



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

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

This summer has been a very busy one! This month we had a few special guests, including Jammin' Randy who put on a dino-mite performance! Miss Elizabeth from Speech Corner came in for a special storytime and we also had an on-site storytime at Point Nine.

We still have some end of summer fun planned, but the Summer Reading Program is coming to a close soon. **The last day to pick up Summer Reading Prizes is August 8th**, so make sure to claim your prizes by then!

We also would like to give a big thank you to everyone who made this year's Summer Reading Program possible! Thank you to our sponsors, supporters, special guests, workshop leaders, and an extra thank you to the teen volunteers. And congratulations to everyone who read a lot this summer!

Jammin' Randy performed some dino-themed songs in the Gazebo near the beginning of July!



Miss Elizabeth from Speech Corner during storytime!



ART CONTEST

**\$10
PER ENTRY**

Please drop payment at Andover Public Library. Cash or check accepted. Checks can be made out to "City of Andover".

THEME: "We the People of Andover"

This year's GAD will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence so think all things AMERICAN! Stars, stripes, fireworks, freedom and history.

Submission: August 1-September 16, 2026

Art will be on display at the Andover Public Library during Greater Andover Days.

CATEGORIES & AGE DIVISIONS

Young Creatives (5-17)

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

New prize category for CREATIVE SPARK (AGES 5-10) • One (1) \$25 gift card

All art combined painting, drawing, digital art (no AI), photography, fiber arts, and collage.

Adult Visionaries (18 & up)

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

All art combined painting, drawing, digital art (no AI), photography, fiber arts, and collage



Scan the QR code to learn more!

**Join us for an opening reception on
Thursday, October 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Remarks at 6 p.m.
At the Andover Public Library**

ADULT EVENTS

BINGO

21 & up

Monday, August 11th 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 to RSVP.

BUNCO

21 & up

Wednesday, August 19th 6PM

\$5 Entree fee. 21+ BYOB & Snacks. Must RSVP. Email friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com to RSVP.

End of Summer Mahjong Social

18 & up

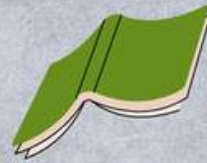
Monday, August 31st

1:30-4:00PM or 5:15-7:45PM

Join us for open play as we celebrate the final days of summer. Snacks and drinks will be served. \$5.00 per person. Registration required.

Email aplfriendevent@gmail.com to sign up.

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We Take Book Donations

We take donations of books, cake pans, movies, CDs, audiobooks, and board games.

Up to three boxes or bags at a time!

WE DO NOT TAKE

- Encyclopedias
- Magazines
- Reader's digest
- Dirty or moldy books

Ask the front desk to learn more!

All donations benefit the Andover Public Library and the Friends of the Library



Ages 18+

American Mahjong

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 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month*

5:30-7:30pm

Sign up required. Bring \$3.00 in change.

To sign-up or to learn more information on lessons, email aplfriendevent@gmail.com

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

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CHILDREN'S & TEENS EVENTS

Tween Book Club Monday, August 10th 5PM-6PM

August's pick is "How to Talk to Your Succulent" by Zoe Persico.

Sign up at the front desk and email apltweenbookclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Special Storytime with guests from Rushwood Senior Living

Tuesday, August 18th
Twos 9:30

Preschool 10:30
in the Story Laboratory

Teen Advisory Board Thursday, August 27th 5PM-6PM

Want to make a difference at your library? Have ideas for programs, books, or events? Join the TEEN ADVISORY BOARD! Help plan teen events, recommend books & games, earn volunteer hours, make new friends, and build leadership skills. Must sign up in advance. Stop by the library for more information and applications or email: awilson@andoverlibrary.org

back to school
STORYTIME

AUGUST 17TH THRU SEPTEMBER 23RD

TWOS TIME
AGE: 2 YRS.
MON. 10:30
TUES. 9:30

PRESCHOOL
AGE: 3-5 YRS.
TUES. 10:30
WED. 10:30

BABY & ME
AGE: 0-18 MOS.
WED. 9:30

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The poster features a yellow school bus, green hills, and a red barn. The text is in a playful, colorful font.

MEET LOCAL AUTHOR
HANNAH SCHOLTZ
★ Reading Her Book ★
FARMERS ARE SUPERHEROES

Join us for a special Storytime with author Hannah Scholtz as she reads her heartwarming book about the everyday heroes who feed our world!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Twos Time 9:30 a.m.

Preschool 10:30 a.m.

IN THE STORY LAB
Andover Public Library

Books will be available for purchase and signing!

Written by Hannah Scholtz • Illustrated by Hannah Nykamp

Celebrate the amazing work of farmers and the power of everyday kindness!

