



Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm | Friday 9am-5pm | Saturday 9am-3pm

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

We ended 2023 with a lot of big events!

At the end of November, we had Dinovember. Our resident dinosaur, Rex, helped out with Storytimes and even danced along with the kids!



After Storytime, Rex also helped out at the front desk!

We had two art shows recently. In November, we had a Minecraft display. In the month of October, Minecrafters created their own community in Minecraft here at the library. This was then displayed in the Art Gallery. We featured screenshots and video of their Minecraft world.

Artist Ramona Jarvis had her artwork displayed in the Art Gallery during the month of December. Ramona also makes Christmas cards, and she hosted a Christmas card workshop at the library as well.



Pictured here to the left is a photo from the reception for the Minecraft Art Show.

Pictured here to the right is Ramona Jarvis next to one of her art pieces.



We donated a tree to Jingle Mingle and Festival of Trees. Our Christmas tree was Cookie Monster themed. Our tree won the award for the Most Whimsical tree. We hope that the person who won the bid is loving the tree!



Our Cookie Monster tree! All decked out in blue and cookies!

Hometown Christmas was on December 14th! Here at the Library, we had cookie decorating, letters to Santa, the Teen Winter Carnival, and a performance from the Corry Academy of Irish Dance. We hope everyone who came to Hometown Christmas had a wonderful time! Special thanks to Capitol Federal, AHS Bakery, Purple Heart 4-H Club, Generations Church and our wonderful teen volunteers!



Corry Academy of dance did a surprise performance inside the library!



Cookie decorating and hot cocoa are a great combination!

We had a station set up to write your own letters to Santa. We sent the letters off to Santa before Christmas to make sure he knew what everyone wanted!



ADULTS

First Friday

Friday, Jan 5th

9:30AM

Sip coffee and relax with friends or join to make new friends. Featuring a new activity every month.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com

for any questions.



BUNCO

21 & up

Tuesday, Jan 9th

6PM

\$5 Entree fee. 21+ BYOB & Snacks. RSVP by email to

friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com. Presented by the

Friends of the Library



BINGO

21 & up

Tuesday, Jan 16th

6PM

Join the Friends of the Library for BINGO!

\$5 per card. 21& UP. There will be cash prizes.

Space is limited. Must RSVP in advance by emailing

friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chair Yoga

8:50-9:45AM

Cost per session
\$3 Friends of APL
\$5 Andover residents
\$6 Nonresidents

Gentle Yoga

9:50-10:45AM

(bring your own mat)

For more information,
contact
friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com

American Mahjong

12:30-3:30PM

Interested in playing American Mahjong? Now you can come to the library every week to play!

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Ask the circulation desk for an application to join the Friends so you can have:

- Discounted events sponsored by Friends
- Late fee coupons
- Early access to the Fall Book Sale

BOOK CLUBS

Romance Book Club

Every First Tuesday of the month

January's Pick: **The Sweet Spot** by Amy Poeppel



About the book:

In the heart of Greenwich Village, three women form an accidental sorority when a baby—belonging to exactly none of them—lands on their collective doorstep.

Lauren and her family—lucky bastards—have been granted the use of a spectacular brownstone, teeming with history and dizzyingly unattractive 70s wallpaper. Adding to the home's bohemian, grungy splendor is the bar occupying the basement, a (mostly) beloved dive called The Sweet Spot. Within days of moving in, Lauren discovers that she has already made an enemy in the neighborhood by inadvertently sparking the divorce of a couple she has never actually met.

Melinda's husband of thirty years has dumped her for a young celebrity entrepreneur named Felicity, and, to Melinda's horror, the lovebirds are soon to become parents. In her incandescent rage, Melinda wreaks havoc wherever she can, including in Felicity's Soho boutique, where she has a fit of epic proportions, which happens to be caught on film.

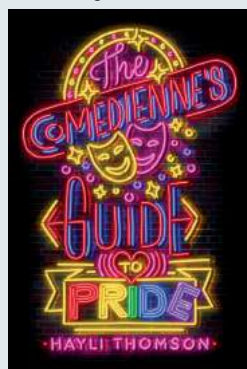
Olivia—the industrious twenty-something behind the counter, who has big dreams and bigger debt—gets caught in the crossfire. In an effort to diffuse Melinda's temper, Olivia has a tantrum of her own and gets unceremoniously canned, thanks to TikTok.

When Melinda's ex follows his lover across the country, leaving their squalling baby behind, the three women rise to the occasion in order to forgive, to forget, to Ferberize, and to track down the wayward parents. But can their little village find a way toward the happily ever afters they all desire? Welcome to The Sweet Spot.

YA Book Club

Every Last Tuesday of the month

January's Pick: **The Comedienne's Guide to Pride** by Hayli Thomson



About the book:

Taylor Parker isn't out yet, but she's keeping an even bigger secret: she entered a sketch contest where the grand prize is an internship at SNL.

