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at Memorial Hall Library

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Programs are funded by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Support programming by joining at mhl.org/friends.

Programs are subject to change. Please call 978-623-8430, or visit mhl.org

Register online or check for
Friday Films
1:00-3:30pm in Memorial Hall
October 4 - Green Book
November 1 - A Star is Born
December 13 - Mary Poppins Returns

Adult Board Game Afternoons
Sundays from 1:15-4:45pm in Activity Room
October 6, November 3, December 1
Hosted by Marc McConley. MHL lends board games. View our list of games for lending at https://mhl.org/games.

Computer Users Group in the Activity Room
Monday, October 21, 1:30-2:30pm - Organizing Digital Photos
Monday, November 18, 1:30-2:30pm - Internet of Things & AI
Monday, December 9, 1:30-2:30pm - Open Source Software

Maker Mornings@MHL in the Makerspace
Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00am - Registration is required. Check calendar for topics.
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - November 5, 12, 19, 26 - December 3, 10, 17

Writing Groups@MHL in the Activity Room
Critique Group - Wednesdays, October 16, November 13, December 11 at 7:00pm
Writers Group - Thursdays, October 10, November 14, December 12 at 7:00pm

Book Groups@MHL in the Activity Room
Nonfiction Group - Wednesdays, October 2, November 6, December 4 at 7:00pm
Morning Group - Mondays, October 21, November 18, December 16 at 10:30am
Great Books Group - Tuesdays, October 22, November 26, December 17 at 7:30pm

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club
Thursdays, 9:30-11:00am in Memorial Hall - November 14 & December 12
October 10 - Club Field Trip to Phillips Library in Rowley - 9:00am (must register)

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Backyard Composting - the Bread Oven Method
Thursday, October 3 at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Andrew Brousseau of Black Earth Compost in Cape Ann will share his easy 'Bread Oven' method for composting in your back yard. The program will be less about the science and more about the practice of composting. He’ll discuss the global flow of nutrients and fertilizer.

Dementia Dialogues Group
Tuesdays, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th, 9:30-10:30am, Alcove 2
A monthly discussion group for anyone and everyone wanting to discuss dementia, including caregivers/care partners and people living with dementia. Facilitated by Emily Kearns, PhD, MBA, RMT. Elevator to G & follow the signs to Alcove 2.

College Financial Aid with Jim Femia
Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Jim Femia, a Certified College Planning Specialist, will discuss how families of all income levels may be eligible for financial aid, which colleges offer the best financial aid packages, how to avoid costly mistakes on the FAFSA and CSS Profile, and other information. Parents and students are welcome.

GHOST: An Evening with Retired FBI Special Agent Michael R. McGowan
Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Groveland resident, Mike McGowan, worked undercover on 50+ FBI cases and dealt with some of the world’s most dangerous, sophisticated, and notorious criminal organizations and individuals. His memoir has been optioned to Sylvester Stallone’s new production company for development as a feature film. Copies will be available courtesy of the Andover Bookstore.

Addison Tour: Men of Steel, Women of Wonder
Thursday, October 17th at 11:00am at Addison Gallery of American Art
The exhibit examines art world responses to Superman and Wonder Woman, ranging from their Depression-era origins to today’s contemporary artist interpretations. Registration required. Meet in the museum lobby.

Pub Trivia
Tuesdays, October 1st & December 10th at 7:00pm at Andolini’s
Hosted by MHL librarians. $50 cash prize to the winning team.

Rain Gardens: Every Drop Counts
Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall
Water is both the stuff of mystery and an essential part of life. In the face of climate change, water is becoming both too scarce and too plentiful. Learn simple methods to capture, reuse and slow storm water and runoff with Trevor Smith of Land Escapes Design. He will discuss rain harvesting and rain gardens as ways to make the most of every drop.

Peking and the Mystics: Vintage Vocals
Sunday, October 20th at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall
Alumni of Tufts University’s a cappella group, the Beelzebubs, Peking and the Mystics has recorded four albums. Their eclectic repertoire features arrangements and vintage vocals from swing, jazz, doo wop and pop music, covering every decade from the 1930s to the 2000s. Members are Gene Blake and Tim Vaill of Andover, David Pratt of Wellesley, Andrew Cranin of Brewster and Chris Parker of Ipswich.

Foster Parenting Information Session
Monday, October 21st at 7:00pm in Activity Room
Foster Parenting is a service that allows people to assist needy children during times of crisis. Children come into care nearly every day. Hear from a foster parent and social worker about how you can make a positive difference in their lives. You can be single, married, partnered, divorced or widowed. You can rent or own your own home.