The poster features a photo of Hannah Scholtz, a red barn, and a book cover for "Farmers Are Superheroes" showing a farmer in a cape. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

ART SHOWS & OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS



“Belonging to the Earth” by Lori Santos

Opening Reception: August 27th, 5:30-7PM in the Art Gallery

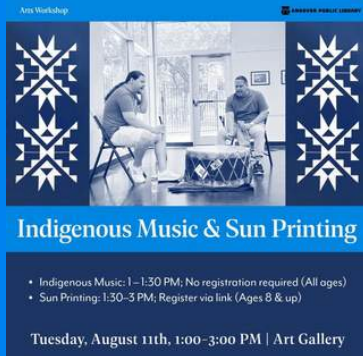
Belonging to the Earth explores the deep relationships between nature, culture, and community. Through mixed-media works created with natural and reclaimed materials, Santos invites viewers to slow down, observe closely, and reconnect with the living world. Her work reflects gratitude, reciprocity, and the belief that caring for the Earth also means caring for ourselves and future generations. **This show will be on display in the Art Gallery July 30th to September 16th.**

Follow the artist on Instagram: @art4peaceprofessorsantos

Summer Time by Chiaw-Weai Loo

Opening Reception: August 6th, 5:30-7PM in the Lobby

Summer Time by Chiaw-Weai Loo presents a delicate world of ink, watercolor, and Chinese brush painting on Xuan paper. Guided by a balance of control and freedom, Loo uses flowing brushstrokes, open space, and gentle color to create images that feel both playful and contemplative. Her work captures the warmth and simplicity of the season while inviting viewers to slow down, imagine, and find quiet stories within each composition. **This show will be on display on the Project Wall August 6th-September 16th. Follow the artist on Instagram: @chiawweai**



Indigenous Music & Sun Printing August 11th

- **Indigenous Music: 1 – 1:30 PM; No Registration required (All ages)**
- **Sun Printing: 1:30 – 3 PM; Registration Required (Ages 8 and up)**



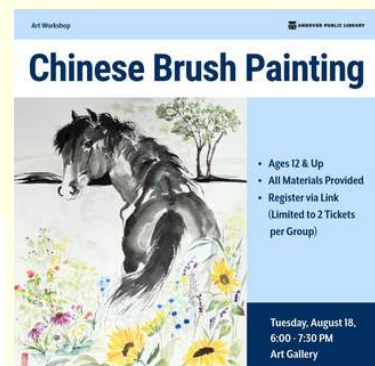
Explore Indigenous music and art in this fun, interactive workshop led by Taiomah Rutledge! Enjoy live drumming, songs, and stories while learning how music and art bring people and communities together. Then, create your own sun print inspired by Indigenous designs in a hands-on activity celebrating creativity, culture, and connection. **Registration is required for the sun printing activity. Register via QR Code.**

Chinese Brush Painting

August 18th 6-7:30PM

Explore the beauty of traditional Chinese brush painting in this hands-on workshop led by 316-519-7847. Participants will practice expressive brushstrokes and learn to paint with ink and watercolor on Xuan paper, also known as rice paper. After exploring color mixing, brush techniques, composition, and the use of negative space, participants will create their own finished painting. All experience levels are welcome!

- **Ages 12 & Up**
- **All Materials Provided**
- **Scan the QR Code to Register (Limited to 2 Tickets per Group)**



AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Start submitting art to the GAD Art Contest!
2	NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK			6 "Summer Time" by Chiaw-Wei Loo, Opening Reception: 5:30 to 7 PM Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	7	8
	3 Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	4	5 Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm			
9	NO STORYTIME THIS WEEK			13 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	14	15
	10 Tween Book Club 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about registering)	11 Bingo @6PM (register in advance) Indigenous Music 1 - 1:30 PM Sun Printing 1:30 - 3 PM (Registration required)	12 Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm Lunch & Learn with K State Extension 12:15-12:45PM			
16	17 Twos Time @10:30AM Mahjong Intermediate/Advanced Play @5:30-7:30 (register in advance)	18 Story Corner with Rushwood Senior Living Center 9:30AM & 10:30AM Chinese Brush Painting Workshop 6-7:30 PM (Registration required)	19 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm BUNCO @6PM (register in advance)	20 Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	21	22
23	24 Twos Time @10:30AM	25 Author Storytime: Hannah Scholtz 9:30AM & 10:30AM	26 Baby & Me @9:30AM Preschool @10:30AM Mahjong @12:30-3:30pm	27 Teen Advisory Board 5-6PM (talk to the front desk about joining) Opening Reception: 'Belonging to the Earth' by Lori Santos 5:30-7PM Mahjong Guided Play @5:30-7:30(register in advance)	28	29
30	31 Twos Time @10:30AM End of Summer Mahjong Social 1:30PM-4PM OR 5:15PM-7:45PM					

COLOR KEY: Young Children 0-5 Older Children 5+ Ages 8+ Tweens/Teens 11+ All Ages Adult 18+