Mornings**
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Device Advice**
Jan. 7, 21 • Feb. 4, 18
Mar. 3, 17

**Genealogy Club**
Jan. 9 • Feb. 13 • Mar. 12

**Nutrition Facts/Tips**
Jan. 9

**Biggest Little Farm**
Jan. 11

**Adult Board Games**
Jan. 12 • Feb. 2 • Mar. 1

**Computer Users**
Jan. 13 • Feb. 10 • Mar. 9

**Dementia Dialogues**
Jan. 14 • Feb. 11 • Mar. 10

**Digital Newspapers**
Jan. 14

**Get Organized**
Jan. 16

**Winter Book Sale**
Jan. 22-26

**Author Jenna Blum**
Jan. 28

**Addison Gallery Tours**
Feb. 4, 25 • Mar. 24

**Fish On! Andover**
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

**Intro to KonMari Method of Organizing**
Feb. 6

**Gardening Will Kill You - Neal Sanders**
Feb. 8

**Liana Paniyeva Piano**
Feb. 9

**Pub Trivia**
Feb. 11

**Death Cafe**
Feb. 12

**Courageous Conversations**
Feb. 13 • Mar. 4

**Silent Book Clubs**
Feb. 15 • Mar. 10

**Eric Baldwin Concert**
Feb. 22

**Discuss Digital Detox**
Feb. 27 • Mar. 23, 27

**Marching In! Concert**
Mar. 4

**Peter Swanson & Paul Tremblay**
Mar. 5

**National Day of Unplugging**
Mar. 6

**The Kelly Girls**
Mar. 8

**Pain Explained**
Mar. 11

**Healing Mind: Meditation in Motion**
Mar. 12

**Native Trees & Why They Matter**
Mar. 12

**Gardener’s Guide to Natives & Invasives**
Mar. 19

**Andover Gardens!**
Mar. 28

Programs are funded by the Friends of MHL. Join at mhl.org/friends.
Winter Reading Club
December 20th to February 24th
Cozy up to some great books in our Winter Reading Club. Pick up a bingo board and get started. Fill out a row to win a free book. Fill out the entire board for a chance to win our grand prize.

Nutrition: Fact or Fiction?
Thursday, January 9th at 1:00pm in Memorial Hall
Registered dietician, June Skuza, of the Nutrition Factory, will share her extensive knowledge about nutrition labeling and discuss ways to develop a balanced and flexible approach to eating.

The Biggest Little Farm
Saturday, January 11th at 10:00am in Memorial Hall
Documentarian John Chester and his wife Molly set out to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres outside of Los Angeles. The film chronicles eight years of their daunting work as they attempted to build a diverse farm in complete coexistence with nature.

Access Digital Newspapers from MHL
Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm in the Activity Room

Parent to Parent: Dear Evan Hansen Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall
MHL Teen Services librarians & Parent to Parent will host a discussion of the novel based on the hit musical. Open to grades 6-12 and their parents/caregivers.

Get Organized in the New Year
Thursday, January 16th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Are you surrounded by too much stuff, but too overwhelmed to deal with it? Professional organizer, Marilyn Cruickshank, will share tried and true strategies for decluttering and organizing that will leave you motivated and energized to make small changes with a big impact.

Friends’ Winter Book Sale
January 22-26, 2020
Preview Night, Wednesday, January 22nd, 5:30-8:30pm ($20, Friends’ mbrs free)
Thursday, January 23rd, 1:00–4:30pm
Friday & Saturday, January 24th & 25th, 9:00am–4:30pm
Sunday, January 26th, 1:00–4:30pm (fill a bag for $5 or $7)

An Evening with Author Jenna Blum
Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Meet the bestselling author of Those Who Save Us (2002) and The Stormchasers (2010). Jenna will share her latest book, The Lost Family. Based in Boston, she teaches at Grub Street Writers and has taught creative writing and journalism at Boston University. She has written the screenplay for Those Who Save Us, currently under option. Her books will be available, courtesy of the Andover Bookstore. Registration is recommended.

Addison Gallery Tour: Man Up!
Tuesday, February 4th at 11:00am at the Addison Gallery of American Art
Curator Gordon Wilkins will tour and discuss the exhibit which explores how 19th century artists portrayed masculinity. Registration required. Meet in museum lobby.

Introduction to the KonMari Method of Organizing
Thursday, February 6th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
The first Certified KonMari Consultant in Massachusetts, Kerry Adams will introduce the KonMari Method, explain the benefits and process, show how it works, and how you can declutter and organize your life and experience the life changing magic yourself. Includes a folding demonstration.

