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The Month at a Glance

Holiday Closures

Patriot's Day: Monday, April 17th

TUESDAY
APRIL 4 | 3PM



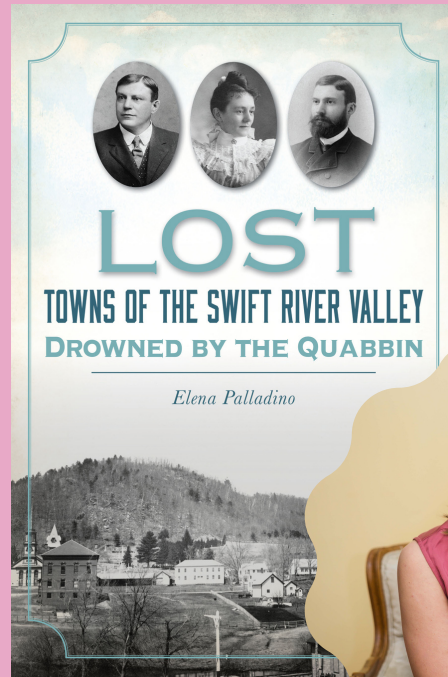
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**BASEBALL
MUSIC**

**BASEBALL
TRIVIA**

THURSDAY
APRIL 13 | 7PM



**MEET THE AUTHOR:
ELENA PALLADINO**

BOOK GROUPS

MYSTERY:

APRIL 6 | 7 PM

FICTION:

APRIL 24 | 7 PM

CRAFT & CHAT

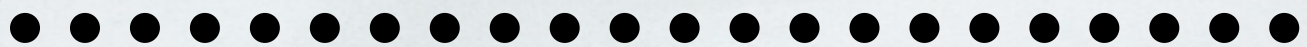
APRIL 14 & 28

2-3:30 PM

Do you like to write?

Want to get into writing?

Need inspiration or ideas?



The Stoneham Public Library is forming a monthly **creative writing group/workshop** for adults (18 years and older) who would like to

- share their own writing
- discuss writing techniques
- explore various genres, forms, and styles
- impart tips to beginning writers

If interested, email Matt at msowyrda@noblenet.org or call 781-438-1324. All skill levels are welcome.

The group will begin meeting in May.



STONEHAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY
FILM CLUB

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH



DISCUSSION (ZOOM)

WED. APRIL 19TH @ 6:30PM

SIGN UP ON OUR CALENDAR

WAYS TO WATCH

DVD 

AVAILABLE AT THE
CIRCULATOIN DESK
IN THE LIBRARY

SCREENING 

AT THE LIBRARY
FRI. APRIL 14TH @ 1PM

April Book Lists

Lexington is holding their annual Battle of Lexington commemoration on April 15th-17th. See [the City's website](#) for more information.

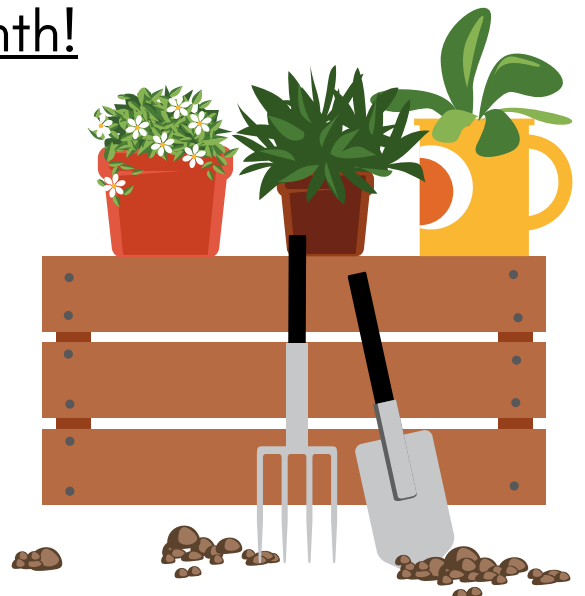


April is National Poetry Month!

Celebrate *ars poetica* with [this grand list](#) of titles in print, audio, and electronic format. Content ranges from the old to the new, for all ages, and spans across continents and different walks of life.

April is also National Garden Month!

Celebrate the blossoming spring season with landscape and gardening materials in our collection. The titles in [this list](#) are for the novice and the seasoned gardener alike. Various styles and landscapes are represented.



