National Library Week 2017
April 9 - 15

Welcome, Spring and welcome to our new newsletter! We hope you enjoy the new format showcasing all of our programs and services! We will be offering a wide array of educational and recreational programs for children, teens and adults during April, including our celebration of National Library Week. This year’s theme is “Libraries Transform.” First sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

As part of the celebration, the Library is holding a “We Love Our Volunteers Brunch” on April 10 to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who support the Library and give their time and energy to help the Library thrive. More than 140 volunteers donated their time and talent to the Library this past year. Library volunteers include members of the Library’s Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library, as well as individuals who help out in Children’s Services, Teen Services and Adult Services.

The Friends Annual BIG Book Sale will be held March 30 – April 1 starting at 9:30 AM each day. There will be a large selection of over 10,000 fiction, non-fiction books for children, teens and adults, as well as audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, video games, foreign language and large print books.

The Friends Annual Basket Raffle will be held May 1 – May 12. Stop by the lobby and take your chance on a beautiful basket and help support the library. Proceeds from this event are used to pay for books and materials, museum passes, children's programs and many other needs. The Friends are currently accepting donations of completed baskets or items for baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the library. Please contact Lisa Hodge at lisabhodge@yahoo.com or 508-397-8456 if you would like to volunteer.

Christopher Lindquist, Library Director
Navigating a Hearing Loss
Part III: Communication Strategies
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 | 7 – 8:30 PM
Conference Room ★

This is the third and final session led by Dr. Beth Wilson of the Hearing Loss Association of America, Central Mass. Chapter. Participants will learn basic information on communication strategies. Dr. Wilson will provide techniques for making it easier to listen and to communicate with family, friends and co-workers.

Henry Beston’s Cape Cod
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 | 7 – 8:30 PM
Meeting Room

Henry Beston’s 1928 book, The Outermost House, is considered a classic of American Literature. Beston (1888–1968) wrote the book after spending a solitary “year” in a 20x16 house on the dunes of Eastham, Cape Cod, using the house as a base while studying and observing the wonders of nature. Join Don Wilding for this tour de force of naturalistic writing.

Beekeeping in Northborough ★
Tuesday, April 24, 2017 | 7 – 8:30 PM
Meeting Room

Beekeeping is about more than just honey: bees are important pollinators, and our locally-raised bees are helping to promote genetic diversity among honeybee populations. Come get an overview of this fun hobby with Kathy DeGraaf, Northborough beekeeper and vice-president of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association. Bring your questions!

Adult Programs

LEGEND
★ Registration Required
$ Payment Needed

Celebrate National Poetry Month
AT THE LIBRARY

Poetry Writing Workshop
Wed., April 5, 2017 | 10:30 AM – 12 PM
Conference Room ★

Objects can tell stories. Local author Jennifer Freed demonstrates how poetic techniques lend a voice to your ideas and experience through poems that use personal objects as starting points. Participants then apply these techniques in writing their own story in poetry or prose. No special knowledge or experience is necessary.

Meet Your Local Poets
Monday April 10, | 6:30 – 8 PM
Internet Cafe

Enjoy a brief reading by 7 poets from the Central Mass poetry community. The readings will be followed by a question and answer session, and you'll have a chance to mingle and buy signed books if you'd like.

Adult Book Groups

Mon., April 18 | 7–8:30 PM
Monday Evening Group
Conference Room

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

Mystery Book Group
Wed., April 19 | 7–8:30 PM
Conference Room

Mr. Mercedes by Stephen King

Marie's Book Buddies
Fri., April 14 | 10–11:30 AM
Conference Room

Typee by Herman Melville
**Minecraft Club**
Monday, Apr. 3rd | 6–8 PM  
Tuesday, Apr. 11th | 3:30–4:30 PM  
Friday, Apr. 21st | 2–4 PM  
Wednesday, Apr. 26th | 4:30–6 PM  

**Computer Lab** ⭐
Join our growing club! You are not required to have your own Minecraft account to participate. This club is for all students in grades 6–12.

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**Cake Pops**
Wednesday, Apr. 19th | 6–8 PM  
**Meeting Room** ⭐
Join us for this special school vacation week program. We will be making some sweet and colorful cake pops. All materials will be provided. Teens in grades 6–12 welcome.

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**Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)**
Wednesday, Apr. 26th | 7–8 PM  
**Meeting Room**
T.A.G. meets once a month to discuss all things Teen. T.A.G. plans Teen events and helps the Teen Librarian choose new materials for the Teen Room. Teens in grades 6–12 are welcome.

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**Food Wars**
Wednesday, Apr. 10th | 7–8 PM  
**Meeting Room** ⭐
This month we are making marshmallow animals. All materials will be provided. This program is for Teens in grades 6–12.

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**Manga & Graphic Novel Club**
Wednesday, Apr. 12th | 7–8 PM  
**Teen Room** ⭐
Kid Programs

Rhythmic Gymnastics
April 5th | 9:30–10:15 AM
Meeting Room ★
Bringing the beautiful sport of Rhythmic Gymnastics to Northborough! Children ages 2 – 5 can come try a few tricks with ropes, hoops, balls and ribbons, practice acrobatic skills on a mat and play fun games to music!

April Author: Ray LaChance
April 8th | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Meeting Room ★
Join April's Author of the Month Ray LaChance for a special presentation about outlining and illustrating his book Happy The Duck, as well as his "Beastie Characters". Participants will get a free Beastie character, and books will be available for purchase (cash/check only). Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Board Games & Brownies
April 14th | 1:00–3:00 PM
Kids Room ★
No school? No problem! Spend the afternoon with friends and family (and brownies!) at the library. Try our hand at tons of games like Battleship, Pipeline, Scrabble, and more!

Crafternoon
April 18th | 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Kids Room ★
Stop by the Children's Room during school vacation and make something special!

Young Scientists
April 19th | 10:30–11:30 AM
Kids Room ★ ★
In this workshop children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, storytime, challenges and simple experiments. For children ages 3 – 5 with their caregiver. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Pizza & Poetry
April 20th | 12:00–1:30 PM
Kids Room ★ ★
Celebrate National Poetry Month with us! Enjoy pizza while we listen to some funny poems. Then play games and make your own "misbehaving poetry robot" to take home! For kids ages 6 – 12.

Farm Animal Visit
April 21st | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Outside the Library ★ ★
Baby diapered goats. Mini potbelly pigs. Silkie hens. Meet all these and more at the library! Hold and cuddle 20 baby farm animals, learn about their lives on the farm, and share the love! Families are welcome.

Operation Gratitude
April 29th | ALL DAY LONG
Kids Room
Join our efforts to share our appreciation for all our service members do. Stop by the library to write a letter of appreciation. We will send all completed letters to Operation Gratitude.