Happy Sesquicentennial!
150th Birthday Party ~ Sunday, April 8th

1:00 PM  Library opens, free door prize ticket
         View 50 year Time Capsule display in the lobby

1:30 — 2:15 PM  Unlaunch’d Voices, an Evening with Walt
                 Whitman, performed by actor Stephen Collins
                 Location: Adult Services, second floor

2:00 — 3:00 PM  Children’s 1868 Games in the Children’s Room

2:15 — 2:30 PM  Tour of the Gale Building with Jean Langley,
                 former Library Director

2:45 PM  A reading from the 1868 Trustees Meeting
         Location: Main Meeting Room

Remarks by Trustee President Michelle Rehill
and Massachusetts State Senate President
Harriette Chandler

Door prize drawing—“Library in a Basket”

Birthday cake celebrating 150 years!

Upon your departure, please be sure to take a
free book from the collection in the Library
Conference Room, courtesy of the Friends of
the Northborough Library.

Christopher Lindquist, Library Director

Did You Know?
The population of Northborough when the Library opened in 1868 was
about 1,565 people. There were about 1,500 books in the collection,
equivalent to one book per resident. Today, close to 14,500 people live
in town and we have approximately 138,000 items available for loan, or
about 9.5 items for every man, woman and child in Northborough.
My, how we’ve grown!
Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction
A Four Class Series led by Ginny Wholley
Mondays, Apr. 23rd – May 13th
9:30 am – 12 pm   (1st class)
10:00 am – 12 pm   (all other classes)

Mindfulness is a moment-to-moment awareness arising from the practice of paying attention to what is. The benefits of practicing mindfulness are far reaching. The latest research on general health and well being puts mindfulness practices at the top of the list for health promotion; along with sleep, good nutrition and exercise.

Participants in this series will become acquainted with mindfulness practices such as mindful breathing, body scan, and yoga, and will develop an awareness in how they normally react to stressful stimulus and how they can change their automatic stress response. The series will explore ways of integrating mindfulness into one’s life so that participants can maintain a consistent yet flexible practice. *We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for partially funding this series.*

Registration is for the entire series. Payment of $40 is due before the first class. Participants should bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Getting The Most From Your Hand-held Devices
Learn how to optimize all your devices in these hands-on workshops led by consumer technology specialist Abhijeet Nikte.

You will learn to better understand and effectively use your device’s settings and configuration options, including iCloud backup, Siri, and the best apps to complement your device’s features. Please bring your iCloud account information with you to the workshop.

**iPhone & iPad**
Sat., Apr. 7th
10–11 am

You will learn to you better understand and effectively use your device’s settings and configuration options, including Google backup, Google Assistant, and the best apps from the Play Store to complement your device’s features. Please bring your Google account information with you to the workshop.

**Android**
Sat. Apr. 14th
10–11 AM

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**Writer's Workshop:**
*What Makes a Poem a Poem?*
Saturday, Apr. 28th | 10 – 11:30 am

Even if you don’t write poetry, you can use its tools to write better! For National Poetry Month, local poet Jennifer Freed returns to the Northborough Free Library for another writing workshop. In this workshop you will look at work from Massachusetts poets – including U.S Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz (born and raised in Worcester) – to discover how they use sound, narration, line breaks, and word choice to make their stories sing. Then apply what you have learned to whatever kind of writing you choose.

Adult Book Groups

**Monday Evening Group**
*The Elegance of the Hedgehog*
by Muriel Barbery
Tues., Apr. 17th | 7–8:30 PM
Conference Room

**Mystery Book Group**
*Invisible City*
by Julia Dahl
Wed., April 18th | 7–8:30 PM
Conference Room

**Marie's Book Buddies**
*The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu*
by Joshua Hammer
Fri., Apr. 13th | 10–11:30 AM
Conference Room
Minecraft Club
Monday, Apr 2nd | 6-8 PM
Monday, Apr 9th | 6-8 PM
Monday, Apr 30th | 6-8 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.

Minecraft

Manga & Graphic Novel Book Club
Wednesday, Apr 11th | 7-8 PM

Teen Room ⭐
This month we are reading The Backstagers by James Tynion IV. Teens in grades 6-10 are welcome. Don't forget to stop by the Teen Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Cake Pops
Wednesday, Apr 18th | 6-8 PM

Meeting Room ⭐
We will be making some sweet and colorful cake pops. All materials will be provided. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome.

Food Wars
Monday, Apr 23rd | 7-8 PM

Meeting Room ⭐
This month we will be making testing out some bar cookie recipes. All materials will be provided. Bring your appetite! This program is for Teens in grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)
Wednesday, Apr 25th | 7-8 PM

Teen Room
T.A.G. meets once a month to discuss all things Teen. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome.
WE ARE TURNING 150!!
You're invited to our BIRTHDAY PARTY!
SUNDAY, April 8th
Family/Kids Event Begins @ 2:00 PM
Please register online.

APRIL SCHOOL VACATION WEEK EVENTS
VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR GIVE US A CALL FOR MORE DETAILS

ESCAPE ROOM FOR KIDS
An escape room is a puzzle game where clues help you to solve the puzzle. For kids ages 8 and up with their adult. Kids have only an hour to piece together clues and complete this task.

STEM CLUB: DASH OBSTACLE COURSE - Sessions I & II
Test your coding skills and help our new robot - Dash - get through our obstacle course! Use a coding app and Dash to race to the finish line with your team!

BINGO & PIZZA
Families, enjoy a delicious slice of pizza (Thank you Mama's Pizzeria!) and try your luck at Bingo. Small prizes for winners of each game.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
Your stuffed animal is invited to our sleepover party at the library! Tuck them in and watch on Facebook for the party silliness!
For children ages 4 to 7.

Please visit www.northboroughlibrary.org for a complete list of our events and registration information.