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Autumn is Here!

Harvard Public Library is happy to welcome you in as we transition into Fall. We offer a variety of adult programs, events, books, and more to make this season cozy and inviting!

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Beginner Crochet Workshop

Thursday, September 11, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Volunteers Hall

If you've never held a crochet hook before, this class is for you! Led by an instructor with 30 years of experience in the art of crochet, you will be introduced to the fundamentals, including how to crochet in rows, how to interpret yarn labels, and how to identify crochet stitches.

The instructor is the founder of **Off the Hook Crochet**, a locally-owned small business specializing in fiber arts design. You don't need to bring anything with you to the workshop – just come ready to learn and have fun!

Registration is required

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14556219>



VIRTUAL:

Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America

Thursday September 18, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
via Zoom

Award-winning environmental journalist Sharon Udasin traces the ugly history of corporate greed, military impunity, and community devastation, based on her original reporting in four highly contaminated locations.

Learn about how the people, who were also fighting for their own lives, took action to fix a broken regulatory system. Sharon will offer room for hope by shedding light on the science that is now breaking down bonds that were once deemed unbreakable.

Register directly via Zoom here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617513976818/WN_8nxQrx5zT520fTunotfSdg



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Artificial Intelligence Awareness & Discussion

Saturday, September 20
2:00pm - 3:30pm Volunteers Hall

Curious—or confused—about artificial intelligence? This session offers a clear and approachable introduction to AI with SeniorU. They stay up-to-date on the latest developments and will break them down in a way that's easy to understand. Learn what all the fuss is about, and bring your opinions and questions for a lively and supportive discussion. Whether you're a beginner, a skeptic, or simply curious, this program is an excellent way to learn more about this fascinating technology.

Register Here:

**[https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/
event/14543582](https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14543582)**



Exploring the Anglo-American Ballad: Stories, Poems, & Tunes

Thursday, October 2
7:00pm - 7:45pm Volunteers Hall

The tradition of the Anglo-American ballad stands behind all the popular music that has been produced in this country since the Civil War. Although not well remembered today, these narrative songs offer a fascinating window into cultural mores in both England and America, from Elizabethan times down to the early 20th century. During their heyday between 1550 and 1850, thousands of ballads were produced, typically selling on printed "broadsides" for a penny a copy. Their topics touched on almost every conceivable aspect of society, and many of them express sentiments that are truly timeless. But perhaps the most lasting value of these artifacts lies in the heartfelt quality of the tunes the ballads were sung to, the best of which possess a natural grace and sweetness that has rarely been equalled in any music of modern times. This lecture-demonstration will introduce the ballad as an art form using live musical examples.

**Performed by Dr. Kevin N. Moll (Faculty Emeritus of
Musicology, East Carolina University).**

Register Here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14717516>



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Welcome to the Graveyard with The Gravestone Girls

Thursday October 16, 6:00pm–7:30pm
Volunteers Hall

Join us for a fascinating presentation by the Gravestone Girls about New England cemetery art, history and symbolism. The tour takes us from colonial burial grounds, through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st century locations. It examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years. The presentation is robust with photographs of original gravestones and burial grounds from cemeteries visited by Gravestone Girls over many years. Q&A is welcome at the end of the show!



Register Here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14536184>

Author Talk with Autumn Allen

Thursday October 30
6:30pm Volunteers Hall
Two generations. Two eras of protest.
One powerful story.

Join us for an evening with Autumn Allen, debut author of *All You Have to Do*. Allen will share the inspiration behind her novel, the history that grounds it, and why its themes speak so powerfully to both those who lived through the 1960s and those who came of age in the 1990s. This is a great book for both adults & teens—a story that sparks intergenerational conversation about family, identity, and the struggles that continue to shape us.

Registration is Required

Register Here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15211103>





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Apples:

A New England Tradition

Thursday November 6, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Volunteers Hall

For over 30 years, Rich Stadnik has been hunting for and propagating useful, yet long ignored apple trees. His work led to the discovery of many unnamed varieties uniquely suitable for hard cider. Join us for his discussion on New England's forgotten apple trees, and how he turns this fruit into delicious hard cider. He will be bringing several apple varieties to try as well as some non-alcoholic cider varieties to sample as the season permits.

Rich established the Pup's Cider Company of Greenfield, NH in 1999 to offer traditional New England ciders to the public. He also vends at and is president of the Bedford (NH) Farmers' Market.

