

HARVARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2025



Library Hours:

Mondays 10am-8pm

Tuesdays 10am-8pm

Wednesdays 10am-5pm

Thursdays: 10am-8pm

Fridays: 10am-2pm

Saturdays: 10am-4pm

Sundays: Closed

Spring is Here!

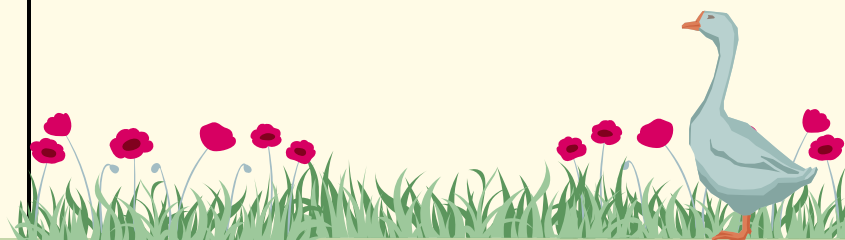
That's right, spring is finally here! With its warming weather, blooming flowers, and fresh air, we are excited to welcome spring here at the Harvard Public Library! Come visit us and enjoy the season with a great book, puzzle, audiobook and more.

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PROGRAMS AND BOOK CLUBS



No Irish Need Apply: The History of the Irish in Boston with Chris Daley

Come learn about the struggles Irish immigrants faced and how they persevered to become such a big part of Boston's history! Historian Christopher Daley will cover the history of Irish migration in Boston from 17th-century indentured servants to 1718 Scot-Irish arrivals, pre-famine Catholic immigrants' challenges and anti-Irish sentiment, including events like Pope's Day and the burning of the Ursuline Convent. He will also explore post-famine immigration into Boston including the neighborhoods they settled, work, assimilation, and Irish influence in Boston politics, featuring figures like James Michael Curley and Honey Fitz Kennedy.

March 13 - 6:00pm

Spring Friends Book Sale

This is the main fundraising event for the Friends. All proceeds go to support Harvard Public Library to fund Children's Programs, Friends of the Arts performances, and Free Museum Passes among many other services.

- **Friday, May 9 - 3:00PM - 7:00 PM *Members of the Friends of HPL but can join at the door**
- **Saturday, May 10 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
- **Sunday, May 11 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Visit this link to our events and programs page for more information on events and to register for programs!
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/services/events>

Boston Light presented by the United States' Last Lighthouse Keeper, Sally Snowman

Boston Light – the first established Light Station in colonial America – began lighting the way for safe navigation into the fledgling maritime port of Boston in 1716. The Fresnel Lens in the lantern room and fog signal apparatus situated on Little Brewster Island at the entrance to Boston Harbor continues as an active aid-to-navigation today. However, its notoriety in the maritime community as the “the last manned Coast Guard Light Station” came to a close with the retirement of Sally Snowman, its 70th keeper, in 2023. Sally will share photos of Boston Light's 307 years of history – and photo anecdotes of her experiences as a 21st Century Keeper.

Sally Snowman, Ph.D., Keeper of Boston Light 2003-2023, is an educator, author, and the USCG Boston Light historian. Husband, Jay Thomson and Sally have co-authored two books: “Boston Light - A historical perspective” (1999) and “Boston Light - Arcadia Images of America” (2016); and “Sammy the Boston Lighthouse Dog” written for children by Sally (2005). Books will be available for purchase.

April 3 - 6:00pm





PROGRAMS AND BOOK CLUBS



Letters To and From a Young Soldier with Seema Kenney

Join us as genealogist Seema-Jayne Kenney shares the history and stories found in over three hundred letters discovered in her uncle's attic.

Learn about the compelling story of her uncle's life as a young WWII soldier and his family's experiences back home. These letters document his service with the Fifth Army Headquarters, from registering at Fort Devens, training at two separate camps, then travelling overseas to Italy. He describes the work and the leisure, the rules, and the return trip. Letters from his family tell of their life at home during the war. Learn about or re-live the years 1943-45 as we travel through his time using the words of a 19-year-old country boy and his family!

May 29 - 6:00pm



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The Anxious Generation Community Book Talk

- **Panel Discussion** - Thought leaders and professionals from the Harvard community will share their perspectives on the book's themes and answer questions
- **Breakout Group Discussions** - Participants will join age-specific groups to reflect on key takeaways
- **Community Action Planning** - Each group will create practical strategies to implement within the community

**Tuesday, April 8 - 6:00-8:00pm
at Hildreth Elementary School**

Follow this link to register:

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/harvard-ptoinc/community-discussion-the-anxious-generation>



PROGRAMS AND BOOK CLUBS



Harvard Woman's Club



Literature Group

Meets the third Tuesday of every month

- March 18 - 12:30pm
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- April 15 - 12:30pm
The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose
- May TBD - 12:30pm

The Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Vanpelt

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. See our website for more information.



