



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

## RECENT HAPPENINGS!

We're already one month into the new year! We started the new year off with a few special events.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, we had the opening reception for the Three Voices in Abstraction art show. Thank you to everyone who joined us! We were also grateful for Morgan, Ramon, and Pamela's insightful and touching reflections on their work at the start of the evening, which set a thoughtful tone for the exhibition. The show is on view until February 5, and we invite you to stop by and spend time with the work.

Guests from Rushwood senior living joined us for a special Storytime. They will return for another Storytime on February 17th!

And Dottie Evans led a workshop on All Things Quilts! We hope everyone who attended learned something new!

We have a few more exciting events in February, so flip through this newsletter.



**A photo from the opening reception for Three Voices in Abstraction. You can view the art in the Art Gallery during library hours.**

**CAPTURING THE STORY OF Andover**

**HISTORY TALK**

FEB 25 - 6PM  
ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Come witness us capture local history by listening to a panel of long time local residents share their memories and experiences of living in Andover.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
LINDA WELLS  
LAVONNA HUSTON  
DARRYL HAYNES  
GARY & CATHY HARMON

**FRIENDS OF THE ANDOVER LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING**

TUE. FEB. 3, 6-8 PM - LIBRARY GALLERY ROOM

**SHANNON LUNSFORD - FEATURED SPEAKER**  
DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER  
T-6 UPGRADES

TEXTRON AVIATION DEFENSE LLC  
PRESENTATION - TEST FLIGHT DESIGN  
WITH FOCUS ON FLIGHT TESTING

**SHORT BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM**  
FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND

# ADULT EVENTS

## First Friday

**Friday, Feb 6th 9:30AM**

Join the Friends of the Library in the Friends Room for coffee and conversation while we make birdseed ornaments. Email [friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com) to sign up.

## BINGO

**21 & up**

**Tuesday, Feb 10th 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. Email [friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## BUNCO

**21 & up**

**Wednesday, Feb 18th 6PM**

\$5 Entree fee. 21+ BYOB & Snacks. Must RSVP. Email [friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com) to RSVP.

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# Open Mic Night

Bring poetry, music, jokes, or short stories to share with others!

Ages 18 and over.

Poetry!



Jokes!

Music!

Short Stories!

Third Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.

Ages 18+

## American Mahjong at the library!

Wednesday Play

Every Wednesday\*  
12:30-3:30pm  
drop-in play, no sign-up required

### Guided Play

For players who have completed lessons and want a slower pace of play. Experienced players will be available to help.

Thursdays  
5:30-7:30pm  
Sign up required

### Intermediate/Advanced Play

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month\*  
5:30-7:30pm

To sign-up or to learn more information on lessons, email [aplfriendevent@gmail.com](mailto:aplfriendevent@gmail.com)

Located at the Andover Public Library 1511 E. Central Ave, Andover, Kansas.

\*Mahjong will not be held on dates the library is closed.

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## CHINESE NEW YEAR MAHJONG NIGHT

A Special Evening of American Mahjong Play

### Year of the Horse!

Monday, February 16  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

- ♦ Door Prizes
- ♦ Light Snacks Served
- ♦ Bring Your NMJL Card

Cost: \$10 / Friends of the Library Members: \$5

Andover Public Library  
1511 E. Central  
Andover, Kansas

All levels of experienced players are welcome to join!

Sign Up: [aplfriendevent@gmail.com](mailto:aplfriendevent@gmail.com)

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# CHILDREN'S & TEENS EVENTS

## Lego Club

**Thursday, Feb 12th**

**5PM-6PM**

Build your own Lego creations! Every month we have a new theme. We provide the Legos; you just need to bring your imagination. No registration required.

## Tween Book Club

**Monday, Feb 16th**

**5PM-6PM**

For this month's meeting, it's reader's choice! Read your own book of your choice.

Sign up at the front desk and email [apltweenbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:apltweenbookclub@gmail.com) for any questions.

## Comic Club

**Tuesday, Feb 24th**

**4:30PM-5:30PM**

Create and share your own comics! We provide templates and inspiration to get your creativity going. New members are always welcome, and no registration required.

## Special Storytime

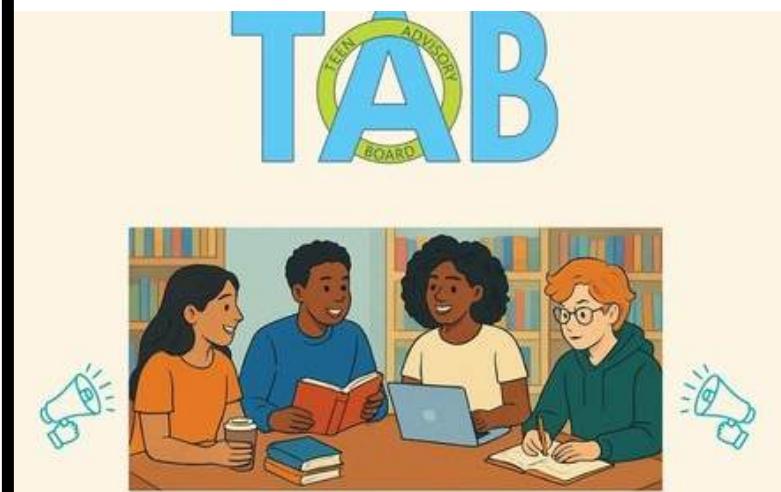
with guests from Rushwood Senior Living

**Tuesday, February 17th**

**Twos 9:30**

**Preschool 10:30**

in the Story Laboratory



### CALLING ALL TEENS AGES 12-18!

Want to make a difference at your library? Have ideas for programs, books, or events? Join the **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!**