Register Here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14544680>



Pop-Up Library

The library is now mobile! If you have trouble getting to the library but would still like to browse a selection of books and DVD's, sign up for a library card, or request an item for pickup we might be near you!

The first Thursday of the month the pop-up library is at the **Harvard Council on Aging** from **11:30am–12:30pm**.

The second Wednesday of the month the pop-up library is at **Bowers Brook** from **10:30am–12:30pm** in the Community Room.

If you still need help receiving library materials, don't forget that we also deliver! Call the library and ask for Jill Hayes or email reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org and ask about **Books@Home**.





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Warner Free Lectures

Warner Free Lectures holds educational lecture events in Volunteers Hall here at the library. All lectures begin at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Upcoming Lectures:

- **Friday September 12, 2025: Joyce Kulhawik: Lights, Camera, Action**
Joyce Kulhawik, Emmy Award-winning arts and entertainment anchor will discuss her life in the arts, television media, and her work for the American Cancer Society.
- **Friday October 24, 2025: Maria Ferrante: Robert Schumann's Dichteliebe Song Cycle**
World class soprano Maria Ferrante will speak about and then perform the complete Dichteliebe set of songs in German by Schubert.

For more information, please visit the Warner Free Lecture Website here:

<https://www.warnerfreelecture.org>

Monday Afternoon @ the Movies

Come to the library on the last Monday of the month for a matinee movie. **All movies start at 1:00pm.**

- September 29 - *The Friend*
- October 27 - *Bridget Jones: Mad About a Boy*
- November 24 - *Ballad of Wallis Island*





BOOK CLUBS



Harvard Woman's Club Literature Group

Meets the third Tuesday of every month

- September 16 - 12:30pm
The Beach at Summerly by Beatriz Williams
- October 21 - 12:30pm
Inside of a Dog by Alexandra Horowitz
- November 18 - 12:30pm
The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

Cookbook Club

- September 15 - 6:30pm
Turkey
- October 14 - 6:30pm
Austria
- November 18 - 6:30pm

Giving Thanks

Register for Cookbook Club here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgEgH9gCmLSBQAWOF-_B2pHQqgzHrzknZDbtNTHST3XuMkqA/viewform

Brown Bag Book Club

Meets the third Wednesday of every month

- September 17 - 12:00pm
Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout
- October 15 - 12:00pm
- November 19 - 12:00pm

Children's Lit. Book Group

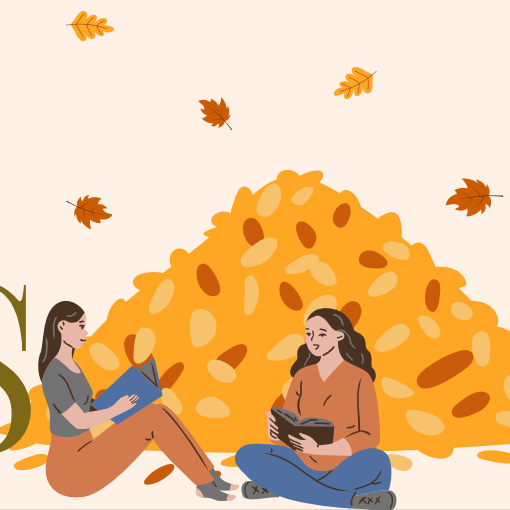
Are you a grownup who loves to read children's books? You're not alone! Join this monthly book group for grownups and discuss children's literature with an awesome group of like-minded readers.

This book group meets in a hybrid model: attend in person in the story room, or attend virtually via Google Meet.

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20



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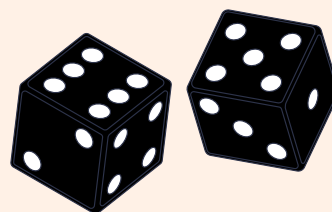
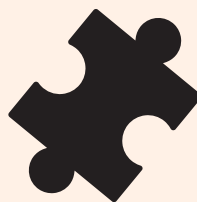
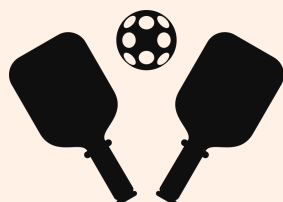


Library of Things

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items. All items must be checked out and returned at the circulation desk during open hours, with a limit of two items at one time. Policy and liability waiver must be signed before checkout.

We offer a variety of items such as tools, equipment, puzzles, board games and in-library use items.

