Adult Events
at Memorial Hall Library
May / June
Delvena Theatre Co.
Isabella
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The Gilded Age
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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May 5

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Device Advice
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May 8

Foster’s Pond’s Bogs, Fens & Peatlands
May 8

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June 20

Summer Reading Launch Party
June 25

Library programs are funded by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. You can support programs for all ages by joining the Friends at mhl.org/friends.

Programs are subject to change. Please call 978-623-8430, or visit mhl.org
Delvena Theatre Company: Isabella
Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Step back in time and meet Isabella Stewart Gardner, famed founder of the Boston museum. Learn about her life, friends, acquaintances, travels, stylish taste, charm & unconventional behavior. Friends of MHL annual meeting at 6:30pm. Registration required at mhl.org/calendar.

Adult Board Game Afternoons
Sundays, May 5th & June 2nd, 1:15-4:45pm in Activity Room
Play board games with other adults. Hosted by Marc McConley. MHL now lends board games. View our list of games for lending at https://mhl.org/games.

Device Advice
Tuesday, May 7th & 21st, 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, June 4th & 18th, 7:00-8:00pm
Bring your technology questions to the Reference Desk. Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles & other e-readers. Bring chargers, usernames & passwords.

Conversational English
Mondays, 10:00am-noon, Memorial Hall
May 6th & 13th (Resumes in late September)

Career Networking Group
Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, Friends Alcove 1
May 9th & 23rd

Book Groups@MHL
Nonfiction Book Group meets Wednesday, May 1st & June 5th at 7:00pm
Morning Book Group meets Monday, May 20th & June 17th at 10:30am
Great Books Group meets Tuesday, May 28th & June 18th at 7:30pm

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am, Memorial Hall
May 9th & June 13th

Register online or check for program changes & additions at mhl.org/calendar or by calling 978-623-8430.
American History Lectures by Don Robb: The Gilded Age
Thursdays, 1:30-3:00pm in Memorial Hall
May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Historians and economists often compare the “Gilded Age” (1876 - 1900) to the Nineteen Twenties and present-day America. Don Robb will explore how the Gilded Age changed America: powerful industrial corporations, a huge influx of immigrants, the growth of great cities, party politics as tense as those of today, and the reactions of the American people, rich and poor, to a changing society.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association Piano Recital
Sunday, May 5th at 2:00pm in Memorial Hall
Enjoy an afternoon of piano music performed by students of MVMTA piano teachers.

Maker Morning@MHL: Explore our Makerspace Equipment
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am in the Makerspace. Registration required.
May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Meet at Reference Desk, Level 1. Staff will escort you to the Makerspace.

Make@MHL Craft Workshops
Wednesday, May 8th, 10:00-11:30am
Red, white & blue rag crafts.
Wednesday, June 12th, 10:00-11:30am
Make your own fairy garden.
Instruction provided by staff members, Gerry Deyermond & Vicki Murphy. All supplies included. Registration is required.

Computer Users Group
Mondays, 1:30-3:00pm in Activity Room, Lower Level
May 13th & June 10th
Hosted by MHL librarians, Dean Baumeister, Theo Kontos & Justin Termini.

Drop-in Book Chat with Clare Curran & Kim Lynn
Wednesday, June 12th at 10:00am in the Teen Room
Discuss books with our librarians and get recommendations about what to read next.
For Peat’s Sake: Bogs, Fens and Peatland Habitats of Foster’s Pond

Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall

Peatlands are natural flood controls, fascinating ecosystems, and storage bins for more carbon than all other vegetation types in the world combined. Foster’s Pond offers an incredible diversity of peatland habitats whose size and complexity are unmatched in this region. Local landscape designer and botanist, Richard Barry, will talk about the unique peatland ecosystems of Foster’s Pond and some ways to help the pond through gardening practices, including how to create rain gardens and the best native plants to use. A collaboration of MHL & Foster’s Pond Corporation.

Triage & Transition: Why & How to Electrify Building Heating

Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall

Boston University Professor, Dr. Nathan Phillips, will discuss the why and how of moving from gas to electricity for climate mitigation, adaptation, cleaner air and safer communities. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Plant Physiological Ecology, Physical Principles of the Environment, Biogeography, Biodiversity, Environmental Field Methods, and Sustainable Energy. A collaboration of MHL & Working to Educate for Climate Action Now (WECAN).