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Brown Bag Book Club

Meets the third Wednesday of every month

- March 19 - 12:00pm
Charming Billy by Alice McDermott
- April 16 - 12:00pm
Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- May 21 - 12:00pm

TBD



Cookbook Club

Do you enjoy cooking & sharing food? Trying new flavors? Join us as we embark on a year long culinary adventure to learn more about world cultures, and try new food! Each month, members of cookbook club will check out a cookbook about food from a particular region or country.

- March - Iftar & Ramadan
- April - Ukraine
- May - Japan

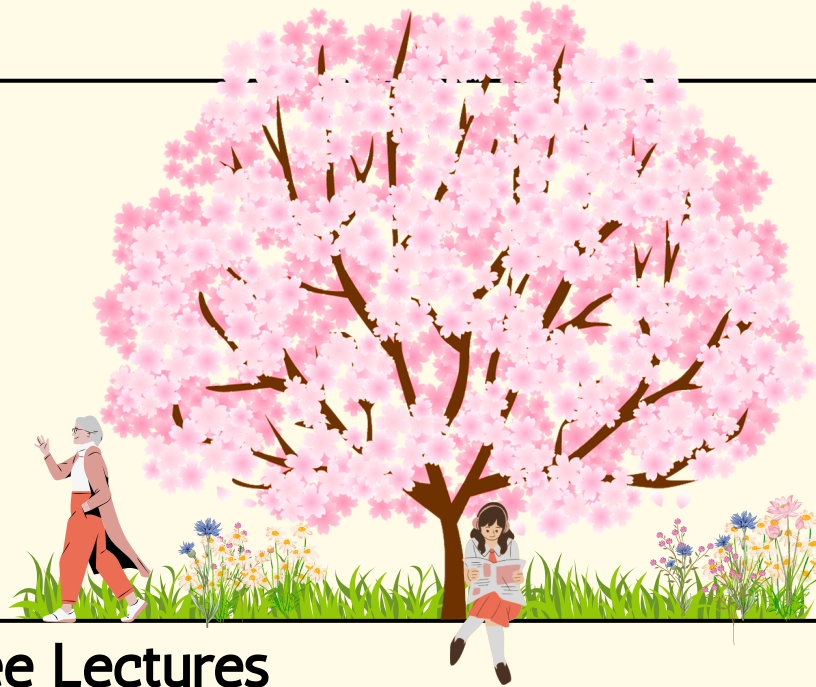


Monday Afternoon Movies

Join us in Volunteers Hall on a Monday afternoon every month for a movie starting at 1:00pm. Check our website for upcoming movies.



EVENTS



Warner Free Lectures

Warner Free Lectures holds educational lecture events in Volunteers Hall here at the library.

Upcoming Lectures:

- **Christina Thompson - Sea People: The Puzzle of Polynesia**
February 21, 2025 - 7:00pm
- **Allen Rutberg - Invasives, ferals, pests, or wild? How language shapes our treatment of wildlife.**
March 21, 2025 - 7:00pm

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

<https://www.warnerfreelecture.org/>

Council on Aging Pop-Up

Visit the Library at the COA! The first Thursday of every month from 11am-12:30pm, visitors to the COA will be able to browse, borrow, and request library items and even sign up for library cards!

16 Lancaster County Rd, Harvard, MA 01451

Harvard Public Library Store

Check out the new **HPL Store** - selling T-Shirts and library dragon Totes!

<https://www.rayguncustom.com/collections/harvard-public-library>



Books @ Home

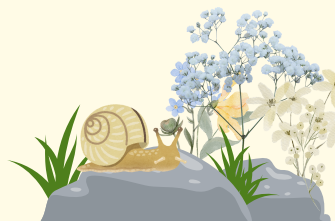
Can't get to the library? Let us bring the library to you!
If you, or someone you know has difficulty getting to the library, either temporarily or on a long term basis, we are happy to help!

Contact Jill Hayes at [978-456-4114](tel:978-456-4114) or jhayes@cwmars.org. Jill will put together a bag of library materials and check it out for you. Then, someone will call to arrange a mutually convenient time to drop off the bag.

When you are ready for more books, call Jill at the library. She will put together a new bag and someone will drop it off and collect the books that need to be returned.

Note: There are no late fees or fines for library books.

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/services/books-home>





RESOURCES



eAudiobooks and eBooks

The Harvard Public Library offers free access to thousands of downloadable eAudiobooks and eBooks for all HPL cardholders. This service is available 24/7 and is accessible on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Fiction, nonfiction, and featured collections are available for checkout.

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

Email Alerts

We have a new google form to fill out if you would like to get email alerts for new arrivals and the newsletter at the library!

Visit the **Reader Resources** link to find forms for email alerts:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/services/reader-resources>

Museum Passes

Harvard Public Library offers a variety of museum passes for our patrons. All Museum Passes are provided by the **Friends of the Harvard Public Library**. Some examples of the museum passes we offer are The Butterfly Place, New England Aquarium, the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, and more!

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