



Winter 2026 Events for Adults

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The Dangers of Online Family Trees Thursday, January 15 6-7:30 PM

Join us for a talk by Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy discussing with you the dangers of depending on online family trees. He will go over how to tread lightly, what you should and should not trust and how to verify. He will also give you tools to avoid the temptation to believe everything that is so easily at your fingertips while giving you strategies to allow the use of potentially bad or even dangerous information in the right way. Will also be available on Zoom for those who can not attend in person. Please register on our website or by calling 583-3408 x0.

Beaded Jewelry Heart Craft Thursday, February 12 6 PM

Join us to create beaded bracelets, necklaces, and earrings with hearts and take home your creations. Please register online or by calling the circulation desk 413-583-3408. Presented by: Sandy Merrill

Clay Gnomes Pottery Workshop Thursday, February 19 6 PM

Experience the use of clay and molding it into an adorable gnome during this delightful hands-on workshop! In this class, we will work with white clay, shaping it into two enchanting pinch pots. But why stop there? We will take our creations a step further, transforming them into whimsical gnomes using coils, pads, stamps and incising techniques for a perfect tactile texture. Finally, we will paint our gnomes with an array of non-toxic acrylic colors, ensuring a vibrant finish. And the best part? Each participant gets to take their gnome home at the end of the workshop! With no glazing or kiln firing required, this experience is an absolute delight for craft enthusiasts. Let your creativity bloom! We will be using acrylic paints so bring an old shirt to protect your clothing. Please register online or by calling the circulation desk 413-583-3408. Taught by: Master Potter Rick of Pied Potter Hamelin.

This program is fully supported by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass cultural council, a state agency.

Watercolor Poppies Thursday, March 12 6-7:30 PM

Discover how to layer translucent watercolor paint to create a realistic rendering of this striking flower. Watercolor paint is the perfect medium for the delicate leaves of poppies. You'll learn the basics of painting with watercolors and create two paintings of poppies by the end of the program. Please register online or by calling the circulation desk 413-583-3408. Presented by: Pop Up Art School.

Sound Energy Healing Series One Saturday per month 10:30 AM

Sound healing brings individuals into a state of relaxation and rest. Enjoy an hour of peace and calm while sitting or laying on a yoga mat, absorbing the healing vibrations from instruments such as the quartz crystal bowls lead a practitioner from Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat or towel, something to lay on during the program and a blanket to cover yourself up in. **Dates: 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/13.** Please register on our website or by calling the circulation desk. Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors Thursdays 1:30 PM

Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome. Co-sponsored by the Ludlow Senior Center.

Book Club Meetings

Who picked this book? Book Club

January 4 *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

February 5 *The Boy From the North Country* by Sam Sussman

March 5 *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 3:30

New Members always welcome to our clubs.

Happy Hour Book Club

January 29 *The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris* by Evie Woods

February 26 *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

March 26 *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb

Meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

January: **View the library's Library of Things!** Did you know we have a metal detector, wi-fi hotspots, and more?

February: **Photography** by Neil Martins

March: **Fiber Arts** by Amy Brown

Contact the library to book your artwork or collection!



Announcing the 2026 Reading Challenge!

We are partnering with the Massachusetts Center for the Book to bring you 12 months of reading prompts!

Read, log your entry, enter to win books!

JANUARY A book about or set in winter	FEBRUARY A book outside your usual genres or spin the genre wheel on our site*	MARCH A book featuring an unlikely friendship	APRIL A short story or essay collection
MAY A book set in Massachusetts	JUNE A book with a sympathetic villain	JULY A book found at a Little Free Library, tag sale, or used bookstore	AUGUST A book that could be considered taboo
SEPTEMBER A book about a journey	OCTOBER A mystery, thriller, or ghost story	NOVEMBER An adult classic you've never read	DECEMBER A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity

*For the genre wheel, visit massbook.org/genre-wheel

How It Works:

1. Choose a book that fits the monthly challenge. If you're stuck, consider visiting your local library or bookstore for recommendations!
2. Each month, after you read, fill out a short form to tell us about the book. A link to the submission form can be found at massbook.org/readingchallenge
3. That's it!
 - o Mass Center for the Book will host a year-end party to celebrate participants committed to the challenge.
 - o There will be monthly drawings for free books.
 - o If you read a book in each of the 12 months, you will be entered in a drawing to win a tote filled with books and other bookish goodies.



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