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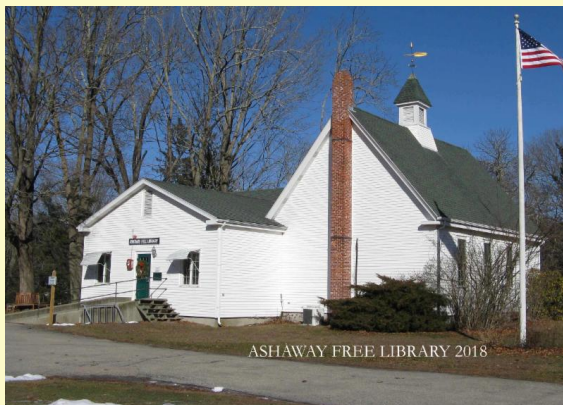
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Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2019



The New Entrance and Community Room

It's a pleasure to drive up to the library and use the new entrance. The porch is welcoming and the ramp is a huge improvement. Even better is the spacious and bright entryway. And you haven't even gotten to the community room yet!



Construction Q and A

- Why did it take so long? After all, groundbreaking was June 2.

The Town and State permitting and approval process took months (Zoning and Planning Boards, Fire, HVAC, DEM). Before construction could proceed, the septic system had to be updated and the fuel oil tank replaced. In the fall, the contractor needed 4 rain-free days in order to safely open the roof and join three rooflines, but it rained all the time!

- Are you happy with the results?

Yes! Architect Paul Azzinaro married two additions to a third and gave us a building that looks like it belongs. Contractor Jeff O'Donnell executed the plan with skill and patience. The



ASHAWAY FREE LIBRARY 2019



Library's new space is destined to serve the community well into the 21st century.

· *Did you have enough money? Is the Capital Campaign over?*

With the help of generous donors and foundations, the plan to raise the \$250,000 for construction worked better than anticipated but not quite as good as needed. When final bills are paid, total costs will be almost \$310,000. There is a deficit and funds are still needed for furnishings and landscaping. In short, the Capital Campaign has not ended. You can acquire a Golden Horseshoe from Field of Dreams Farm for a \$100 donation at the Library. And there's just a little bit of time left to get your name on a plaque for a donation of \$1000 or more. Donation envelopes are at the circulation desk and gifts of any size are gratefully accepted!

· *How will we celebrate this completion?*

See the article about the May 18 Book and Plant Sale below! We're still working on furnishings and landscaping but you can take a peek at the new room on your next visit.

Libraries Own April!

National Library Week, April 7-13 Pick up **free flower and vegetable seeds**, check out new books, peek at the new community room, attend the author event on April 13 (see below).

Amnesty Week, April 8-13 Return overdue AFL books in person, fine free (doesn't apply to lost or damaged materials).

National Library Workers Day April 9. Extra smiles and pats on the back to our intrepid team.

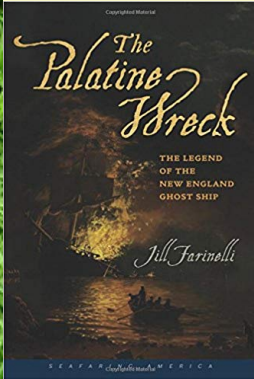
Library Giving Day, April 10 (your choice - Capital Campaign or Annual Fund)

Dine out at Lucky House, Thursday April 25

Get your fix of yummy egg rolls and fried rice and more and effortlessly help the AFL at the same time.



This is an all day opportunity. Just tell your server that you're there to support the Ashaway Free Library and a percentage of your spending goes to the Library. And to make it even easier, take-out orders also qualify. Mark your calendar and enjoy a cook-free night at 32 Main St. Ashaway.



The Palatine Wreck, Author Talk, Saturday April 13, 2 PM

Lovers of sea stories, ghost stories, and local history won't want to miss this one. Author Jill Farinelli will present a talk related to her recent book, *The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the New England Ghost Ship*, which details the history and eerie rumors surrounding the wreck of the Princess Augusta on Block Island in 1738. The AFL has a copy of the book --first come, first serve.

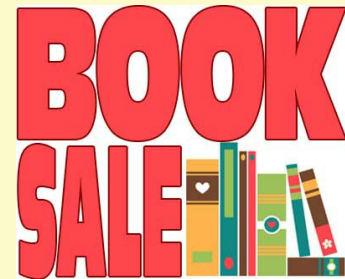
Card Making Returns This Spring!

