



Spring 2025 Events for Adults

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For events requiring registration, please visit our website or call the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

Retirement Planning Seminar Thursday April 3, 6pm

April is financial literacy month, let's learn the ropes of retirement planning! John Foley, retirement planner & fiduciary, will cover: retirement risks, income planning, estate planning, taxes, and more! *Please register.*

Betsy Hartmann Author Talk Saturday April 12, 11:30am

In this powerful work of fiction, Hartmann explores the lives of residents in a small Massachusetts town grappling with the impact of the fentanyl crisis. Betsy will read excerpts from her book, discuss her writing process, and share insights behind her portrayal of this timely and poignant issue. *Please register.*

Earth Day Seed Giveaway Tuesday April 22

To celebrate Earth Day, the library will be giving away 'Provider' bean seeds courtesy of the Common Seed Project! Common Seed builds community through gardening and seed saving. 'Provider' beans are a versatile and reliable variety of bush snap bean. One packet per family, while supplies last. *Drop in.*

Financial Literacy with the Springfield Mayor's Office of Consumer Information Thursday April 24, 6:30pm Representatives from the Springfield Mayor's Office of Consumer Information will be here sharing up-to-date information to help you: buy a car, avoid scams & identity theft, shop online, or hire a home contractor. *Please register.*

Crayon Creations: Van Gogh's Sunflowers Thursday May 1, 6pm

In this workshop, patrons will receive step-by-step instruction by local artist Marie on how to draw and color their own version of Van Gogh's famous "Sunflowers" using crayons. Embrace your inner artist! *Please register.*

Mom and Me: Matching Jewelry for Mother's Day Saturday May 10, 10am

Mothers (or Grandmothers) and children aged 5 & up will have the opportunity to create matching necklaces and bracelets together. Instructor Sandy will bring all the materials to help create lasting memories and keepsakes. Join us for this fun and creative program! *Please register.*

How to Protect Yourself from Your Computer Thursday May 22, 6pm

Are you sometimes afraid of technology or your computer? Marc-Anthony, IT specialist, will be here to help demystify computers and their complexities including: core components, scams, & more! *Please register.*

Living Historian Mini Series

The Ludlow Historical Commission and Hubbard Memorial Library Present: Living Historian Mini-Series with Dennis Picard, dressed in period costume. *Please register.*

The History of the New England Maple Sugar Harvest Thursday May 29, 6pm

Dennis will detail the process and techniques of maple sugaring as well as stories and folklore from the Native Americans to the end of the 19th century.

Paddy on the Railway Tuesday June 10 6pm

The Great Western Railroad, chartered in 1833, took five years to complete. Many groups contributed to the workforce, though the majority were Irish immigrants from small Massachusetts towns, including Ludlow!

Summer Kickoff with Fever Band Thursday June 12, 5-8pm

Everyone is invited for our Summer Kickoff on the Lawn from 5-8pm! We'll have music, games, and food for purchase! Fever will be here playing all the hits, new and old. The Wandering Waffles food truck will be serving up chicken, waffles, and ice cream. Bring lawns chairs and/or blankets! Fun for all ages!

Six Power Canals of the Chicopee River Thursday, June 26 at 6pm

Did you know Ludlow had its very own power canal? Join us with Robert Comeau, Massachusetts Cultural Council grant recipient, who will present the history of the Ludlow power canal! *Please register.*

This program is funded fully by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



2025 Reading Challenge

APRIL

A book
about books,
bookstores, or
libraries

MAY

A book with a
first sentence
of eight words
or less

JUNE

A book that
spans multiple
generations

Social Services Drop-In First Wednesday of every month from 11-1pm

Come meet a Social Worker for assistance with: food pantries, food stamps, referrals to treatment, mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips & more! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors Every Thursday at 1:30pm

Have some fun this Spring by joining us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. *Drop in.*

Open Sew Saturday Saturdays (April 26, May 17) 10–12pm

Drop in to the library's program room for sewing space and support during our monthly Open Sew! The library will have two sewing machines (or bring your own), tables, and seasoned seamstress Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and support. Not recommended for beginners. Open to adults, tweens, & teens.

Monday Crafts First Monday of every month at 10am

Craft, socialize, and learn about our library services!

April 7— Mosaic Coasters

May 5 — Windchimes

June 2 — Macrame Keychains

Tuesday Movie Club

Join us during the week for a movie showing and discussion!

April 15 at 12:30pm — *The Day After Tomorrow* (PG13) Earth Day Edition

May 13 at 12:30pm — *Crazy Rich Asians*. (PG13) Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Edition

June 17 at 12:30pm — *Wicked* (PG13)

Book Club Meetings

Who Picked This Book? Book Club

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30pm

Apr-*Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?* by Tina Cassidy

May-*The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Jun-*Little Princes* by Conor Grennan

Happy Hour Book Club

Meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

Apr-*Chasing Beauty* by Natalie Dykstra

May-*The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

Jun-*Priceless* by Robert Wittman

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

April: **Fotografik Images** by Bruce Caron

May: **TV Guides** by Bob Dennis

June: **Carved & Turned Wood** by Richard Martin

Contact the library to book your artwork or collection!

Food Drive Monday March 24-April 12

The library will be collecting non-perishable food items! Help us come together as a community to make a positive impact on those facing food insecurity. Donations benefit the Ludlow Veterans Food Pantry. Drop box will be located in our circulation lobby!

Friends of the Library Third Thursday of every month.

April 17, 6-8pm

May 15, 6-8pm

Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library!