Gardening Will Kill You: Author Neal Sanders
Saturday, February 8th at 9:30am in Memorial Hall
Neal Sanders returns to share his humorous observations about gardening. He has written thirteen mysteries, often set in garden clubs or horticulture-related. Copies will be available for purchase. A collaboration of MHL and Village Garden Club.

Register online or check for program changes & additions at mhl.org/calendar or by calling 978-623-8430.
Friends’ Concert Series: Liana Paniyeva
Sunday, February 9th at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall
The internationally acclaimed pianist will perform a program of works for solo piano. She has performed at music festivals in Norway, Hungary, Canada, Italy, South Africa, Israel, and at Carnegie Hall four times. She studied at the Donetsk Music Academy in Ukraine, the Manhattan School of Music, and Hartt School in Hartford. She has won several prizes, including Grand Prize at the Metropolitan International Piano Competition in NYC.

Death Cafe
Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall
Join other adults for Andover’s seventeenth Death Cafe, an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for exploring the many facets of this often taboo subject. Registration required. Socializing at 6:30pm; program begins at 7:00pm. Hosted by Richard Davis.

Pub Trivia
Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm at Andolini’s
Hosted by MHL librarians. $50 cash prize to the winning team.

Cape Ann Shore Fishing by the Season
Spring, Summer & Fall
Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm
Steve Papows and Farrell ‘Robbie’ Roberts will discuss fishing the Cape Ann shores in every season. Steve has been surfcasting in the Cape Ann waters for over 50 years. Robbie has 35 years of fishing experience and is a Northcoast Anglers guide.

Recreational Groundfish Release Survival & Best Practices
Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm
Biologist Matt Ayer will share the latest research on recreational groundfish release survival of Atlantic cod, haddock, cusk and other species. He’ll share best practices for catching, handling, and releasing both targeted and non-targeted species.

Fishing the North Shore and Beyond
Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00pm
Gary George will discuss the tackle and tactics he uses to successfully pursue offshore groundfish. He will also discuss how he catches striped bass in the Beverly/Salem area. He is a licensed captain and has worked as an Orvis fishing associate.

Silent Book Club
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Based on the silent book clubs as reported on NPR, participants come to enjoy reading in a quiet, tech-free zone. A bell rings at 2:30pm and reading commences. At 3:30pm, a bell rings to end the session. People are welcome to chat with each other at that time. Chairs & tables will be set up.

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Courageous Conversations
The Moral Imperative of Affordable Housing
Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
A panel will discuss how housing works as a platform for good life outcomes - stable housing, better health outcomes, better education outcomes, and a healthier social fabric. Panelists include Jessica Andors, Executive Director, Lawrence Community Works. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library and Courageous Conversations.

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**Friends’ Concert Series: Eric Baldwin & Friends**
**The Swingin’ American Songbook**
Saturday, February 22nd at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall
Andover resident and guitarist, Eric Baldwin, will perform selections from the American Songbook with saxophonist Neil Lipson, bassist Mark Carlsen, drummer Dave Didiksen, and vocalist Carol Leary. Eric has been performing in Greater Boston for 25 years. He’s well-versed in many jazz styles and freelances with some of Boston’s best bands, including the New Black Eagle Jazz Band.

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**Addison Gallery Tour**
**Gordon Parks: The New Tide, Early Work 1940-1950**
Tuesday, February 25th at 11:00am at Addison Gallery of American Art
Curator Allison Kemmerer will tour and discuss works from the formative first decade of photographer Gordon Park’s 60-year career. Registration is required. Meet in the lobby.


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**Digital Detox Book Discussion**
Thursday, February 27th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Join us to discuss Cal Newport’s book, *Digital Minimalism*.

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**Friends’ Concert Series: Marching In!**
**Jessica McCormack & Cathy Meyer**
Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00am in Memorial Hall
Celebrate Women’s History Month with Dr. Jessica McCormack, soprano, and pianist, Cathy Meyer, as they discuss and perform selected works honoring Western classical female composers from the 17th century through today. An Andover resident, Jessica has had several academic appointments in addition to singing at Carnegie Hall, and performing in operas and as a soloist. Cathy Meyer, Minister of Music at South Church, teaches and performs in the Boston area.

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**Courageous Conversations**
**The Color of Law Book Discussion**
Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Dr. Elizabeth Herbin-Triant, Assistant Professor of History at UMass Lowell, will facilitate a discussion of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. A leading authority on housing policy, Rothstein explodes the myth that America’s cities came to be racially divided through individual prejudices, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies. Rather, his book incontrovertibly makes clear that it was *de jure* segregation, the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments, that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day. All are welcome, even if they haven’t read the book.