April Book Lists (continued)



Architecture:

Foundations & Cornerstones

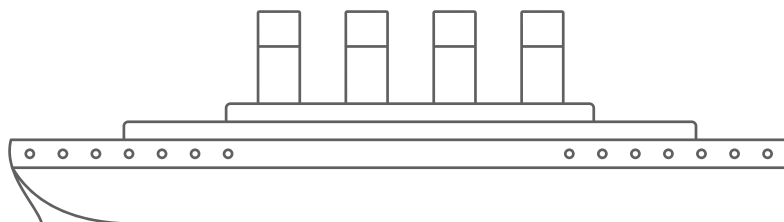
Just as good poetry is music from the soul, and the arrangement of plants involves a kind of harmony between things, some philosophers have said that what makes architecture the foremost (*arche*) of all the arts is the beauty in the symmetry and proportion of excellent buildings. [Here is a list](#) of titles in our collection that pertain to

architecture. This will be helpful for those who are studying the subject, are in search of inspiration for design, or want to learn about the history of building styles from ancient times to the 21st century.



April 15th is Titanic Remembrance Day.

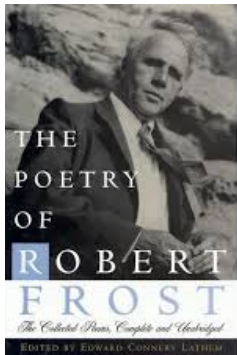
Learn about the historical tragedy at sea with [this list](#) of pertinent materials in our collection.



April Book Challenge

This month's theme from the *Massachusetts Center for the Book* is **to read a collection of poetry**. If you have trouble deciding on

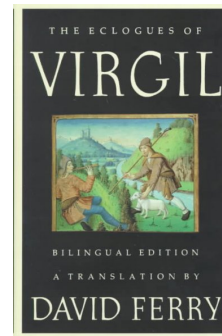
what to read, be sure to view our list of poetry collections to help you out! Also, check out the suggestions below!



The Poetry of Robert Frost: The Collected Poems

Edward Lathem (ed.)

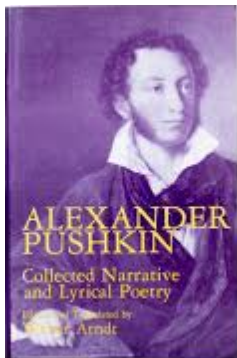
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The Eclogues of Virgil

David Ferry (tr.)

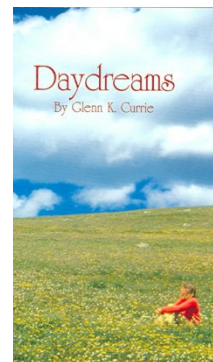
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Alexander Pushkin: Collected Narrative and Lyrical Poetry

Walter W. Arndt (tr.)

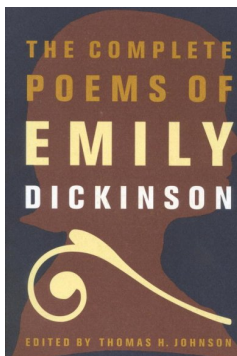
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Daydreams

Glenn K. Currie

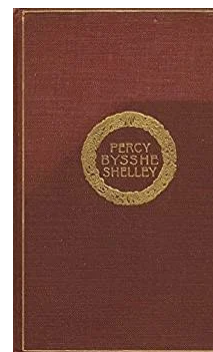
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The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson

Thomas Johnson (ed.)

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The Complete Poetical Works of Percy Bysshe Shelley

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Introducing Miss Ali



**Likes books
about dragons!**

Meet your new Children's Librarian, Miss Ali! She was once a chef, wishes she could be a wizard, and knows nothing about keeping plants alive. But she does know a lot of other cool things! Come by, say hi and sign up for her storytimes and coloring clubs!



