

# GALE FORECAST

Hours: Monday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday through Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
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Note: the library will be closed on Monday, April 20, for Patriot's Day.

Town Meeting will be held at Algonquin Regional High School starting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., and continue on subsequent evenings as needed.

## GETTING ORGANIZED AND CONQUERING CHAOS

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Jenna Elliott, founder of the Naked Flower, Professional Organizers, will give you a step-by-step approach to reducing clutter and increasing the functionality of your space. She will discuss:

1. The three categories of disorganization
2. 5 steps to decluttering a room
3. Room mapping, the step that makes maintaining organization possible
4. Tips to get motivated
5. Resources such as websites, stores and literature on getting organized.

Please register by e-mail: [reference@northboroughlibrary.org](mailto:reference@northboroughlibrary.org), or call 508 393-5025 ext. 5

## BASKET RAFFLE

The **Friends of the Library** will be holding their Annual Basket Raffle **Monday, April 27th - Friday, May 8th**. Stop by the lobby and take your chance on a beautiful basket and help support the library. Proceeds from this event are used to pay for books and materials, museum passes, children's programs and many other services.

The Friends are currently taking donations of completed baskets or items for baskets. This is a great service project for groups or individuals, or a great way to highlight your business! Include some gift certificates and a couple of sample products! Donations can be dropped off to the library at any time. We are also looking for volunteers to acquire items and work the raffle. Please contact Lisa Hodge at [lisabhodge@yahoo.com](mailto:lisabhodge@yahoo.com) or 508-397-8456 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

## FREE REPLACEMENT LIBRARY CARDS THIS MONTH!

Can't find your library card? *This month only*, in connection with National Library Week (April 12-18, 2015), we will be offering free replacement library cards. (Limit 1 per patron.)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT LIBRARY CARDS

**Patrons who have been picking up holds for family members (spouse, child, parent) will need to bring the other person's library card starting May 1. The reasons are:**

1. Security. When we use your barcode we automatically get the correct patron record. Looking up the name of your family member requires typing in the name, which leads to a drop-down menu that may have other people by the same name. Or your family member may have a different last name, making it more difficult to find the right person.
2. Confidentiality. Most family members share their information with others in the household, but there are cases when one family member may want privacy in their reading material.
3. Efficiency. It takes longer for us to type in the identifying information, slowing transaction time.
4. Consistency. Neighboring libraries follow this practice (for the most part).

**Alternatives** to having the physical card of the family member: 1) Have a photo of the barcode on your cell phone; 2) Use an app such as KeyRing to capture the barcode; 3) Bring a legible photocopy; 4) Have your family member contact us with specific permission for you to pick up holds; 5) Place the holds under the library card of the person who is going to pick them up.

## MEDITATION

**Saturday, April 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Back by popular demand...

Linda Hurni Hardy's meditation program scheduled here on January 24 drew an audience, despite the snow that day (the library closed shortly after the program). So for those who missed the session, or would like to repeat their experience, please reserve a spot by sending an e-mail to [reference@northboroughlibrary.org](mailto:reference@northboroughlibrary.org) or calling 508 393-5025 ext. 5.

Open to ages 12 to 121! Beginners welcome.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Friday, April 10, 10-11:30 a.m. *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean

Wednesday, April 15, 7-8:30 p.m. *All the Old Knives*, by Olen Steinhauer

Tuesday, April 21, 7-8:30 p.m. (note the change of evening due to holiday)  
*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*, by Jennifer Chiavenni

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. Newcomers always welcome.

## NEW! VIDEO GAMES FOR ADULTS!

**We have started a small collection of video games for adults to complement those available in the children's and teen rooms. They are currently on display on the end panel shelves in the non-fiction section. We have titles for WiiU, Xbox 360, and PS3. Please limit 2 games per library card from all the library collections.**

## SHOP AMAZON SMILE

Friends of the Northborough Library have become part of the Amazon Smile program. Here's how you can raise money for the Northborough Library whenever you make a purchase on Amazon. Go to the website [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). The first time you visit, it will ask you which charity you would like to support. Type in "Friends of the Northborough Library." Then change the Amazon button on your browser to an Amazon Smile button, entering Amazon through the [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) website. About 0.5% of the purchase price of *everything* you buy on Amazon will go to support the library.

The Friends' money flows to the library in many ways: it purchases many of the museum passes available to patrons; it supports the summer reading programs for children, teens and adults; it finances three library pages who shelve books; it pays for the library website, and much more.

Please help support the Northborough Library by participating in this program.