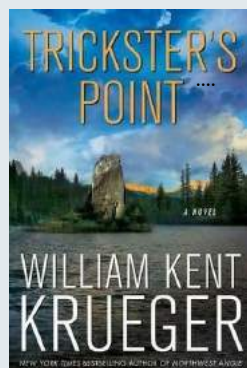
When Taylor applied to this opportunity for marginalized writers, she checked the "LGBTQ" box on the application without really thinking about it. But now that she's a finalist, she realizes she'll need to be out to win. Whether she's ready or not.

In the month leading up to the competition results, Taylor befriends Charlotte Grey, whom Taylor's had a crush on for years. As they spend more time together, they realize they're genuinely falling for each other—and while Charlotte is willing to take it slow, Taylor doesn't want to ask her to keep their relationship secret forever. Taylor just hopes she can muster the courage to come out before all her secrets do.

Monday Night Book Club (Open Genre)

Every Second Monday of the month

January's Pick: **Trickster's Point** by William Kent Krueger



About the book:

The dying don't easily become the dead.

The next novel in William Kent Krueger's New York Times bestselling series finds Cork O'Connor sitting in the shadow of a towering monolith known as Trickster's Point, deep in the Minnesota wilderness. With him is Jubal Little, who is favored to become the first Native American elected governor of Minnesota, and who is slowly dying with an arrow through his heart. Although the men have been bowhunting, a long-standing tradition among these two friends, this is no hunting accident. The arrow turns out to be one of Cork's, and he becomes the primary suspect in the murder. He understands full well that he's been set up. As he works to clear his name and track the real killer, he remembers his long, complex relationship with the tough kid who would grow up to become a professional football player, a populist politician, and the lover of the first woman to whom Cork ever gave his heart. Jubal was known by many for his passion, his loyalty, and his ambition. Only Cork knows that he was capable of murder.

Contact the library if you're interested in joining!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Lego Club

Ages 8+

Jan 11th @5PM

LEGO CLUB is back! We supply the LEGOS; you bring your imagination! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Call the Library or stop by the Front Desk to Register.



Comic Club

Ages 7+

Jan 30th @4:30PM

Learn more about how to make comics and create your own comics! We'll have the supplies; you just need to bring your creativity! New members welcome! No registration required.



SPECIAL

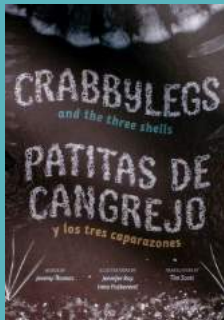
STORYTIME!

"Crabbylegs and the Three Shells"

Saturday January 27th

1:00-2:00 PM

Andover Public library Gallery



Don't miss our special story time and craft session themed around the book "Crabbylegs and the Three Shells". Families are welcome!

Winter Story Times
December 4th thru February 21st

In the Story Laboratory

Twos Time

age: 2 yrs.

Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

age: 3 - 5 yrs.

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

2023-2024



ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHERE WE COME FROM

Winter Reading Challenge

JANUARY 1ST-31ST

beanstack + Lerner

Sign up at <https://andoverlibrary.beanstack.org/>

We challenge our community to start 2024 by reading! For logging your minutes read and completing fun activities, you will earn badges that feature some of the beautiful artwork from the book "Where We Come From", a poetic picture book for all ages written by John Coy, Shannon Gibney, Sun Yang Shin, and Diane Wilson and illustrated by Dion MBD

The top performing libraries and schools will earn special prizes sponsored by Lerner, including special shoutouts and even signed copies of the book. Happy reading!



2024 READING CHALLENGES!

It's a new year which means new reading challenges! This year we have our 12-category based challenges, two challenges for those books everyone else have read, and a YA challenge. Pick up the challenge prompts at the front desk or scan the QR code!



CREATIVE EVENTS

Sewing Classes Craft Apron Workshop

Saturdays, Jan 13th, 20th, 27th & Feb. 3rd, 2024

10AM-12PM

for teens and adults

Learn how to sew and craft your own apron!
What to Bring: 3 yards of fabric of your choice
Spool of thread Straight pins (1 1/2 inches or longer)
Scissors A small piece of fabric for the pocket (can be a different color than the rest of the apron)
your sewing machine if you have one (limited quality provided by the library).

Email Tatiana to reserve your spot: tlarsen@andoverlibrary.org



Crabbylegs and Three Shells by illustrators Irma Puskarevic & Jennifer Ray

Art Reception

Friday January 5th 5-7pm

Art Show

Jan. 5th- Jan 30th 2024



Join us to experience the captivating illustrations from "Crabbylegs and the Three Shells". Gallery will feature prints and materials used in the creation of these illustrations. Don't miss our special story time and craft session at 1PM on Saturday January 27th. Families are welcome!

JANUARY 2024

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