**Loves otters
& painting**





APRIL YOUTH PROGRAMS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3
Toddler Tales
11 am

4
All Ages
Storytime
10:30am

5
Babytime
9:30am
Toddler
Tumble
10am

6
PICKture This
Storytime
4pm

7
Baby Bumble
9:30-11am

8
Lego Club
11am-12:30pm
Spanish Fun
Program
12:50- 1:30pm

10
Toddler Tales
11 am
Coloring Club
6pm

11
Pages for All
Ages
12:30pm

12
Babytime
9:30am
Toddler
Tumble
10am

13
PICKture This
Storytime
4pm

14
Baby Bumble
9:30-11am

15
Lego Club
11am-12:30pm
Spanish Fun
Program
12:50- 1:30pm

17

18
Miss Frizzle
10:30am
Pages for All
Ages
12:30pm
Crafts & Tales
2:30pm

19
Babytime
9:30am
Toddler
Tumble
10am
Crafts & Tales
2:30pm

20
Crafts & Tales
2:30pm
Library Lab
3:30pm
Pajama
Storytime
6pm

21
Baby Bumble
9:30-11am
Rockabye
Beats 10:30am
Escape Room
1pm

22
Lego Club
11am-12:30pm
Spanish Fun
Program
12:50- 1:30pm

24
Toddler Tales
11am
Coloring Club
6pm

25
All Ages
Storytime
10:30am
Graphic
Novel Club
6:30pm

26
Babytime
9:30am
Toddler
Tumble
10am

27
Coloring
with Katie
11:30am
PICKture This
Storytime
4pm

28
Baby Bumble
9:30-11am

29
Lego Club
11am-12:30pm



APRIL AT SPL

weekly:

Mondays

Toddler Tales at 11 am

Miss Melissa is ready to share a new picture book story with you! Come join us for a sweet story time!

For all ages. Sign up required.

Coloring Club, Mondays, 10 & 24 at 6 pm

Ali is ready to share her art skills with you! Come by for an artistic challenge!

For teens and tweens. Sign up required.

Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 4 & 25 at 10:30am All Ages Storytime

Join Miss Rachel to sing favorite songs and rhymes, meet new friends and have some fun.

For all ages. Sign up required.

Tuesdays, 11 & 18 at 12:30pm Pages for all Ages

Join Miss Ali for a sweet storytime.

For all ages. Sign up required.

Wednesdays

Babytime at 9:30 am

Join Miss Katie for a quick, fun babytime program! We'll have bounces, rhymes, and loads of fun!

For babies 0-12mos.

Toddler Tumble at 10 am

We have special toys specifically picked for toddlers that will be available during this program!

Thursdays

PICKture this at 4 pm

Join Miss Ali for an afterschool storytime! Vote for which book you'll read online or in person the week of!

For kiddos grades pre-k+.

Coloring with Katie April 27 at 11:30am

Come color creations with Miss Katie!

For all ages.

Fridays

Baby Bumble 9:30-11:00 am

This drop-in style program is to encourage our young friends to socialize, play, and communicate with one another. **For babies 11ish months old and up.**

Saturdays

Lego Club from 11:00am- 12:30pm

Come build your Lego dreams during this drop in program! Swing by and hang out with us!

For all ages.

APRIL AT SPL

special:

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, & 22

Spanish Fun Program @ 12:50pm

The Junior Library is ecstatic to be hosting the lovely Esther Gomez for a Spanish Fun Program series this spring!! Sign up to learn Spanish, have fun, and meet new friends! **For ages 1.5-5. Sign up required.**

Tuesday, April 18

Miss Frizzle: Dinosaurs @ 10:30am

Miss Frizzle will teach you all about Dinosaurs in this fun program! **For all ages. Sign up required.**

April 18, 19, 20

Crafts & Tales @ 2:30pm

Miss Melissa has a fun story and craft ready for our creative kiddos. **For grades 2+. Sign up required.**

Thursday, April 20

Library Lab @ 3:30pm

The library is hosting tech professionals from Guild Hall to show kids how to use the makerspace technology that we have! **For tweens and teens. Sign up required.**

Thursday, April 20

Pajama Storytime @ 6pm

Bring your beloved stuffed animal and wear your favorite pajamas! We'll sing some songs and listen to a few stories!

Friday, April 21

Rock'a'bye Beats @ 10:30am

Get ready for a fun and engaging music program! meet new friends! You'll be movin' and groovin' to the wonderful music of Rock'a'bye beats! **For all ages. Sign up required.**

Friday, April 21

Escape Room (tween & teen sessions) @ 1 & 2:30pm

You and your group have crash landed on a Rogue Planet. Repair the ship, plot a return course, & survive the journey home! **For tweens and teens. Sign up required.**

Tuesday, April 25

Middle Grade Graphic Novel Club @ 6:30pm

Join Miss Katie on the last Tuesday of the month to chat about an awesome graphic novel! We'll talk about the book and draw our own graphic novel panels! **For grades 4 and up. Sign up required.**

Museum Passes



Check out the American Heritage Museum, where you get a close-up look at American History and artifacts from the Revolutionary War up

to the present day. You will need a library card to check out this museum pass, and it must be returned the day following the visit. The pass admits up to six people at half the regular admission price. It is not valid for special event weekends or driving or ride experiences.



Visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, home to a world of excellent art by masters like Rembrandt, Vermeer, and others. The pass admits four people



at \$5.00 each. Children under 18 years of age are admitted free. Please note that the museum is closed on Tuesdays.

You can access the list of museums [here](#). Use your library card to reserve a museum pass. Museum pass reservations are available to any patron with a North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) card.

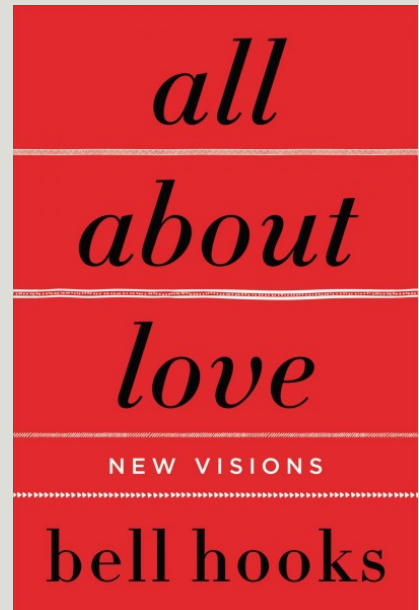
Staff Reviews

All About Love: New Visions by Bell Hooks
Review by Melissa Jackson

There are times when a book speaks to more than my need for a story to entertain me. A book can call me to look inward to examine myself and explore my world with new eyes. The genre of Self help and Spiritual Literature is there for me to embrace when I am searching for new directions, or new behaviors to take me towards my goals.

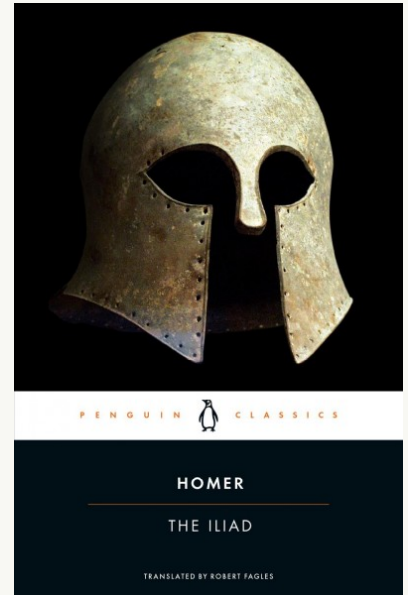
All About Love, published 20 years ago, has come back to the world as a balm in the face of hateful rhetoric so common today. It speaks to community and hope in the presence of widespread depression and alienation felt by so many. The pages speak of love and trust in the world. Much needed words indeed.

This title is available in electronic format through [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#)! Ask a librarian if you need help accessing either of these resources.



The Iliad by Homer | Review by Matthew Sowyrda

Homer's epic narration of the war between the Trojans of Ilium and the Argives of Achaea and their allies is one of the finest examples of Ancient Greek poetry. It is a stirring story of love and friendship, of strife, of courage in leaders and in followers. The Poet shows how gods upon Mount Olympus influence earthly affairs.



What "cup of fate" - good or ill fortune - is passed to mortals, the honorable take it and drink without resentment. Those, too, who possess fortitude in the face of adversity prove themselves loyal and worthy, and indeed have many good friends who are willing to stand with them to brave all storms. Such is the mark of courage.

The aspects of human nature are exemplified in the mortals; the unpredictability of nature and life itself, in the gods. Agamemnon, "lord of the far-flung cities", leads the Achaean army against the Trojans. The artistic, prescient god Apollo gives the Trojans a chance to prepare by whispering to them prophetic words. Athena, "first in glory, third-born of the gods", favors Odysseus of Ithaca, infusing him with her wisdom of the battlefield. Zeus, "gatherer of storms, who thunders commands from worlds away", turns the tides of battle whenever he wills.

This is well worth a read, especially for those who are interested in Greek mythology, ancient history, and classical literature.