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG).** Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. No registration required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

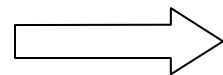
**Manga & Graphic Novel Club.** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8 p.m. Reading *X-Men* comics. Teens in grades 6-8 welcome. We will be watching a movie and enjoying some pizza. Registration is required. This event will be in the Teen Room. \*Please note the change in time.\*

**Mug Cakes.** Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m. We will be learning how to make quick and easy cakes in coffee mugs. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

**Middle School Book Club.** Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. Reading *Peak* by Roland Smith. Teens in grades 6-8 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Teen Room.

Need more information? Check with Bonny Krantz in the Teen Room or call 508-393-5025 ext. 7.

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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| Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| 30  | 31  | 1   | 2<br><a href="#">On My Own Storytime</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Ages 3 - 5  | 3  | 4<br><a href="#">Dads &amp; Donuts Spring Storytime</a><br>10:00 – 10:30<br>All ages!<br><a href="#">Reading with Kodiak &amp; Athena!</a><br>1:00 – 2:30<br>(15 min. slots) |
| 6<br><a href="#">Tween Time</a><br>6:00 – 7:00<br>Ages 10 - 12  | 7<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>10:30 – up to age 5<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>11:30 – up to age 5<br><a href="#">Chess &amp; Checkers</a><br>6:30 – 7:30<br>Ages 6 and up   | 8<br><a href="#">Mother Goose on the Loose</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Birth thru age 2<br><a href="#">Science Session- Electricity</a><br>6:30 – 7:30<br>Ages 6 - 9  | 9<br><a href="#">On My Own Storytime</a><br>10:30 – 11:30<br>Ages 3 - 5<br><a href="#">Reading with Finnegan the Dog!</a><br>4:00 – 4:45<br>(15 min. slots)  | 10<br><a href="#">Drop in Craft-Robots</a><br>1:00 – 4:00<br>All ages!   | 11<br><a href="#">Kindergarten Book Club</a><br>2:30 – 3:30<br><a href="#">Reading with Kodiak &amp; Athena!</a><br>1:00 – 2:30<br>(15 min. slots)                           |
| 13  | 14<br><a href="#">The Science Session Jr.- Sink or Float</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Ages 2 – 5   | 15<br><a href="#">Mother Goose on the Loose</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Birth thru age 2  | 16<br><a href="#">On My Own Storytime</a><br>10:30 – 11:30<br>Ages 3 - 5<br><a href="#">Drop in Legos</a><br>2:00 – 4:00<br><a href="#">Reading with Finnegan the Dog!</a><br>4:00 – 4:45<br>(15 min. slots) | 17   | 18<br><a href="#">Reading with Kodiak &amp; Athena!</a><br>1:00 – 2:30<br>(15 min. slots)  |
| 20<br><a href="#">CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</a>  | 21<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>10:30 – up to age 5<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>11:30 – up to age 5<br><br><a href="#">Rainy Day! Drop in Craft</a><br>10:00 – 12:00<br>All ages<br><br><a href="#">Family Movie Day</a><br>2:00 – 4:00<br>Families welcome! | 22<br><a href="#">Mother Goose on the Loose</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Birth thru age 2<br><a href="#">Tower Hill presents: Growing into Gardening</a><br>10:00 – 11:00<br>Ages 4 - 6<br><a href="#">Tower Hill presents: Growing into Gardening</a><br>11:30 – 12:30<br>Ages 7 - 10 | 23<br><a href="#">New! Sensory Storytime</a><br>10:30 – 11:30<br>Ages 1 - 7<br><br><a href="#">Wii U Games</a><br>2:00 – 4:00<br>Ages 8 - 10   | 24<br><a href="#">Yoga for Kids</a><br>10:00 – 10:30<br>Grades K - 5<br><br><a href="#">Cupcake Wars</a><br>2:00 – 4:00<br>Ages 8 - 12 | 25<br><a href="#">Reading with Kodiak &amp; Athena!</a><br>1:00 – 2:30<br>(15 min. slots)  |
| 27<br><a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Grade Book Group</a><br>5:00 – 6:00<br><a href="#">3rd &amp; 4th Grade Book Club</a><br>6:00 – 7:00<br><a href="#">Reading with Finnegan the Dog!</a><br>4:00 – 4:45<br>(15 min. slots) | 28<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>10:30 – up to age 5<br><a href="#">Color Me A Story</a><br>11:30 – up to age 5  | 29<br><a href="#">Mother Goose on the Loose</a><br>10:30 – 11:00<br>Birth thru age 2  | 30<br><a href="#">On My Own Storytime</a><br>10:30 – 11:30<br>Ages 3 - 5   |  |  |