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/services/library-things>





RESOURCES



eLearning



Want to learn a new language? Update your technical and business skills? We offer online learning courses through Mango Languages.

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/resources-research/elearning>



Ask a Librarian

We are here to help! The Harvard Library's Reference Librarians provide assistance during all hours the Library is open.

Here are some of the things we help people with regularly:

- Finding books, audiobooks, movies, television shows and music at HPL or at another library
 - Obtaining copies of articles from magazines, scholarly journals, reports and newspapers
 - Introducing patrons to our local history and genealogical resources
 - Providing reading recommendations
 - Finding business, government, or health and wellness information
 - Assisting with basic computer, tablet and smartphone guidance
 - Teaching patrons how to use the library apps and other electronic resources
 - Using the 3D Printer or photo scanner
- And much more, just ask us!

To reserve a One-on-One Help session with a Reference Librarian call the Reference Desk at [978-456-4114](tel:978-456-4114), email reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org or stop by the Reference Desk.





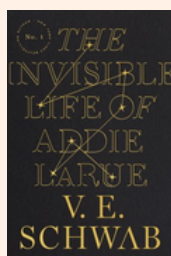
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Romance



The Book Swap - Tessa Bickers
A sweet enemies to lovers romance that develops over correspondence through a Little Free Library.



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue - V.E. Schwab
An incredible tale of a girl who is forgotten by everyone except for one person. Heartbreaking, poetic and beautiful.



The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches - Sangu Mandanna
A cozy fantasy romance with sweet characters and a heartfelt ending.

Mystery / Thriller



The Dead Guy Next Door
- Lucy Score
A fun, light mystery with entertaining characters and a paranormal twist.



Middle of the Night - Riley Sager
A chilling thriller with paranormal elements, cults and dark secrets.



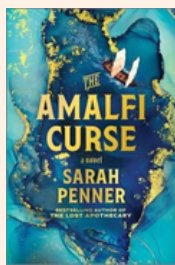
Ordinary Grace - William Kent Krueger
A coming-of-age story that explores grief and anger from memorable characters.



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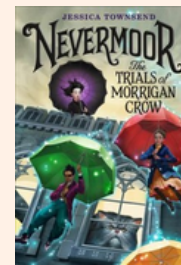
Fantasy / Science Fiction



The Amalfi Curse – Sarah Penner
A witchy historical fantasy that is fast-paced and filled with adventure.



Under the Whispering Door – TJ Klune
A lovely story about coming to terms with death, learning to love, and living life to the fullest.



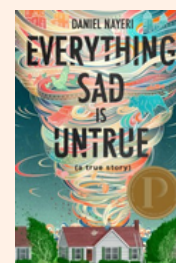
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow – Jessica Townsend
The first in the series, this middle grade tale is magical with its world building and unique characters.

Horror



Witchcraft for Wayward Girls – Grady Hendrix
A women's historical horror that combines pregnancy and witchcraft. Gripping and hard to put down.

Young Adult



Everything Sad is Untrue – Daniel Nayeri
A beautiful true story about a boy and his family fleeing from Iran.

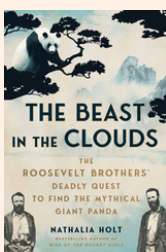




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Nonfiction



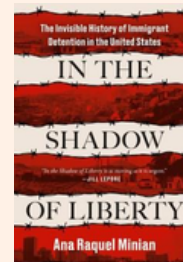
The beast in the clouds : the Roosevelt brothers' deadly quest to find the mythical giant panda - Nathalia Holt

The story of the Roosevelt brothers' 1928 expedition to find the Giant Panda and introduce it to the West.



Classic - Mary Berry

Timeless classics, simple British dishes and delicious, modern favourites to tempt family and friends.



In the shadow of liberty : the invisible history of immigrant detention in the United States -

Ana Raquel Minian

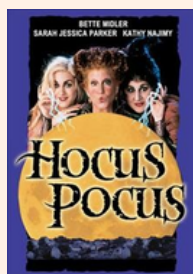
A narrative history that focuses on the lives of immigrants in detention centers dating back to the 1800's.

Shows / Movies



The Great British Baking Show

Inspiring and popular British reality competition where amateur bakers compete weekly in a series of challenges.



Hocus Pocus -

A fun Halloween themed movie about witches coming back from the dead to wreak havoc on the town of Salem.



Fantastic Mr. Fox -

Mr. Fox who lives happily with his wife and animal friends starts trouble when he goes back to his old animal ways.