A Whole New World of Catholic Records
Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Catholic sacramental records can be genealogical gems, as they identify important moments, places, times and cultural information about your ancestors. Board-certified genealogical researcher, Margaret Fortier, CG will discuss exciting developments in online Catholic records availability. Attendees will receive a locator chart for online Catholic records worldwide.

The Clock in the Painting
Wednesday, October 23rd at 1:30pm in Memorial Hall
Bob Frishman of Bell-Time Clocks will share his collection of fine art images and discuss art containing clocks from the past five centuries. From Van Gogh to Dali, Titian, Homer, Magritte, Hopper and Rockwell, these works are often familiar, but have not often been viewed from this perspective.

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Courageous Conversations: White Fragility  
**Thursday, October 24th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**  
Robin DiAngelo's book describes white fragility - how it develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. A facilitated discussion led by Gail Forsyth-Vail will follow a short video of the author. All are welcome, even if they haven’t read the book.

Waterfalls of the White Mountains  
**Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**  
A guided tour of the new edition of *Waterfalls of the White Mountains: 30 Hikes to 100 Waterfalls* with author Bruce Bolnick, including photo visits to popular favorites, roadside gems, backcountry treasures, great swimming holes, and other scenic treasures of the north country. Hear anecdotes about production of the book, plus hiking tips, and some fascinating history of the White Mountain region. The recently released 3rd Edition (Countryman Press, 2019) is a major revision of the original 1990 edition. Copies will be available for purchase.

Betsy Williams: The Festive Table  
**Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00am in Memorial Hall**  
Learn simple, effective ways to combine fresh fruits, vegetables and nuts from the supermarket, woody herbs from your garden and locally grown evergreens and berries to decorate your table for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays. Betsy will show how to create a fresh winter potpourri. Door prizes!

Yukiko Sekino: Solo Piano Recital  
**Sunday, November 3rd at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall**  
Yukiko Sekino will present a program of works by Chopin and Ravel. She made her debut with the BSO at age sixteen, and has performed extensively as a soloist and chamber musician in the US, Europe, Japan, and China. An Affiliate Artist at MIT, she also serves on the piano faculty at the New England Conservatory Prep School.

Life Under the Tsars  
**Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**  
Records show that people were often registered as citizens of one town but lived in another. How can these records and historical knowledge help us trace our families before they emigrated? Dr. Alan Shuchat, a retired Wellesley College professor, will address what registration meant for Jews in the Russian empire, where Jews could live, and what is meant by The Pale of Settlement.
Death Cafe

**Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall**

Join other adults for Andover’s sixteenth Death Cafe, which is not a support group or venue for bereavement, but seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for exploring the many facets of this often taboo subject. Registration required. Socializing at 6:30pm; program starts at 7:00pm. Hosted by Richard Davis.

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**The Mother Connection Annual Preschool Fair**

**Thursday, November 7th from 5:30-7:30pm in Memorial Hall**

Parents are invited to meet and talk with 20+ area preschool representatives at this annual event co-hosted by The Mother Connection and Memorial Hall Library.

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**Courageous Conversations: Film Screening & Discussion**

**Thursday, November 21st at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**

We’ll screen a film about Iowa teacher, Jane Elliott, and her educational experiment in April 1968, shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She divided her third-grade class into two groups, based on their eye color, and conducted an experiment about discrimination. A facilitated discussion will follow.

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**TRIchrO + Oboe**

**Sunday, November 24th at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall**

Recognized for unique compositions with beautiful jazz melodies and rich harmonies, TRIchrO features drummer, Mark Fairweather, and Andover residents, David Mercure, and Eriko Yamaki Mercure. All three studied at the Berklee College of Music. Guest artist, Joel Bard, a graduate of the Juilliard School, joins them on oboe. TRIchrO performs throughout Greater Boston, NYC and Japan.

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**Finding Jewish Ancestors from Ukraine & the Russian Empire**

**Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**

How did Jewish ancestors obtain steamship tickets and travel from their shetls to the steamship ports? Dr. Alan Shucat will point out what records still exist and how they can be found, and will identify helpful resources for dealing with language barriers.

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**Addison Gallery: The Art of Ambition in the Colonial Northeast**

**Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00pm at Addison Gallery of American Art**

Join Curator Gordon Wilkins for a tour and discussion of what is ‘American’ about art produced before the founding of the United States. The works in the exhibit speak to the complexity and ambiguity of artistic identity in the British colonies of northeastern North America during the 18th century. Registration required. Meet in the lobby.

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Friends’ Holiday Book Sale
December 6 & 7, 2019

Friday, December 6 • 3:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday, December 7 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Gift quality books for all ages

Portraits in Silhouette
Saturday, December 7 • 9:00am-4:00pm
$37 per silhouette • $15 per copy
Contact Stefani at straina@mhl.org to book appointments