



January Newsletter



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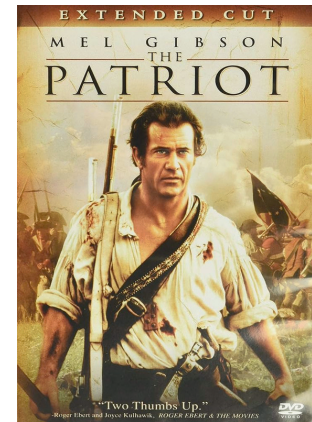
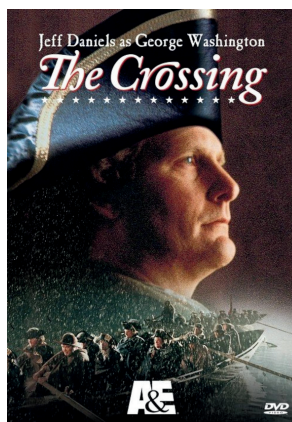
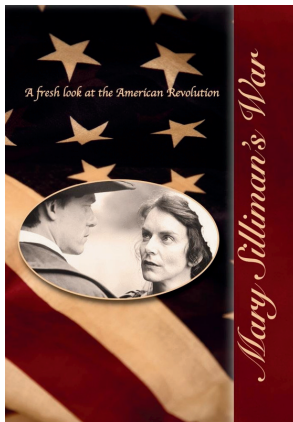
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Program Highlights

JANUARY MOVIE SERIES: AMERICA AT 250: STORIES OF REVOLUTION Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Join the Library on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in January for the movie series "America at 250: Stories of Revolution". The movies are as follows: January 7 - Mary Silliman's War; January 14 - 1776, the musical; January 21 - The Crossing; and January 28 - The Patriot. Sandy Gibson-Quigley will give a short historical overview of each movie before it is shown. On January 21, Carol Mitchell will lead a discussion of the the movie "The Crossing" after it ends. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, January 20
at 1:00 pm**

This month's book is "The Stolen Queen" by Fiona Davis

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK GROUP

**Wednesday, January 21
at 6:30 pm**

This month's book is "The Glassmaker" by Tracy Chevalier

WORLD BUILDING BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, January 27 at
6:30pm**

This month's book is "The Three Body Problem" by Cixin Liu

Library Quote of the Month

To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads. -Jon Bing (Norwegian writer and law professor)

**OPEN ON SUNDAYS
12:00PM TO 5:00PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 4**

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Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:45am

A play-based story time where toddlers will work on valuable skills with their caregivers and socialize with kids their own age.
Jan. 6th through Feb. 24th

Baby time

Wednesdays at 10:45am

Join Ms. Meredith for songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories. For children 2 years and younger with an adult caregiver.
Through February 25th

STORY Time

Fridays at 10:45am

Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Designed for children 3-5 years old but open to kids of all ages with an adult caregiver.
Through February 20th

DROP IN TECH HELP

**Wednesdays
5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Bring your device and get your most basic smartphone, tablet or computer questions answered.
There will be no Tech Help on Jan. 7th.



**The Library will be CLOSED Monday,
January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Monday, December 15 through January 31 - All day

WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR KIDS

Stop by the Children's Room and pick up a Winter themed reading challenge! Complete each task and earn the ultimate prize: a coupon for a FREE COOKIE from The Bake Shoppe at The Publick House! Completed reading challenges can be turned into the Children's Room through Saturday, January 31st. Limit of one coupon per child. A huge thank you to The Publick House for sponsoring this fun reading challenge!

Monday, January 5 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

FAMILY CRAFT TIME: STARRY NIGHT CARDS

Families are invited to join us as we make starry sky cards with watercolor paints! This program is intended for children ages 5-12 with their caregiver(s). Registration is required.

Friday, January 9 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

NEON PAINTING FOR KIDS

Let's fill our new Little Free Art Gallery! Kids ages 5-12 are invited to join us for some bright and colorful neon painting led by Eilee Reed, the Scout who spearheaded this project. Participants will make a painting for home and a painting for the gallery. Registration is required.

Monday, January 12 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

PICASSO STYLE SELF PORTRAIT

We are filling our new Little Free Art Gallery! Artists ages 8 through adult are invited to try their hands at self-portraits in the style of Picasso, led by Eilee Reed. Registration is required.

Monday, January 12 - VIRTUAL - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

AUTHOR HEATHER B. MOORE: "JULIA"

A discussion with author Heather B. Moore about her recent release, "Julia," the untold story of Julia Child before she became a worldwide cooking sensation! We'll chat with Heather about the book, her writing and research process, and if she found any surprises when looking into the iconic Julia! This is a virtual program and registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and in partnership with a multitude of MA Libraries.

Tuesday, January 13 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

WOODEN SPOON CARVING

Wood carving is a meditative activity that you can do almost anywhere. Using simple tools, participants will be instructed on the techniques of selecting wood, safe carving techniques, and how to care for their new utensil. You will go home with at least one wooden spoon and a whole new skillset! All materials and equipment are provided. Registration is required. This is a library sponsored program.

Wednesday, January 14 - VIRTUAL - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

"SUPERSPY SCIENCE: SCIENCE, DEATH & TECH IN THE WORLD OF JAMES BOND" WITH DR. KATHRYN HARKUP

Dr. Kathryn Harkup, writer, science communicator and vampirologist, will be discussing her book "Superspy Science: Science, Death and Tech in the World of James Bond." Learn all about The science behind James Bond's exploits - armaments, tactics, plots and enemy tech. This is a virtual program and registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and in partnership with a multitude of MA Libraries.

Thursday, January 15 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

ZENTANGLE LANDSCAPE FOR ADULTS

We're continuing to fill our new Little Free Art Gallery. Adults are invited to join Eilee Reed for a relaxing hour filled with doodling and drawing. No prior experience is needed. Registration is required.

Saturday, January 17 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

LET'S MEET A... VETERINARIAN

Leah Guidry, a veterinarian, is coming to talk about what it's like to work as a vet. Children will have the chance to ask questions and are invited to bring a stuffed animal friend with them for some hands-on learning. Registration is required.

Thursday, January 22 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

POKEMON CLUB

Young Pokémon fans and their caregivers are invited to join us for themed activities and fun! Kids can also bring their card collections to play the official TCG game or simply show off their favorites. Registration is required.

Monday, January 26 - VIRTUAL - 7:00pm to 8:15pm

"CREATING A MODERN HOMESTEAD" WITH HOMESTEADER AND BLOGGER, VICTORIA PRUETT

Get a broad overview of simple life changes you could make to get closer to nature and less dependent on large, commercial organizations. This is a virtual program and registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and in partnership with a multitude of MA Libraries.

Saturday, January 31 - 10:30am to 12:30pm

NEEDLE FELTED BOOKMARKS

Discover the fun of needle felting in our Bookmark Workshop! By the end of the session, you'll take home your finished piece, a handmade reminder of the joy of creating something yourself. Come join us and see how a simple needle and wool can turn into something special!

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To register for programs go to sturbridgelibrary.org.