Death Cafe

Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall

Join other adults for Andover’s fourteenth 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. Registration is required. Socializing at 6:30pm and program starts promptly at 7:00pm. Hosted by Andover resident, Richard Davis.

Addison Gallery

Tours: In and Out of Place

Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00pm at Addison Gallery

Curator Gordon Wilkins will lead a tour and discussion of the works and themes in this exhibition, which investigates the nuanced and varied physical and human characteristics that set place apart from mere location. Registration required.
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AVIS 125: Birding with Mass Audubon’s David Moon
Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
David Moon, Director of the Mass Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center in Newburyport, will share his extensive knowledge and passion about birds. After 37 years of birding on Plum Island, David feels at home at Mass Audubon, a great place to work to protect and celebrate nature, and where we can help mobilize our society to ensure a verdant future. Register at mhl.org/calendar. A collaboration of AVIS and MHL. The Library subscribes to Birds of North America Online, available at home to Andover cardholders at mhl.org/bna.

AVIS West Parish Garden Cemetery Birding Walk
Sunday, May 19th at 8:00am - Meet at Lower Entrance
Local residents and bird enthusiasts, Donna and Don Cooper, will lead a birding walk through West Parish Garden Cemetery. Meet at the corner of Reservation and Cutler Roads. Park along the road. Dress for walking in wet grass, and bring binoculars if possible. No dogs allowed. Meets rain or shine. Expect to walk for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Limited to 20. Register at mhl.org/calendar.

Seeds Grow Up with Samantha’s Gardens
Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Owner and landscape designer, Samantha Mannarino, and seasonal color specialist, Vlasta Benedict of Samantha’s Gardens, will talk about growing flowers and adding color to your garden. Samantha’s Gardens maintains the beautiful outdoor spaces at Memorial Hall Library and in downtown Andover.

Native Wild Edibles with Russ Cohen
Thursday, June 13th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of Wild Plants I Have Known…and Eaten, for a 60-minute slide show featuring at least two dozen species of native edible wild plants suitable for adding to your own landscape, or nibbling on as you encounter them in other locales. Keys to the identification of each species will be provided, along with edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation method(s) and guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging. Russ will lead an edible walk on Wednesday, June 19 from 6:00-8:00pm on an AVIS reservation, location TBA.

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An Evening with Author Doug ‘V.B.’ Goudie
Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Talk radio host and author, Doug ‘V. B.’ Goudie will share his new book, *A Frost in Hell: The True Story of the Petersham Butcher of 1875*. What Samuel J. Frost did on July 4th, 1875 was outrageous, and it was only the beginning. He would become a national sensation, not so much because of his crime, but because of what he did AFTER the murder. His became the “trial of the year” in Massachusetts. It contained a first-of-its-kind appeal, and it resulted in a last-of-its-kind punishment. Copies will be available.

Walking The Way Today: A Pilgrimage along El Camino de Santiago
Monday, June 10th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Join Kristine Malpica and Meg Rayne on a visual and musical odyssey along El Camino de Santiago, known as The Way, a 500 mile pilgrimage across France and Spain, that attracts thousands of international travelers each year. They will explore the historical legacy and contemporary cultural heritage of one of Europe’s oldest and most significant pilgrimages, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Route and the First European Cultural Itinerary.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Friends’ One Day Pop-up Book Sale
Wednesday, June 19, 10:00am-4:00pm in the Activity Room
Shop for bargains and summer reads. The selection will include adult, children’s and youth books of many genres. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards accepted.

Haskell Small: Pianist and Composer
Thursday, June 20th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Pianist and composer, Haskell Small will perform his new composition, “A Haunted Child,” along with works by Mozart, Chopin and others. Highlights of his performance career include engagements at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center and Spoleto USA. Small was featured on the PBS special “A Celebration of the Piano.” He has been praised for the exquisite blend of sound and silence in his compositions and for his prodigious technique and subtle touch at the keyboard.
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