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Spring 2026 Events for Adults

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Spring Closings Please note, the library will be closed the following days:

April 14 - Staff Development, **April 20** - Patriots' Day, **May 25** - Memorial Day, **June 19** - Juneteenth.

Discovering Your Roots Thursday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 PM

Go beyond Ancestry.com to learn the immigration story of your family! Learn about the FREE websites available for genealogy searches and which records you'll need in your quest. Something for everyone - whether you're an amateur or seasoned genealogist! Presented by professional genealogist Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England. Please register.

Spring Into Reading Challenge April 19-25

Spring into Reading on Beanstack, and log your reading each day, April 19-25. Adults and youth can sign up and complete the challenge to earn tickets to put toward our Summer Reading raffle prizes. You can also earn tickets by completing additional activities for Space Week and National Library Week. Visit www.beanstack.com to register. For more information, or for assistance, please call 413-583-3408 x114.

Backyard Astronomy - Using the Library Telescope & Binoculars! Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:00 PM

Help us celebrate Massachusetts Space Week 2026 with an evening of science fun, including a chance to see Venus, Jupiter, and the Moon through a telescope! Jim Zebrowski of the Aldrich Astronomical Society will present a 45-minute talk followed by a sky viewing session on the library's lawn (weather dependent). Plus, see the library's Orion Reflector telescope - available for checkout! For all ages - **children must be accompanied by an adult**. Please register.

Sound Energy Healing Series One Saturday per month, 10:30-11:30 AM

Enjoy an hour of peace and calm, absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program as well as a blanket. Remaining dates: 4/25, 5/23, 6/13. Please register. **NOTE:** Sign-ups are for individual sessions, not the entire series.

Creative Writing Hour First Tuesday each month, beginning May 5, 2:00-3:00 PM

Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts or exercises for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing. Choose a prompt or work on something already in progress; then, share what you've written if you like! Please register.

Make a Fairy Terrarium Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

Use a glass jar, rocks, sand, moss, and other natural materials to make a fun and whimsical fairy terrarium. All supplies provided. Taught by Mary Beth Silva. Please register.

Community Appraisal Event Saturday, May 9, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Rick Keller from Perfect Pastime 617 is offering a community-wide collectibles appraisal event. Gather all your Pokémon/sports cards, coins, watches, video games/consoles, comics, fine/broken jewelry, sterling silver, etc. to see if you have treasure or trash. All items welcome! **Pre-registration at www.perfectpastime617.com for a 10-minute slot is required.** Registrants must supply photos of items well before the event. *This program is fully supported by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass cultural council, a state agency.*

Meet Charles T. Hubbard Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 PM

Dennis Picard brings Charles T. Hubbard, founder of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company and individual for whom the Hubbard Memorial Library is named, to life for this entertaining, one-of-a-kind evening. Held on the 138th anniversary of the town's vote to accept the gift of the library from the Hubbard family. Please register. *Sponsored by the Ludlow Historical Commission.*

Stamped African Tote Bag Workshop Thursday, June 18, 6:30-7:30 PM

Use African gourds and fabric paint to create your own unique tote bag! All supplies provided. Taught by Mary Beth Silva. Please register.

Over the Hill and Far Away: New Englanders in the Corps of Discovery Thursday, June 25, 6:30 PM

When we imagine the members of Lewis and Clark's expedition, we often picture frontiersmen from the Appalachians or the mountain men of Missouri. In reality, 8 New Englanders joined the journey. One was born in Hampden county! Come hear more about the exciting lives of these men. Presented by Dennis Picard. Please register. *This program is sponsored by the Ludlow Historical Commission.*

Chair Volleyball for Seniors Every Thursday, 1:30 PM

Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please register, though walk-ins are welcome.

Technology Appointments Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or by calling 413-583-3408 x114.

Common Seed Project This year's seed is the Hopi Black Dye Sunflower - a beautiful and resilient plant perfect for gardeners of all experience levels. **Starting in April**, stop by the library to pick up your free packet of seeds! Available while supplies last.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge>

Seeking Local Artists The library is currently seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, please call 413-583-3408 x113.

Book Club Meetings - New Members always welcome to our clubs!

Who Picked This Book? Book Club

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 3:30 PM
April 2 *The Wartime Sisters* by Lynda Cohen Loigman
May 7 *After I Do* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
June 4 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

Happy Hour Book Club

Meets the last Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM
April 30 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
May 28 *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland
June 25 *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain

National Library Week April 19-25

More than just a place to borrow books, libraries today are centers for learning, creativity, and connection—offering digital resources, educational programs, and welcoming spaces for all. Join us in exploring new services, rediscovering everything your local library has to offer, and appreciating our library staff!

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

April: **Climate Accountability by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)**

May: **View Masters & Stereoscopes by Bob Dennis**

June: **Summer Reading: Unearth a Story™ by Hubbard Memorial Library**

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library third Thursday of the month, 6:00 PM

Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.