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**An Evening with Authors Peter Swanson & Paul Tremblay**
Thursday, March 5th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall

Paul Tremblay has made a name for himself as a master of literary horror. He also writes science fiction and dark fantasy. His novels include *A Head Full of Ghosts, The Cabin at the End of the World, Disappearance at Devil’s Rock, The Little Sleep* and *No Sleep Till Wonderland*. His latest is *Growing Things and Other Stories*, a short story collection. Their books will be available, courtesy of the Andover Bookstore.

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**National Day of Unplugging**
Friday, March 6th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Memorial Hall Library
We’ll have fun activities for all ages. Enjoy working on craft projects, puzzles, board games and, of course, reading books and magazines.

*Please Note: All public computers will be off during this no-tech event.*
Friends’ Concert Series: The Kelly Girls
Sunday, March 8th at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall
The Kelly Girls return for another rousing concert of Celtic music. Their renditions are rooted in the Celtic traditions of Ireland, Scotland, Canada and America. Nancy Beaudette plays guitar, bouzouki and mandolin. Aisling Keating, plays tin whistle, flute, bodhran, and ukulele. Christine Hatch plays banjo, guitar, and harmonica, and Melinda Kerwin plays fiddle. Their debut album ‘May You Always’ will be available.

Silent Book Club
Tuesday, March 10th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Memorial Hall
Based on the silent book clubs as reported on NPR, participants come to enjoy reading in a quiet, tech-free zone. A bell rings at 7:00pm and reading commences. At 8:00pm, a bell rings to end the session. People are welcome to chat with each other at that time.

Pain Explained/Explain Pain
Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Do you or does someone you know suffer from persistent pain? Eric Hayford, a Marine Corps veteran, has a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and extensive experience working in inpatient and outpatient settings. He’ll cover modern models of pain management, as well as treatment essentials for overcoming pain and returning to normal life.

The Healing Mind: Meditation in Motion
Thursday, March 12th at 1:30pm in Memorial Hall
The documentary short by Andover resident, Betsey Beaven, explores how the practices of Tai Chi and Qigong, with their focus on mindfulness, are helping seriously ill patients with many of the side effects associated with fibromyalgia, arthritis and cancer treatments. The screening will be followed by a demonstration of the martial art forms and Q & A with Betsey.

Digital Detox Book Discussions in Memorial Hall
Monday, March 23rd at 7:00pm • Friday, March 27th at 10:00am

Poison Ivy: Learning to Love It
Native Trees: Why They Matter to All of Us
Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Cathy Harragian of Organic Garden Design will cover identifying poison ivy, protecting oneself when removing it, and planting alternatives that can help prevent it. Marc Fournier will discuss selecting, planting, pruning and caring for native trees and shrubs, which provide vital habitat and food for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water, pesticides and fertilizers, saving time, money, and perhaps the most valuable natural resource, water. A win-win for everyone! Marc is a Massachusetts Certified Arborist.

Gardener’s Guide to Native and Invasive Plants
Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Nancy Pau, Wildlife Biologist at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, will discuss native plants for New England gardens. She will teach on how to control local invasive plants in your garden & neighborhood. A collaboration of MHL & Village Garden Club.

Addison Gallery Tour: A Wildness Distant from Ourselves
Tuesday, March 24th at 11:00am at the Addison Gallery of American Art
Curator Gordon Wilkins will tour and discuss the exhibit which examines the history and persistent impacts of the 19th-century European American relationship with the natural world. Registration is required. Meet in the lobby.

Andover Gardens--In the Backyard, Front Yard, Containers & Community Gardens
Saturday, March 28th at 10:00am in Memorial Hall
It’s garden planning time! Are you dreaming of picking your own sun ripe tomatoes, gathering flowers from your garden border, or having an herb garden by the kitchen door? Join us to get a head start on this year’s garden. A panel of some of Andover’s most experienced backyard gardeners will share their successes and failures and answer questions. The Andover Seed Library’s drawers will be full of seed packets and we’ll have a variety of 2020 garden catalogs ready to go home with you.
Join MHL for Elect to Connect 2020, a year of programs and opportunities for all ages to disconnect from devices and connect with books, authors, music, nature, art, culture, community and more. We invite you to join us in pledging the following:

I will participate in MHL's yearlong Elect to Connect 2020 journey with the goal of living a fulfilling life.

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Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday - Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: 1pm-5pm

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