Watch for more information about a May date for the very popular craft program.

Annual Book & Plant Sale AND Community Room Grand Open House Saturday May 18, 9-1, Rain or Shine

Expert book sorters Barbara Capalbo and Betsy Mercer have organized hundreds of wonderful volumes you can take home for a donation of your choosing. Baked goods and a large selection of perennials, annuals, herbs and seedlings will be available with a suggested price list. We welcome donations of baked goods and potted plants which can be dropped off at the Library before 5 on Friday May 17 or by 8 AM on Saturday May, 18. Mark your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors. Don't forget to bring the kids so they can pick out favorites from a large selection of children's and young adult books.

Special this year: At noon we will celebrate the opening of the new Community Room with music and refreshments. Don't miss it!



Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories

Kids can read up to 8 books and they get a prize for each book they complete. They'll need to write a sentence or two, or draw a picture, for each book in order to get credit! The program will start on June 17 and the last day to turn in reports will be August 9.





Laboratory Lockdown Escape Room

Friday, June 28, 2 PM

Penelope Periodic has activated the biohazard sensors in the MobileQuest Lab and is locked inside. Can you help her figure out what she did to set off the sensors and turn off the alarm and help her escape?" Ages 10 and up. Registration is required.

Circus Dynamics, Monday, July 15, 2 PM

Space-themed juggling and balloon show. Kids will learn about gravity, planets, stars, light, and the vastness of space using circus skills including juggling, hula hooping, flag spinning, slinky tricks, and balloon twisting. After the show, kids can learn to make their own balloon animal.



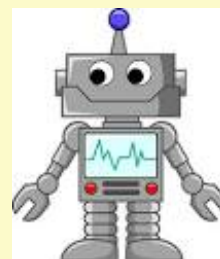
Guided Painting Class, Friday July 19, 2 PM

Create your own painting of a rocket ship, step-by-step! All supplies included. Ages 6 and up. Registration is required.

Intergalactic STEAM Space Sation

Friday, July 26, 2 PM

An "out of this world" STEAM experience for participants with 6 space stations that include coding an alien robot, engineering a space landing shuttle, and completing a circuit to light up the moon. Ages 5-10. Registration will be required due to limited space.



Happy Birthday Agatha!

Saturday, September 14, 2 PM

This Agatha Christie Talk and Party will celebrate the Queen of Crime's birthday with fan and expert Carol Fortier. There will be a slide lecture followed by refreshments featuring Death by Chocolate cake! Agatha's favorite food, Devonshire cream, may even make an appearance.

New Adult Non-Fiction at the AFL

A Deadly Wandering by Pulitzer Prize Winner Matt Richtel

We all know how dangerous it is to text while driving, right? But that was not accepted fact back in 2006 when a deadly car accident prompted investigation. This led to progress in the science of how the brain pays attention and loses it. The driver, the victims, the scientists and those seeking justice and redemption are vivid characters in Richtel's skilled story telling.

By Chance Alone by Max Eisen

In the days of conspiracy theories and fake news, it is important to keep in mind the toll of hatred and xenophobia. Written in a calm and conversational voice by a Holocaust survivor, this book is a finalist for Canada's version of "Read Across America." While the horror Eisen endured happened more than half a century ago, the predicament of stateless citizens, asylum seekers, and refugees is certainly an issue in today's world.



Want to Be Part of the AFL's Exciting Future?

Do you have ideas of what the Library can do for the community, how the library can thrive in the 21st century?

Please have a chat with Library Director Heather Field or one of the Trustees. You might like to join the Board of Trustees or just pass along your thoughts.

Spring Annual Appeal

We are so lucky to have a community that has supported the AFL for the last 147 years. Donation envelopes for the spring annual appeal are available at the circulation desk. This year why not consider using your donation to celebrate a special friend or occasion. Just tell us who you would like to honor and we will send them a notice of your gift. Other possibilities: name the Ashaway Free Library in your United Way donation or ask your employer about matching donations. Consider the tax advantages of making a donation to the Ashaway Free Library from your IRA or 401k account. This can reduce your tax obligation when taking your RMD (required minimum distribution) and benefit the Library. In an effort to reduce mailing costs, we are sending donation acknowledgements via email. Do we have your email address on file? Have you changed your email address recently? Please contact Heather if you are not sure. The Ashaway Free Library does not share or sell this information.



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This Issue's Library Quote "Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities. –R. David Lankes

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