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Help plan teen events
- Recommend books & games
- Earn volunteer hours
- Make new friends
- Build leadership skills

#### MEETINGS:

**Date:** Last Thursday of every month

**Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Andover Public Library

Story Lab

**(Yes, there will be snacks!)**

#### INTERESTED?

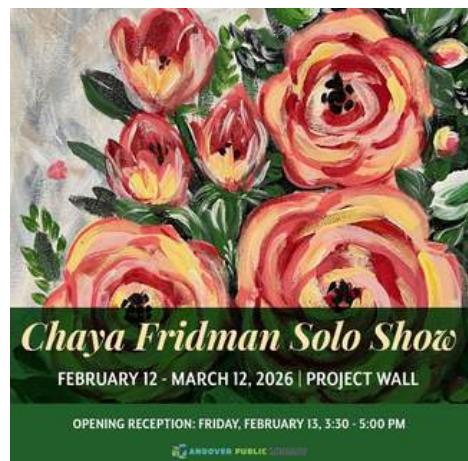
Stop by the library for more information and applications or email: [awilson@andoverlibrary.org](mailto:awilson@andoverlibrary.org)

# ART SHOWS & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

## Three Voices in Abstraction

This contemporary abstract exhibition brings together works shaped by bold color and geometric form. Through distinct approaches to structure and composition, the artworks enter into a shared exploration of rhythm, balance, and visual harmony, encouraging close attention to the relationships between color, form, and space. Collectively, the works present abstraction as both expressive and thoughtfully constructed.

**The show will be up in the Art Gallery January 8th-February 5th.**



## Chaya Fridman Solo Show

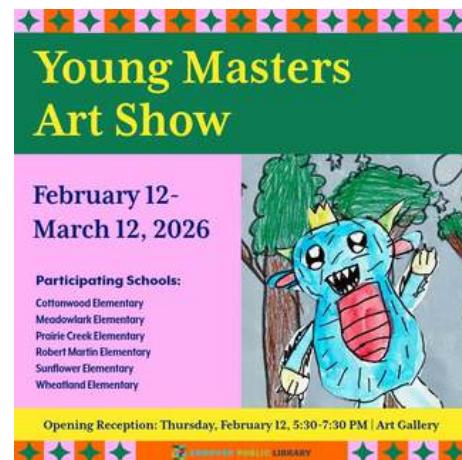
**Opening Reception: February 13th 3:30-5:00PM**

Chaya Fridman presents a joyful and imaginative solo exhibition inspired by the natural world. She brings animals, insects, and flowers to life through bold color, expressive brushwork, and playful detail. Her artwork celebrates curiosity and wonder, capturing the personality of her subjects while embracing creativity and experimentation. This exhibition highlights Chaya's growing artistic voice and her deep appreciation for nature as a source of inspiration, storytelling, and joy. **The show will be on display on the Project Wall February 12th-March 12th.**

## Young Masters Art Show

**Opening Reception: February 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30PM**

The Young Masters Art Show is an annual exhibition celebrating student creativity across the Andover School District. The 2026 exhibition features artwork by Andover elementary students, showcasing imagination, skill, and self-expression across a variety of media. Families and community members are invited to enjoy and celebrate the talents of our young artists. **The show will be up in the Art Gallery February 12th-March 12th**



# FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Twos Time @10:30AM  Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play (register in advance)	3 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM  Friends Annual Meeting / Military Jet Test Engineering Design and Flight Testing 6PM-8PM	4 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM  Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm	5 Last Day of Three Voices in Abstraction Art Show  Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	6  First Friday @9:30 AM	7
8	9 Twos Time @10:30AM  Bingo @6PM (register in advance)	10 Twos Time @9:30AM  Preschool @10:30AM  Bingo @6PM (register in advance)	11 Baby & Me @9:30AM  Preschool @10:30AM  Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm	12 Lego Club @5PM  Young Masters Art Show Opening 5:30-7:30PM  Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	13  Chaya Fridman Solo Show Opening 3:30-5PM	14
15	16 Twos Time @10:30AM  Tween Book Club 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about registering)  Chinese New Year Mahjong Night @2:30-7:30 (register in advance)	17 Story Corner with Rushwood Senior Living Center 9:30AM & 10:30AM	18 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM  Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm  BUNCO @6PM (register in advance)	19  Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)  Open Mic Night 7-8PM	20	21
22	23 Twos Time @10:30AM  Comic Club @4:30PM Jewelry Workshop 6-7:30PM (registration required)	24 Twos Time @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM  History Talk 6PM-7PM	25 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM  Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm  History Talk 6PM-7PM	26 Teen Advisory Board 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about joining)  Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	27	28

COLOR KEY: Young Children 0-5 Older Children 5+ Tweens/Teens 11+ All Ages Adult 18+